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production and supply of hot-
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floorplates and slabs for general
structural and engineering
applications. It also specifies
requirements for the production
and supply of wide slabs as fully
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AS 3678—1990.

PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Structural Steel. It supersedes the following Standards of which it is a revision and amalgamation in part:

- AS 1204—1980 *Structural steels—Ordinary weldable grades.* (First published as part of AS A1.1—1956 and AS A33—1955. These were revised and redesignated as AS A149—1965. AS A149—1965, AS A135—1965 and AS A149—1966 revised and redesignated AS A186—1971. This was subsequently revised and redesignated as AS 1204—1972; second edition 1980)
- AS 1205—1980 *Structural steels—Weather-resistant weldable grades.* (First published as AS A187—1971 and revised and redesignated AS 1205—1972; second edition 1980)
- AS 1227—1980 *General requirements for the supply of hot rolled steelplates, sections, piling and bars for structural purposes.* (First published as part of AS A1—1956 which was revised and redesignated AS A147—1965; second edition 1971. AS A147 was revised and redesignated AS 1227 in 1974; second edition 1980.)

Parts of AS 1204—1980, AS 1205—1980 and AS 1227—1980 revised, amalgamated and redesignated AS 3678—1990.

Major technical changes introduced by this Standard are as follows:

- (a) New Grade 400 has been included.
- (b) Tensile strength on Grade 350 and WR350 has been reduced to 450 MPa. This reduction in tensile strength is expected to enable the supply of better weldable 350 and WR350 grades.
- (c) Determination of compliance guidelines on Sampling, Frequency of Testing and Retests have been moved to Appendix B in line with Standards Australia policy.

It was decided to revise and amalgamate the above Standards in an effort to produce a complete product-based Standard which has been rationalized in relation to tolerance requirements.

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Hot-rolled structural steel plates, floorplates and slabs

1 SCOPE. This Standard specifies requirements for the production and supply of hot-rolled structural steel plates and floorplates for carbon and carbon-manganese mechanically-tested steels, fully-killed analysis-only steels, and low-alloy (weathering) mechanically-tested steels. This Standard also specifies requirements for the production and supply of wide slabs as fully-killed analysis-only steel in accordance with Table 2.

For general structural and engineering applications, all mechanically-tested grades, and analysis grades with carbon less than 0.30, are suitable for—

- (a) welding in accordance with the requirements and procedures specified in AS 1554.1; or
- (b) riveting and bolting as specified in AS 1250 and AS 1511.

This Standard does not cover the following:

- (i) Bars, sections and piling bars (see AS 3679).
- (ii) Steel plates for boilers and pressure vessels (see AS 1548).
- (iii) Structural steel hollow sections (see AS 1163).
- (iv) Steel plates for oil storage tank construction (see AS 2624). *Amended*

IV (v) Plate, strip and sheet (see AS 1594).

NOTE: Guidelines to purchasers on requirements that should be specified by the purchaser and those that should be agreed on at the time of enquiry or order are given in Appendix A.

2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS. The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS	
1050	Methods for the analysis of iron and steel
1163	Structural steel hollow sections
1199	Sampling procedures and tables for inspection by attributes
1213	Iron and steel—Methods of sampling
1250	SAA Steel Structures Code
1365	Tolerances for flat-rolled steel products
1391	Methods for tensile testing of metals
1399	Guide to AS 1199, Sampling procedures and tables for inspection by attributes
1511	SAA High-strength Structural Bolting Code
1544	Methods for impact tests on metals
1544.2	Part 2: Charpy V-notch
1548	Steel plates for boilers and pressure vessels
1553	Covered electrodes for welding
1553.1	Part 1: Low carbon steel electrodes for manual metal-arc welding of carbon and carbon-manganese steels
1554	Structural steel welding
1554.1	Part 1: Welding of steel structures
1594	Hot-rolled low carbon steel plate, sheet and strip

1710	Non-destructive testing of carbon and low alloy steel plate—Test methods and quality classification
1821-23	Suppliers Quality Systems
1821	Suppliers quality systems for design, development production and installation
1822	Suppliers quality systems for production and installation
1823	Suppliers quality inspection systems
2000	Guide to AS 1821-23—Suppliers quality systems
2490	Sampling procedures and charts for inspection by variables for percent defective
2624	Steel plate and strip for the construction of welded steel tanks for oil storage
2706	Numerical values—Rounding and interpretation of limiting values
K1	Methods for the sampling and analysis of iron and steel
3679	Hot-rolled structural steel bars and sections
3900	Quality systems—Guide to selection and use
3901	Quality systems for design/development, production, installation and servicing
3902	Quality systems for production and installation
3903	Quality systems for final inspection and test
3904	Quality systems—Guide to quality management and quality system elements
ISO	
2566/1	Steel—Conversion of elongation values Part 1: Carbon and low alloy steels

3 DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions below apply.

3.1 Analysis.

3.1.1 Cast analysis—chemical analysis determined from test samples taken from the ladle during casting.

3.1.2 Product analysis—chemical analysis determined from a test sample of the finished material.

3.2 Controlled rolled—hot-rolling with control of both temperature and rolling reduction to achieve the desired mechanical properties and microstructure.

3.3 Edge conditions.

3.3.1 Trimmed edge—edge produced by the removal of material by mechanical means or gas cutting—also referred to as sheared, slit or gas cut edge.

3.3.2 Untrimmed edge—edge produced by the rolling between horizontal rolls, with or without vertical edging rolls—also referred to as mill, universal or as-rolled edge.

3.4 Floorplate—hot-rolled product supplied flat, having a rolled raised pattern at regular intervals on one surface, with width greater than or equal to