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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee TX/9 on Carpets to supersede, in Australia, AS 3733—1990, *Textile floor coverings—Cleaning maintenance techniques for domestic and commercial carpeting*.

While continuing to provide suitable and appropriate maintenance techniques to achieve an acceptable level of appearance throughout the life of a carpet, the revision has been undertaken to recognize the importance of carpet maintenance as a contributing factor to indoor air quality as well as maximizing both appearance retention and the wear life of a carpet.

Although the methodology of the various systems is unchanged in this edition, the methods included in periodic and corrective cleaning are limited to hot water injection and extraction and, liquid shampoo and dry foam methods. Evidence to date is that absorbent methods and other methods often incorrectly referred to as dry-cleaning methods, while they can be effective in restoring appearance and sustaining wear life, are not conducive to minimal residues remaining in the carpet after cleaning, and are therefore surface cleaning methods. At the same time, the importance of speeding the drying time when aqueous methods are used is emphasized.

This edition of the Standard also updates requirements for carpet cleaning chemicals to cover their known effects on new generation carpets, and sets down new requirements for vacuum cleaner filtration. Recommendations for the disposal of extracted cleaning wastes are included.

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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