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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CH-025 Bitumen and Related Products (for Roadmaking), to supersede AS 2008—1997, *Residual bitumen for pavements*.

After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

This Standard is one of a series relating to material for roadmaking purposes. Other Standards in the series are as follows:

AS

1160 Bitumen emulsions for construction and maintenance of pavements

2157 Cutback bitumen

3568 Oils for reducing the viscosity of residual bitumen for pavements

The main changes in this edition of the Standard are the following:

- (a) Removal of the Class 50 bitumen grade.
- (b) Inclusion of two new standard bitumen grades [Class 240 (C240), and Class 450 (C450)].
- (c) Inclusion of two multigrade bitumen grades [Multigrade 500 (M500) and Multigrade 1000 (M1000)].

These modifications reflect changes in the types of bitumen grades used for roadmaking purposes in Australia.

Bitumen grades are predominately specified in terms of their viscosities at 60°C and 135°C and penetration results at 25°C. These parameters are included in the Standard to ensure that bitumens show appropriate viscosity-temperature behaviour for effective use in the construction and maintenance of pavements. Test properties are also determined after bitumen samples have been subjected to the Rolling Thin Film Oven (RTFO) treatment to indicate the bitumen properties that may be expected when bitumens are incorporated into asphalt pavement mixes.

This edition also allows the use of ASTM D2872, *Standard Test Method for Effect of Heat and Air on a Moving Film of Asphalt (Rolling Thin Film Oven Test)*, for RTFO treatment of bitumen samples and ASTM D92, *Standard Test method for Flash and Fire Points by Cleveland Open Cup Tester*, for measurement of bitumen flashpoint.

Statements expressed in mandatory terms in notes to tables are deemed to be requirements of this Standard.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies requirements for bitumen intended for use in the construction and maintenance of pavements.

1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS

- 2341 Methods of testing bitumen and related roadmaking products
- 2341.2 Method 2: Determination of dynamic viscosity by vacuum capillary viscometer
- 2341.3 Method 3: Determination of kinematic viscosity by flow through a capillary tube
- 2341.4 Method 4: Determination of dynamic viscosity by rotational viscometer
- 2341.7 Method 7: Determination of density using a density bottle
- 2341.8 Method 8: Determination of matter insoluble in toluene
- 2341.12 Method 12: Determination of penetration
- 2341.14 Method 14: Determination of flashpoint of bitumen

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- 2341 Methods of testing bitumen and related roadmaking products
- 2341.5 Method 5: Determination of apparent viscosity by 'Shell' sliding plate micro-viscometer
- 2341.10 Method 10: Determination of the effect of heat and air on a moving film of bitumen (rolling thin film oven (RTFO) test)
- 2341.13 Method 13: Long-term exposure to heat and air
- 2341.20 Method 20: Determination of sieve residue for bituminous materials

ASTM

- D92 Standard Test Method for Flash and Fire Points by Cleveland Open Cup Tester
- D2872 Standard Test Method for Effect of Heat and Air on a Moving Film of Asphalt (Rolling Thin-Film Oven Test)