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## **Part 1: Protection valves**



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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee WS-026, Valves Primarily for Use in Warm and Hot Water Systems, to supersede AS 1357.1—2004, *Water supply—Valves for use with unvented water heaters*, Part 1: *Protection valves*, and ATS 5200.476—2006, *Technical Specification for plumbing and drainage products*, Part 476: *Heated water systems—Leak protection device*.

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The objective of this Standard is to provide manufacturers with design, materials and performance requirements for the protection of valves.

Other Standards covering heated water system valves include the following:

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1357 Valves primarily for use in heated water systems

1357.2 Part 2: Control valves

4032 Water supply—Valves for the control of heated water supply temperatures

4032.1 Part 1: Thermostatic mixing valves—Materials design and performance requirements

4032.2 Part 2: Tempering valves and end-of-line temperature actuated devices

4032.3 Part 3: Requirements for field testing, maintenance or replacement of thermostatic mixing valves, tempering valves and end of line temperature control devices

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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.

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

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

### 1.1 SCOPE

This Standard sets out requirements for the design, construction, testing and performance of the following types of valves, within the range of DN 15 to DN 50:

- (a) Temperature/pressure-relief valves.
- (b) Expansion-control valves.
- (c) Non-return valves.
- (d) Temperature-relief valves.
- (e) Combination high-pressure expansion non-return valves (HPNR).
- (f) Leak-protection devices.

The valves specified in this Standard are primarily intended for use in warm and hot water systems that are required to operate at—

- (a) continuous operating temperatures not exceeding 85°C;
- (b) temperatures under emergency conditions, not exceeding 99°C; and
- (c) continuous working pressure not exceeding 1400 kPa.

NOTE: For valves used with water heaters, which are intended to operate at temperatures above 99°C (e.g., hot water boilers), see AS 1271.

### 1.2 APPLICATION

Means for demonstrating compliance with this Standard shall be as given in Appendix A.

### 1.3 NORMATIVE REFERENCES

Documents referred to in this Standard in normative terms are listed in Appendix B.

NOTE: Documents referenced for informative purposes are listed in the Bibliography.

### 1.4 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions given in AS/NZS 3500.0 and those below apply.

#### 1.4.1 Auxiliary pressure-relief device

Pressure-operated device forming part of an expansion control valve, temperature-relief valve or temperature/pressure relief valve, which in the event of blockage of the drain outlet provides—

- (a) expansion relief (expansion-control valves);