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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee ME/1 on Pressure Equipment to supersede AS CB15.5—1968, *The welding of steel pressure piping (known as the SAA Pipe Welding Code)*, Part 5: *Flash butt welding of steel pipes and tubes* (incorporating Amendment No. 1).

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Changes since the last edition include the following:

- (a) A complete revision and renumbering of the Standard.
- (b) Updating to current Standards Australia style.
- (c) Updating all reference documents and materials.
- (d) Inclusion of a typical flash butt weld procedure data sheet as an Appendix.

This Standard specifies welding procedure, equipment, requirements for completed welds, procedure qualification tests, and production control tests and includes an Appendix illustrating flash butt weld imperfections.

For the purpose of this Standard, the term 'tube' has been adopted, but no difference is intended in the meaning between 'tube' and 'pipe' although idiomatic use prefers sometimes the one and sometimes the other.

Reference was made to BS 4204:1989, *Specification for flash welding of steel tubes for pressure applications* during the preparation of this Standard and acknowledgment is gratefully made to the British Standards Institution for the considerable assistance provided by BS 4204.

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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