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This Standard is part of a series, as follows:

AS 3500.3.1 Part 3.1: Stormwater drainage—Performance requirements

AS/NZS 3500.3.2 Part 3.2: Stormwater drainage—Acceptable solutions (this Standard)

Stormwater drainage—Methods for verification (Part 3.3) is in the course of preparation.

The objective of this Standard is to provide installers with acceptable solutions for materials and products and design and installation of stormwater drainage systems. These solutions are not intended to exclude the use of other solutions.

This edition sets out acceptable solutions for the following:

(a) Roof drainage systems:

- (i) A general method for design incorporating recent Australian research on the following:
  - (A) *Eaves gutter systems*—procedures similar to those of AS 2180—1986 but with significant decreases in the ratios for the effective cross-sectional area of eave gutter to vertical downpipes.
  - (B) *Box gutter systems*—procedures similar to those in AS 2180—1986 with additional procedures for sump/side overflow and sump/high-capacity overflow devices.
  - (C) *Valley gutters*—procedures based on research published in 1988 by Martin and Tilley (see Paragraph A2).
- (ii) Installation, based on modifications and additions to AS 2180—1986.

(b) Surface drainage systems:

- (i) Nominal and general methods for design.
  - (ii) Installation, based on modifications and additions to AS 3500.3—1990.
- (c) Subsoil drainage systems design and installation, based on modifications and additions to AS 3500.3—1990.

The advantage of the roof drainage general method is the relative simplicity of its application. Continuing analysis of available experimental data is expected to result in new procedures for the design of—

- (a) valley gutters; and
- (b) eaves gutters with bends at various gradients for a wide range of cross-sections, sizes and depth to width ratios of 1:0.4 to 1:3.0.

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

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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