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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Cranes, to supersede AS 1418.5, *SAA Crane Code, Part 5—1985: Mobile and vehicle-loading cranes*.

This edition is technically equivalent to the 1985 edition, but incorporates the following changes:

- (a) The scope has been expanded to include vehicle-tow cranes, thus causing a change to the title and appropriate clauses as well as the addition of new clauses and a new appendix.
- (b) Requirements of load rating in special duties have been included.
- (c) Requirements for cranes provided with cabin air-conditioning have been added.
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SECTION 1. SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE. This Standard sets out requirements for mobile cranes, and vehicle-loading cranes, as defined in AS 2549, and vehicle-tow cranes.

It is complementary to AS 1418.1, but the requirements given herein take precedence over the corresponding requirements in AS 1418.1.

Requirements specific to vehicle-tow cranes are given in Appendix G.

NOTES:

1. Guidance on information to be supplied with enquiry, order and tender is given in Appendix A.
2. Guidance on the selection and operation of cranes is given in AS 2550.
3. Guidance on documentary information to accompany calculations derived from computer programs is given in Appendix D.
4. Throughout this Standard the word 'crane' implies any of the three types covered by this Standard, except where a type is specifically named.

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

AS	
1138	Thimbles for use with wire rope or fibre (natural or synthetic) rope
1418	SAA Crane Code
1418.1	Part 1: General requirements
1504	Fibre rope—Three-strand, hawser laid
1656	Steel wire ropes (other than for mining purposes)

1666	Wire-rope slings
2076	Wire rope grips
2230	New pneumatic highway tyres other than passenger car tyres
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2740	Wedge-type sockets
2741	Shackles
B291	Lifting rings and links
ANSI	
B29.8	Leaf chains, clevises and sheaves

1.3 DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this Standard, the definitions given in AS 2549, and those below apply.

1.3.1 Dolly—a wheeled device attached to the boom to carry portion of the boom mass while the unloaded crane is in transit.

1.3.2 Vehicle-tow crane—a vehicle with a lifting mechanism designed to hoist and suspend motor vehicles from the boom/jib head.