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## Australian Standard

## Metal access covers, road grates and frames

## SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE** This Standard sets out the requirements for access covers, inspection covers, road grates, and frames which are intended for use in drainage structures for the conveyance of sewage and stormwater, and for utilities.

It applies to components manufactured from iron castings and fabricated mild steel.

This Standard excludes inspection covers and grates with clear openings of less than 450 mm × 450 mm or 450 mm diameter, or greater than 1.3 m × 1.3 m or 1.3 m diameter.

## NOTES:

- 1 Guidelines to purchasers on information needing to be supplied at the time of calling for tenders or quotations are detailed in Appendix A.
- 2 Alternative means for determining compliance with this Standard are given in Appendix B.

**1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS** The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

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| 1111   | ISO metric hexagon commercial bolts and screws                                     |
| 1112   | ISO metric hexagon nuts, including thin nuts, slotted nuts and castle nuts         |
| 1199   | Sampling procedures and tables for inspection by attributes                        |
| 1275   | Metric screw threads for fasteners   |
| 1379   | Ready-mixed concrete   |
| 1399   | Guide to AS 1199—Sampling procedures and tables for inspection by attributes       |
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| 1554.1 | Part 1: Welding of steel structures  |
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| HB18.44 | Guide 44—General rules for ISO or IEC international third-party certification schemes for products |

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| 3416 | Specification for bitumen-based coatings for cold application, suitable for use in contact with potable water                          |
| 4147 | Specification for bitumen-based hot-applied coating materials for protecting iron and steel, including suitable primers where required |

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**1.3 USE OF ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS**

**1.3.1 General** Provided that the requirements of Clause 2.7 and Sections 3 and 4 are met, this Standard shall not be interpreted so as to prevent the use of materials or methods of manufacture not specifically referred to herein.

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