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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL/4 on Electrical Accessories to replace, in part, AS 3133—1989, *Approval and test specification—Air break switches*. It was prepared to align Australian approval and test specifications and New Zealand Standards progressively with International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Standards for electrical accessories.

The object of this Standard is to outline conditions which must be met to secure approval for the sale and use of switches for appliances. Only safety matters and related conditions are covered.

This Standard is equivalent in technical content but fully corresponding in presentation to IEC 1058-1:1990, *Switches for appliances, Part 1: General requirements*, including Amendments 1 and 2.

A number of variations have been made in this Standard to the requirements of IEC 1058-1:1990. These variations are necessary to take into account the national requirements for switches for appliances that apply in both Australia and New Zealand. Text, subject to variations, is indicated throughout the text of this Standard by boxes. Beneath the boxed IEC text and indicated by a marginal bar is the Australian/New Zealand requirement.

These variations also form the Australian national variations for purposes of the IEC scheme for recognition of results of testing to Standards for safety of electrical equipment (the CB scheme).

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In this Standard, the following print types are used:

- Requirements proper: in roman type;
- Test specifications: in italic type;*
- Notes: in smaller roman type.

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