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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee MS-012, Road Signs and Traffic Signals to supersede part of AS 1742.2—1994, *Manual of uniform traffic control devices, Part 2: Traffic control devices for general use* and part of AS 1742.8—1990, *Manual of uniform traffic control devices, Part 8: Freeways*. The remaining material in AS 1742.2—1994 and AS 1742.8—1990 not covered by this Standard is to be revised and republished as AS 1742.2.

This Standard is one of a series of fifteen Standards as follows:

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1742	Manual of uniform traffic control devices
1742.1	Part 1: General introduction and index of signs
1742.2	Part 2: Traffic control devices for general use
1742.3	Part 3: Traffic control devices for works on roads
1742.4	Part 4: Speed controls
1742.5	Part 5: Street name and community facility name signs
1742.6	Part 6: Tourist and service signs
1742.7	Part 7: Railway crossings
1742.8	Part 8: Freeways
1742.9	Part 9: Bicycle facilities
1742.10	Part 10: Pedestrian control and protection
1742.11	Part 11: Parking controls
1742.12	Part 12: Bus, transit, tram and truck lanes
1742.13	Part 13: Local area traffic management
1742.14	Part 14: Traffic signals
1742.15	Part 15: Direction signs, information signs and route numbering (this Standard)

The principal variation from the subject material previously included in the 1994 Edition of AS 1742.2 is the recommended phasing out of shield based route numbering systems (other than in certain specialist areas such as tourist and overdimensional load route numbering) and their replacement with the alphanumeric system of A, B, C and M routes. Other significant changes include the following:

- (a) More detailed guidance material on signboard design and layout.
- (b) A new categorization of Intersection Direction signs and Fingerboards.
- (c) Inclusion of direction signs for expressway type roads no longer to be covered by AS 1742.8.

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies requirements and gives recommendations for the design and use of direction signs and related navigational aids including route numbering for all roads including expressway type roads. It also covers general information signs but not street name and community facility name signs or tourist or services signs.

NOTES:

- 1 Street name and community facility name signs are covered in AS 1742.5.
- 2 Tourist and services signs and covered in AS 1742.6.
- 3 Direction signs for bicycle facilities are covered in AS 1742.9.

1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

AS

1348	Roads and traffic engineering—Glossary of terms
1742	Manual of uniform traffic control devices
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1742.5	Part 5: Street name and community facility name signs
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1906.1	Part 1: Retroreflective materials

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Rural Road Design: *A Guide to the Design of Rural Roads: Austroads 2003*

1.3 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Standard the definitions in AS 1348 and the following apply.

1.3.1 Expressway type roads

A divided highway for through traffic with full or partial control of access and generally with grade separation at intersections. The term includes expressways, freeways, tollways and motorways (as defined in AS 1348).