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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee BD/35, Suspended Ceilings, to supersede AS 2785—1985.

The objective of this Standard is to provide the minimum specifications covering the manufacture and performance of suspended ceilings systems for use in residential, commercial and industrial applications.

This Standard is based on limit states philosophy and covers aspects of the design, performance requirements, installation, workmanship, maintenance and testing of suspended ceiling systems.

This edition incorporates the following major changes:

- (a) Joint Australian/New Zealand Standard.
- (b) Design is based on limit states format.
- (c) Requirements are performance based.
- (d) Earthquake requirements have been added.
- (e) Other than trafficable ceiling systems, all ceiling systems, including external ceiling systems, have been included.
- (f) Testing and verification methods have been added.

In its deliberations the committee has taken cognizance of the following documents:

ASTM C 635	Standard Specification for the Manufacture, Performance and Testing of Metal Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panel Ceilings
ASTM C 636	Standard Practice for Installation of Metal Ceiling Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panels
ASTM E 580	Standard Practice for Application of Ceiling Suspension Systems for Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panels in Areas Requiring Seismic Restraint
ASTM E 1264	Standard Classification for Acoustical Ceiling Products
BS 8290	Suspended ceilings
Part 1	Part 1: Code of practice for design
Part 2	Part 2: Specification for performance of components and assemblies
Part 3	Part 3: Code of practice for installation and maintenance

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