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**Electrical equipment for mines and
quarries—Explosion-protected three-
phase restrained plugs and receptacles
for working voltages up to and including
3.3 kV**



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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-023, Electrical Equipment in Mines and Quarries, to supersede AS 1299—1993, *Electrical equipment for coal mines—Flameproof restrained plugs and receptacles*.

This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (March 2012). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure or part thereof affected.

The objective of this Standard is to provide requirements and guidance for explosion-protected three-phase restrained plugs and receptacles to manufacturers, users, regulatory authorities and associated interests and for use with other related Australian/New Zealand Standards and relevant mining regulations. It also is to allow for the use of existing compatible cable coupling systems and for the introduction of new non-compatible cable coupling systems.

This Standard differs from the previous edition in the following significant ways:

- (a) Recognizes the AS/NZS 60079 series of Standards.
- (b) Introduces provisions for alternative designs. Plugs and receptacles that are dimensionally compatible with this Standard are called Type A. Alternative designs are called Type B.
- (c) Updated figures showing critical compatibility dimensions and flamepaths ensure compatibility between different makes of Type A components.
- (d) Provides for transition devices between Type A and Type B components.
- (e) Increased emphasis on integrity of earth paths.
- (f) Clarifies test criteria.
- (g) Allows for higher current ratings.
- (h) Defines maximum voltage for restrained systems at 3.3 kV.
- (i) Removes reference to coal mines and includes mines and quarries.
- (j) Withdrawal of AS 1147.1, *Electrical equipment for coal mines—Insulating materials, Part 1: Materials for insulating power conducting components* and incorporation of test requirements into Appendix B of this Standard. Materials tested by authorities to Standards listed in Appendix B may be accepted without verification.
- (k) Outlines additional marking requirements in Clause 1.6.
- (l) Illustrates the quick-release concept in Figure 1.1.
- (m) Introduces the term ‘explosion-protected’ throughout the Standard.
- (n) Allows for non-metallic materials to be used in the construction of the components (refer to Clause 2.3).
- (o) Details requirements of earthing through the plugs and receptacles.
- (p) Allows for pins and socket earths in Type B designs (as opposed to scraping earth in Type A).
- (q) Defines the plug removal sequence (refer to Clause 2.11.2).
- (r) Increases earth size in cable reel receptacles from 6 mm² to 16 mm².
- (s) Increases phase barrier earth connection to at least 6 mm².