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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee CE-002, Railway Track Materials, to supersede AS 1085.3—2000, *Railway permanent way material*, Part 3: *Sleeper plates*.

The objective of this Standard is to provide manufacturers and purchasers with materials, dimensions and performance requirements for rolled or cast sleeper plates of clip-fastening and double shoulder type intended for use with timber sleepers in railway track.

Changes to the previous edition are as follows:

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

(b) The referenced documents list has been revised.

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

This Standard covers cast iron sleeper plates and alloyed carbon steel sleeper plates within the limits for chemical composition. In the area of unalloyed carbon steel baseplates it is based on ISO 6305-2—1983, *Railway components—Technical delivery requirements*, Part 2*: Unalloyed carbon steel baseplates*, but differs from it as follows:

(i) This Standard contains no requirements covering working gauges, acceptance conditions or statistical quality level criteria for product.

(ii) Materials for rolling are specified by chemical analysis.

(iii) Tolerances are specified for more dimensions and are in some cases different.

(iv) A bend test has been included.

(v) Marking includes more detail.

An Appendix includes full development profiles and section properties for sleeper plates.

The Standard now requires that the datum side of rolled steel sleeper plates be clearly marked and the chemical composition has been brought in line with other recently published steel Standards.

This Standard does not preclude the adoption, by agreement between the purchaser and the manufacturer, of requirements other than those specified herein. The drawings in the Appendices show typical hole positions only; alternative arrangements may be negotiated with respect to hole configurations, dimensions and tolerances.

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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1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies requirements for double-shoulder and clip-fastening sleeper plates manufactured from rolled steel or from spheroidal graphite cast iron (cast sleeper plates) for use in conjunction with steel rails rolled in accordance with AS 1085.1.

NOTES:

1 The sleeper plates may also be used for rail sizes not currently covered in AS 1085.1.

2 See Appendix A for a list of the information that should be supplied by the purchaser when enquiring about or ordering sleeper plates to this Standard.

3 See Appendix B for means of demonstrating compliance with this Standard.

2 PURPOSE AND CONTEXT OF USE

2.1 Function

Sleeper plates are intended to act as part of a restraining assembly to hold steel rails to timber sleepers in railway track. Sleeper plates usually have two vertical surfaces (shoulders) that bear against the edges of the rail foot, holes to allow for securing the plate to the sleeper using spikes, screws or bolts and means for securing the rail in place on the plate using a clip or dog spike.

2.2 Action

Sleeper plates transfer loads from the rail to the sleeper both laterally and horizontally. Loads arise from thermal effects, passage of rolling stock at speed and maintenance. The shoulders ensure that the rail remains square to the sleeper in the horizontal plane.

3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS	
1085	Railway track material
1085.1	Part 1: Steel rails
1100	Technical drawing
1100.101	Part 101: General principles
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