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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee BD-084, Steel Reinforcing and Prestressing Materials to supersede AS 1314—1972.

The objective of this Standard is to provide users and manufacturers with a test procedure to be used for establishing the performance of prestressing anchorages of various types for use in construction within Australia and New Zealand. It provides designers with test data from which they will be able to predict the ultimate capacity of the anchorage system when it is correctly installed in properly constructed concrete elements of the structure.

The Committee has reviewed several international standards in the preparation of the new Standard. These include BS 4447—*The performance of prestressing anchorages for post-tensioning construction*, FIP–*Recommendations for the acceptance of post-tensioning systems* and Post-tensioning Institute—*Acceptance Standards for Post-tensioning Systems.* The Committee recognized that it is important for joint Australian and New Zealand Standards to be compatible with other internationally recognized Standards so that no discrimination against Australia or New Zealand manufactured products can occur.

This revised Standard has removed various anomalies that existed in the 1972 edition of AS 1314, to bring it into line with current Standards in Europe and America.

The major changes are as follows:

(a) The Standard now references AS 3600 and NZS 3101.1, instead of AS 1481, for the design of bursting reinforcement. The amount of reinforcement required has been reduced from that previously required by AS 1481.

(b) The maximum crack widths for the anchorage efficiency test have been redefined. Previously this was defined as visible to the naked eye, which allowed many interpretations.

(c) Concrete strength for anchorage efficiency testing must be reported. Previously, the requirement was for concrete strength to be less than 50 MPa, but the strength did not need to be reported.

(d) An alternative test procedure using cyclic loading has been introduced for anchorage efficiency. The test is similar to the British Standard and FIP requirements.

(e) An efficiency test has been introduced for non-stressing anchorages.

The Standard applies to the manufactured hardware and not to the structural end use.

This Standard applies to monostrand and multistrand anchorage systems as well as bar systems. The Standard makes a distinction between the gripping efficiency of an anchorage and the ultimate strength of stressing and non-stressing anchorages.

The testing regimes prescribing the size of test prisms were developed so that consumers can make valid comparisons of systems for particular end uses.

The testing of restressable anchorages, such as may be used in permanent ground anchor applications, has not been directly addressed by the Committee.

Similarly, the Committee has not considered the requirements for cable-stayed bridge anchorage systems where very large tendons are subjected to two million load cycles before testing to failure. At present, no facilities exist in Australia and there are very limited facilities internationally for this type of testing.

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.

Statements expressed in mandatory terms in notes to figures are deemed to be requirements of this Standard.

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