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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL/4, Electrical Accessories.

The objective of this Standard is to provide general requirements for various designs of low voltage connecting devices. Particular requirements for these designs are provided in the appropriate Part 2 document.

This Standard is technically equivalent to, and reproduced from, IEC 60998-1:1990, *Connecting devices for low voltage circuits for household and similar purposes, Part 1: General requirements*. This Standard is Part 1 of a series dealing with connecting devices for low voltage circuits. The series consists of the following:

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