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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee CE-002, Railway Track Materials, to supersede AS 1085.1—2000, *Railway permanent way material*, Part 1: *Steel rails*.

The objective of this Standard is to provide purchasers and suppliers, including owners, operators, designers and manufacturers of railway rail with requirements for as-rolled and hardened steel rails, made from continuously cast blooms for railway purposes.

This Standard is Part 1 of the AS 1085 series (*Railway track material*) comprised of the following parts:

Part 1: Steel rails

Part 2: Fishplates

Part 3: Sleeper plates

Part 4: Fishbolts and nuts

Part 7: Spring washers

Part 8: Dogspikes

Part 10: Rail anchors

Part 12: Insulated joint assemblies

Part 13: Spring fastening spikes for sleeper plates

Part 14: Prestressed concrete sleepers

Part 15: Aluminothermic rail welding

Part 17: Steel sleepers

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Of interest to users of this series are the following:

AS 3818.2, *Timber—Heavy structural products—Visually graded*, Part 2: *Railway track timbers*

AS 2758.7, *Aggregates and rock for engineering purposes*, Part 7: *Railway ballast*

Changes to the previous edition are as follows:

(a) Change of title of the AS 1085 series (previously *Railway permanent way material*).

(b) Referenced documents list has been revised.

(c) Reference to the surface hardness test in Clause 9.1.1.

(d) Amendments to dimensions in Figures D1 and D4.

(e) Changes to the tolerances for 68 kg rail.

(f) Column 6 of Table E3 noted as minimum values.

(g) The most recent version of the informative Appendix ‘Means of demonstrating compliance with this Standard’ has been included.

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.

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

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1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies requirements for as-rolled and hardened steel rails made from continuously cast blooms and profiles for asymmetric switch rails and elevated guardrails for railway purposes.

NOTES:

1 Guidelines for purchasers are given in Appendix A.

2 Guidance on the means for demonstrating compliance with this Standard is given in Appendix B.

3 Information on residual stresses in rail is given in Appendix C.

2 PURPOSE AND CONTEXT OF USE

2.1 Function

Steel rail forms the direct longitudinal support member of the railway permanent way and provides the guiding and running surface for rolling stock. Rail may also be used to conduct current for signalling and traction purposes.

2.2 Action

Steel rail is subjected to—

(a) loads imposed by the passage of rolling stock and during maintenance;

(b) the effects of temperature, fastening systems, joints and welding; and

(c) fatigue, wear, damage and corrosion.

3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS	
1003	Engineers' straightedges (metric units)
1100	Technical drawing
1100.201	Part 201: Mechanical drawing
1199	Sampling procedures and tables for inspection by attributes
1391	Methods for tensile testing of metals
1399	Guide to AS 1199—Sampling procedures and tables for inspection by attributes
1816	Metallic materials—Brinell hardness test
1817	Metallic materials—Vickers hardness test
1929	Non-destructive testing—Glossary of terms
AS	
2205	Methods of destructive testing of welds in metal
2205.5.1	Part 5.1: Macro metallographic test for cross-section examination
2706	Numerical values—Rounding and interpretation of limiting values

