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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee FP/11 on Gaseous Fire Extinguishing Systems.

This Standard is the result of consensus among representatives on the joint committee to provide it as an Australian Standard.

In order to maintain a compatible format in each part of this Standard, the Section numbers have been maintained throughout the suite whether or not they are applicable to the particular Part.

This Standard will be converted to a joint Australian/New Zealand Standard by amendment or revision on receipt of information covering the requirements for its use in New Zealand.

The object of this Standard is to provide to the users of fire extinguishing systems specific requirements for systems using different gases that have acceptable ozone depletion factors.

It provides requirements for installation, design, testing and commissioning of gaseous systems. This Standard does not cover the design of explosion suppression systems.

It is essential that fire extinguishing equipment be carefully maintained to ensure instant readiness when required. The importance of maintenance cannot be too highly emphasised. The maintenance requirements for gaseous systems are detailed by another Standard.

Gas containers manufactured for use in Australia are required to meet the design parameters as set out in AS 2030.1, *The approval, filling, inspection, testing and maintenance of cylinders for the storage and transport of compressed gases (known as the SAA Gas Cylinders Code)*. Part 1: *Containers for compressed gases other than acetylene*.

Attention is drawn to AS 2030.1, as it requires containers to be designed for a pressure developed at the nominated maximum service temperature of 65°C. This is some 10°C higher than that nominated in overseas codes. Accordingly, this aspect should be kept in mind for any imported containers.

It is a basic assumption in all technical standards work that each Standard be used only by persons competent in the field of application. This is of particular importance in fire protection work. Accordingly, it is emphasised that the design requirements in this Standard are to be interpreted only by trained and experienced designers.

This Standard does not include specific requirements for gaseous systems for marine or mobile applications. However, the method of calculation in this Standard may be of some assistance in the design of such systems.

The term 'normative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard.

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