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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee ME/75 on Gas Recovery and Reclaiming Equipment.

In view of concern about the effect that chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and halons, used in refrigeration, airconditioning and firefighting equipment have on the stratospheric ozone layer it has become mandatory to recover these ozone depleting substances rather than vent them to atmosphere during servicing of equipment.

Recycling the refrigerant to remove contaminants will assure that system operation with recycled refrigerant will provide the same level of performance as those systems using new refrigerant.

This Standard is Part 3 in a series of Standards which provide minimum equipment requirements for recovery or combined recovery and recycling equipment. The objective of this Part is to provide manufacturers of recovery or combined recovery and recycling equipment to be used on commercial and domestic systems with minimum equipment requirements. Test methods to determine equipment performance are also included. Other Parts are specific to other industries such as automotive, or fire protection.

It is recommended that synthetic substances used as alternatives to CFCs and halons, including HCFCs and HFCs, should be recovered, or recovered and recycled.

In preparing this Standard, cognizance was taken of ISO Committee Draft, ISO/DIS 11650, *Performance of Refrigerant Recovery and/or Recycling Equipment* and AS 4211.1(Int)—1994: *Gas recovery or combined recovery and recycling equipment Part 1: Automotive air-conditioning systems*.

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