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## Objective

The objective of this Standard is to provide purchasers and suppliers including owners, rail infrastructure managers, designers and manufacturers of railway sleepers with requirements for the specification, manufacture and testing of prestressed concrete sleepers for use in railway track.

This Standard does not cover the use of materials complying with superseded editions of the AS 1085 series or the use of existing or re-used materials. Users should satisfy themselves that such materials are satisfactory for the application intended.

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Controls in RISSB standards address known railway hazards are addressed Appendix A.

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 Preview

## 1 Scope and general

### 1.1 Scope

This Standard specifies the performance requirements and gives design and testing methods for new prestressed concrete sleepers for use in railway track with continuously welded rail. It provides methods for determining loads on sleepers and refers to AS 1085.19 for requirements for resilient fastening systems.

This Standard is based on knowledge and experience of the following conditions of use:

- (a) Train speeds less than 200 km/h.
- (b) Sleeper spacing in the range 500 mm to 750 mm.
- (c) Axle loads less than 50 tonnes.

Where parameters outside these limits are encountered, the general principles given in this Standard may be applied. However, the criteria in the Standard may not be sufficient and consideration should be taken of the intended conditions of use and the factors and methods used for design adjusted accordingly.

This Standard does not cover the following:

- i. Design of post-tensioned concrete sleepers.
- ii. Design of duo block concrete sleepers.
- iii. Sleepers for use interspersed with other types of sleeper (e.g. timber or steel).
- iv. Techniques and equipment for the manufacture of concrete sleepers.

#### NOTES:

1. Guidance to purchasers on information needing to be supplied at the time of calling for tenders or quotations and testing of new products is given in Section 2.2.
2. Information on the means for determining compliance with this Standard is given in Appendix B.
3. Information on dynamic effects is given in Appendix D.

### 1.2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document:

- AS 1012.11 Methods of testing concrete, Part 11: Determination of the modulus of rupture
- AS 1085.19 Railway track materials, Part 19: Resilient fastening assemblies
- AS 1199.0 Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes, Part 0: Introduction to the ISO 2859 attribute sampling system
- AS 1199.1 Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes, Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection
- AS 1379 Specification and supply of concrete
- AS 1478.1 Chemical admixtures for concrete, mortar and grout, Part 1: Admixtures for concrete
- AS 2758.1 Aggregates and rock for engineering purposes, Part 1: Concrete aggregates