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Part 2: Installation requirements

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### **PREFACE**

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee BD/48 on Pliable Building Membranes as a revision and amalgamation of AS 1736—1975, Code for Pliable Roof Sarking (in part), and AS 1903—1976, Reflective foil laminate (in part).

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AS 1736 was first issued as AS CA22 in 1965. In 1975, AS CA22 was revised and issued as AS 1736. In 1976, AS 1904 was first published.

The Standard prescribes the installation for pliable building as well as test methods.

The term 'informative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. An 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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- **1 SCOPE** This Standard sets out the installation procedures for a pliable building membrane (also known as underlay) in any of the following circumstances:
- (a) When it is intended to act as a sarking membrane or thermal insulation or a vapour barrier when installed in a building structure.
- (b) When installed either independently, or as a facing to other materials such as insulation materials.
- (c) When installed in domestic, commercial or industrial buildings.

The installation of pliable building membranes in air-handling ducts and under concrete slabs are outside the scope of this Standard.

### NOTES:

- 1 Thermal insulation requirements are specified in AS 2627.
- 2 This Standard will be referenced in the Building Code of Australia by way of BCA Amendment 7 intended for publication in October 1994, thereby superseding the previous editions of AS 1736—1975 and AS 1904—1976, which will be withdrawn 12 months from the date of publication of this Standard.
  - Users are advised that when BCA Amendment 7 is issued, it will not necessarily be gazetted in each State/Territory at the time of printing
- **2 APPLICATION** This Standard sets only the minimum requirements for the installation of pliable building membranes and does not purport to provide for all the requirements for any particular installation. As pliable building membranes can be used to perform various functions, for example as a vapour barrier, as an insulation material, or even as a barrier to burning embers in bushfire prone areas, care needs to be taken to ensure that any requirements of the regulatory authorities are applied to the intended functions of the pliable building membranes.

NOTE: As this Standard specifies only minimum requirements, any special requirements relevant to the end use of the installation should be stated by the purchaser in the inquiry and contract documents.

# **3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS** The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS	
1736	Code of practice for pliable roof sarking
1904	Code of practice for installation of reflective foil laminate in buildings
2627	Thermal insulation of dwellings
3959	Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas
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