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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee BD-036, Scaffolding, to supersede AS/NZS 1576.2:2009.

The objective of this Standard is to provide manufacturers and suppliers of couplers and accessories with requirements that will ensure the proper operation of couplers and accessories for light, medium, heavy and special duty scaffolding.

Tubes, couplers and accessories that have been tested to AS/NZS 1576.2:2009, *Scaffolding*, Part 2: *Couplers and accessories*, are deemed to be compliant provided they have been tested and documented in accordance with the relevant Standard.

This edition incorporates the following major changes to the 2009 edition:

(a) Couplers that meet the performance requirements of EN 74-1, *Couplers, spigot pins and baseplates for use in falsework and scaffolds*, Part 1: *Couplers for tubes—Requirements and test procedures*, for similar type couplers are deemed to comply with this Standard without the need for type testing.

(b) Introduction of performance requirements for aluminium adjustable baseplates and aluminium adjustable swivel baseplates.

(c) The scope of the vertical load test in Appendix H has been extended to cover both aluminium and steel baseplates.

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