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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE** This Standard specifies requirements for materials, construction and finish of shower bases and shower modules and does not cover products which require further surface finishes.

**1.2 APPLICATION** Shower bases or shower modules shall comply with Section 1 and with Sections 2 to 5 as follows:

Section 2—Pressed steel vitreous enamelled shower bases and shower modules.

Section 3—Stainless steel shower bases and shower modules.

Section 4—Vitreous and non-vitreous china shower bases.

Section 5—Plastics and composite materials shower bases and shower modules.

**1.3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS** The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

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| 1234     | Recommendations for coordinated preferred dimensions in building                                       |
| 1449     | Wrought alloy steels—Stainless and heat-resisting steel plate, sheet and strip                         |
| 1589     | Copper and copper alloy waste fittings                                                                 |
| 1595     | Cold-rolled unalloyed low carbon steel sheet and strip                                                 |
| 1976     | Vitreous china used in sanitary appliances                                                             |
| 2219     | Methods of test for vitreous enamel coatings                                                           |
| 2219.1.5 | Method 1.5: Determination of resistance of vitreous enamel coatings to citric acid at room temperature |
| 2887     | Plastic waste fittings                                                                                 |
| 3558     | Methods of testing plastics and composite materials sanitary plumbing fixtures                         |
| 3558.2   | Method 2: Determination of chemical and stain resistance                                               |
| 3558.3   | Method 3: Determination of colourfastness                                                              |
| 3558.4   | Method 4: Determination of resistance to surface scratching                                            |
| 3558.6   | Method 6: Visual examination of surface finish for defects                                             |
| 3558.17  | Method 17: Determination of impact resistance of shower bases and shower modules                       |
| 3558.18  | Method 18: Determination of resistance to thermal shock of shower bases and shower modules             |
| 4023     | Non-vitreous china used in sanitary appliances                                                         |

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| 3500   | National Plumbing and Drainage Code |
| 3500.0 | Part 0: Glossary of terms           |