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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL/4, Electrical Accessories, to supersede, in Australia, AS 3111—1994, *Approval and test specification—Miniature overcurrent circuit-breakers*, (and any revision thereof), 10 years from date of publication; and to supersede, in New Zealand, NZS 2205.1:1968, *Specification for miniature and moulded case circuit-breakers*, Part 1: *Miniature air-break circuit-breakers for alternating circuits*, 12 months from date of publication.

The objective of this Standard is to provide approval and test requirements for a.c. air-break circuit-breakers for operation at 50 or 60 Hz, having a rated voltage not exceeding 440 V (between phases), a rated current not exceeding 125 A and a rated short-circuit capacity not exceeding 25 000 A.

This Standard is based on and reproduced from IEC 898:1995, *Electrical accessories—Circuit-breakers for overcurrent protection for household and similar installations*.

A number of variations to IEC 898:1995, which are necessary for Australian/New Zealand requirements, have been made in this Standard. These are listed in Annex ZZ, and are indicated throughout the text by a marginal bar set adjacent to the varied text or figure.

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