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PREFACE

This Handbook supersedes HB39—1992, *Code of common practice for steel roofing*. The development of this Handbook was made possible by a joint arrangement between the Victorian Plumbing Industry Board, the Metal Building Products Manufacturers Association Ltd and Standards Australia, along with the support of the steel roof installation industry, the Aluminium Development Council and Master Plumbers of Australia.

The intention of this Handbook is to provide essential guidelines and basic standards of good practice for adoption by industry training providers and the Australian metal roofing installation industry. It should be noted that since this Handbook was first published, the housing provisions of the Building Code of Australia (BCA 96 Volume 2) has been published. BCA 96 Volume 2 contains much information on roof drainage, roof flashings and cappings that should be read in conjunction with this Handbook.

Research has shown that, of 600 consumer complaints in building construction recorded over a 12 month period, more than half were for metal roof installations. When this data was analysed further it was found that 30% of those complaints were associated with roof flashings, 30% with eaves gutters overflowing, and approximately 15% associated with internal roof gutters.

This Handbook was prepared and reviewed by a steering committee from contributions, sketches and the like received from installers manufacturers of roofing materials and components, State TAFE authorities and industry training organizations. Throughout this Handbook, use is made of text within a box. This is used to highlight important recommendations.

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