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PREFACE

This standard was prepared by the Association's Committee on Rigid PVC Pipe, under the authority of the Plastics Standards Board, as the revision of AS CA67—1972, which it accordingly supersedes. The work was initiated in recognition of the need to metricate AS CA67 and to take account of field practice associated with its use.

The revised standard still covers handling, transport and storage of UPVC pipe. It also states a number of the properties of UPVC pipe and gives indications of areas where the use of UPVC pipe is not recommended. It deals with the installation and jointing techniques applicable to UPVC pipe above or below ground.

In this revision, the above and below ground approach of the former standard has been abandoned in favour of separate sections on pipes for pressure applications; soil, waste and vent (SWV) pipes; sewer pipes; storm, sullage and surface water pipelines; and downpipe; covering both above and below ground installations as applicable. In addition, the installation of pipe as a pipeline liner is covered.

This standard may require reference to the following Australian standards:

- AS 1254 Unplasticized PVC (UPVC) Pipes and Fittings for Storm or Surface Water Applications
- AS 1260 Unplasticized PVC (UPVC) Pipes and Fittings for Sewerage Applications
- AS 1273 Unplasticized PVC (UPVC) Downpipe and Fittings for Rainwater
- AS 1415 Unplasticized PVC (UPVC) Pipes and Fittings for Soil, Waste and Vent (SWV) Applications
- AS 1477 Unplasticized PVC (UPVC) Pipes and Fittings for Pressure Applications
- AS 1529 Installation of Household Type Hot Water Supply Systems
- AS 1646 Rubber Joint Rings for Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Purposes
- AS 1697 SAA Gas Pipeline Code
- AS 3000 Part 1—SAA Wiring Rules
- AS CA68 Rules for Plastics Pipelaying Design
- AS Definitions of Terms for Water Supply and Sewerage*
- AS Solvent Cements for Use with Unplasticized PVC (UPVC) Pipe and Fittings*

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CODE OF PRACTICE FOR
INSTALLATION OF UPVC PIPE SYSTEMS

PART 1. SCOPE, DEFINITIONS AND
MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

1.1 SCOPE OF CODE. This code sets out the recommended method of installing unplasticized PVC (UPVC) pipelines, above or below ground for pressure and non-pressure applications.

NOTE: Where UPVC pipelines are to be installed underground the safe installation depths are calculated by reference to AS CA68, Rules for Plastics Pipelaying Design.

1.2 APPLICATION. This code is primarily intended for use in association with pipe and fittings complying with the following standards:

- AS 1254 Unplasticized PVC (UPVC) Pipes and Fittings for Storm or Surface Water Applications
- AS 1260 Unplasticized PVC (UPVC) Pipes and Fittings for Sewerage Applications
- AS 1273 Unplasticized PVC (UPVC) Downpipe and Fittings for Rainwater
- AS 1415 Unplasticized PVC (UPVC) Pipes and Fittings for Soil, Waste and Vent (SWV) Applications
- AS 1477 Unplasticized PVC (UPVC) Pipes and Fittings for Pressure Applications.

The code may be used for the installation of other UPVC pipelines except on installations for the following applications:

- (a) Gas reticulation (which is covered by AS 1697*).
- (b) Electrical installations (which are covered by AS 3000, Part 1†).

1.3 DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this code the following definitions apply:

Bedding material — material surrounding the pipe and bedding it in position. The bedding comprises three zones, viz the pipe underlay, the pipe overlay, and the pipe support (see Fig. 1.1).

* AS 1697, SAA Gas Pipeline Code.

† AS 3000, Part 1, SAA Wiring Rules.



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