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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee SF/18 on Occupational Protective Helmets together with the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee SF/42 on Firefighters' Helmets, to supersede AS 1801—1981 *Industrial safety helmets* and NZS 5806:1980—*Specification for industrial safety helmets (medium protection)*.

This Standard was thoroughly revised with the objectives of incorporating improvements based on user experience since it was last published and including additional performance requirements for, and classification of, occupational helmets for use in high temperature workplaces and bushfire fighting.

During the preparation of this edition, the committee again considered the requirements of ISO 3873, *Industrial Safety Helmets*. It was agreed to align the Standard closer to ISO 3873 by adopting an alternative method of shock absorption measurement by using a load cell.

In the preparation of this Standard, reference was made to EN 397 *Specification for Industrial Safety Helmets*, and ANSI Z89.1 *Protective Headwear for Industrial Workers—Requirements*.

The Committee is currently considering revising the stiffness test in order to decrease variability between laboratories. It is expected the results of this review will be incorporated in the next revision.

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.

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