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## Preface

This Standard was prepared by the joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-025, Control of Undesirable Static Charges, to supersede AS/NZS 1020:1995, *The control of undesirable static charges*.

The objective of this document is to set out requirements and recommendations for controlling static electricity (static) that is incidentally generated by processes or activities in non-hazardous areas. Depending on circumstances, static can present risks, hazards, damage, static shock or inconvenience.

This document updates requirements for new technology and new equipment that have been introduced since the previous edition was published.

The major changes in this edition are as follows:

- (a) Change of terminology in the title to be “static electricity”.
- (b) Removal of aspects related to hazardous areas. This document now only includes aspects relevant to non-hazardous areas.
- (c) Identification of details for using an electrical installation’s Protective Earth (PE) network or Functional Earth (FE) for mitigating static electricity.
- (d) Introduction of a Static Control Assessment and a Static Control Plan.

The term “informative” is used in Standards to define the application of the appendices to which they apply. An “informative” appendix is only for information and guidance.

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