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## Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee BD-058, Thermal Insulation, to supersede, AS/NZS 4859.1:2002, *Materials for the thermal insulation of buildings*, Part 1: *General criteria and technical provisions*.

**A1** This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (August 2024). The start and end of changes introduced by the Amendment are indicated in the text by tags including the Amendment number 1. **A1**

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The objective of this revision is to restructure the Standard as a material properties and test methods Standard and include latest thermal insulation products testing not previously covered by the Standard.

The significant changes in this edition are as follows:

- (a) The relocation of all thermal insulation system design to a separate Part of this series (i.e. AS/NZS 4859.2).
- (b) The deletion of the references to the AS 1366 suite of Standards.
- (c) The inclusion of a wider range of thermal insulation materials and, in particular, rigid foam products.

Emphasis has been given to the development of clear and concise requirements for determination and labelling of thermal performance, a primary performance requirement for these materials. Another consideration is the effect of ageing of materials where there is a significant change in the insulation properties of those materials over time.

In this Standard, notes to the main text are for information and guidance only.

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

If alternative tests to those prescribed in this Standard are to be used, they would need to be considered as part of the development of a Performance Solution to demonstrate compliance with the relevant Performance Requirements of the National Construction Code (NCC) and be accepted by the relevant building authority.

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