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PREFACE

This standard was prepared by the Association's Committee on Adhesives, under the authority of the Chemical Standards Board.

The initial request that this work be undertaken was received from the Tasmanian State Fruit Board in relation to adhesives for use in palletizing fibreboard fruit containers.

The standard deals with adhesives for bonding of unit loads so that loads of containers may be bonded to a pallet and to themselves in such a manner as to assure secure bonding during repeated handling and transport, and yet permit satisfactory ease of separation at point of final issue without damage to the containers. Such adhesives are required to have relatively high shear strengths and low peel strengths. In order to assist the purchaser to evaluate his requirements, critical bonding parameters for the palletizing are outlined in Appendix A. It is also envisaged that this appendix may enhance co-operation between the supplier of the adhesive and the purchaser.

The standard covers a number of adhesives which are very different in chemical nature. Requirements for adhesives differ according to application. Some of the provisions in this standard such as high and low temperature resistance may be required in certain cases and not in others. In some cases, other requirements such as resistance to high humidity may also have to be taken into account.

In the event of any technical difficulties, the purchaser should consult his supplier for guidance and possible availability of technical services.

This standard refers to the following standards:

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| AS 1301 | Methods of Test for Pulp and Paper
P404m—Tensile Strength of Paper and Paperboard
P411m—Water Absorptiveness of Paper and Paperboard (Cobb Test)
P415m—Standard Atmosphere for Paper Testing |
| AS 1309 | Glossary of Terms Used in the Adhesives Industry |
| AS 1321 | Methods for the Sampling and Testing of Adhesives
Part 1—Sampling
Part 9—Brookfield Viscosity of Liquid Adhesives |
| AS 1391 | Methods for Tensile Testing of Metals |
| AS Z47 | Glossary of Packaging Terms |
| BS 3755 | Methods of Test for the Assessment of Odour from Packaging Materials Used for Foodstuffs. |

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Australian Standard Specification
for
ADHESIVES FOR UNIT LOADS
(PALLETIZING ADHESIVES)

1 SCOPE. This specification sets out requirements for adhesives which are used for the bonding of unit loads.

2 APPLICATION. The specification is applicable to adhesives which are primarily intended for fibreboard containers, both corrugated and solid fibre, the surfaces of which have not been coated, waxed, or otherwise treated, but which may be either printed or unprinted.

NOTES:

1. If the adhesives are used for bonding either fibreboard containers which have been treated or containers made from other materials, modification of the requirements may be necessary.
2. The purchaser should provide adequate information to the supplier on the nature of the adherends and desirable techniques. Some criteria for selecting the adhesives, and the bonding procedure are given in Appendix A.

3 DEFINITIONS. The terms used in this specification shall be interpreted in accordance with AS 1309 and AS Z47. In addition, the following definition applies:

Retackable adhesive—an adhesive that will reform a bond after the adherends have been separated and reunited. The joint may not, however, regain its full initial bond strength.

4 REQUIREMENTS OF THE ADHESIVE.

4.1 General. The adhesive shall be a homogeneous material free from lumps, dirt and foreign matter.

4.2 Viscosity. The viscosity of the material at the time of application shall be such as to allow easy application of the adhesive.

NOTES:

1. The method of application may be specified by either the purchaser or the supplier.
2. Suitable viscosities for brush and roller application are 1 Pa.s to 3 Pa.s* and for spraygun application, 0.1 Pa.s to 1 Pa.s.*
3. Viscosity may be measured by the method outlined in AS 1321.9.

4.3 Compatibility. The adhesive shall not cause degradation such as bleeding, fading or significant discoloration of the adherend (see Clause 5.3.1).

NOTE: Some adhesives may not be compatible with all adherends and the purchaser should check with the supplier for compatibility.

* 1 Pa.s = 10 poises.