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**Methods of testing plastics and composite materials sanitary plumbing fixtures  
Method 11: Determination of impact resistance of baths for ablutionary purposes**

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### 1 SCOPE

This Standard sets out a method for determining the impact resistance of plastics baths.

### 2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS

1680 Interior lighting

1680.1 Part 1: General principles and recommendations

3558 Methods of testing plastics and composite materials sanitary plumbing fixtures

3558.6 Method 6: Visual examination of surface finish for defects

### 3 PRINCIPLE

A steel ball is dropped from predetermined heights once only on each of the following surfaces:

- (a) Three different internal bottom surface areas.
- (b) Three different flange top surface areas.
- (c) Six different evenly spaced surface areas on outside vertical section of flange.
- (d) Three different external bottom surface areas.

The bath is then inspected for fracture.

### 4 APPARATUS

The following apparatus is required:

- (a) A steel ball  $38 \pm 0.5$  mm in diameter, having a mass of  $225 \pm 5$  g.
- (b) A device that will permit the ball to drop freely and vertically from heights of  $300 + 50, -0$  mm and  $750 + 50, -0$  mm.
- (c) Household detergent.

### 5 PROCEDURE

The procedure shall be as follows:

- (a) Thoroughly degrease the surface of the bath using household detergent.