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The Standard is intended for use in conjunction with AS 2550.1, *Cranes, hoists and winches—Safe use, Part 1: General requirements*.

The objective of this Standard is to provide acceptable requirements for the safe use of bridge, gantry, portal (including container cranes), jib and monorail cranes. ‘Safe use’ is intended to mean planning, selection, siting, erection and dismantling, operation, maintenance, inspection and repair of the crane.

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