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Couplings, drawbars, and safety chains**

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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee ME-018, Mining Equipment, to supersede AS 3751—1990.

The objective of this Standard is to facilitate the implementation and maintenance of functional and safe couplings, drawbars, and safety chains in underground mines and to facilitate clear communication in the trade and governance thereof.

In the preparation of Appendix B, cognizance was taken of British Coal document, *Design Guide for Cage Suspension*.

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 for information and guidance only.

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