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Part 0: Glossary of terms

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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee WS-014, National Plumbing and Drainage Code, to supersede AS 3500.0—1995, *National Plumbing and Drainage Code*, Part 0: *Glossary of terms*.

This revision of this Standard has been developed to complement the Plumbing Code of Australia and incorporates amendments and additions arising from industry requirements.

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The Standard is primarily intended for the general water industry and for use in the interpretation of terminology used in the various parts of the *Plumbing and drainage* series of Standards and covers water supply from the reticulation main into the premises, including hot water service systems, sanitary fixtures, drainage and their associated water and waste fittings, pipe systems and associated components.

A list of the documents referred to in this Standard is given in Appendix A.

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Term	Definition
ablution trough	<i>See</i> trough.
absorber	<i>See</i> solar water heater—terms.
absorption pit	A pit, trench or well dug into permeable ground, filled with broken stone, bricks or large granular material and usually covered with earth, where liquid may soak away into the ground. Also called soakaway.
absorption test	<i>See</i> test.
access chamber	<i>See</i> chamber.
access cover	<i>See</i> cover.
access fitting	<i>See</i> fitting.
access opening	An opening in a building element, fitted with a removable cover, to allow maintenance of a concealed pipe, fixture or other apparatus.
access pipe	<i>See</i> pipe.
access point	A place where access may be made to a drain for inspection, cleaning or maintenance; may include an inspection point, rodding point, inspection chamber or access chamber.
accessible	Capable of being reached for the purposes of inspection, maintenance, repair, or replacement, but may first require removal of an access panel, cover, door or similar obstruction.
adaptor fitting	<i>See</i> fitting.
aeration systems	Systems designed to treat liquid waste by the processes of air injection.
aerator	A device to introduce air into the flow of a liquid
aerobic	A state where molecular oxygen is present.
aerobic treatment systems	<i>See</i> aeration systems.
against-pitch installation	<i>See</i> solar water heater—terms.
air admittance valve	<i>See</i> valve
air chamber	<i>See</i> chamber.
air cooling equipment	<i>See</i> cooling equipment.
air eliminator	A device which opens to release accumulated air from a hydraulic system and which automatically closes in the presence of a liquid.