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This Standard is one of the 'core' documents which form part of the revised arrangement of the pressure equipment Standards; and is intended to unify and revise the manufacturing requirements for the pressure equipment Standards, AS 1210, *Pressure vessels*, AS 1228, *Pressure equipment—Boilers* and AS 4041, *Pressure piping*.

In this way misunderstanding, cost and delay in manufacture can be reduced and safety can be improved. It is intended to avoid unnecessary duplication and promote greater confidence in reciprocal acceptance of qualified procedures.

This Standard is based largely on AS 1210, with due allowance for practices or requirements of AS 1228 and AS 4041.

Requirements have been formulated with a view to maximum compatibility with recognized International Standards.

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

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