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PREFACE

This Specification was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on, Electrical Approvals Standards to supersede AS 3103—1985, *Electric room heaters*.

It is one of a series of Approval and Test Specifications issued by Standards Australia. These Specifications are accompanied by a general Specification AS 3100, containing definitions and general requirements for electrical materials and equipment. The purpose of these Specifications is to outline conditions which must be met to secure approval for the sale and use of electrical equipment in Australia. Only safety matters and related conditions are covered.

This edition was published to incorporate into the Specification Amendments No 1 to 4 to AS 3103—1985 and to effect changes to Section 1, Clauses 1.1 and 1.3 with regard to scope and referenced documents.

This Specification supersedes AS 3103—1985 from date of publication.

Standards Australia desires to call attention to the fact that this Standard does not purport to include all the necessary provisions of a contract..

↪ **SEE AMENDMENT 2** ↪

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Page 2 Preface

At the end of the Preface, *add* the following new paragraphs:

The Standards Association of New Zealand wishes to advise that this Specification will supersede NZS 1999:1965 and NZS 6331:1972 from the date of publication of this Amendment.

Standards Australia and the Standards Association of New Zealand advise that this Specification will be published as a Joint Australian/New Zealand Standard at the next printing.

The additional requirements of Clauses 3.5 and 4.6 have been designated as Clauses 3.5.4A and 4.6.4A so as not to require changes to the cross-references of other clauses.

This Amendment forms part of the Specification on publication.

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Retitle Clause 2.8 as **CONSTRUCTION**.

This Amendment forms part of the Specification 2 years from publication.

Page 4 Clause 1.3

Add the following referenced Standard:

NZS 6200 Specification for general requirements for electrical apparatus and material

This Amendment forms part of the Specification on publication.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE, DEFINITIONS, APPLICATION
AND REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

1.1 SCOPE. This Specification specifies essential safety requirements for electric room heaters, as defined in Clause 1.4 below, which are designed for operation at low or medium voltage.

This Specification does not apply to the following:

- (a) Airconditioning appliances within the scope of AS 3179.
- (b) Electrical heating systems which are designed to heat a room primarily by raising the temperature of a floor, wall or ceiling surface.
- (c) Electrically-operated infrared and ultraviolet heating devices which are designed for therapeutic or industrial purposes.
- (d) Electric duct heaters within the scope of AS 3102.

1.2 APPLICATION.

1.2.1 General requirements of AS 3100. This Specification shall be read in conjunction with AS 3100 and the appropriate provisions of AS 3100 shall apply to the construction of the heater, and to the insulation or safeguarding of parts which normally carry current or both.

1.2.2 Specific requirements of this Specification. A heater shall be deemed to comply with this Specification only if it complies with all the relevant requirements in Section 2, and with all the appropriate requirements and tests specified in the following Section(s):

Section 3— for heaters such as radiant heaters, panel heaters, fan heaters, liquid filled heaters and convectors; but not including thermal storage heaters.

Section 4— for electrical thermal storage heaters.

1.2.3 Requirements of other Specifications. Equipment and components incorporated in a heater which are depended upon for safety shall comply with the appropriate requirements of any relevant Approval and Test Specification unless such Specifications are varied herein.

1.3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS. The following documents are referred to in this standard:
STANDARDS.

AS 2285 Space heating appliances—External temperature limits and primary guards

AS 2286 Space heating appliances—Secondary guards

AS 2390 Textiles for hospitals and institutions—Blankets.

APPROVAL AND TEST SPECIFICATIONS.

AS 3100 Definitions and general requirements for electrical materials and equipment

AS 3102 Electric duct heaters

AS 3109.1 Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes

Part 1: General requirements.

AS 3115 Motor operated appliances

AS 3161 Thermostats and energy regulators

AS 3179 Refrigerated room air conditioners

AS 3191 Electric flexible cords

NZS 6200 — SEE AMENDMENT 2

1.4 DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this Specification the general definitions below apply.

1.4.1 General definitions.

1.4.1.1 Electric room heater (hereinafter referred to as a 'heater')—an electrical appliance designed for the purpose of heating a room or space by the emission of heat by conduction, radiation, convection, forced air circulation or any combination thereof.

1.4.1.2 Fixed heater—a heater designed to be fastened or otherwise secured at a specific location or a heater which cannot easily be moved from place to place.

1.4.1.3 Portable heater—a heater which can easily be moved from one place to another while connected to the supply.

1.4.1.4 Thermal storage heater—a self-contained heater specifically designed to store heat derived from electrical energy.