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This Standard is based on the principles but not the format of IEC 309, *Plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial purposes*. In this Standard, only standardized Australian and New Zealand configurations for operation at 50 Hz are incorporated. In this respect, the Standard differs significantly from IEC 309 in that those of IEC 309, Part 2, are omitted.

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While this Standard depicts only standardized Australian and New Zealand configurations, it may be applied to configurations and contact types other than those depicted herein, providing all appropriate requirements of this Standard are complied with.

In this Standard, the requirements proper appear in 'roman' type and the test requirements appear in '*italic*' type. Explanatory matters are contained in notes to the clauses, in small size 'roman' type.

This Standard was revised to incorporate Amendments No. 1 and No. 2 to AS 3123—1987 and, in addition, to introduce a breaking capacity test and clarify some existing requirements.

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