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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Electric Water Heating Appliances to supersede the 1985 edition (thrice amended), to remove outdated references, to recognize changes to referenced Standards and Codes, to introduce requirements for the location of the boosting unit thermostat (see Clause 3.1.5.2), to amend the requirements for thermostat setting (see Clause 3.2.2), and to make it clear that safety valves are not lagged during testing (see Appendices B and C).

This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (July 1992), Amendment No. 2 (December 1995), Amendment No. 3 (August 1996), Amendment No. 4 (January 2000) and Amendment No. 5 (September 2005). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure or part thereof affected.

This Standard is one of a series covering storage water heaters as follows:

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| 1056 | Storage water heaters |
| 1056.1 | Part 1: General requirements (this Standard) |
| 1056.2 | Part 2: Specific requirements for water heaters with single shells |
| 1056.3 | Part 3: Specific requirements for water heaters with composite shells |
| 1056.4 | Part 4: Calculations of energy consumption |

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The amendment to this Standard includes key changes that will improve the accuracy of the existing methods of test for MEPS heat loss testing to acceptable levels.

AS/NZS 4692.1 sets out a new test method for MEPS heat loss testing.

This amended Standard will remain current until confidence and experience have been gained with AS/NZS 4692.1, after which time it will be superseded by AS/NZS 4692.1 and AS/NZS 4692.2.

The new regulatory Standard AS/NZS 4692.2 will allow testing to either the amended AS/NZS 1056.1 or AS/NZS 1361, as applicable, or to AS/NZS 4692.1. MEPS levels, as defined under each test method, are provided in AS/NZS 4692.2. The key elements included in Amendment 5 are as follows:

- Energy correction at the thermostat cut-out.
- Shielding of the water heater from other objects under test that have a temperature difference of greater than 5 K.
- Mounting the water heater on a wooden platform when testing. A cement sheet is also an acceptable mounting.
- 24 h stabilization plus 48 h test period.
- Product specification to be supplied with the test report.
- Frequency of sampling for air and water temperature measurements to be reduced to an acceptable period (5 min or less).

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies requirements for:

- (a) Storage water heaters heated solely by electricity (hereinafter called 'water heaters') having rated hot-water deliveries within the range 25 L to 630 L and having heating units of the tubular-sheathed immersion type or the bobbin type.
 NOTE: Where non-electric supplementary heating, e.g. from a solar collector or a slow combustion stove, is used, additional requirements may be necessary.
- (b) Gas storage water heaters by cross-reference to Code AG 102 published by The Australian Gas Association and the Australian Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association (see Clauses 1.3.2 and 1.5.2).

This Standard does not apply to heat-exchange water heaters (see AS 1361).

NOTES:

- 1 Water heaters having deliveries in excess of 630 L generally have special requirements. Intending purchasers of such water heaters are advised to include in their specification such requirements of this Standard as are relevant to their needs.
- 2 For the installation of household type hot-water systems, see AS 3500.4.
- 3 Information to be supplied with enquiries and orders for electric water heaters is given in Appendix A.

1.2 APPLICATION

Electric water heaters shall comply with the relevant requirements of this Standard and with the requirements of the following Standards, as applicable:

- (a) Water heaters with single shellsAS 1056.2.
- (b) Water heaters with composite shellsAS 1056.3.

NOTE: A number of electricity supply authorities specify compliance with various performance and construction requirements of this Standard in order that the water heater be eligible for supply under certain tariffs.

1.3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**1.3.1 Standards**

The following Standards are referred to in this Standard:

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1056	Storage water heaters
1056.2	Part 2: Specific requirements for water heaters with single shells
1056.3	Part 3: Specific requirements for water heaters with composite shells