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Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee, BD-006, General Design Requirements and Loading on Structures, to supersede AS/NZS 1170.2:2011.

Ⓐ This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (May 2023) and Amendment No. 2 (June 2024). The start and end of changes introduced by the Amendment are indicated in the text by tags including the Amendment number. **Ⓐ**

The objective of this Standard is to provide wind actions for use in the design of structures subject to wind action. It provides a detailed procedure for the determination of wind actions on structures, varying from those less sensitive to wind action to those for which dynamic response are to be taken into consideration.

The objectives of this revision are to remove ambiguities, and to incorporate recent research and experiences from recent severe wind events in Australia and New Zealand.

This Standard is Part 2 of the *Structural design actions* series, which comprises the following parts:

AS/NZS 1170.0, *Structural design actions, Part 0: General principles*

AS/NZS 1170.1, *Structural design actions, Part 1: Permanent, imposed and other actions*

AS/NZS 1170.2, *Structural design actions, Part 2: Wind actions*

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AS 1170.4, *Structural design actions, Part 4: Earthquake actions in Australia*

NZS 1170.5, *Structural design actions, Part 5: Earthquake actions — New Zealand*

The wind speeds provided are based on analysis of existing data. The major changes in this edition are as follows:

- (a) Definitions and notation have been moved to [Clauses 1.4](#) and [1.5](#) respectively and new definitions and notation added. Appendices C to G have been re-labelled as [Appendices A](#) to [E](#).
- (b) Structures covered by and excluded from this Standard have been clarified in [Clause 1.1](#).
- (c) The aerodynamic shape factor is now denoted as C_{shp} (in previous editions it was C_{fig}).
- (d) A climate change multiplier (M_C) has been included ([Equation 2.2](#) and [Clause 3.4](#)), with a current value of 1.05 for cyclonic regions. The uncertainty factors F_C and F_D for cyclonic regions have been removed.
- (e) The ground level datum for buildings on sloping or excavated sites has been clarified. Average roof height for buildings with two or more roofs has been clarified.
- (f) Windborne debris test speeds when the impacted surface is not vertical or horizontal have been provided ([Clause 2.5.8](#)).
- (g) New regional boundaries for Australia and New Zealand have been defined with new Regions A0, B1, B2, NZ1, NZ2, NZ3, and NZ4 [[Figures 3.1\(A\)](#) and [3.1\(B\)](#)].
- (h) Interpolation between boundaries, according to distance from the coastline, is allowed in Regions C and D [[Table 3.1\(A\)](#)]. Regional wind speeds for New Zealand have been revised [[Table 3.1\(B\)](#)].
- (i) Wind direction multipliers (M_d) have been revised for all regions in Australia and New Zealand. The wind direction multiplier (M_d) has been set to 1.0 for circular or polygonal chimneys, tanks and poles.

- (j) Terrain Category 1.5 has been removed. Terrain Category 1 has been re-defined to include all over-water surfaces. The description of Terrain Category 2.5 has been revised ([Clause 4.2](#)).
- (k) Terrain-height multipliers ($M_{z,cat}$), and turbulence intensities, for Terrain Category 1 have been reduced to reflect observed values of gust factors and turbulence intensities for over-water winds.
- (l) Terrain-height multipliers for Region A0 have been revised to reflect measured wind gust profiles measured in convective downdrafts.
- (m) The shielding multiplier (M_s) has been set to 1.0 for buildings greater than 25 m in height, and for buildings on steep slopes.
- (n) The topographic multiplier (M_t) has been reduced in Region A0.
- (o) New lee effect multipliers and zones have been defined for New Zealand.
- (p) A new clause ([Clause 5.3.4](#)) has been added for an open area/volume factor. This allows some reduction in peak internal pressure for buildings with large internal volumes, and small opening areas.
- (q) Values of area reduction factor (K_a) have been included for windward and leeward walls ([Clause 5.4.2](#)).
- (r) The reference area a for local pressure factors has been changed for roofs of large low-rise buildings. A new local pressure case (RC2) has been introduced for the windward end of high-pitched gable roofs ([Clause 5.4.4](#)).
- (s) Further clarification of the applicability of [Section 6](#) has been given in [A1 Clauses 6.1 to 6.3 A1](#). Highly dynamically wind-sensitive structures are excluded.
- (t) New methods are provided for the dynamic response factor for the along-wind response of poles or masts with headframes, and for long span horizontal structures.
- (u) The equations for the crosswind force spectrum coefficient (C_{fs}) for tall buildings with rectangular cross-sections have been revised [A1 \(Clause 6.5.2.3\) A1](#). A new more accurate method for the crosswind response of chimneys, poles and masts of circular cross-section has been introduced [A1 \(Clause 6.5.3\) A1](#).
- (v) A new method for the combination of along-wind and crosswind base moments has been introduced [A1 \(Clause 6.6.1\) A1](#).
- (w) Some alternate values of external pressure coefficient ($C_{p,e}$) for saw-tooth roofed buildings have been included ([Clause A.2](#)).
- (x) The external pressure coefficients for curved roofs have been revised ([Table A.3](#)).
- (y) New net pressure coefficients ($C_{p,n}$) have been provided for conical canopies ([Clause B.3.3](#)), and for arrays of inclined ground-mounted solar panels.
- (z) New Notes have been added in [Appendix C](#) for determination of wind loads on complex, porous industrial plants, and warnings regarding crosswind response of rectangular sections.
- (aa) New informative Clauses have been added to [Appendix E](#) for rotational velocities ([Clause E.4](#)), peak torsional accelerations ([Clause E.5](#)) and combined peak accelerations ([Clause E.6](#)).

The design wind actions prescribed in this Standard are the minimum for the general cases described. The Joint Committee has considered exhaustive research and testing information from Australian, New Zealand and overseas sources in the preparation of this Standard.

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