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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee SF/15 on Industrial Safety Belts and Harnesses. It is one of a group of Standards dealing with fall protection equipment for industrial use and supersedes AS 1891.3—1992 *Industrial safety belts and harnesses, Part 3: Fall-arrest devices*. The other Standard in the group which has already been published is as follows:

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- 1891 Industrial fall-arrest systems and devices  
1891.1 Part 1: Safety belts and harnesses

The following documents were referred to during the compilation of this Standard:

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- 353 Personal protective equipment against falls from a height  
353-1:1992 Guided type fall arresters on a rigid anchorage line  
353-2:1992 Guided type fall arresters on a flexible anchorage line  
360:1992 Personal protective equipment against falls from a height—Retractable type fall arresters

The principal variations from AS 1891.3—1992 are as follows:

- (a) The maximum force in a supporting lanyard (Type 1 devices) or anchorage line (Types 2 and 3 devices) during fall-arrest is limited to 6 kN, with requirements for an integral energy absorber to be attached to the fall-arrest device where adequate energy absorption is not inherent in the device itself.
- (b) Requirements for attachment hardware now follow those specified in AS/NZS 1891.1.
- (c) The strength requirement for anchorage lines and attachment hardware is now consistently specified as 15 kN.
- (d) Test methods have been revised to eliminate the need to use a test dummy for dynamic tests.

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