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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee SF-034, Portable Ladders, to supersede AS/NZS 1892.1:1996, *Portable ladders, Part 1: Metal* and AS/NZS 1892.3:1996, *Portable ladders, Part 3: Reinforced plastic*.

After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

This Standard is Part 1 in a series of Standards covering the safe design, manufacture and use of portable ladders and attachments. Other Standards in the series are as follows:

AS 1892.2, *Portable ladders, Part 2: Timber*

AS/NZS 1892.5, *Portable ladders, Part 5: Selection, safe use and care*

In this edition Parts 1 and 3 have been consolidated into a single document. Design and performance requirements for metal and fibreglass ladders remain the same, except for the following:

- (a) Addition of test reporting requirements (Clause 1.7).
- (b) Additional labelling requirements (Clause 2.8).
- (c) Addition a new classification for ladders with 'higher stability' (Clause 1.5.33).
- (d) Addition of test and performance criteria for 'higher stability' ladders (Appendices GG, HH and II).
- (e) Clarification of which test methods apply to each type of ladder (Section 8).
- (f) Addition of particular requirements for work platforms (Section 9).
- (g) Addition of particular requirements for step stools (Section 10).

In this edition, the test methods have been included as a set of appendices. The test methods have not changed greatly; however, in the light of experience gained from the previous editions, they have been clarified.

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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