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PREFACE

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The Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CS/88 on Commercial Furniture then reviewed its content and endorsed its adoption as a Joint Australian/New Zealand Standard.

The objective of this Standard is to provide purchasing authorities, specifiers, users, retailers and manufacturers with a standard for office desks that specifies function, durability, stability and performance characteristics and enables use of these criteria to assist in selection and evaluation.

The term ‘normative’ has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. A ‘normative’ appendix is an integral part of a Standard.

It is advisable to follow the requirements of AS/NZS 4443 *Office panel systems—Workstations* and AS/NZS 4442 *Office desks* in conjunction, for consistency of product when both workstation furniture and desks are intended to be used in the same workplace. Dimensions and test methods in these Standards have been aligned wherever applicable.

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