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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee ME/65 on Agricultural Tractors and Machinery. It lays down the performance requirements under specified test methods for rear-mounted roll-over protective structures (ROPS) for narrow-track, wheeled tractors intended to protect drivers in the event of a tractor overturning.

The Standard is based on but not equivalent to the Council of the European Communities Directive 86/298/EEC on rear-mounted roll-over protection structures of narrow-track, wheeled agricultural and forestry tractors as amended by the Council Directive 89/682/EEC.

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## SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE** This Standard specifies procedures for the evaluation of rear-mounted roll-over protective structures (ROPS) for the protection of drivers of narrow-track tractors. It also sets out test procedures and minimum performance criteria for those structures.

It applies to driver-controlled tractors—

- (a) having a ground clearance not greater than 600 mm measured beneath the lowest points of the front or rear axles, allowing for the differential; and
- (b) having fixed or adjustable minimum track width of—
  - (i) less than 1150 mm for axles fitted with the widest tyres; and the remaining axle adjustable so that the outer edges of the tyres do not protrude beyond the outer edge of the widest tyres; or
  - (ii) less than 1150 mm for axles where wheels and tyres are all the same size.

This Standard applies to driver-controlled tractors and is not intended to apply to machinery whose primary purpose is earth-moving as defined in AS 2294. It describes two different methods of testing a ROPS: a dynamic test, which may be applied to tractors having a mass of not less than 800 kg and not greater than 6000 kg; and a static test, which may be applied to tractors having a mass of not less than 560 kg and not greater than 6000 kg.

NOTE: A ROPS is a structure whose primary purpose is to reduce the possibility of an operator from being crushed or otherwise injured in the event of a tractor rolling over. Wearing a seat belt in conjunction with using a ROPS, may provide additional protection in the event of a tractor rolling over. Seat belts should comply with AS/NZS 2596 or SAE J386.

**1.2 OBJECTIVE** The objective of this Standard is to enable designers and manufacturers of rear-mounted ROPS to verify the design and performance of such equipment and to thus minimize the risks to the health and safety of drivers of tractors involved in a roll-over accident.

**1.3 APPLICATION** This Standard is intended for designers, builders and testers of rear-mounted ROPS who are concerned with the design of those ROPS used on narrow-track, wheeled tractors.

**1.4 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS** The documents below are referred to in this Standard:

AS

2294 Earth-moving machinery—Protective structures

3569 Steel wire ropes

AS/NZS

2596 Seat belts for use in motor vehicles