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**Part 1: General requirements**



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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Electric Water Heating Appliances to supersede the 1985 edition (thrice amended), to remove outdated references, to recognize changes to referenced Standards and Codes, to introduce requirements for the location of the boosting unit thermostat (see Clause 3.1.5.2), to amend the requirements for thermostat setting (see Clause 3.2.2), and to make it clear that safety valves are not lagged during testing (see Appendices B and C).

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1056.1	Part 1: General requirements (this Standard)
1056.2	Part 2: Specific requirements for water heaters with single shells
1056.3	Part 3: Specific requirements for water heaters with composite shells
1056.4	Part 4: Calculations of energy consumption

A5 The amendment to this Standard includes key changes that will improve the accuracy of the existing methods of test for MEPS heat loss testing to acceptable levels.

AS/NZS 4692.1 sets out a new test method for MEPS heat loss testing.

This amended Standard will remain current until confidence and experience have been gained with AS/NZS 4692.1, after which time it will be superseded by AS/NZS 4692.1 and AS/NZS 4692.2.

The new regulatory Standard AS/NZS 4692.2 will allow testing to either the amended AS/NZS 1056.1 or AS/NZS 1361, as applicable, or to AS/NZS 4692.1. MEPS levels, as defined under each test method, are provided in AS/NZS 4692.2. The key elements included in Amendment 5 are as follows:

- Energy correction at the thermostat cut-out.
- Shielding of the water heater from other objects under test that have a temperature difference of greater than 5 K.
- Mounting the water heater on a wooden platform when testing. A cement sheet is also an acceptable mounting.
- 24 h stabilization plus 48 h test period.
- Product specification to be supplied with the test report.
- Frequency of sampling for air and water temperature measurements to be reduced to an acceptable period (5 min or less).

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