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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee ME-067, Mobility Appliances for People with Disabilities to supersede, in part, AS 3695—1992, *Wheelchairs—Product requirements*.

This is the first revision of the Standard, which was originally issued in 1992.

Where this Standard does not apply to particular wheelchairs, contracting parties should consider whether appropriate parts of this Standard can be used as part of the contract.

Manufacturers may also wish to consider if appropriate parts of this Standard can be used to assess the performance of their products against the relevant Essential Principles of the Medical Device from the Australian *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*.

In revising this Standard, it was determined to expand the role and function of AS 3695 in line with the ISO series of test methods for wheelchairs and, where possible, to align with EN 12183:2009, *Manual wheelchairs—Requirements and test methods*, and in so doing, the 1992 publication has been split into three Parts as follows:

Part 1: Requirements and test methods for manual wheelchairs (this Standard).

Part 2: Requirements for electrically powered wheelchairs (excluding scooters).

Part 3: Motorized mobility scooters *(to be published)*.

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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