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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee ME/63 on Earth-moving Equipment to supersede AS 2958.1—1988, Earth-moving machinery—Safety, Part 1: Wheeled machines—Performance requirements and test procedures for braking systems, which was based on ISO 3450—1985, Earth-moving machinery—Wheeled machines—Performance requirements and test procedures for braking systems.

This edition includes requirements for in-service testing. Braking under emergency conditions normally causes some wear and possibly even some damage. Braking performance should be monitored by in-service testing that does not cause unnecessary wear or damage, using test procedures that are not as severe as type testing of the full design requirements.

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1 SCOPE This Standard requires the provision of brakes and specifies requirements for brake systems for any self-propelled rubber-tyred vehicle that is defined in AS 2951.1 as a backhoe loader, dumper, excavator, grader, loader, tractor or tractor-scraper.

Other Standards relating to the safety of earth-moving machinery are AS 2294, AS 2958.0, AS 2958.2 and AS 2958.3.

- **2 OBJECTIVE** The objective of this Standard is to assist designers, manufacturers, suppliers, employers and users of earth-moving machinery to minimize the risks to the health and safety of persons required to work with or near earth-moving machinery.
- **3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS** The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

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- 2294 Earth-moving machinery—Protective structures
- 2951 Earth-moving machinery—Nomenclature
- 2951.1 Part 1: Basic types
- 2958 Earth-moving machinery—Safety
- 2958.0 Part 0: General introduction and listing
- 2958.2 Part 2: Guards and shields—Dimensions and specifications
- 2958.3 Part 3: Roller compactors—Brake systems
- **4 DEFINITIONS** For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions below apply.

4.1 Brake system

- **4.1.1** Service brake system—a system used to stop and momentarily hold a machine.
- **4.1.2** Secondary brake system—a system used to stop a machine in the event of any single failure in the service brake system.
- **4.1.3** Parking brake system—a system used to hold a stopped machine stationary for prolonged periods.
- **4.2 Machine mass**—the operating mass of a machine includes the heaviest combination of cab, canopy and protective structures, e.g. roll-over protective structures (ROPS) and falling object protective structures (FOPS). It also includes components, mountings and equipment, which are approved by the manufacturer of the machine, a 75 kg operator, a full fuel tank, and full lubricating, hydraulic and cooling systems. For dumpers and tractor-scrapers, the machine press includes rated payload equal to the manufacturer's specification at the specified axle load distribution.
- **4.3 Retarder**—an energy-absorbing device that is able to control the speed of a machine.
- **4.4 Stopping distance**—the distance travelled by a machine during braking from the point where the brake control is activated to where the machine comes to rest.