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Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-004, Electrical Accessories, to supersede AS/NZS 3190:2011, *Approval and test specification—Residual current devices (current-operated earth-leakage devices)*.

^{A2}This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (July 2020) and Amendment No. 2 (April 2024). The start and end of changes introduced by the Amendments are indicated in the text by tags including the Amendment numbers 1 and 2. ^{A2}

This Standard will exist in parallel to the deemed to comply Standards listed in Clause 3.2.

^{A2} [Text deleted] ^{A2}

The essential safety requirements in AS/NZS 3820, *Essential safety requirements for electrical equipment*, that could be applicable to residual current devices (current-operated earth-leakage devices) are covered by this Standard taken in conjunction with any other relevant requirements affecting safety.

The objective of this Standard is to provide Australian and New Zealand electrical industries (including manufacturers, test laboratories, installers and regulators) with electrical safety requirements and test methods for residual current devices (current-operated earth-leakage devices).

This Standard is one of a series of Approval and Test Specifications to be read in conjunction with AS/NZS 3100, *Approval and test specification—General requirements for electrical equipment*. The purpose of this series is to outline conditions that need to be met to secure approval for the sale and use of electrical equipment in Australia and New Zealand. Only safety matters and related conditions are covered.

There is a general acceptance that Type III and Type IV residual current devices do not provide adequate personal protection, however, they are within the scope of this Standard.

This Standard was revised to introduce the following changes:

- (a) SRCD, EPOD, MCB, RCBO and RCCB definitions added.
- (b) [Clause 8.1.1](#) text relating to [Table 4](#) revised.
- (c) [Table 4](#) reformatted, sample selection modified and footnotes incorporated into [Clause 8.1.1](#).
- (d) Reinstate [Clause 8.16.1](#) prospective current test values.
- (e) Delete Appendix C (AS/NZS 3012 PSOA reference) and reference in [Clause 7.3.2.2](#).
- (f) Insulation resistance test parameters in [Clause 8.2](#) clarified.
- (g) General editorial revision and correction of some minor errors.

Exceptions — *These occur in the main body of the text as italic print and are exceptions or variations to mandatory requirements. These give specific examples where the essential requirements do not apply or where they are varied for certain applications.*

The term 'normative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendices to which it applies. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard.

This Standard does not purport to include all the necessary provisions of a contract.

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