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PREFACE

This standard supersedes Australian Standards L7—1957, Size Measurements for Infants' and Toddlers' Clothing, and L20—1961, Body Measurements for the Sizing of Children's Ready-to-Wear Apparel.

The sizes and body measurements contained in those standards are now incorporated in this one Size Coding Scheme for Infants' and Children's Clothing which is in a similar form to Australian Standard L9—1970, Size Coding Scheme for Women's Clothing. Consideration will be given to the incorporation in a separate standard, to conform to the new sizing chart, of the minimum garment measurements included in L7.

Although the sizes and body measurements from L7 and L20 are fairly widely used by the clothing industry, there is no uniformity in labelling, and the purpose of combining these standards in one size coding scheme is to ensure that all garments will be labelled correctly in accordance with the scheme.

The up-dating of these standards has been carried out at the request of the Australian Council of Retailers with agreement by organizations representing manufacturing interests, and there is general agreement between retailers and manufacturers on the implementation of the scheme. It is envisaged that the standard size coding scheme will be used by all sections of the clothing industry as an acceptable and simple scheme for designating the size of infants' and children's clothing, both underwear and outerwear.

The tables of body measurements in Appendix B have been taken direct from the tables in L7 and L20. These were based on information available from height-weight surveys conducted by the New South Wales and Victorian Departments of Education, supplemented by certain data from a large survey conducted in the United States, and by a body measurement survey of 1400 New South Wales school children carried out during 1959. Sets of measurements for toddlers up to 5 years were also supplied by the New South Wales Department of Public Health, this survey being carried out in 1960/61.

The survey conducted in 1969 by the Standards Association with the assistance of the Australian Women's Weekly on 3230 girls between the ages of 10 and 16, confirmed that figures in the tables for these groups are still substantially correct.

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**Australian Standard
SIZE CODING SCHEME
FOR
INFANTS' AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING
(Underwear and Outerwear)**

FOREWORD

This Size Coding Scheme is based on weight and length of infants, and height of boys and girls from Size 2. The recommended forms of labelling incorporate these details.

The body measurements include an adjustment to allow for **LIGHT UNDERCLOTHING** but they are *not* to be used as garment measurements. Suitable margins over these body measurements must be allowed for finished garments. The adjustments are set out below and are also included in the tables of body measurements in Appendix B.

Weight	—increased by 12 oz for sizes 00 to 6; increased by 16 oz for sizes 7 to 9; increased by 22 oz for sizes 9 to 14.
Chest	—increased by $\frac{1}{2}$ inch for sizes 1 to 6; increased by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch for sizes over size 6.
Waist	—increased by 1 inch for sizes 1 to 14.
Hip	—increased by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch for sizes 2 to 14.
Vertical trunk girth	—increased by 1 inch for sizes 1 to 6; increased by 2 inches for all sizes over size 6.
Total crotch length	—increased by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches for sizes 1 to 14.

In developing patterns or model stands for these standard sizes, suitable allowances over the body measurements will be necessary. For instance, extra length must be added to the length of back, sleeves, shoulders, etc to allow for movement.

S P E C I F I C A T I O N

1 SCOPE. This standard provides a scheme for designating the sizes of all ready-made garments for infants and children, both boys and girls.

The standard scheme is presented in the form of a size coding chart which specifies weight and length for infants. From Size 2 onwards the sizes are based on height only. Although the use of girth measurements for the greater number of garments is not required, provision is made for the waist measurement to be included in the labels on garments made to fit the lower part of the body.

2 PURPOSE. The main purpose of this standard is to eliminate confusion arising from different sizing schemes by providing a uniform size coding chart with related body measurements, for the sizing of all kinds of clothing for children.

3 LABELLING. The size number and the relevant body weight, length or height a garment is intended to fit should be shown on labels attached to all garments, i.e.:

(a) For INFANTS—

<i>SIZE</i>	
<i>Weight</i>	
<i>Length</i>	

(b) For CHILDREN—

<i>SIZE</i>	
<i>Height</i>	

OR

<i>SIZE</i>	
<i>Height</i>	
<i>To fit Waist</i>	

Examples of labels in accordance with the above requirements are shown in Appendix A.

4 TABLES OF BODY MEASUREMENTS. As a guide to designers and manufacturers Appendix B tabulates details of body measurements taken over light underclothing, which relate to the Size Coding Scheme.

Appendix C defines and illustrates the measurements for which values are given in the tables in Appendix B.

5 SIZE CODING CHART. The size coding chart sets out sizes from 00 to 14, giving weight and body length of infants (sizes 00, 0 and 1) and height of children (sizes 2 to 14). Waist measurements of boys and girls (sizes 2 to 14) are also included in the chart.