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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Mechanical Ventilation and Air-conditioning to supersede AS 1668 – 1980, *SAA Mechanical Ventilation and Air-conditioning Code, Part 2: Ventilation requirements*.

The main technical changes are as follows:

- (a) Outdoor airflow rates are increased for most enclosures.
- (b) Reduction in outdoor airflow rates is permitted where the return air is treated for particulate and gaseous contaminants.
- (c) Ventilation system 'Lead-time' and 'Lag-time' concepts are introduced.
- (d) New equations are used for calculation of total airflow rates in carparks.
- (e) Supply ventilation is permitted for carparks.
- (f) Alternative carpark ventilation system controlled by atmospheric contaminant concentration monitoring is described.

Editorially, consideration has been given to the incorporation of the Standard in building regulations.

In the preparation of this Standard, consideration was given to the relevant Standards published by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) for contribution to Appendices G and J, and the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, and acknowledgement is made of the assistance received therefrom.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE This Standard sets out requirements for air-handling systems which ventilate enclosures by mechanical means, where such systems are required by a Regulatory Authority. It sets minimum requirements for preventing an excess accumulation of airborne contaminants, or objectionable odours. These minima are based on needs for body odour control, food odour control, air contaminant control, or carbon dioxide concentrations or a combination of any or all of these factors, depending on the particular situation. It does not prescribe other requirements associated with comfort, such as temperature, humidity, air movement or noise.

This Standard also includes requirements for natural ventilation of carparks. Road tunnels are outside the scope of this Standard.

NOTES:

- 1 Fire-safety aspects related to air-handling systems are covered in AS 1668.1.
- 2 It is recommended that air-handling systems be designed, constructed and installed so that their use does not give rise to a nuisance arising from noise or vibration. For guidance on noise and vibration control see AS 1055 and AS 2107.

1.2 APPLICATION

1.2.1 Mechanical systems Where mechanical air-handling systems are required by a Regulatory Authority, they shall be selected in accordance with Figure 1.1 and as follows:

- (a) *For occupancies requiring supply ventilation* – the air-handling system shall supply outdoor air in accordance with Section 2.
- (b) *For enclosures requiring general exhaust ventilation* – the air-handling system shall extract air in accordance with Section 3, as appropriate.
- (c) *For processes or enclosures requiring local exhaust* – the air-handling system shall collect the effluents and extract air in accordance with Section 3, as appropriate.
- (d) *For enclosures accommodating automotive vehicles with internal combustion engines* – the air-handling systems shall ventilate the enclosure and dispose of the extracted air in accordance with Section 4.

1.2.2 Natural systems of carparks Where a natural ventilation system is used, it shall ventilate the enclosure in accordance with Clause 4.4.1(c).

1.3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS The documents below are referred to in this Standard.

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| 1055 | Acoustics—Description and measurement of environment noise |
| 1132 | Methods of test for air filters for use in air-conditioning and general ventilation |
| 1132.5 | Part 5: Determination of arrestance efficiency, average arrestance efficiency, dust-holding capacity, and dust-holding capacity per unit of effective face area for test dusts Nos 1, 2 and 3 |
| 1200 | SAA Boiler Code |
| 1324 | Air filters for use in air-conditioning and general ventilation |
| 1482 | Electrical equipment for explosive atmospheres – Protection by ventilation – Type of protection v |
| 1530 | Methods for fire tests on building materials and structures |
| 1530.1 | Part 1: Combustibility test for materials |
| 1668 | SAA Mechanical Ventilation and Air-conditioning Code |
| 1668.1 | Part 1: Fire precautions in buildings with air-handling systems |
| 1677 | Refrigerating systems |
| 1735 | Lifts, escalators, and moving walks |
| 2107 | Acoustics—Recommended design sound levels and reverberation times for building interiors |
| 2676 | Installation and maintenance of batteries in buildings |