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PREFACE

This edition of this Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee WD/2 on Welding Consumables to supersede AS 1553.1—1983.

In preparing this edition, cognizance has been taken of ANSI/AWS A5.1—91 *Specifications for carbon steel electrodes for shielded metal arc welding*, and ISO/DIS 2560, *Specification for carbon-manganese steel electrodes for shielded metal arc welding* (Revision of ISO 2560—1973).

This edition incorporates the following significant technical changes from the 1983 edition:

- (a) Optional indicator for supplemental notch toughness, diffusible hydrogen and resistance to coating moisture absorption have been added to the designation system of electrodes.
- (b) Classification designation EXX19 has been added, and classification designation EXX45 deleted.
- (c) Impact test grades and requirements have been reviewed.
- (d) Diffusible hydrogen levels requirements have been reviewed.
- (e) Coating moisture absorption resistance test has been added.

In addition, editorial changes and adjustments have been made, including the following:

- (i) Update of referenced Standards.
- (ii) Alignment with current Standards Australia policy.

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