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## PREFACE

WaterMark Technical Specification WMTS-101:2021 Appliances (low hazard rating) was prepared by industry to supersede WaterMark Technical Specification WMTS-101:2018.

WaterMark Technical Specification WMTS-101:2021 Technical Specification for plumbing and drainage products, Appliances (low hazard rating), incorporates amendments to Clause 8.2, Table A1 and minor editorials.

The objective of this Technical Specification is to enable product certification in accordance with the requirements of the Plumbing Code of Australia (PCA).

The objective of this revision is to remove the specific listing of individual products in the Scope, thus eliminating the need to amend the Scope for every new or innovative product that may require evaluation against this Specification. The products listed within the existing Scope and any new or innovative products will be specified within the WaterMark Schedule of Products.

The word 'VOID' set against a clause indicates that the clause is not used in this Technical Specification. The inclusion of this word allows a common use clause numbering system for the WaterMark Technical Specifications.

The term 'normative' has been used in this Technical Specification to define the application of the appendices to which they apply. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Technical Specification.

The test protocol and information in this Technical Specification was arranged by committee members to meet the authorization requirements given in the PCA.

The WaterMark Schedule of Products and Schedule of Excluded Products are dynamic lists and change on a regular basis. These lists are located on the ABCB website ([www.abcb.gov.au](http://www.abcb.gov.au)). These lists are version controlled with appropriate historic references.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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The following organisations were represented on Committee WS-031 in the preparation of Australian Technical Specification ATS 5200.101–2005.

- AUSTAP
- Australian Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers Association
- Australian Industry Group
- CSIRO Manufacturing and Infrastructure Technology
- Certification Interests (Australia)
- Consumer Electronics Suppliers Association
- Copper Development Centre—Australia
- Gas Appliances and Services Association
- Master Plumbers Australia
- Master Plumbers and Mechanical Services Association of Australia
- Master Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers New Zealand
- National Fire Industry Association
- New Zealand Water and Waste Association
- Plastics Industry Pipe Association of Australia
- Plumbing Industry Commission
- South Australian Water Corporation
- Water Services Association of Australia

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## **1 SCOPE**

This Technical Specification sets out minimum product requirements for appliances connected to the water service and/or sanitary plumbing piping. Appliances covered by this Technical Specification are listed on the WaterMark Schedule of Products.

## **2 APPLICATION**

Appliances covered by this Technical Specification are those not intended to directly supply drinking water and where it is considered that there is low risk of contamination through back siphonage.

This Technical Specification will be referenced on the WaterMark Certification Scheme Schedule of Products.

Appendix A sets out the means by which compliance with this Technical Specification shall be demonstrated by a manufacturer for the purpose of product certification.

## **3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are referred to in this Technical Specification:

### AS

- 1589 Copper and copper alloy waste fittings
- 2845.2 Water supply—Backflow prevention devices Part 2: Air gaps and break tanks
- 2887 Plastic waste fittings
- 3688 Water supply—Copper and copper alloy body compression and capillary fittings and threaded-end connectors

### AS/NZS

- 1260 PVC-U pipes and fittings for drain, waste and vent application
- 2845.1 Water supply—Backflow prevention devices Part 1: Materials, design and performance requirements
- 3499 Flexible tube connectors for water supply
- 3500.0 Plumbing and drainage Part 0: Glossary of terms
- 3500.1 Plumbing and drainage Part 1: Water services
- 3500.2 Plumbing and drainage Part 2: Sanitary plumbing and drainage systems

4020 Testing of products for use in contact with drinking water

IEC

61770 Electric appliances connected to the water mains—Avoidance of back siphonage and failure of hose-sets

BS

6920–1 Suitability Of Non-Metallic Materials And Products For Use In Contact With Water Intended For Human Consumption With Regard To Their Effect On The Quality Of The Water - Part 1: Specification

SA(SANZ)

HB 18.28 Guidelines for third-party certification and accreditation—Guide 28—General rules for a model third-party certification system for products

NSF

61 Drinking Water System Components – Health Effects

## 4 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Technical Specification, the definitions given in AS/NZS 3500.0 apply.

## 5 MATERIALS

VOID

## 6 MARKING

Each appliance shall be permanently and legibly marked in accordance with the [Manual for the WaterMark Certification Scheme](#).

## 7 PACKAGING

VOID

## 8 DESIGN

### 8.1 End connectors

Water service connections shall be capable of making a watertight seal to a fitting end connection complying with AS 3688.



Sanitary plumbing connections shall be capable of making a watertight connection to a waste fitting complying with AS 1589, AS 2887, or a sanitary plumbing pipe or fitting complying with AS/NZS 1260.

## 8.2 Backflow prevention

Appliances shall—

- (a) comply with the backflow prevention requirements of IEC 61770; or
- (b) comply with the backsiphonage test of AS 2845.2:1996; or

NOTE: 8.2(b) can only be used for testing where the appliance incorporates an air gap or a break tank incorporating an air-gap.

- (c) be supplied with a backflow prevention device complying with AS/NZS 2845.1 and of a type required in AS/NZS 3500.1.

Where backflow prevention devices are required to be installed external to the appliance or apparatus, the devices shall be supplied with the appliance and include appropriate installation instructions.

## 8.3 Water seal

If the appliance has an integral waste trap, the water seal shall comply with AS 1589 or AS 2887 and AS/NZS 3500.2.

# 9 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS AND TEST METHODS

## 9.1 Products in contact with drinking water

Products in contact with drinking water shall comply with AS/NZS 4020. Hoses shall be tested as end-of-line product.

Products shall be deemed to comply with this requirement where the volume contained in the water supply pipework up to the backflow prevention device is less than 1 L and provided that the components have been tested to a recognized Standard that assesses the products for their effect on the quality of water, e.g. BS 6920-1 or NSF 61.

NOTE: The only products considered to be in contact with drinking water are those upstream of the backflow prevention device.

## 9.2 Appliance hose connections

Hoses connected to appliances shall comply with the hose-sets requirements of AS/NZS 3499 or IEC 61770.

### 9.3 Strength of assembly

When tested at twice the maximum working pressure and at the maximum working temperature, the assembly shall not leak.

## 10 TEST SEQUENCE AND TEST SAMPLE PLAN

## 11 PRODUCT DOCUMENTATION

### 11.1 Product data

Product data, which identifies critical product characteristics such as follows, shall be available:

- (a) Drainage requirements including size and position of piping.
- (b) Water supply temperature and pressure limitations.

The backflow prevention method used to comply with clause 8.2 shall be included on the Certificate of Conformity.

### 11.2 Installation instructions

Detailed installation instructions shall be provided, which shall include the following:

- (a) References to installation in accordance with the PCA, including any limitations on the product.

NOTE: A product that is listed on the WaterMark Product Database and is marked in accordance with the WaterMark Certification Scheme is recognised by authorities having jurisdiction as being authorised for use in a plumbing or drainage installation. This is because the product complies with the applicable product specification. The installation of an authorised product must meet the requirements of the PCA. Where the PCA does not contain installation requirements applicable to the authorised product, acceptance of the installation is at the discretion of the authority having jurisdiction.

- (b) Step-by-step instructions.
- (c) Commissioning procedures and adjustments required.
- (d) Troubleshooting guide.
- (e) Contact details for after-sales service.

# **APPENDIX A - MEANS FOR DEMONSTRATING COMPLIANCE WITH THIS TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION**

(Normative)

## **A.1 SCOPE**

This Appendix sets out the means by which compliance with this Technical Specification is to be demonstrated by a manufacturer under the WaterMark Certification Scheme.

## **A.2 RELEVANCE**

The long-term performance of plumbing systems is critical to the durability of building infrastructure, protection of public health and safety, and protection of the environment.

## **A.3 PRODUCT CERTIFICATION**

The purpose of product certification is to provide independent assurance of the claim by the manufacturer that products comply with this Technical Specification.

The certification scheme serves to indicate that the products consistently conform to the requirements of this Technical Specification.

The sampling and testing plan, as detailed in Paragraph A5 and Table A1, shall be used by the WaterMark Conformity Assessment Body. Where a batch release testing program is required it shall be carried out by the manufacturer as detailed in Paragraph A5.

## **A.4 DEFINITIONS**

### **A.4.1 Batch release test**

A test performed by the manufacturer on a batch of components, which has to be satisfactorily completed before the batch can be released.

### **A.4.2 Production batch**

Clearly identifiable collection of units, manufactured consecutively or continuously under the same conditions, using material or compound to the same specification.

### **A.4.3 Sample**

One or more units of product drawn from a batch, selected at random without regard to quality.

NOTE: The number of units of product in the sample is the sample size.

#### **A.4.4 Sampling plan**

A specific plan that indicates the number of units of components or assemblies to be inspected.

#### **A.4.5 Type test batch**

Schedule of units of the same type, identical dimensional characteristics, all the same nominal diameter and wall thickness, from the same compound. The batch is defined by the manufacturer.

#### **A.4.6 Type testing (TT)**

Testing performed to demonstrate that the material, component, joint or assembly is capable of conforming to the requirements given in the Technical Specification.

### **A.5 TESTING**

#### **A.5.1 Type testing**

Table A1 sets out the requirements for type testing and frequency of re-verification.

#### **A.5.2 Batch release testing**

Where third-party certification requires a batch release test program it shall be established between the manufacturer and the WaterMark Conformity Assessment Body.

NOTE: See HB 18.28 for guidelines for third-party certification and accreditation.

#### **A.5.3 Retesting**

In the event of a test failure, the products within the batch shall be tested at an appropriate acceptable quality level (AQL) and only those batches found to comply may be claimed and/or marked as complying with this Technical Specification.



Table A1—TYPE TESTS

Characteristic	Clause	Requirement	Test method	Frequency
Marking	6	Marking	Visual inspection	At any change of the marking process or requirements
Design	8.1	End connectors	Design review	At any change of design
	8.2	Backflow protection	Clause 8.2	
Performance	9.1	Products in contact with drinking water	AS/NZS 4020 or Clause 9.1	At any change of design or materials specification or on renewal of certification whichever occurs first
	9.2	Hose sets	AS/NZS 3499 or IEC 61770	
	9.3	Strength of assembly	Clause 9.3	
Product documentation	11	Installation instructions	Visual inspection	At any change of installation or operation specification

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