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(3) A Bibliography lists documents referenced in the Standard but not as part of requirements.

Many Standards include notes. Notes provide recommendations and/or guidance only. They never contain requirements.

Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-052, Electrical Energy Networks, Construction and Operation, to supersede AS 5804.2—2010, *High-voltage live working, Part 2: Glove and barrier work*.

After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to continue to develop this document as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

The objective of this document is to establish the minimum requirements for high-voltage live stick work to safeguard live workers and the public.

This document forms part of the AS 5804 series on high voltage live work. A list of all parts in this series can be found in the Standards Australia online catalogue.

It is intended that this document be read in conjunction with AS 5804.1.

The major changes in this edition are as follows:

(a) Significant update of the live work equipment management requirements including the electrical and mechanical testing requirements for in-service live work equipment.

(b) Alignment with ENA DOC 049 and ENA DOC 050 which reflect current industry best practice for the testing and maintenance of live work equipment.

(c) Consolidation of the periodic electrical testing intervals and reference Standards previously specified in the AS 5804 series into Table 12.14.3 of AS 5804.1:2025.

The inclusion of roles and responsibilities in AS 5804.2 was approved by Standards Australia's Production Management Group on 18/04/2024.

The terms “normative” and “informative” are used in Standards to define the application of the appendices to which they apply. A “normative” appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an “informative” appendix is only for information and guidance.

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Introduction

This document has its origins in the former Electricity Supply Association of Australia (ESAA) documents:

(a) HB ESAA LLM 01 — 2000, Guidelines for live line barehand work;

(b) HB ESAA LLM 02 — 2000, Guidelines for live line stick work;

(c) HB ESAA LLM 03 — 2000, Guidelines for live line glove and barrier work; and

(d) ESAA ND/NL 04 — 1995, Guidelines for use of helicopters for live line work.

All but ESAA ND/NL 04 — 1995 were later published as Energy Networks Association (ENA) documents and have now been withdrawn.

This document does not constitute a high-voltage live work manual or set down high-voltage live work procedures and techniques. All procedures and techniques are developed by the network operator and service provider in accordance with this document.

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High-voltage live work

Part 2: Glove and barrier work

1 Scope and general

1.1 Scope

This document —

(a) manages and promotes the safety of live workers and the public at the worksite;

(b) specifies the minimum requirements for high-voltage glove and barrier work methods; and

(c) specifies the minimum requirements for high-voltage live work equipment.

This document applies to all work carried out on live high-voltage electrical apparatus where the live glove and barrier method is used.

NOTE Glove and barrier work is currently restricted to a maximum system voltage of 33 kV due to insulation limitations.

1.2 Application

This document is intended for use by network operators and service providers.

This document shall be read in conjunction with AS 5804.1.

1.3 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document.

NOTE Documents referenced for informative purposes are listed in the Bibliography.

AS 1767.2.1, *Insulating liquids, Part 2: Test methods, Method 2.1: Determination of the breakdown voltage at power frequency*

AS 1824.2, *Insulation coordination (phase-to-earth and phase-to-phase, above 1 kV), Part 2: Application guide*

AS 5804.1, *High-voltage live work, Part 1: General*

AS 5804.3, *High-voltage live work, Part 3: Stick work*

AS/NZS 1891.4, *Industrial fall-arrest systems and devices, Part 4: Selection, use and maintenance*

IEC 60855, *Live working — Insulating foam-filled tubes and solid rods*

IEC 60903, *Live working — Electrical insulating gloves*

IEC 60984, *Live working — Electrical insulating sleeves*

IEC 61111, *Live working — Electrical insulating matting*

IEC 61112, *Live working — Electrical insulating blankets*

IEC 61229, *Rigid protective covers for live working on a.c. installations*

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