



## **Windows and external glazed doors in buildings**



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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee BD-021, Doors and Windows, to supersede, AS 2047—1999, *Windows in buildings*. After allowing sufficient time for adjustment (nominally 12 months from publication), the superseded document will be withdrawn.

*This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (February 2016) and Amendment No. 2 (June 2017). 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.*

After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

The objective of this Standard is to provide window designers and manufacturers with a generic requirement for windows in buildings, setting out the performance requirements and specifications in the design and manufacture of all windows, regardless of materials.

This edition differs from the previous edition as follows:

- (a) Hinged, pivot and bi-fold doors have been added to the scope of the Standard.
- (b) Wind pressures for housing, including cyclonic regions and corner conditions, have been updated to ensure alignment with AS 4055, *Wind loads for housing*.
- (c) The deflection/span ratio for housing and residential buildings has been changed to align with the new lower serviceability limit state wind pressures.
- (d) Additional guidance is given for the extrapolation of test results to larger size windows and the substitution of structural members and components.
- (e) Updated requirements for windows made from unplasticized PVC (uPVC).
- (f) The guide to wind pressures (Appendix A) has been revised to ensure alignment with AS 1170.2.
- (g) Appendix B (Environmental considerations) has been included to ensure alignment with current Standards.

In this Standard, statements expressed in mandatory terms in notes to tables and figures are deemed to be an integral part of the Standard.

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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## STANDARDS AUSTRALIA

**Australian Standard****Windows and external glazed doors in buildings**

## SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE**

This Standard specifies requirements, materials, construction, installation and glazing for external—

- (a) windows;
- (b) sliding and swinging glazed doors, including French and bi-fold doors;
- (c) adjustable louvres;
- (d) shopfronts; and
- (e) window walls with one-piece framing elements.

NOTE: Window walls do not include curtain walls using stacked or vertically spliced framing systems, manufactured from any material and installed in external walls of all classes of buildings.

Throughout this Standard, the term ‘window(s)’ means window of any type, including louvre(s) and glazed door(s).

## NOTES:

- 1 The window ratings or classifications differ from previous glass and window Standards due to the more accurate evaluation of the effect of wind conditions. They are based on either AS 1170.2, or the specific wind loading code developed for housing, AS 4055.
- 2 For information on wind loads applicable to windows covered by this Standard, see Appendix A.
- 3 Prefabricated bay windows that incorporate sloped glass are classified as windows in external walls.
- 4 For the performance specifications of building facades, see AS/NZS 4284. Conformance to the requirements of AS/NZS 4284 will be deemed to satisfy the requirements of this Standard, provided the windows have been tested to AS 4420.1 (operating force test).
- 5 The following are not covered by this Standard but should be checked with the National Construction Code (NCC) for compliance requirements:
  - (a) Internal doors.
  - (b) Revolving glazed doors.
  - (c) Fixed louvres.
  - (d) Skylights and roof lights and windows in other than the vertical plane.
  - (e) Windows in greenhouses and agricultural buildings.
  - (f) Frameless sliding and swinging doors.
  - (g) Windows constructed on site and architectural one-off windows, which are not design tested.
  - (h) Second-hand windows, re-used windows or recycled windows.
  - (i) Heritage windows for heritage buildings, as defined by the relevant State or Territory authority.

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## 1.2 NORMATIVE REFERENCES

The following are the normative documents referenced in this Standard:

NOTE: Documents referenced for informative purposes are listed in the Bibliography.

### AS

1231	Aluminium and aluminium alloys—Anodic oxidation coatings
1288	Glass in buildings—Selection and installation
1604	Specification for preservative treatment
1604.1	Part 1: Sawn and round timber
1720	Timber structures
1720.2	Part 2: Timber properties
1789	Electroplated zinc (electrogalvanized) coatings on ferrous articles (batch process)
1874	Aluminium and aluminium alloys—Ingots and castings
2331	Methods of test for metallic and related coatings
2331.3.1	Part 3.1: Corrosion and related property tests—Neutral salt spray test (NSS test)
2754	Adhesives for timber and timber products
2754.2	Part 2: Polymer emulsion adhesives
3715	Metal finishing—Thermoset powder coatings for architectural applications of aluminium and aluminium alloys
4055	Wind loads for housing
4145	Locksets and hardware for doors and windows (series)
4291	Mechanical properties of fasteners made of carbon steel and alloy steel
4291.1	Part 1: Bolts, screws and studs

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4773	Masonry in small buildings
4773.2	Part 2: Construction
AS/NZS	
1080	Timber—Methods of test
1080.1	Part 1: Moisture content
1167	Welding and brazing—Filler metals
1167.2	Part 2: Filler metal for welding
1170	Structural design actions
1170.2	Part 2: Wind actions
1580	Paints and related materials—Methods of test
1580.481.1.3	Part 481.1.3: Coatings—Exposed to weathering—Degree of dirt collection
1580.601.3	Part 601.3: Colour—Methods of colour measurement
1665	Welding of aluminium structures
1734	Aluminium and aluminium alloys—Flat sheet, coiled sheet and plate



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	1865	Aluminium and aluminium alloys—Drawn wire, rod, bar and strip
	1866	Aluminium and aluminium alloys—Extruded rod, bar, solid and hollow shapes
	2098	Methods of test for veneer and plywood
	2098.2	Part 2: Bond quality of plywood (chisel test)
	2904	Damp-proof courses and flashings
	4420	Windows, external glazed, timber and composite doors—Methods of test
	4420.1	Part 1: Test sequence, sampling and test methods
	4491	Timber—Glossary of terms in timber related Standards
	ISO	
	179	Plastics—Determination of Charpy impact properties
	179-2	Part 2: Instrumented impact test
	AAMA	
	303	Voluntary Specification for Rigid Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Exterior Profiles
	613	Voluntary Performance Requirements and Test Procedures for Organic Coatings on Plastic Profiles
	615	Voluntary Specification, Performance Requirements and Test Procedures for Superior Performing Organic Coatings on Plastic Profiles
	2603	Voluntary Specification, Performance Requirements and Test Procedures for Pigmented Organic Coatings on Aluminum Extrusions and Panels
	2604	Voluntary Specification, Performance Requirements and Test Procedures for High Performance Organic Coatings on Aluminum Extrusions and Panels
	2605	Voluntary Specification, Performance Requirements and Test Procedures for Superior Performing Organic Coatings on Aluminum Extrusions and Panels
	ABCB	
	NCC	National Construction Code
	BS	
	4842	Specification for liquid organic coatings for application to aluminium alloy extrusions, sheet and preformed sections for external architectural purposes, and for the finish on aluminium alloy extrusions, sheet and preformed sections coated with liquid organic coatings
	BS EN	
	513	Unplasticized polyvinylchloride (PVC-U) profiles for the fabrication of windows and doors. Determination of the resistance to artificial weathering
	12608	Unplasticized polyvinylchloride (PVC-U) profiles for the fabrication of windows and doors. Classification, requirements and test methods
	ASTM	
	D4216	Standard Specification for Rigid Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) and Related PVC and Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Building Products Compounds
	G151	Standard Practice for Exposing Nonmetallic Materials in Accelerated Test Devices that Use Laboratory Light Sources