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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Cemetery Monuments, in response to a request from the cemetery industry and to a subsequent survey.

The Standard was written with the objective of enabling cemetery authorities and monumental masons to specify minimum structural design criteria, performance, installation and renovation requirements for headstones and cemetery monuments so that these may have a minimum service life of 50 years.

The committee responsible for preparation of this Standard also considered the requirements for war grave headstones and monuments and decided to include as an appendix those requirements which are performance based and in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Australian War Graves.

Due to the specialist nature of mausolea they have not been included in this Standard. The committee is currently preparing a second stage specifically on above-ground mausolea.

The term 'informative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. An 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE This Standard specifies minimum structural design criteria, performance and renovation requirements for cemetery monuments and crematoria memorial gardens above and below the natural ground surface. The Standard also gives guidelines on installation practice and guidelines for war grave monuments. It does not set out to preclude artistic endeavour.

This Standard does not apply to pet cemeteries or to public monuments other than cemetery monuments.

NOTES:

- 1 Appendix A deals with recommended installation practice.
- 2 Appendix B sets out guidelines for war grave monuments.

1.2 APPLICATION This Standard is intended for use by cemetery authorities, monumental masons and all personnel concerned with the installation, renovation and general requirements of cemetery monuments.

1.3 REFERENCED AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

1.3.1 Referenced documents The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS

1170	Minimum design loads on structures (known as the SAA Loading Code)
1170.2	Part 2: Wind loads
1302	Steel reinforcing bars for concrete
1303	Steel reinforcing wire for concrete
1304	Welded wire reinforcing fabric for concrete
2738	Copper and copper alloys—Compositions and designations
2738.3	Part 3: Cast products
2837	Wrought alloy steels—Stainless steel bars and semi-finished products
2870	Residential slabs and footings
3600	Concrete structures
3700	Masonry in buildings (known as the SAA Masonry Code)
3972	Portland and blended cements

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5889	Specification for one-part gun grade silicone-based sealants
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1.3.2 Related documents Attention is drawn to the following related documents:

War Cabinet decision 10 March 1922

The Australia ICOMOS Charter for the conservation of places of cultural significance (The Burra Charter)

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