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Circuit-breakers for overcurrent
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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL/4, Electrical Accessories, to supersede, in Australia, AS 3111—1994, *Approval and test specification—Miniature overcurrent circuit-breakers*, (and any revision thereof), 10 years from date of publication; and to supersede, in New Zealand, NZS 2205.1:1968, *Specification for miniature and moulded case circuit-breakers, Part 1: Miniature air-break circuit-breakers for alternating circuits*, 12 months from date of publication.

The objective of this Standard is to provide approval and test requirements for a.c. air-break circuit-breakers for operation at 50 or 60 Hz, having a rated voltage not exceeding 440 V (between phases), a rated current not exceeding 125 A and a rated short-circuit capacity not exceeding 25 000 A.

This Standard is based on and reproduced from IEC 898:1995, *Electrical accessories—Circuit-breakers for overcurrent protection for household and similar installations*.

A number of variations to IEC 898:1995, which are necessary for Australian/New Zealand requirements, have been made in this Standard. These are listed in Annex ZZ, and are indicated throughout the text by a marginal bar set adjacent to the varied text or figure.

These variations also form the Australian/New Zealand national variations for purposes of the IECEE scheme for recognition of results of testing to standards for safety of electrical equipment (the CB scheme).

The numbering of clauses, notes and figures, closely follows those of IEC 898:1995. To allow for additional material to be introduced by Australia or New Zealand, numbers from 201 upwards are used. This scheme has been introduced to reduce the likelihood of the IEC and Australia or New Zealand using the same numbers for differing requirements.

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- Test specifications: in *italic helvetica* type.
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50(441) International electrotechnical vocabulary (IEV) Chapter 441: Switchgear, controlgear and fuses	1852.441 International electrotechnical vocabulary —Switchgear, controlgear and fuses
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