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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee BD-004, Masonry Structures, to supersede all parts of test methods AS 2701, *Methods of sampling and testing mortar for masonry construction*, excluding AS 2701.4—1984, AS 2701.5—1984 and AS 2701.9—1984 which are to be withdrawn.

This Standard covers tests that can be used for masonry mortar.

The objective of this Standard is to provide laboratory staff with test methods for the testing of mortar that may be required for specific purposes.

It is considered that compression testing is inappropriate in the Standard but is being considered by Committee BD/33, Chemical Admixtures for Concrete, for inclusion in the newly proposed for the AS 1478 series. A method of test for compressive strength of masonry (the combination of mortar with masonry units) is contained in AS 3700—1998, *Masonry structures*.

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

The term ‘normative’ has been used in this Standard to define the application of the Appendix to which it applies. A ‘normative’ appendix is an integral part of a Standard.

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