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PREFACE

This standard was prepared by the Association's Committee on Hospital Textiles and Textile Products under the direction of the Textile Standards Board. It supersedes AS 2390—1980, Textiles—Wool Blankets for Hospitals and Kindred Institutions.

The standard classifies wool blankets into four types, viz heavyweight woven, standard weight woven, lightweight woven and cellular woven. The requirements specified relate to wool quality and content, blanket construction and dimensions, physical and chemical requirements for the blanket materials, colour, whipping and colourfastness.

The standard takes into account recent developments in the finishing of wool blankets which permit them to be laundered near the boiling point of water. Test methods for measurement of the blankets and for determining dimensional stability are set out in appendices. In this standard the severity of the test for dimensional stability has been increased, compared with that in AS 2390—1980, by including in the wash load a quantity of steel balls contained in bags.

Test procedures for textiles, including methods for testing resistance to insect attack, are covered by the AS 2001 series of test methods. Many of the standards are either in the course of preparation as new editions of existing standards or are new standards being prepared.

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PART 1—WOOL BLANKETS

SECTION 1. SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE. This standard specifies requirements for four types of woven wool blankets for use in hospitals and kindred institutions.

1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS. A list with titles of the standards referred to in this standard is given in the Annex.

1.3 DEFINITION. For the purpose of this standard, the following definition applies:

Leno weave—a form of weaving in which warp threads are made to cross one another between weft threads.

1.4 CLASSIFICATION. Four types of wool blankets are specified in this standard, as follows:

- (a) Heavyweight woven wool blankets
- (b) Standard weight woven wool blankets
- (c) Lightweight woven wool blankets
- (d) Cellular woven wool blankets.

1.5 LABELLING. The following information shall be marked on each blanket using a label in accordance with AS 2392:

- (a) Manufacturer's registered name or trademark
- (b) Size of the blanket (see Clause 2.5)
- (c) Fibre content in accordance with the requirements of AS 2622
- (d) Laundering instructions (refer to AS 2391).

NOTE: Manufacturers who place the number of this Australian standard on blankets, on packaging or on literature related thereto should ensure that the products are manufactured to comply with the standard.

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