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PREFACE

WaterMark Technical Specification WMTS-051: 2016 Technical Specification for plumbing and drainage products, Bidet douche seats was originally prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee WS-031, Technical Procedures for Plumbing and Drainage Products Certification.

WaterMark Technical Specification WMTS-051:2021 Technical Specification for plumbing and drainage products, Toilet douche seats, incorporates amendments to the labelling and marking requirements for toilet douche seats.

The objective of this revision is to align the product specification with the PCA in relation to backflow prevention requirements for toilet douche seats.

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

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 Specifications and List of Exempt Products are dynamic lists and change on a regular basis. Based on this function, these lists have been removed from the WaterMark Certification Scheme document known as Technical Specification for Plumbing and Drainage Products and are now located on the ABCB website (www.abcb.gov.au). These lists will be version controlled with appropriate historic references.



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The following organisations were represented on Committee WS-031 in the preparation of Australian Technical Specification ATS 5200.051 – 2005.

- AUSTAP
- Australian Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers Association
- Australian Industry Group
- Australian Stainless Steel Development Association
- Building Officials Institute of New Zealand
- Building Research Association of New Zealand Inc
- Certification Interests (Australia)
- Consumer Electronics Suppliers Association
- Copper Development Centre—Australia
- Master Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers New Zealand
- National Fire Industry 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 requirements for toilet douche seats using water dispensed by a douche spray for the purposes of personal hygiene. It applies specifically to toilet douche seats that are self-contained for installation on water closet (WC) pans (toilets) and direct connection to the water supply.

Toilet douche seats are intended for use in conjunction with commercially available WC pans situated in any domestic, commercial, industrial or health care application.

NOTE 1: Where the product includes components or accessories they may be subject to other regulatory requirements e.g., electrical safety (See AS 3350.2.84) and Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC).

NOTE 2: Toilet douche seats may also be incorporated as a component of a toilet/douche suite.

2 APPLICATION

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

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

3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Technical Specification:

AS

- 2845 Water supply—Backflow prevention devices
- 2845.1 Part 1: Materials, design and performance requirements
- 3350 Safety of household and similar appliances
- 3350.2.84 Part 2.84: Particular requirements for toilets

AS/NZS

- 3500 Plumbing and drainage (Series)
- 4020 Testing of products for use in contact with drinking water

NCC

- PCA Plumbing Code of Australia

4 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Technical Specification, the definitions given in the National Construction Code (NCC) and AS/NZS 3500.0 apply.

5 MATERIALS

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6 MARKING

Markings to be placed on products or packaging shall be in accordance with the [Manual for the WaterMark Certification Scheme](#).

Additionally, each toilet douche seat shall be permanently and legibly marked with the following:

- (a) A label as follows:

'WARNING: THIS TOILET DOUCHE SEAT MUST BE INSTALLED WITH APPROPRIATE BACKFLOW PROTECTION CONFORMING TO THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION CODE – VOLUME THREE'

7 PACKAGING

The toilet douche seat and components shall be packaged so as to avoid damage during transportation and handling.

8 DESIGN

8.1 End connections

End connections for connection to metallic or plastics piping systems shall comply with the requirements of the Australian Standard or Technical Specification relevant to the piping system.

8.2 Integral plumbing components, accessories or fittings

Where the product includes integral plumbing components, accessories or fittings that require certification as specified in the PCA, these shall comply with the applicable requirements of the specification for that product as listed on the WaterMark Schedule of Specifications.

8.3 Backflow prevention

Backflow prevention, if supplied with the product, shall be in accordance with the hazard rating specified within the PCA and the backflow prevention device types listed in AS/NZS 3500.1.

9 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS AND TEST METHODS

9.1 Products in contact with drinking water

Products up to and including the backflow prevention device shall comply with AS/NZS 4020. Products shall be tested as end-of-line devices.

9.2 Assembly hydrostatic strength test

When tested in accordance with Appendix B, components subject to permanent hydrostatic pressure shall not leak or show signs of distortion, splitting, cracking, breakage or other failure when tested at twice the maximum operating pressure at the maximum operating temperature.

10 TEST SEQUENCE AND TEST SAMPLE PLAN

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11 PRODUCT DOCUMENTATION

11.1 Product data

Product data shall be available that identifies the following critical product characteristics as a minimum—

- (a) Maximum allowable operating pressure and temperature.
- (b) Minimum operating pressure.
- (c) Details of cross connection control for the product, either integral or supplied with product.

NOTE: Where cross-connection control is supplied with the product it shall be in accordance with the hazard ratings prescribed in the PCA and include appropriate installation instructions.

11.2 Installation and maintenance instructions

11.2.1 Installation instructions

Full installation instructions shall be provided with the device including the following:

- (a) References to installation in accordance with the PCA.

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) Detailed step-by-step instructions.
- (c) Detailed limitations of the product.
- (d) Details of any special tools or training that may be required to install the product.
- (e) Commissioning procedures and adjustments required.
- (f) Troubleshooting guide.
- (g) Contact details for after-sales service.

11.2.2 Operating and maintenance instructions

Operating and maintenance instructions shall be provided, which shall include—

- (a) any regular maintenance requirements;
- (b) spare parts information;
- (c) troubleshooting guide; and
- (d) 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 and Table A2.

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

Table A2 sets out the minimum sampling and testing frequency plan for a manufacturer to demonstrate compliance of product(s) to this Technical Specification on an ongoing basis. However, where the manufacturer can demonstrate adequate process control to the WaterMark Conformity Assessment Body, the frequency of the sampling and testing nominated by the manufacturer's quality plan and/or documented procedures shall take precedence for the purposes of WaterMark product certification.

A.5.3 Retesting

In the event of a batch release test failure, the products within the batch may be retested at a frequency agreed to with the WaterMark Conformity Assessment Body 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	Labelling/marking	Review of documentation/physical examination	At any change in design/specification
Packaging	7	Protection of transit damage		
Design	8.1	End connections	Relevant Standard	At any change in the design
	8.2	Integral components	Relevant Standard	
	8.3	Backflow prevention	AS/NZS 3500.1	
Performance	9.1	Products in contact with drinking water	AS/NZS 4020	At any change in materials, formulation or design or every five years, whichever occurs first
	9.2	Assembly hydraulic strength test	Appendix B	At any change in design
Product documentation	11	Product data and installation and operating and maintenance instructions	Documentation review	At any change factors that require a change in documentation, e.g. amendments to AS/NZS 3500 series of Standards

Table A2—BATCH RELEASE TESTS

Characteristic	Clause	Requirement	Test method	Frequency
Marking	6	Marking	Visual examination	100%
Design	8.1	End connections	Relevant Standard	Once per batch
Performance	9.2	Assembly hydraulic strength test	Appendix B	Once per batch

Appendix B ASSEMBLY HYDROSTATIC STRENGTH TEST

(Normative)

B.1 SCOPE

This Appendix sets out the method for determining the ability of components subject to permanent hydrostatic pressure to withstand hydrostatic pressure without leakage or permanent distortion.

B.2 PRINCIPLE

The components subject to permanent hydrostatic pressure within the assembly are subjected to a hydrostatic pressure for a period of time at a determined temperature and inspected for leakage and permanent distortion.

B.3 APPARATUS

The following is required:

- (a) Water supply sufficient to maintain the required pressure and temperature.
- (b) Pressure gauge.

B.4 PROCEDURE

The procedure shall be as follows:

- (a) Connect the supply water to the assembly and purge all the air from the device.
- (b) Circulate water at the required temperature through the components subject to permanent hydrostatic pressure for a period of no less than 15 min.
- (c) Slowly increase the pressure until it reaches the test pressure.
- (d) Maintain this pressure for 60 +5, -0 min.
- (e) Release the pressure.
- (f) Record the test pressure, temperature and duration at this pressure.
- (g) Inspect the device for any leaks or permanent distortion.

B.5 TEST REPORT

The following shall be reported:

- (a) Manufacturer, model, type and size of device.
- (b) Any leakage or structural damage.
- (c) Reference to this test method, i.e. WMTS-051, Appendix B.

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