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**Reconstituted wood-based panels—  
Specifications**

**Part 2: Dry process fibreboard**



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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee TM-011, Engineered Timber Products, to supersede AS/NZS 1859.2:2004, *Reconstituted wood-based panels—Specifications, Part 2: Dry-processed fibreboard*.

The objective of this Standard is to specify the product requirements for three types of dry process fibreboards—ultra-low density, low density, medium density—for use under two service conditions—dry (STD), moisture resistant (MR) and high performance (HP)—and as described in Clause 5.

This Standard is Part 2 of the AS/NZS 1859 series, dealing with reconstituted wood-based panel products, as follows:

### AS/NZS

- 1859 Reconstituted wood-based panels—Specifications
- 1859.1 Part 1: Particleboard
- 1859.2 Part 2: Dry process fibreboard (this Standard)
- 1859.3 Part 3: Decorative overlaid wood panels
- 1859.4 Part 4: Wet process fibreboard

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**1 SCOPE**

This Standard specifies the product requirements for three types of dry process fibreboards—ultra-low density, low density, medium density—for use under three service conditions—dry (STD), moisture resistant (MR) and high performance (HP)—and as described in Clause 5.

**2 APPLICATION**

The requirements specified in this Standard relate to product properties and are for the purpose of quality assessment only.

**3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

## AS/NZS

- 4063 Characterization of structural timber
- 4063.1 Part 1: Test methods
- 4063.2 Part 2: Determination of characteristic values
- 4266 Reconstituted wood-based panels—Methods of testing
- 4266.1 Part 1: Base panels

## ISO

- 3340 Fibre building boards—Determination of sand content

**4 DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions below apply.

**4.1 Dry condition**

Conditions characterized by a moisture content in the materials corresponding to those typically found in a well-ventilated temperate environment (temperatures generally less than 25°C and a relative humidity of the surrounding air exceeding 65% only for a few weeks per year).

**4.2 Dry process fibreboard**

Panel material with a nominal thickness of 1.5 mm or greater, manufactured from lignocellulosic fibres (derived from wood or other materials) with application of heat and pressure, the bond of which is derived from a synthetic adhesive added to the fibres and the panels are manufactured with a forming moisture content less than 20%.

**4.3 High performance (HP)**

For use in a structural or loadbearing application, which may be combined with humid conditions [see Clause 5(e)].