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Foreword

With accumulation of experience and know-how practical application in shipbuilding, BKI has developed this Guidelines for Ship Operation Installations and Auxiliary Systems (Pt.9, Vol.6) 2020 Edition intended for Naval Ship Technology.

This Guidelines accommodate technology, safety standard as basis for classification which consist of 20 Sections namely:

Section 1 - General and Instructions

Section 2 - Steering Gears and Stabilization in the Seaway

Section 3 - Lifting Appliances and Lifts

Section 4 - Equipment for Replenishment at Sea

Section 5 - Windlasses, Capstans, Chain Stoppers, Mooring and Towing Equipment

Section 6 - Starting Equipment and Air Compressors

Section 7 - Storage of Liquid Fuels, Lubricating and Hydraulic Oils as well as Oil

Section 8 - Piping system, Valves, and pumps

Section 9 - Fire Protection and Fire-Extinguishing Equipment

Section 10 - Environmental Protection

Section 11 - Ventilation Systems and NBC Protection

Section 12 - Refrigerating Installations

Section 13 - Aircraft Handling Systems

Section 14 - Hydraulic Systems

Section 15 - Auxiliary Steam Boilers

Section 16 - Pressure Vessels and Heat Exchangers

Section 17 - Oil Burner and Oil Firing Equipment

Section 18 - Diving Systems and Systems for Breathing Gases

Section 19 - Arrangements and Equipment for Operation in Ice

Section 20 - Spare Parts

The whole process of naval class business are pictured clearly on those sections.

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A. General

1. Scope

1.1. These Guidelines apply to ship operation installations and auxiliary systems of seagoing surface ships and craft intended for naval activities, which are not part of the direct propulsion system.

1.2. Apart from machinery, equipment and auxiliary systems detailed below, these Guidelines are also individually applicable to other systems and equipment where this is necessary for the safety of the ship and its crew.

1.3. Designs which deviate from these Guidelines may be approved, provided that such designs have been examined by BKI for suitability and recognized as equivalent.

1.4. Installations and systems which have been developed on novel principles and/or which have not yet been sufficiently tested in shipboard service require special BKI approval.

Such machinery may be marked by the Class Notation **EXP** affixed to the Character of Classification and be subjected to intensified survey, if sufficiently reliable proof cannot be provided of its suitability and equivalence in accordance with [1.3](#).

In such cases BKI is entitled to require additional documentation to be submitted and special trials to be carried out.

2. Further requirements and deviations

In addition to these Guidelines, BKI reserve the right to impose further requirements in respect of all types of machinery where this is unavoidable due to new findings or operational experience, or BKI may permit deviations from the Guidelines where these are specially warranted.

The right of interpretations of the Guidelines rests with BKI alone.

3. Reference to further rules and regulations

3.1 If the requirements for systems and equipment are not defined in these Guidelines for Classification and Construction, the application of other regulations and standards has to be define.

3.2 The regulations of the "**International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974/1978**" (SOLAS), as amended are considered in these Guidelines as far as they appear applicable to naval surface ships. The scope of application has to be defined in the building specification.

These Guidelines are also in compliance with the provisions of the "International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships" of 1973 and the relevant Protocol of 1978 (**MARPOL 73/78**).

3.3 National regulations, international standards and special definitions in the building specification respectively in the mission statement of the actual ship may be considered too. The application of such regulations is not affected by BKI Guidelines.

4. Design

The design of the systems has to fulfil the following conditions:

4.1 The operation of the naval ship and the habitual conditions provided aboard as well as the functioning of all systems under the operational conditions of combat, wartime cruising, peacetime cruising and in-port readiness shall be ensured at all times.

4.2 The power distribution network shall be designed to ensure operability in case of network failure.

4.3 The operation of certain systems and equipment, which are necessary for safety, is to be guaranteed under defined emergency conditions.

4.4 The risks for crew and ship from operation of the ship shall be minimized.

4.5 High working reliability shall be achieved by simple and clearly arranged operation processes as well as by application of type approved products.

4.6 The requirements concerning design, arrangement, installation and operation which are defined in the [Guidelines for Classification and Surveys \(Pt.9, Vol.1\)](#), [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\)](#), [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\)](#), [Guidelines for Electrical Installations and Automation \(Pt.9, Vol.4\)](#) shall be fulfilled.

4.7 A high degree of survivability of the ship should be achieved by redundancies in design and functioning of essential equipment.

4.8 The principles of ergonomic design of systems and equipment have to be considered.

4.9 Where in a class of naval ships, originally planned to be identical, deviations become necessary, BKI shall be duly informed and modifications properly documented.

4.10 One failure principle

The single failure concept assumes that only one (single) failure is the initiating event for an undesired occurrence. The simultaneous occurrence of independent failures is not considered.

B. Definitions

1. Auxiliary power

The auxiliary electrical power [kVA] is defined as the continuous electrical power at continuous speed v_0 , which is not directly used for propulsion of the ship, but for driving of all kinds of auxiliary devices and equipment. The degree of redundancy shall be defined in the building specification.

2. Black-out condition

Black-out condition means that the complete machinery plant including the main source of electrical power are out of operation, but auxiliary energy as compressed air, starting current from batteries, etc. are still available for restoration of power supply.

3. Machinery spaces of category A

Machinery spaces are spaces which contain internal combustion engines used for the main propulsion or other purposes and having a total power output of at least 375 kW, or which contain an oil fired boiler or an oil treatment plant. The trunks to such spaces are included.

4. Dead ship condition

"Dead ship" condition means that the complete machinery plant including the main source of electrical power are out of operation and auxiliary energy as compressed air, starting current from batteries, etc. are not available for the restoration of the main power supply, for the restart of the auxiliaries and for the start-up of the propulsion plant. It is however assumed that special mobile or fixed equipment for start-up will be available on board of a naval ship, see [Section 6, A.4](#).

5. Essential equipment.

5.1 Essential for ship operation are all main propulsion plants.

5.2 Essential (operationally important) are the following auxiliary machinery and plants, which:

- are necessary for propulsion and manoeuvrability of the ship
- are required for maintaining ship safety
- serve the safety of human life as well as
- equipment according to special Characters of Classification and Class Notations

5.3 Essential auxiliary machinery and plants are comprising e.g.:

- generator units
- steering gear plant
- fuel oil supply units
- lubricating oil pumps
- cooling water/cooling media pumps
- starting and control air compressor
- starting installations for auxiliary and main engines
- charging air blowers
- exhaust gas turbochargers
- controllable pitch propeller installation
- azimuth drives
- engine room ventilation fans
- steam, hot and warm water generation plants
- oil firing equipment
- pressure vessels and heat exchangers in essential systems
- hydraulic pumps
- fuel oil treatment units
- fuel oil transfer pumps
- lubrication oil treatment units
- bilge and ballast pumps
- heeling compensation systems

- fire pumps and fire fighting equipment
- anchor windlass
- transverse thrusters
- ventilation fans for hazardous areas
- turning gears for main engines
- bow and stern ramps as well as shell openings
- bulkhead door closing equipment
- weapon systems (effectors)
- equipment considered necessary to maintain endangered spaces in a safe condition
- NBC fans and passage heaters
- decontamination equipment
- parts of the shipboard aircraft installations

5.4 For ships with equipment according to special Characters of Classification and Notations certain type-specific plants may be classed as essential equipment.

C. Documents for Approval

1. All documents have to be submitted to BKI for approval in English or Bahasa.

2. The survey of the ship's construction will be carried out on the basis of approved documents. The drawings shall contain all data necessary for approval. Where necessary, calculations and descriptions of the symbols used are to be explained in a key list. All documents have to indicate the number of the project and the name of the Naval Administration and/or shipyard.

3. Calculations.

3.1 The supporting calculations shall contain all necessary information concerning reference documents. Literature used for calculations has to be cited, important but not commonly known sources shall be added in copy.

3.2 The choice of computer programs according to the "State of the Art" is free. The programs may be checked by BKI through comparative calculations with predefined test examples. A generally valid approval for a computer program is, however, not given by BKI.

3.3 The calculations have to be compiled in a way which allows to identify and check all steps of the calculation in an easy way. Hand written, easily readable documents are acceptable.

Comprehensive quantities of output data shall be presented in graphic form. A written comment to the main conclusions resulting from the calculations has to be provided.

4. A summary of the required documents is contained in the [Guidelines for Classification and Surveys \(Pt.9, Vol.1\) Sec. 5, Table 5.1](#). Further details are defined in the following Sections of this Guidelines.

5. BKI reserves the right to demand additional documentation if that submitted is insufficient for an assessment of the naval ship. This may especially be the case for plants and equipment related to new developments and/or which are not tested on board to a sufficient extent.

6. The drawings and documents are to be submitted to BKI for approval. All calculations and supporting documentation in one copy for examination at a sufficiently early date to ensure that they are

approved and available to the Surveyor at the beginning of the manufacture of or installation on the naval ship. To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process the should be submitted in electronic format.

7. Once the documents submitted have been approved by BKI they are binding for the execution of the work. Subsequent modifications and extensions require approval of BKI before being put into effect.

8. At the commissioning of the naval ship or after considerable changes or extensions of the systems the documentation for approval as defined in the different Sections, showing the final condition of the systems, has to be given on board. All documents have to indicate the name of the ship, the newbuilding number of the shipyard and the date of execution.

The operating and maintenance instruction, warning signs, etc. have to be prepared in English or Indonesian language. If the user's language is different, a translation into the user language has to be provided and be carried also on board.

D. Ambient Conditions

1. General operating conditions

1.1 The selection, layout and arrangement of the ship's structure and all shipboard machinery shall be such as to ensure faultless continuous operation under defined standard ambient conditions.

More stringent requirements are to be observed for class notation **AC1**, see [Guidelines for Classification and Surveys \(Pt.9, Vol.1\) Sec. 3, C](#).

For the Class Notation **ACS** variable requirements for unusual types and/or tasks of naval ships can be discussed case by case, but shall not be less than the basic requirements.

Components in the machinery spaces or in other spaces which comply with the conditions for the Notations **AC1** or **ACS** are to be approved by BKI.

1.2 Inclinations and movements of the ship

The design conditions for static and dynamic inclinations of a naval ship have to be assumed independently from each other. The standard requirements and the requirements for class notation **AC1** are defined in [Table 1.1](#).

BKI may consider deviations from the angles of inclination defined in [Table 1.1](#) taking into consideration type, size and service conditions of the naval ship.

The effects of elastic deformation of the ship's hull on the machinery installation have to be considered

Table 1.1. Design conditions for ship inclinations and movements

Type of movement	Type of inclination and affected equipment	Design conditions	
		Standard requirements	Notation AC1
Static condition	Inclination athwartships: ¹ Main and auxiliary machinery	15°	25°
	Other installations ² No uncontrolled switches or functional changes Ship's structure	22,5° 45° acc. to stability requirements	25° 45° acc. to stability requirements
Dynamic condition	Inclinations fore and aft: ¹ Main and auxiliary machinery	5°	5°
	Other installations ² Ship's structure	10° acc. to stability requirements	10° acc. to stability requirements
Dynamic condition	Rolling: Main and auxiliary machinery	22,5°	30°
	Other installations ²	22,5°	30°
	Pitching: Main and auxiliary machinery	7,5°	10°
	Other installations ²	10°	10°
Dynamic condition	Accelerations: vertical (pitch and heave)	$a_z [g]^3$	pitch: $32 \text{ }^\circ/\text{s}^2$ heave: 1,0 g
	Transverse (roll, yaw and sway)	$a_y [g]^3$	roll: $48 \text{ }^\circ/\text{s}^2$ yaw: $2 \text{ }^\circ/\text{s}^2$ sway: $a_y^3 [g]$
	longitudinal (surge)	$a_x [g]^3$	$a_x^4 [g]$
	combined acceleration	acceleration ellipse ³	direct calculation
¹ athwartships and fore and aft inclinations may occur simultaneously ² ship's safety equipment, switch gear and electric/electronic equipment ³ defined in the Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment (Pt.9, Vol.2) Sec. 5, B. ⁴ to be defined by direct calculation			

1.3. Environmental conditions

The design environmental conditions of a naval ship are contained in [Table 1.2](#). In this Table the standard requirements and the requirements for Class Notation **AC1** are defined.

Table 1.2. Design conditions for the environment

Environmental area	Parameters	Design conditions	
		Standard requirements	Notation AC1
Outside the ship/air	Temperature	-25 °C to +45 °C ¹	-30 °C to +55 °C ¹
	Temperature (partially open spaces)	–	-10 °C to +50 °C ¹
	Salt content	1 mg/m ³	1 mg/m ³
		withstand salt-laden spray	withstand salt-laden spray
	Dust/sand	to be considered	filters to be provided
	Wind velocity (systems in operation)	43 kn ³	90 kn
	Wind velocity (systems out of operation)	86 kn ³	100 kn
Outside the ship/seawater	Temperature ⁴	-2 °C to +32 °C	-2 °C to +35 °C
	Density acc. to salt content	1,025 t/m ³	1,025 t/m ³
	Flooding	withstand temporarily	withstand temporarily
Outside the ship/icing of surface	Icing on ship's surfaces up to 20 m above waterline	see Section 19, A.6.2	see Section 19, A.6.2
Outside the ship/navigation in ice	Ice classes E, ES1 – ES4	according to ice class	according to ice class
Entrance to the ship/ for design of heating/cooling systems	Air temperature	-15 °C to +35 °C	-15 °C to +35 °C
	Max. heat content of the air	100 kJ/kg	100 kJ/kg
	Seawater temperature	-2 °C to +32 °C	-2 °C to +35 °C
Inside the ship/all spaces ⁵	Air temperature	0 °C to +45 °C	0 °C to +45 °C
	Atmospheric pressure	1000 mbar	1000 mbar
	Max. relative humidity	up to 100 % (+45 °C)	100 %
	Salt content	1 mg/m ³	1 mg/m ³
	Oil vapour	withstand	withstand
	Condensation	to be considered	to be considered
Inside the ship/air-conditioned areas	Air temperature	0 °C to +40 °C	0 °C to +40 °C
	Max. relative humidity	80 %	100 %
	Recommended ideal climate for manned computer spaces	–	air temperature +20 °C to +22 °C at 60% rel. humidity
Inside the ship/in electrical devices with higher degree of heat dissipation	Air temperature	0 °C to +55 °C	0 °C to +55 °C
	Max. relative humidity	100 %	100 %
¹ higher temperatures due to radiation and absorption heat have to be considered ² 100 % for layout of electrical installations ³ for lifting devices according to the Regulations for the Construction and Survey of Lifting Appliances (Pt.6, Vol.IV) Sec. 2 ⁴ BKI may approve lower limit water temperatures for ships operating only in special geographical areas ⁵ for recommended climatic conditions in the ship's spaces see also Section 11, F.			

2. Vibrations

2.1 Machinery, equipment and hull structures are normally subjected to vibration stresses. Design, construction and installation shall in every case take account of these stresses.

The faultless long-term service of individual components shall not be endangered by vibration stresses.

2.2 For further details see [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec.1, D.2.](#) and [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec.16, C.](#)

3. Shock

Naval ships may also be exposed to shock forces created by air or underwater explosions from conventional or nuclear weapons.

For naval ships with special ability to withstand shock loads Class Notation **SHOCK** may be assigned. Details for shock requirements are described in the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 16, D.](#)

E. Materials

1. The materials used for components of auxiliary systems and equipment have to fulfil the quality requirements defined in the [Guidelines for Naval Ship Materials \(Pt.9, Vol.5\)](#). The approved materials for the different systems are defined in the following Sections.

2. Materials deviating from the defined quality requirements may only be used with special approval of BKI. The suitability of the material has to be proven.

F. Consumables for Operation

All consumables like fuels, lubrication oils and greases, etc. used for the operation of auxiliary systems and equipment are to be in accordance with the requirements of the manufacturers of these systems.

See also [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec. 1, F.](#)

G. Safety Equipment and Protective Measures

Auxiliary systems and equipment are to be installed and safeguarded in such a way that the risk of accidents is largely ruled out. Besides of national regulations particular attention is to be paid to the following:

1. Moving parts, flywheels, chain and belt drives, linkages and other components which could be an accident hazard for the operating personnel are to be fitted with guards to prevent contact. The same applies to hot machine parts, pipes and walls for which no thermal insulation is provided, e.g. pressure lines to air compressors.

2. The design and installation of all systems and equipment has to ensure that elements, which have to be used during normal operation of the ship by the crew and where no thermal insulation is provided, are kept within the following restrictions concerning accidental contact with hot surfaces:

2.1 No skin contact is possible with elements warmed up under operating conditions to surface temperatures above 70 °C.

2.2 Components, which may be used without body protection, e.g. protective gloves, and with a contact time up to 5 s, are to have no higher surface temperature than 60 °C.

2.3 Components made of materials with high thermal conductivity, which may be used without body protection and with a contact time of more than 5 s are not to achieve a surface temperature above 45 °C.

2.4 Exhaust gas lines and other apparatus and lines transporting hot media have to be insulated effectively. Insulation material shall be non-combustible. Locations where inflammable liquids or moisture may penetrate into the insulation are to be protected in a suitable way by coverings, etc., see [Section 9, B.3.1.](#)

3. When using hand cranks for starting internal combustion engines, steps are to be taken to ensure that the crank disengages automatically when the engine starts.

Dead-man's circuits are to be provided for rotating equipment.

4. Blowdown and drainage facilities are to be designed in such a way that the discharged medium can be safely drained off.

5. In operating spaces, anti-skid floor plates and floor coverings are to be used.

6. Service gangways, operating platforms, stairways and other areas open to access during operation are to be safeguarded by guard rails. The outside edges of platforms and floor areas are to be fitted with coamings unless some other means is adopted to prevent persons and objects from sliding off.

7. Glass water level gauges for auxiliary steam boilers are to be equipped with protection devices. Devices for blowing through water level gauges shall be capable of safe operation and observation.

8. Safety valves and means for shut-off are to be capable of safe operation and auxiliary systems.

9. Safety valves are to be installed to prevent the occurrence of excessive operating pressures.

10. Steam and feedwater lines, exhaust gas ducts, auxiliary boilers and other equipment and pipelines carrying steam or hot water are to be effectively insulated. Insulating materials are to be incombustible. Points at which combustible liquids or moisture can penetrate into the insulation are to be suitably protected, e.g. by means of shielding.

H. Survivability

1. Definition

Survivability of a naval ship is to be regarded as the degree of ability to withstand a defined weapon threat and to maintain at least a basic degree of safety and operability of the ship.

It is obvious that survivability is an important characteristic of a naval ship which may be endangered by

- loss of global strength of the hull structure
- loss of buoyancy and/or stability
- loss of manoeuvrability
- fire in the ship and ineffective fire protection or fire fighting capability
- direct destruction of machinery, equipment or control systems
- direct destruction of weapons and sensors
- threat to the crew

2. Measures for improved survivability.

The design of a ship which is classed as naval ship has to consider a series of possible measures to improve survivability. These BKI Guidelines for naval surface ships offer in the different Guidelines various measures and Class Notations to achieve improved survivability, which are summarized at the beginning of each Guidelines. The degree of including such measures in an actual project has to be defined by the Naval Administration.

3. Measures for ship operation installations and auxiliary systems.

In this Guidelines the following main measures to improve survivability are included.

3.1 Bilge systems

The requirements for a separate bilge installation in each watertight compartment and the arrangement of pumps and eductors are defined in [Section 8, N](#).

3.2 Fire protection

The requirements for fire protection are defined in [Section 9, B](#).

3.3 Fire alarms

The requirements for the arrangement of fire alarm systems are defined in [Section 9, C](#).

3.4 Fire extinguishing equipment

A summary of fixed fire extinguishing systems is given in [Section 9, D](#). The details of the various systems are defined in the following Sub-sections.

3.5 NBC protection plants

The arrangement of NBC protection plants for the ventilation of each damage control zone and the relevant construction details are defined in [Section 11, C](#).

3.6 Compartment autonomy

Compartment autonomy means that a compartment between two watertight bulkheads is provided with an autonomous supply from auxiliary systems like fire extinguishing (see [Section 9, E.3.](#)), ventilation (see [Section 11, A.8.](#)), bilge system (see [3.1.](#)), etc.

3.7 Damage control zone

The establishment of damage control zones will be a major contribution to survivability of larger naval ships. A damage control zone includes normally several watertight compartments and is at its fore and aft end separated from the other parts of the ship by fire resisting divisions. If no compartment autonomy according to [3.6](#) is established, at least an autonomy of the damage control zone is recommended.

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A. General

1. Scope

This Section summarizes the requirements for steering gears of rudders and for various systems for stabilizing of naval ships in the seaway.

2. Documents for approval

The relevant documents are to be submitted to BKI for approval. The drawings are required to contain all the details necessary to carry out an examination in accordance with the following requirements. To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process they should be submitted in electronic format.

The scope of documents is defined for steering gears in [B.1.2](#) and for stabilizing systems in [C.3](#).

B. Steering Gears

1. General

1.1 Scope

These Guidelines apply to the steering gear, the steering station and all transmission elements from the steering station to the steering gear. For the rudder and manoeuvring arrangement, see the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 12](#).

1.2 Scope of documentation for approval

Assembly and general drawings of all steering gears, diagrams of the hydraulic and electrical equipment together with detail drawings of all important load transmitting components are to be submitted.

The drawings and other documents shall contain all the information relating to materials, working pressures, pump delivery rates, drive motor ratings, etc. necessary to enable the documentation to be checked.

2. Materials

2.1 Approved materials

2.1.1 As a Guidelines, important load-transmitting components of the steering gear shall be made of steel or cast steel complying with the [Guidelines for Naval Ship Materials \(Pt.9, Vol.5\)](#). In general, such material should not have an elongation of less than 12 % nor a tensile strength in excess of 650 N/mm².

With the consent of BKI, cast iron may be used for certain components.

Pressure vessels should in general be made of steel, cast steel or nodular cast iron with a predominantly ferritic matrix.

For welded structures, the [Rules for Welding \(Pt.1, Vol.VI\)](#) are to be observed.

2.1.2 Casings with integrated journal and guide bearings on ships with nozzle rudder and ice class are not to be made of grey cast iron.

2.1.3 The pipes of hydraulic steering gears are to be made of seamless or longitudinally welded steel tubes. The use of cold-drawn, unannealed tubes is not permitted.

At points where they are exposed to damage, copper pipes for control lines are to be provided with protective shielding and are to be safeguarded against hardening due to vibration by the use of suitable fastenings.

2.1.4 High-pressure hose assemblies may be used for short pipe connections subject to compliance with [Section 8](#), if this is necessary due to vibrations or flexibly mounted units.

2.1.5 The materials used for pressurized components including the seals must be suitable for the hydraulic oil in use.

2.2 Testing of materials

2.2.1 The materials of important force-transmitting components of the steering gear as well as of the pressurized casings of hydraulic steering gears are to be tested under the supervision of BKI in accordance with the [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#) and [Guidelines for Naval Materials \(Pt.9, Vol.5\)](#).

For pressurized oil pipes the requirements according to [Section 8, Table 8.4](#) are to be observed.

For welded pressurized casings, the [Rules for Welding \(Pt.1, Vol.VI\)](#) are to be applied.

3. Design and equipment

3.1 Number of steering gears

Every ship is to be equipped with at least one main and one auxiliary steering gear. Both steering gears are to be independent of each other and, wherever possible, act separately upon the rudder stock. BKI may agree to components being used jointly by the main and auxiliary steering gear.

3.2 Main steering gear

3.2.1 Main steering gears shall, with the rudder fully immersed in calm water, be capable of putting the rudder from 35° port to 35° starboard and vice versa at the ship's speed for which the rudder has been designed in accordance with the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 12](#). The time required to put the rudder from 35° on either side to 30° on the other side shall not exceed 28 seconds.

3.2.2 The main steering gear is to be as a rule power operated. Manual operation is to be agreed with BKI.

For naval ships of considerable size BKI may request that the steering gear is to comprise two or more identical power units.

3.3 Auxiliary steering gear

3.3.1 Auxiliary steering gears shall, with the rudder fully immersed in calm water, be capable of putting the rudder from 15° port to 15° starboard or vice versa within 60 seconds at 50% of the ship's maximum speed, subject to a minimum of seven knots. Hydraulically operated auxiliary steering gears are to be fitted with their own piping system independent of that of the main steering gear. The pipe or hose connections of steering gears are to be capable of being shut off directly at the pressurized casings.

3.3.2. Manual operation of auxiliary steering gear systems is permitted up to a theoretical stock diameter of 230 mm referring to steel with a minimum nominal upper yield stress $R_{eH} = 235 \text{ N/mm}^2$.

3.4 Power unit

3.4.1 Where power operated hydraulic main steering gears are equipped with two or more identical power units, no auxiliary steering gear need be installed provided that the following conditions are fulfilled.

- .1** Conditions 3.2.1 and 4.1 are to be fulfilled while any one of the power units is out of operation.
- .2** In the event of failure of a single component of the main steering gear including the piping, excluding the rudder tiller or similar components as well as the cylinders, rotary vanes and casing, means are to be provided for quickly regaining control of one steering system.
- .3** In the event of a loss of hydraulic oil, it is to be possible to isolate the damaged system in such a way that the second control system remains fully serviceable.

3.5 Rudder angle limitation

The rudder angle in normal service is to be limited by devices fitted to the steering gear (e.g. limit switches) to a rudder angle of 35° on both sides. Deviations from this Rule are permitted only with the consent of BKI.

3.6 End position limitation

For the limitation by means of stoppers of the end positions of tillers and quadrants, see the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 12, H](#).

In the case of hydraulic steering gears without an end position limitation of the tiller and similar components, an end position limiting device is to be fitted within the rudder actuator.

3.7 Locking equipment

Steering gear systems are to be equipped with a locking system effective in all rudder positions, see also the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 12, H](#).

Where hydraulic plants are fitted with shut offs directly at the cylinders or rotary vane casings, special locking equipment may be dispensed with.

In the case of steering gears with cylinder units which have mutually independent operation, these shut off devices do not have to be fitted directly on the cylinders.

3.8 Overload protection

3.8.1 Power-operated steering gear systems are to be equipped with overload protection (slip coupling, relief valve) to ensure that the driving torque is limited to the maximum permissible value.

The overload protection device is to be secured to prevent readjustment by unauthorized persons. Means are to be provided for checking the setting while in service.

The pressurized casings of hydraulic steering gears which also fulfil the function of the locking equipment mentioned in 3.7 are to be fitted with relief valves unless they are so designed that the pressure generated when the elastic limit torque is applied to the rudder stock cannot cause rupture, deformation or other damage of the pressurized casing.

3.8.2 Relief valves have to be provided for protecting any part of the hydraulic system which can be isolated and in which pressure can be generated from the power source or from external forces.

The relief valves are to be set to a pressure value equal or higher than the maximum working pressure but lower than the design pressure of the steering gear (definition of maximum working pressure and design pressure in accordance to 4.1).

The minimum discharge capacity of the relief valve(s) should not be less than 1,1 times the total capacity of the pumps, which can deliver through it (them).

With this setting any higher peak pressure in the system than 1,1 times the setting pressure of the valves is to be prohibited.

3.9 Additional functions for the stabilization of rolling

If a stabilization of rolling by using the rudder and the steering gear is intended and this function is failing, the main steering function shall not be influenced. Such a failure has to be signalled to the bridge or the machinery control centre (MCC). See also D.4.1.

3.10 Controls

3.10.1 Control of the main and auxiliary steering gears is to be exercised from a steering station on the bridge. Controls are to be mutually independent and so designed that the rudder cannot move unintentionally.

3.10.2 Means are also to be provided for exercising control from the steering gear compartment. The transmission system shall be independent of that serving the main steering station.

3.10.3 Suitable equipment is to be installed to provide means of communication between the bridge, all steering stations and the steering gear compartment.

3.10.4 Failures of single control components, e.g. control system for variable displacement pump or flow control valve, which may lead to loss of steering shall be monitored by an audible and visible alarm on the navigating bridge, if loss of steering cannot be prevented by other measures.

3.11 Rudder angle indication

3.11.1 The rudder position is to be clearly indicated on the bridge and at all steering stations. Where the steering gear is operated electrically or hydraulically, the rudder angle is to be signalled by a device (rudder position indicator) which is actuated either by the rudder stock itself or by parts which are mechanically connected to it. In case of time dependent control of the main and auxiliary steering gear, the midship position of the rudder is to be indicated on the bridge by some additional means (signal lamp or similar). In

general, this indicator is still to be fitted even if the second control system is a manually operated hydraulic system. See also the [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\) Sec. 9, C.4.](#)

3.11.2 The rudder position at any time is also to be indicated at the steering gear itself.

It is recommended that an additional rudder angle indicator is fitted at the main engine control station.

3.12 Piping

3.12.1 The pipes of hydraulic steering gear systems are to be installed in such a way as to ensure maximum protection while remaining readily accessible.

Pipes are to be installed at a sufficient distance from the ship's shell. As far as possible, pipes should not pass through cargo spaces, hangars and landing craft docks.

Connections to other hydraulic systems are not permitted.

3.12.2 For the design and dimensions of pipes, valves, fittings, pressure vessels, etc., see [Section 8](#) and [Section 16](#).

3.13 Oil level indicators, filters

3.13.1 Tanks forming part of the hydraulic system are to be fitted with oil level indicators.

3.13.2 The lowest permissible oil level is to be monitored. Audible and visual alarms shall be given on the navigating bridge and in the machinery space. The alarms on the navigating bridge shall be individual alarms.

3.13.3 Arrangements are to be provided to maintain the cleanliness of the hydraulic fluid taking into consideration the type and design of the hydraulic system.

3.14 Storage tank

In hydraulic-operated steering gear systems, an additional permanently installed storage tank is to be fitted which has a capacity sufficient to refill at least one of the control systems including the service tank.

This storage tank is to be permanently connected by pipes to the control systems so that the latter can be refilled from a position inside the steering gear compartment.

3.15 Arrangement

Steering gears are to be so installed that they are accessible at any time and to be easily maintainable.

3.16 Electrical equipment

For the electrical part of steering gear systems in the [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\) Sec. 7, A.](#) are to be observed.

3.17 Seating

Seating of the steering gear has to be applied according to the [Guidance for Seating of Diesel Engine Installation \(Pt.1, Vol.U\)](#). In case of seating on cast resin the forces according to the elastic limit torque of the rudder shaft as well as the rudder bearing forces have to be transmitted to the ship's structure by welded stoppers.

4. Power and dimensioning

4.1 Power of steering gears

The power of the steering gear has to comply with the requirements set out in 3.2 and 3.3.

The maximum effective torque for which the steering gear is to be equipped shall not be less than

$$M_{\max} = \frac{\left(\frac{D_t}{4,2}\right)^3}{k_r} \text{ [Nm]}$$

D_t = theoretical rudder stock diameter [mm], derived from the required hydrodynamic rudder torque as calculated by formula based on the ahead running conditions in accordance with the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 12, C](#).

The working torque of the steering gear is to be larger than the hydrodynamic torque Q_R of the rudder according to the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 12, B.1.2, B.2.2, B.2.3](#) and cover the friction moments of the related bearing arrangement.

The corresponding maximum working pressure is the maximum expected pressure in the system, when the steering gear is operated to comply with the power requirements as mentioned above.

Frictional losses in the steering gear including piping have to be considered within the determination of the maximum working pressure.

The design pressure for calculation to determine the scantlings of piping and other steering gear components subjected to internal hydraulic pressure shall be at least 1,25 times the maximum working pressure as defined above and has not to be less than the setting of the relief valves as described under 3.8.2.

In the case of multi-surface rudders controlled by a common steering gear the relevant diameter is to be determined by applying the formula:

$$D_t = \sqrt[3]{D_{t1}^3 + D_{t2}^3 + \dots} \text{ [mm]}$$

D_{t1}, D_{t2}, \dots = theoretical rudder stock diameter [mm] for the different rudders

k_r = material characteristic

$$k_r = \left(\frac{235}{R_{eH}}\right)^e$$

e = 0,75 where $R_{eH} > 235 \text{ [N/mm}^2\text{]}$

= 1,0 where $R_{eH} \leq 235 \text{ [N/mm}^2\text{]}$

R_{eH} = yield strength of rudder stock material $\text{[N/mm}^2\text{]}$

In no case R_{eH} is to be greater than 450 N/mm^2 or $0,7 \cdot R_m$, whichever is less

R_m = tensile strength $\text{[N/mm}^2\text{]}$

4.2 Design of transmission components

4.2.1 The design calculations for those parts of the steering gear which are not protected against overload are to be based on the elastic limit torque of the rudder stock.

The elastic limit torque to be used is

$$M_F = 2 \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{D}{4,2}\right)^3}{k_r} \quad [\text{Nm}] \quad (3)$$

D = minimum actual rudder stock diameter [mm].

The value used for the actual diameter need not be larger than $1,145 \cdot D_t$.

The stresses in the components of the steering gear determined in this way are not to exceed the yield strength of the materials used. The design of parts of the steering gear with overload protection is to be based on the loads corresponding to the response threshold of the overload protection.

4.2.2 Tiller and rotary vane hubs made of material with a tensile strength of up to 500 N/mm^2 have to satisfy the following conditions in the area where the force is applied (see Fig. 2.1):

Height of hub $H \geq 1,0 \cdot D$ [mm]

Outside diameter $D_a \geq 1,8 \cdot D$ [mm]

In special cases the outside diameter may be reduced

$$D_a = 1,7 \cdot D \quad [\text{mm}]$$

but the height of the hub is then to be at least

$$H = 1,14 \cdot D \quad [\text{mm}]$$

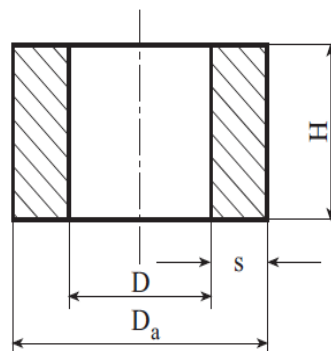


Fig. 2.1 Hub dimensions

4.2.3 Where materials with a tensile strength greater than 500 N/mm^2 are used, the section of the hub may be reduced by 10 %.

4.2.4 Where the force is transmitted by clamped or tapered connections, the elastic limit torque may be transmitted by a combination of frictional resistance and a positive locking mechanism using adequately tightened bolts and a key.

For the elastic limit torque according to formula (3) the thread root diameter of the bolts can be determined by applying the following formula:

$$d_k \geq 9,76 \cdot D \sqrt{\frac{1}{z \cdot k_r \cdot R_{eH}}} \quad [\text{mm}] \quad (4)$$

- D = actual rudder stock diameter [mm]. The value used for the actual diameter need not be larger than $1,145 \cdot D_t$
- z = total number of bolts [-]
- k_r = see 4.1
- R_{eH} = yield strength of the bolt material [N/mm²]

4.2.5 Split hubs of clamped joints are to be joined together with at least four bolts.

The key is not to be located at the joint in the clamp.

4.2.6 Where the oil injection method is used to join the rudder tiller or rotary vanes to the rudder stock, the methods of calculation appropriate to elasticity theory are to be applied. Calculations are to be based on the elastic limit torque allowing for a coefficient of friction $\mu_o = 0,15$ for steel and $\mu_o = 0,12$ for nodular cast iron. The von Mises equivalent stress calculated from the specific pressure p and the corresponding tangential load based on the dimensions of the shrunk joint shall not exceed 80 % of the yield strength of the materials used.

4.2.7 Where circumferential tension components are used to connect the rudder tiller or rotary vanes to the rudder stock, calculations are to be based on two and a half times the working torque of the steering gear (but not more than the elastic limit torque) allowing for a coefficient of friction of $\mu_o = 0,12$. The von Mises equivalent stress calculated from the contact pressure p and the corresponding tangential load based on the dimensions of the shrunk-on connection shall not exceed 80 % of the yield strength of the materials used.

When more than one circumferential tension components are used, the torque capacity of the connection is to be determined by adding the torques of the sole tension components and applying a reduction factor of 0,9.

5. Tests in the manufacturer's works

5.1 Testing of power units

The power units are required to undergo tests on a test stand in the manufacturer's factory.

5.1.1 For diesel engines see the [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec. 3.](#)

5.1.2 For electric motors see the [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\) Sec. 14.](#)

5.1.3 For hydraulic pumps and motors the [Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use \(Pt.1, Vol.W\) Sec. 3.L](#) are to be applied analogously. Where the drive power is 50 kW or more, this testing is to be carried out in the presence of a BKI Surveyor.

5.2 Pressure and tightness tests

Pressure components are to undergo a pressure test. The test pressure p_p is:

$$P_p = 1,5 \cdot p_c \quad [\text{bar}]$$

P_c = design pressure for which a component or piping system is designed with its mechanical characteristics [bar]. For pressures above 200 bar the test pressure need not exceed $p + 100$ bar.

For pressure testing of pipes, their valves and fittings, see [Section 8, B.4](#) and [U.5](#).

Tightness tests are to be performed on components to which this is appropriate.

5.3 Final inspection and operational test

Following testing of the individual components and after completion of assembly, the steering gear is required to undergo final inspection and an operational test. Among other things the overload protection is to be adjusted at this time.

6. Shipboard trials

The operational efficiency of the steering gear is to be proved during the sea trials. For this purpose, the Z manoeuvre corresponding to [3.2.1](#) and [3.3.1](#) is to be executed as a minimum requirement.

C. General Requirements for Stabilization in the Seaway

1. Scope

1.1 Naval ships have in most cases to fulfil their missions in a sea state up to a size defined by the Naval Administration and discussed for an actual ship with BKI. To facilitate or even to enable the execution of the necessary tasks of different ship types a reduction or nearly full compensation of the ship movements in the seaway may be a necessary requirement.

1.2 Under all operating conditions, even in the event of a fault, the stabilization plant shall not cause any hazardous conditions for the ship.

2. Definitions

2.1 Manipulating the rudder

By quick and controlled movements of the conventional rudder it applies a torque against the roll motion of the ship which can be created during forward movement of the ship.

With cycloidal propellers very rapid thrust variation and generation of high moments to control the rotational movement about the ship's longitudinal axis can be achieved. This may be used in particular if the ship is stationary or moving slowly along the longitudinal axis.

2.2 Ballast shifting system

Anti roll ballast shifting systems use water tanks, in which the flow of fluid from one side to the other is timed to occur in opposition to the rolling force. The required mass may be in the range of 1,5 to 5 % of the displacement of the ship.

The shifting of the water may be performed by active pumping (as for static heel compensation) or passive by controlling the air flow between the tanks. Negative influence on stability of the ship by free water surfaces in the tanks has to be avoided as far as possible by suitable tank forms.

2.3 Servo-controlled anti-roll stabilizing fins

Servo-controlled anti-roll stabilizing systems use one or more pairs of hydrofoil shaped fins projecting from the ship's bilge area. The ship speed and the controlled angle of the fins in the water determine the extent of generated lift, either up and down. The system can be controlled under consideration of roll amplitude, roll speed or roll acceleration to react actively against the ship's movements.

2.4 Anti-roll gyro installation

For relatively small ships also the application of a gyro system, which works if the ship is stationary and moving, may be thinkable.

The requirements for such a system will be discussed and agreed case by case.

3. Documents for approval

The following documents are to be submitted:

3.1 General

- general arrangement drawings of the system
- diagrammatic plans of all piping systems forming part of the stabilizing systems, including all the necessary details for approval (e.g. lists of valves, fittings and pipes)
- schematic electric circuit diagrams. If stabilization is essential for operation, then additional drawings may be requested
- description of systems
- operating and maintenance manuals

3.2 Static heel and trim compensation resp. reduction

- details about the identification of heel and trim
- details of the tank venting system
- description of the pipe and pumping arrangements for filling and discharging, etc.

3.3 Roll stabilization with ballast shifting

- description of the functioning principles of the system
- details of the valves controlling the shifting of water between the different tanks
- details about the identification of the vessel motion and the control program working with this input
- description of the measures to avoid negative influences on the stability of the damaged vessel

3.4 Fin stabilizers

- assembly and general drawings
- if stabilization is essential for operation, drawings and strength calculations for the main load bearing components
- diagrams of the hydraulic and electrical equipment containing all the data necessary for checking

3.5 Stabilizing elements on the vessel

- general arrangement drawings including safety measures

- documentation about the different drives and their power supply from the vessel systems
- description of the joint drive control with definition of limits of stabilizing

4. Reference to further rules

The latest issue of the following BKI Rules is to be considered:

- [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 2 and 12, I.](#)

5. Classification, Notations

If the requirements for reduction of heel, trim and roll according to [D](#) and/or for heave compensation according to [E](#) are achieved, the Class Notation **SEAKEEP** may be assigned to the ship.

D. Heel, Trim and Roll Reduction of the Ship

1. General

1.1 Importance

It has to be investigated which importance for the operation of the actual naval ship a reduction of heel and/or trim as well as rolling motions has. In complex cases performing of a Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA) might be necessary.

The influence of the stabilization systems on the damage stability, if the ship is statically heeling because of damage beyond the stabilization system, is to be investigated. The maximum heeling moment due to damage of compartments and stabilization system has to be considered.

According to the results a stabilization philosophy should be created and adequate measures are to be provided for the ship. Especially the degree of redundancy for the installed stabilization systems has to be defined.

1.2 Methods for roll stabilization

The methods of roll stabilization are defined in [C.2](#) and the following methods are recognized in this Section:

- manipulating the ruder at speed
- ballast shifting system for static heel, stationary position and at speed
- stabilizing fins at stationary position and at speed

1.3 Automatic in operation

Ship stabilizing systems shall be fully automatic in operation.

2. Reduction of static heel or trim

2.1 Tanks for anti-heeling devices

2.1.1 The stability of the ship shall in no operating condition be endangered by the system.

2.1.2 If tanks are used as anti-heeling devices, effects of maximum possible tank moments on intact stability are to be checked. A respective proof has to be carried out for several draughts and taking

maximum allowable centres of gravity resulting from the stability limit curve as a basis. In general the heeling angle shall not be more than 2°.

2.1.3 The free water surface in the tanks shall be kept to the necessary minimum to avoid remarkable negative influences on the ship's stability.

2.2 Anti-heeling arrangements

Anti-heeling arrangements are to be designed as follows:

- A shut-off device is to be provided in the cross channel between the tanks destined for this purpose before and after the anti-heeling pump.
- These shut-off devices and the pump are to be remotely operated. The control devices are to be arranged in one control stand.
- At least one of the arranged remote controlled shut-off devices is to automatically shut down in the case of power supply failure (fail safe position).
- The position closed of the shut-off devices is to be indicated on the control stand by type approved end position indicators.

2.3 Cross-flooding arrangements

Cross-flooding arrangements for equalizing asymmetrical flooding in case of damage are not subject of this Section. The relevant requirements are specified in [Section 8, Q.2.](#) and the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 2, C.2.3.2.2.](#)

2.4 Reduction of trim

For the measures to reduce the trim resp. the inclination in the longitudinal direction of the ship, the measures defined in [2.1](#) and [2.2](#) are to be applied in an analogous way.

3. Roll reduction on a stationary position

3.1 General

It has to be proven that the stability of the ship is not depending on the roll stabilization system.

3.2 Tank stabilisation system

3.2.1 The requirements of [2.1.1](#) to [2.1.3](#) for antiheeling tanks are also valid for roll stabilization tanks.

3.2.2 In general the system shall contain the following main elements:

- a pair of water tanks at the ship sides (media heavier than water may be used and agreed for special cases)
- duct connection between the starboard and port-side tank at the tank bottom
- several air pipes between the top of the tanks which can be opened or closed by control valves; each of these control valves has to be controlled as single item with the aim to adjust the roll period of the tank system, if the roll period of the ship is longer than the roll period of the tank system
- electric, hydraulic or pneumatic energy as control power for the different valves
- control system to determine the roll period of the ship respectively the tank system and to control the condition of the air valves

3.2.3 Depending on the stabilization philosophy created according to 1.1 the number of tank pairs and the different components of the stabilization system, like pipes, valves, controls, etc., have to be provided in more or less redundant way.

3.2.4 The following mechanical and electrical requirements have to be met at minimum:

- the water duct between the two tanks shall not be blocked; for ships with ice class measures to avoid freezing are required
- supply of compressed air respectively supply of hydraulic power shall be possible from two different sources
- electric supply shall be performed by two different connections to the main switchboard, a connection to the emergency source of electrical power is to be established if the stabilization philosophy requires it, compare 1.1
- the air control valves shall reach the "fail safe" condition, if power fails
- for pneumatic systems a compressed air accumulator to prevent the system from a sudden pressure loss, if the supply fails, is to be provided
- pneumatic systems are to be protected from oil and solid articles by filters, which have to be maintained regularly
- each tank is to be provided with venting lines which may be combined with filling lines and are to be closed in case of stabilizing operation
- each tank is to be provided with a safety valve of sufficient capacity to restrict the tank pressure

3.2.5 The following control and alarm requirements have to be met at minimum:

- each tank is to be equipped with high level, low level and service level sensors for the water level; the relevant alarms are to be triggered at the control panel
- if the air or oil filters are blocked, an alarm is to be triggered at the control panel
- at least two roll sensors with a self check of signal equivalence are to be provided; as an alternative a main sensor and a control sensor may be installed; if their signals deviate from each other a signal is to be triggered at the control panel
- If stabilization philosophy requires, additional roll sensors are to be provided
- the control of the system is to be failsafe, as far as possible
- if the control system fails, an alarm is to be triggered
- emergency stops resp. an emergency shutdown facility from the bridge and the MCC have to be provided
- the availability of control power (electrically, pneumatically, hydraulically) has to be monitored and the loss of the control power has to be alarmed

3.2.6 The correct functioning of the system has to be ensured before the start of the stabilization operation. A test mode to check the correct functions of the system as far as possible before starting the stabilization operation, is to be established.

3.3 Stabilizing fins

If new designs of stabilizing fins promise in an active mode even at zero speed a positive contribution to roll damping a detailed documentation is to be submitted to BKI. These documents shall especially contain the moving characteristics of the fins, relevant calculations of the developed forces and results of test or installations already provided. See also 4.3.

4. Roll reduction at speed

4.1 Manipulating the rudder

4.1.1 The roll stabilization by manipulating the rudder shall not cause any hazardous conditions for the ship.

4.1.2 For the necessary fast movements of the rudder to create stabilization forces the maximum rudder angle shall be limited.

4.1.3 Despite of the very fast movements superimposed to the rudder, it has to be guaranteed that the general steering function of the rudder is not impaired.

4.1.4 If the roll stabilization stops working because of failure, the normal rudder function has to be fully maintained.

4.1.5 Additional fatigue considerations have to be demonstrated to BKI for construction of rudder body and rudder drive system.

4.1.6 To meet the high and fluctuating demand of hydraulic medium for the rudder drive a storage unit may be integrated in addition to the two required hydraulic power sets.

4.2 Tank stabilisation systems

The requirements for stabilization at a stationary position as defined in 3.2 are also valid at speed.

4.3 Fin stabilizers

4.3.1 Scope

The requirements contained herein apply to stabilizer drive units necessary for the operation and safety of the ship and Class Notation **SEAKEEP** is assigned.

4.3.2 Design

.1 For retractable stabilizer fins the actual position has to be indicated at the bridge and at the machinery control room, compare 1.3.

.2 When non-retractable fins are not in use, the fins are to be kept in neutral position by hydraulically or preferably mechanical locking. Retractable fins shall be retracted in the neutral position into the hull compartment inside the hull to prevent any damages. It shall not be possible to activate retractable fins before they are completely unfolded out of the hull.

Where the fins are arranged in the area of embarking stations of lifeboats, the retraction system is to be connected to a second source of power.

.3 The bearing system, the inboard gland and the drive unit are to be located within a watertight space of moderate size at the ship's side or bottom. The watertight space shall be provided with openings for inspection and maintenance purposes which are normally closed. The sealing arrangement at the penetration of the fin shaft through the ship's shell into the watertight space has to be either type approved or the appropriate drawings have to be submitted for approval. The watertight space is to be provided with a water ingress alarm and an indication on the bridge.

If this watertight space is flooded, the bulkhead deck shall not be submerged and essential (or emergency) power and lighting, communication, signals or other emergency devices have to remain available.

.4 If single fin operation in addition to the standard twin fin operation is provided for low speeds and/or vessel motions, details about this operation mode are to be provided.

.5 The hydraulic pipes of fin stabilizers are to be made of seamless or longitudinally welded steel tubes. The use of cold-drawn, unannealed tubes is not permitted. At points where they are exposed to damage, copper pipes for control lines are to be provided with protective shielding and are to be safeguarded against hardening due to vibration by the use of suitable fastenings.

.6 High-pressure hose assemblies may be used for short pipe connections subject to compliance with [Section 8, U](#). if this is necessary due to vibrations or flexibly mounted units.

.7 The materials used for pressurized components including the seals are to be suitable for the hydraulic oil in use.

4.4 Combined systems

If tank stabilizing and fin stabilizers are applied in a combined way, it has to be observed, that both systems are to be controlled from a combined control panel or two panels besides each other. It has to be indicated which system is in operation and which is not in operation.

E. Heave Compensation of the Ship

Although heave compensation is routinely applied to lifting appliances (compare [G](#)) and special platforms (compare [F](#)), efforts should be done by selecting hull forms that give minimum heave under specified mission conditions.

Note

1. On request, BKI evaluates the susceptibility of a ship to motions and accelerations in seaway in excess of the specified performance standards.

The assessment evaluates nonlinear ship motions (roll, pitch and heave), accelerations at the specified locations (vertical and lateral) and relative motions with respect to green water and slamming events. The procedure requires ship data and loading conditions, operational profile, seaway statistics and required performance standards; the latter can be recommended by BKI. As a result, susceptible loading conditions are identified with respect to excessive motions and accelerations, their reasons and on request recommendations for design improvement.

2. Likewise on request BKI issues a ship-specific operational guidance for the onboard assistance to the ship's captain, based on ship data, operational profile and specified performance standards. The operational guidance shows which courses and speeds should be avoided in each specified loading and seaway condition in order to ensure the fulfilment of the specified operational performance standards.

F. Stabilized Elements on the Ship

1. Heave compensated platform

1.1 General

Heave may become the most important matter if some types of equipment are to be handled from ships.

1.2 Safety aspects

1.2.1 The following safety aspects have to be considered:

- the vertical movement has to be mechanically limited including damping measures at the end positions
- within the mechanically limited heave range, limit switches are to be provided, one for reducing speed of movement, one for stopping of the movement
- the complete range where the platform is moving has to be secured against unintentional access of persons or equipment
- modes of operation have to be defined in analogous way to [2.2.2](#)

1.2.2 For power supply and control position [2.2.3](#) and [2.2.4](#) have to be applied analogously.

2. Motion compensated work platform

2.1 General

An active motion compensating work platform which compensates 3 degrees of freedom, namely roll, pitch and heave movement of the ship may be very favourable in transferring materials from such a platform to other ships and other installations, compare [Section 4](#) for Replenishment at Sea (RAS). The operation can be further facilitated if the handling crane is also installed on the work platform.

The maximum heaving way and the maximum tilting angles in longitudinal and transverse directions are to be defined by the Naval Administration according to the ships's behaviour and the size of seaway to be compensated. Together with the SWL (Safe Weight Load) of the platform and the required velocities of the movements they are forming the decisive design parameters.

2.2 Safety aspects

The following safety aspects have to be considered:

2.2.1 General

The area underneath and besides the platform as far as concerned by the platform movements has to be blocked for traffic of personnel or even storage of materials, etc.

2.2.2 Modes of operation

The following modes of operation have to be established:

- Locking mode: The platform is mechanically locked to the hull structure or superstructure of the vessel and the control panel is secured against unintentional use.
- Maintenance mode: The platform can be moved manually (preferably with a joystick from the control panel) in all directions.
- Motion compensating mode: The platform is automatically fully compensating the measured vessel movements to its defined limits. An acoustic warning has to be triggered before start and stop of this mode. During this mode a yellow flashlight overlooking the platform and its surrounding area is to be activated.
- Emergency mode: If the control system is failing, it has to be possible to stop the motions immediately and to bring afterwards the platform down to locking mode by manually operating local controls at the moving devices.

2.2.3 Power supply

During the motion compensating mode the platform is to be connected with two independent power supply lines from the ships's electrical power generation plants. If a hydraulic system is integrated it has to be equipped with an accumulator under full pressure with a sufficient capacity to bring the platform from

the motion compensating mode to locking mode in case of power failure. Alternatively a second hydraulic aggregate may be provided and kept ready for immediate start if the first aggregate fails.

2.2.4 Control position

The operating of the platform shall be done from a control panel overlooking the complete platform and its surrounding area on the ship. The maximum seaway respectively the equivalent significant wave heights to be compensated have to be announced at the panel. The panel has to be equipped with a key switch to avoid unintentional use of the complete system.

The different operation modes and necessary fault messages have to be indicated on the panel.

3. Helicopter deck

3.1 An active motion compensating helicopter deck which compensates all or a part of the degrees of freedom, namely roll, pitch and heave movement of the naval ship may be very favourable in extending landing and starting conditions to the planned size of seaway.

Because of the considerable weight of a helicopter platform it has to be investigated for actual cases if only a part of the above movements or other movements, e.g. travelling of the complete platform in transverse direction to compensate the roll induced transverse sway of the ship.

The maximum heaving way and the maximum tilting angles in longitudinal and transverse directions are to be defined by the Naval Administration/Shipyard according to the ship's behaviour and the size of seaway to be compensated. Together with the SWL (Safe Weight Load) of the helicopter deck and the required velocities of the movements they are forming the decisive design parameters.

3.2 Safety aspects

The following safety aspects have to be considered for a stabilized helicopter deck:

3.2.1 General

The safety aspects are practically the same as defined in 2. for working platforms.

3.2.2 Further requirements

In addition the following is to be considered:

- An agreed light signal shall be provided which shows the helicopter pilot that the helicopter deck is already operating correctly in the compensating mode and ready to receive the helicopter.
- An additional verbal communication line is to be established to the helicopter pilot and vice versa.

G. Lifting Appliances

1. As lifting appliances for naval ships cranes with jib, knuckle and expandable boom and expandable outriggers are to be considered. The detailed requirements for these systems are defined in [Section 3](#).

2. Active heave compensation system (AHC)

Active heave compensation systems are systems, which keep the distance of the load in relation to the working plane constant and are using for that external power.

Activation of the heave compensation system(s) shall be protected against inadvertent use.

3. Passive heave compensation system (PHC)

Passive heave compensation systems are systems, which keep the position of the load between predefined limits and are using for that stored power.

4. General

The activation switch for heave compensation systems shall be clearly and durably marked.

When the systems are deactivated, the crane shall smoothly return to normal operation.

H. Hydraulic Installations

1. General

1.1 If the stabilization systems are hydraulically driven the following requirements have to be considered.

1.2 For the dimensional design of pressure vessels see [Section 16](#) for the dimensions of pipes and hose assemblies see [Section 8](#).

2. Materials

The requirements for materials are defined in [Section 8, B](#).

3. Hydraulic operating equipment

3.1 Design

3.1.1 Stabilization systems may be supplied either by a common hydraulic power station or individually by several hydraulic power units for each drive. If stabilization is essential for operation sufficient pump capacity is to be provided that in the event of a failure of one pump, the unimpaired operation of the stabilization system is maintained. Where the systems are supplied individually, change over valves or fittings are to be provided.

3.1.2 The movement of stabilization systems is not to be initiated merely by starting the pumps. The movement of drives is to be controlled from special operating stations. The controls are to be so arranged that, as soon as they are released, the movement of the system ceases immediately.

3.1.3 Local controls, inaccessible to unauthorized persons, are to be fitted. If the movement of the system cannot be observed, audible and/or visual warning devices are to be fitted. In addition, the control stands are to be equipped with indicators for monitoring the movement of the system.

3.2. Pipes

3.2.1 The pipes of hydraulic systems are to be made of seamless or longitudinally welded steel tubes.

The use of cold-drawn, unannealed tubes is not permitted.

3.2.2 Pipes are to be installed and secured in such a way as to protect them from damage while enabling them to be properly maintained from outside.

Pipes may be led through tanks in pipe tunnels only. The laying of such pipes through cargo spaces is to be restricted to the essential minimum. The piping system is to be fitted with relief valves to limit the pressure to the maximum allowable working pressure.

3.2.3 Equipment is to be provided to enable the hydraulic system to be vented.

3.2.4 The accumulator space of the hydraulic accumulator has to have permanent access to the relief valve of the connected system. The gas chamber of the accumulator may be filled only with inert gases. Gas and operating medium are to be separated by accumulator bags, diaphragms or similar.

3.2.5 Connection between the hydraulic systems used for stabilization and other hydraulic systems is permitted only with the consent of BKI.

3.2.6 The hydraulic fluids have to be suitable for the intended ambient and service temperatures.

3.3. Oil level indicators and filters

3.3.1 Tanks within the hydraulic system are to be equipped with oil level indicators.

3.3.2 The lowest permissible oil level is to be monitored. Audible and visual alarms are to be provided for the navigating bridge and in the machinery space or machinery control centre. The alarm on the navigating bridge is to be an individual alarm.

3.3.3 Arrangements are to be provided to maintain the cleanliness of the hydraulic fluid taking into consideration the type and design of the hydraulic system.

3.4 Hose assemblies

High-pressure hose assemblies may be used for short pipe connections subject to compliance with [Section 8, U.](#), if this is necessary due to vibrations or flexibly mounted units.

4. Pressure and tightness tests

Pressure and tightness tests analogous to [Section 14, F.](#) are to be performed.

5. Shipboard trials

The operational efficiency of the hydraulic equipment is to be demonstrated during the sea trials.

I. Electrical Installations

1. Basic Rules

Basic Rule is the latest issue of the BKI Rules

- [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\).](#)

2. Heel-Compensating systems

2.1 The heel compensating system shall be centrally controlled and monitored. The following facilities are to be provided:

- indicator showing whether the system is in operation
- optical/audible fault indication
- inclination angle indicator

2.2 The control console shall be provided with a manual emergency OFF switch for ships which are operated only under supervision.

2.3 Systems which are also operated without supervision shall be provided with a manual emergency OFF switch and an automatic stop device which shuts down the system independently of the control when the maximum permitted angle of inclination is reached.

2.4 Control units for heel compensation systems which are relevant for the ship's safety are subject to mandatory type approval.

2.5 In case of danger for persons by working with stabilizers, a local emergency stop device shall be installed.

3. Stabilizing fin systems

3.1 A central control panel shall be installed at the bridge. The following facilities are to be provided:

- for retractable fins indication if fully retracted
- indicator showing whether the system is ready for operation
- indication if the system is in operation
- indication of actual operation mode, if applicable
- optical/audible fault indication

As far as necessary the above indications shall also be shown at the local control panel at the fin driving station.

It shall be able to lock the panels to ensure that the stabilizers are not started unintentionally.

3.2 In case of failure of electric power during stabilizer operation the fin units are to be automatically brought into a safe position for further operation of the vessel, e.g. either forceless (neutral) position or zero position. This has to be performed without any external power supply.

3.3 For the case of inspections or any immediate maintenance shut-off switches are to be provided locally at the fin units, to definitely avoid any danger for the crew.

4. Rudder roll stabilization

4.1 The roll stabilization by the rudder shall be a function of the steering gear control system.

4.2 It shall be possible to select the normal steering gear control system reliably at all times.

4.3 For the roll stabilizing mode the maximum rudder angle shall be limited.

J. Tests and Trials

1. General

As far as possible all stabilizing systems have to be tested already at the manufacturer's works.

2. Hydraulic Systems

2.1 Pressure test

For pressure testing of pipes, their valves and fittings, see [Section 8, B.4](#) and [U.5](#).

2.2 Tightness test

Tightness tests are to be performed on components to which this is appropriate.

3. Electrical systems

3.1 Electrical machines, components, cables and lines are to be tested in the manufacturer's works in accordance with the [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\)](#).

3.2 The electrical systems and equipment of the ship are to be inspected and tested before stabilization systems are put into service.

3.3 The different test and operating modes are to be checked as far as possible.

4. Shipboard trials

4.1 The functioning of the safety measures defined above for the different stabilizing systems have to be tested after installation on board and before start of the sea trials.

4.2 If all safety measures are functioning correctly, the operational efficiency of the stabilizing systems is to be demonstrated in the seaway during the sea trials.

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A. General

1. Scope

1.1 The dimensioning, testing and examining of lifting appliances and lifts normally is not part of the Classification of a naval ship. The Classification does, however, include checking the structure of the ship's hull and foundations in way of the forces transmitted by lifting appliances and lifts.

1.2 The Guidelines in this Section are applied by BKI in all cases where BKI is commissioned to assess lifting appliances, lifts and lifting attachments. They are the basis on which the BKI Certificates are issued.

1.3 Basis for the requirements defined in this Section for all kinds of lifting appliances are the [Regulations for the Construction and Survey of Lifting Appliances \(Pt.6, Vol.IV\)](#).

2. Definitions

2.1 Shipboard cranes

For naval ships shipboard cranes with revolving jibs, knuckle boom (to reduce the stowage length) and expandable jib may be applied. These cranes can only be used in the harbour or in calm waters.

For this crane type the calculation procedure has to follow [B.3.1](#) to [B.3.3](#).

2.2 Offshore cranes

Offshore cranes are cranes installed on fixed offshore installations or on column stabilized mobile offshore units for loading and unloading of floating ships, barges and other offshore floating systems.

This crane type is not subject of this Section.

2.3 Shipboard lifting appliances at sea state

Shipboard lifting appliances installed on naval ships and working at sea state comprise cranes, gantry cranes, A-frames, etc. They are exposed to offshore environmental conditions and handle military cargo as well as manned/unmanned subsea vehicles at the open sea. Thus in the seaway the load will be unfavourably superimposed by the motions of the naval ship itself and also by the motions of the vessel or offshore unit from where it is lifted. This results in increased dynamic stresses of the loading gear and has to be specially considered in calculation and design.

For this crane type the calculation procedure has to follow [B.3.4](#).

2.4 Safe working load (SWL)

The safe working load SWL of a lifting appliance is the static load which may be directly applied to the supporting element (e.g. cargo hook) of the lifting appliance. The dead load imposed by loose gear forms part of the SWL.

2.5 Loose gear

Loose gear comprises all gear by means of which a load can be attached to a lifting appliance but which does not form part either of the lifting appliance or of the load.

3. Documents to be submitted for approval

3.1 General requirements

For general requirements see [Section 1, C](#).

3.2 Documents for approval of newly manufactured lifting appliances

The following lists for newly manufactured loading gear do not have any claim of completeness. On the other hand, they are only applicable within the respective scope.

3.2.1 Structural parts

- masts, posts, fittings, foundations of all kinds
- traverses, crane booms, crane housings, excentric platforms, crane columns, supporting structures
- sea lashings, crane boom supports
- design and fixing of cabin

Additional for lifting appliances with Class Notation:

- steering stands, if any

3.2.2 Mechanical parts

- winch drums and their bearings
- slew rings, with bolting system and limit load diagrams
- other rotary bearings such as king pins and rollers
- cylinders, pipe fracture valves
- racks, spindles
- winch drives and brakes
- slewing and swinging mechanisms, with drives and brakes
- dismantling devices for slew rings
- shock absorbers in luffing and hoisting systems
- swell compensator systems

Additional for lifting appliances with Class Notation:

- slewing, swinging, luffing and running gear
- all drives and brakes, including the prime mover
- valves, control equipment

- pipes and hoses
- tanks
- cooling, ventilation equipment

3.2.3 Electrical installations

- details of the rated characteristics and types of enclosure of the drive motors employed
- details of all safety devices
- wiring diagrams
- emergency power supply
- alarms
- lighting diagrams

Additional for lifting appliances with Class Notation:

- circuit diagrams
- control equipment

3.2.4 Other documents

- circuit diagrams (hydraulic/pneumatic)
- material specifications
- welding and testing schedules
- details of ropes, rope end connections, rope sheaves
- details of interchangeable components
- access ways, ladders, platforms
- fire protection plans
- test and trial programs
- drawings of cabins resp. control stands

Additional for lifting appliances with Class Notation:

- design data, energy balance
- layout plans
- specifications
- corrosion protection
- spare parts list

3.3 Documents for information

These are calculations and back-up documentation such as:

3.3.1 Strength calculations (steel structure/machinery)

- general stress analysis
- proof of stability (crippling, tilting, buckling)
- proof of fatigue strength

3.3.2 Other calculations

- proof of rope drives
- proof of safety against overturning
- proof of safety against drifting off by wind

3.3.3 Other documents

- functional descriptions, where necessary
- Certificates for loose gear, interchangeable components and ropes
- details of type tests

3.4 Particulars for documentation

3.4.1 Minimum extent

- general arrangement drawings (showing overall layout)
- load radius diagram, where necessary
- operating instructions

Additional for lifting appliances with Class Notation:

- maintenance instruction

3.5 Documents for approval of existing lifting appliances and loose gear

For the special requirements for the approval of documents for existing lifting appliances see the [Regulations for the Construction and Survey of Lifting Appliances \(Pt.6, Vol.IV\)](#).

4. Reference to further Rules

4.1 BKI Rules

The following BKI Rules complement, where relevant, the provisions of this Section:

- [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\) Sec. 1-3](#)
- [Rules for Welding \(Pt.1, Vol. VI\) Sec. 3](#)
- [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\)](#)

4.2 National regulations

Where national regulations differ from the rules in this Section, BKI may base the approval, testing and examination on these divergent regulations in so far as this is necessary or agreed, and provided that they are placed at the disposal of BKI, as may be required.

5. Certification and Classification

5.1 Certification

If the systems contained in this Section fulfil the defined requirements and are constructed and tested under BKI surveillance, a Certificate for the system can be issued and a Register Book can be opened. The latter has the purpose to provide information about the actual situation as regards general data plus the test, examination and maintenance status.

5.2 Classification

5.2.1 General notes

- .1 Classification of lifting appliances on naval ships is optional in principle. But on request, lifting appliances can be classified by BKI.
- .2 Test, examinations and scope of attestation will therefore be extended beyond Certification on some electrical and on further machinery components.
- .3 Classification is concluded by issuing the Class Certificate. For confirmation and renewal, the requirements for certified lifting appliances apply, see [5.1](#).
- .4 The requirements of this Section refer to new loading gears. For existing loading gear, BKI's Head Office determines the scope of tests and examinations for Classification case by case.

5.2.2. Conditions for Classification

Classification requires Certification as well as the additional measures described in [5.2.1.2](#).

5.2.3 Class Notations

- .1 After successful completion of Certification of lifting appliances by a Surveyor and all tests and examinations prescribed in this Section for Classification, the Naval Administration receives a "Certificate of load test of Lifting Appliances" (Form F33.3. 02) from BKI's Head Office.
- .2 In general classified lifting appliances on naval ships will be assigned the Class Notation **LA**.
- .3 For classified cranes on board of naval ships which are able to operate at sea state, compare [B.2.1.3](#) and [B.3.4](#), the Class Notation **LA (CRANE)** will be assigned.

B. Cranes

1. Scope

1.1 The following types of equipment are not considered in this Section:

- launching cranes/davits, see the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 19, J](#)
- systems for replenishment at sea, see [Section 4](#)

1.2 It is recommended on principle to examine the crane drawings for new cranes to be constructed in order to establish the degree of inherent safety with a view to subsequent practical testing and certification.

1.3 The documents and rigging plans to be submitted are to indicate the type of crane, see [2](#), and the working ranges (possibly restricted) permissible for strength or ship's stability reasons, together with the permissible inclinations of the floating body. If necessary, special stability data shall be appended.

2. Types of cranes

2.1 On naval ships the following types of cranes are normally used:

2.1.1 Cranes in the ship, esp. in machinery rooms, hangars, etc.

2.1.2 Deck cranes working in harbour or in calm waters with no considerable seaway:

- deck cranes for general military cargo, containers, palletised goods
- deck cranes for provisions, etc.

2.1.3 Deck cranes working at sea state

These deck cranes may work between ships, boats, etc. or e.g. for handling of submersibles in the open sea up to a defined size of sea state and are fully exposed to offshore conditions.

2.1.4 Cranes used also for conveyance of personnel or manned equipment

For this duty the permitted safe working load SWL of the crane has to be at least twice as high as the weight plus the permissible safe working load of the loose gear to be used.

2.2 The cranes are further subdivided with regard to the hoist load coefficients and the proof of fatigue strength:

- Type A cranes: includes all the cranes that do not handle cargo. They are characterised by an irregular usage pattern with lengthy rest periods.
- Type B cranes: includes all cranes that do handle cargo but not always lift the full SWL. These cranes are characterized by a regular usage pattern with lengthy rest periods.
- Cranes with special loading conditions will be subject to special considerations.

3 Calculation procedure

3.1. General

The vertical dynamic forces due to the acceleration or movement of lifting appliances, parts thereof or hoist loads are considered in calculation by the dead load coefficient ϕ and the hoist load coefficient ψ , by which the static loads shall be multiplied.

For a detailed calculation see [Section 4](#) of the Guidelines defined in [A.1.3](#).

3.2 Hoist load coefficient

The hoist loads or the stresses arising there from shall be multiplied by a hoist load coefficient ψ . If a crane has several hoisting equipments, these may have differing hoist load coefficients.

3.3 Hoist load coefficient for working at sea state

3.3.1 In the seaway the load will be unfavourably superimposed by the motions of the naval ship itself and also by the motions of the ship from where it is lifted. This results in increased dynamic stresses of the lifting appliance and has to be specially considered in calculation and design.

3.3.2 The increased dynamic stressing of the crane can be considered by the hoist load coefficient ψ_{see} .

Therefore the nominal load of a crane working at sea state on a naval ship SWL_{see} is to be reduced in relation to a crane working in calm water SWL because of the influences described in [3.3.3](#) and [3.3.4](#).

$$SWL \cdot \psi = SWL_{see} \cdot \psi_{see}$$

The reduced SWL_{see} shall be determined for various significant wave heights for the entire load radius range. This can be done using simplified methods or shall be established on the basis of a motion response analysis.

3.3.3 Simplified methods for calculation of ψ_{see}

Simplified methods for the calculation of ψ_{see} shall include:

- basic formula depending on crane stiffness
- relative speed between load and hook
- corrections to crane stiffness according to position of hook, etc.
- deviation angle of hoist rope
- value of transverse tow
- speed of hook

3.3.4 Calculation of the hoist loads coefficient ψ_{see} from a motion response analysis

An improved approach to the actual sea state conditions in relation to the simplified methods described in 3.3.3 can be reached with the help of stochastic data about the sea state and hydrodynamic calculation methods. This may lead to a reduced value of the hoist load coefficient (and also the dead load coefficient) to be considered in the calculation of the lifting appliance.

The calculation has to include the following influences, as far as applicable:

- vertical movement of the deck with the cargo
- horizontal movement of the deck with the cargo (longitudinal, transverse)
- carrying structure of the crane
- motion behaviour of the naval ship on which the crane is installed
- hydrodynamic characteristics of a floating or dived load
- influence of positioning/mooring systems of the naval ship
- agreed wind speeds

3.4 Load collision prevention

3.4.1 Hook speed

For crane works between different naval ships or between naval ships and offshore installations/units the speed of the hook, which is resulting from lifting and luffing speeds of the crane as well as from the motion of the naval ship, has to be high enough, to secure that a renewed contact of the load with the cargo deck of the other ship or unit does not result in a damage of the crane or the load.

3.4.2 Active heave compensation system (AHC)

Active heave compensation systems are systems, which keep the distance of the load in relation to the working plane constant and are using for that external power.

3.4.3 Passive heave compensation system (PHC)

Passive heave compensation systems are systems, which keep the position of the load between predefined limits and are using for that stored power.

3.4.4 General

The activation switch for heave compensation systems shall be clearly and durably marked. In addition activation shall be protected against inadvertent use.

When the heave compensation system is deactivated, the crane shall smoothly return to normal operation.

4. Construction

4.1 At sea all movable and rotatable masses have to be lashed by special and suitable measures.

4.2 Movable cranes

4.2.1 Rail mounted cranes and trolleys shall be safeguarded against derailment, overturning and dislodging as well as against unintentional movement in a seaway and in operation. Rail stops, warning devices and rail clearers shall be provided.

4.2.2 Cranes which can be moved athwartships shall be fitted with a direct drive (rack and pinion drive or equivalent). The drive shall be self-locking or be equipped with brakes.

4.2.3 Where cranes which can be moved fore and aft in longitudinal direction of the ship are not fitted with a direct drive, they have to be equipped with a self-locking device or with brakes. For the latter case calculations are to be submitted proving that the cranes are able to move against a 2° inclination and against a wind load 50 % higher than normally applied for "lifting appliances in operation" (wind speed of 22 m/s), with or without load, by friction contact only. For ships which operate at least temporarily with a considerable trim, like dock landing ships during docking manoeuvres, a direct drive with rack and pinion is recommended for the longitudinal movement.

4.2.4 The top of the crane rail shall lie parallel to the construction waterline (DWL) of the ship

4.2.5 Where the operator has to move with the crane control unit, the speed of travel may not exceed 0,5 m/s.

4.2.6 Cranes in machinery rooms or maintenance hangars, etc.

.1 For cranes and trolleys up to 1,5 t SWL travelling athwartships, the requirement according to 4.2.2 is considered to be met if the load can be held safely by means of suitable restraints (tackles, pulley blocks, etc.) even against movement of the ship.

.2 Cranes or trolleys travelling in longitudinal direction of the ship have to be equipped with a direct drive according to 4.2.2 if they shall be used for repair and maintenance duties at sea.

4.2.7 Free travelling lifting appliances

.1 Cranes and floorborne lifting appliances shall have a sufficient and proven stability.

.2 Plate thickness and stiffeners of decks where cranes or floorborne lifting appliances are travelling, shall carry the loads defined in the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 5, F](#).

.3 At cranes and floorborne lifting appliances as well as at the hull structure pad eyes have to be provided to enable sea lashing. For the arrangement of these pad eyes the stress distribution in the hull has to be considered.

4.3 Accesses in general

The railings of access ways, platforms, etc. shall be at least 0,90 m in height with a handrail at the top and an intermediate rail half way up. Additionally a foot bar at least 0,10 m in height shall be provided.

4.4 Safety measures

4.4.1 In accessible areas, the distance between fixed parts of the ship and moving parts of the crane shall be at least 0,50 m in all directions and where passageways adjoin at least 0,60 m. Where guard rails are used as boundaries for working spaces and passageways, these shall be at least 0,10 m away from any moving part.

4.4.2 If at certain points a distance of 0,50 m cannot be provided, the area concerned shall be identified with prominent black and yellow paintwork. Warning notices are to be fitted.

4.4.3 Where the free movement of moveable lifting appliances and their loads have to be limited, scratch boards are to be installed. As regards to their need and extent each individual case shall be cleared with BKI.

4.4.4 The complete working area of the lifting appliances have to be sufficiently lighted for night operation.

4.5 Machinery spaces

4.5.1 In machinery spaces (aboard the ship and in cranes) adequately dimensioned facilities for the attachment of hand operated hoists, holding or other devices shall be provided in suitable places and suitable facilities for setting down of engine parts shall be installed.

4.5.2 To permit the performing of the load tests on existing hoists within the framework of the thorough examination every five years, eye plates shall be provided at suitable places.

4.6 Miscellaneous

4.6.1 Subordinate members and auxiliary structures such as ladders, consoles, cable trays, etc. shall not be welded to highly stressed members. Where anyhow necessary, proof of fatigue strength shall be supplied for this case.

4.6.2 Rope drums which cannot be under observation by the operator at all times shall be provided with a forced guide system for the rope running onto the drum. This forced guide system shall be installed as a matter of principle where the rope cannot wind itself satisfactorily onto the drum. Such a forced guide system may be a grooved drum, a coiling gear or a similar device.

4.6.3 The sheaves of cranes shall be fitted with a rope guard to prevent the ropes from jumping out of the groove.

5. Equipment

5.1 Crane booms

5.1.1 Direct or indirect acting luffing or swinging cylinders shall be fitted with retaining valves to safeguard against pipe fracture.

5.1.2 Cranes whose booms are held by luffing ropes shall be provided with stoppers for the upper end positions.

5.1.3 When a jib is in the stowed/lowest position, at least three safety turns shall remain on the rope drum.

5.2 Control stands and equipment

5.2.1 Control stands and controls shall be so designed and located that the crane driver has an unobstructed view of the load itself or at least of the person guiding him.

5.2.2 Control stands of cranes of type B shall be closed driver's cabins with adequate lighting, heating and ventilation. They shall be fitted with accident proof window panes, sun shields, window wipers and protective grids.

5.2.3 The controls shall be marked to indicate their function. Movements of the controls shall be appropriately related to the corresponding crane movements.

5.3 Safety devices

5.3.1 Limit switches

.1 Limit switches shall be provided on principle when the operator is unable to oversee the entire execution of the movement. This does not apply to those movements of the load for which there is visual communication with an observer.

.2 The following end positions are to be controlled by limit switches:

- highest hook position
- lowest hook position
- highest crane boom position
- lowest crane boom position
- ends of travel
- limit of swinging range

.3 Limit switches shall be so designed and positioned that their efficiency is not affected by the weather or by fouling. Movement in the opposite direction shall be possible following their response. Preferably, proximity switches should be used.

.4 It should not be possible to overrun end positions, with the exception of the lowest crane boom position, should this be necessary for set-down. When the end position is overrun, the crane driver shall receive a continuous warning. Item 5.1.3. is to be observed.

.5 Limit switches are to be located and adjusted in such a way that no damage can occur, even if they are approached at maximum speed and with full Safe Working Load (SWL). If necessary, pre-limit switches are to be used.

.6 End position limitation for the highest crane boom position shall be such that after setting down of load, no damage can occur as a result of released luffing ropes.

.7 If necessary, limit switches shall act on other movements in order to prevent damage. This can for example be necessary for the highest hook position in conjunction with the luffing of the crane boom.

.8 In case of cranes with hydraulically operated hoisting gear, whose SWL does not exceed 1 t, the upper limit switch may be replaced by a relief valve or a slipping clutch. A prerequisite for this is a low hoisting speed, appropriate design of the upper hook stop and an adequate safety factor of the rope.

5.3.2 Emergency switches / keys

.1 At the place of control or inside the cabin an emergency switch or emergency cut-out with mechanical locking device is to be provided. In case of hydraulic drives the emergency switch shall also act on the electric drive of the hydraulic pump.

.2 Return to service shall be restricted to the zero position of the respective control elements or operating instruments.

5.3.3 Load radius-dependent SWLs

.1 If cranes have different SWLs for different load radii:

- a jib angle indicator shall be fitted in cases where the angle of the boom can be adjusted only in the unloaded condition

- a load moment limiter shall be fitted in cases where the angle of the boom can be changed under load

.2 Cranes of type B with load radius-dependent SWLs shall have a load radius diagram in the driver's cabin. The actual load radius shall be indicated continually visibly to the driver. If not the load radius but the boom inclination is indicated, an appropriate conversion table shall be provided.

5.3.4 Overload protection

.1 Cranes and hoisting winches shall be so designed or pre-set that it is not possible to exceed the SWL by more than 10 % (exceptionally by 15 %).

.2 Where the SWL of the crane varies with the load radius, the overload protection device shall adjust automatically to load radius changes.

.3 In cases as in 5.3.4.2 the overload protection device shall act also on the luffing system of the crane, i.e. the load moment shall be limited.

.4 After an overload protection device has responded, crane movements to reduce the load and/or load moment shall still be possible.

5.3.5 Control of slack rope

.1 It is to be ensured by appropriate measures that either slack rope cannot develop or proper running of the wire rope onto the drum is still maintained.

.2 In case that slack rope may occur it shall further be ensured that the hoist load coefficient on which the design is based may not be exceeded when lifting the load.

5.3.6 Warning devices

.1 Outside the crane operator's cab, a signal horn is to be provided enabling the crane driver to issue audible warnings which shall be well perceptible within the operating range of the crane.

.2 Mobile cranes should issue a visual and audible alarm when in motion.

5.3.7 Ship stability

.1 Where the safe operation of cranes requires the simultaneous operation of a system for limiting the heel or trim, this system shall either function automatically or shall be so installed that its operator can clearly oversee the motions of all deck cranes.

.2 Devices shall be fitted, or operation instructions provided, to allow the accident-proof transmission of instructions from a supervisor to the crane driver.

Operating instructions shall be enclosed with the rigging plans.

5.4 Miscellaneous

5.4.1 It is recommended that in the event of a failure of the drive power, it shall be possible to set down the suspended load without danger.

5.4.2 Devices enabling the slewing or hoisting mechanisms to be disconnected, are not permitted.

5.4.3 All cranes shall have a data plate containing at least the following details:

- manufacturer or supplier

- year of construction
- serial number
- type (if a type designation exists)

5.4.4 A plate prohibiting access to unauthorised members of the crew shall be fitted at each crane.

5.5 Operating instructions

5.5.1. Each crane shall be permanently and clearly marked with the different permitted SWLs and the min. and max. load radii.

5.5.2 Any special working conditions, restrictions or operating instructions are to be included in the rigging plans or attached to these.

5.5.3 Provision shall be made to ensure that when the designated limit weather conditions (seaway, wind) occur, the crane is securely lashed and/or refuge is sought in sheltered waters.

6. Foundations

6.1 General

6.1.1 Foundations, crane pedestals and also boom stowages are regarded as being part of the ship's classification if they are firmly welded to the hull.

6.1.2 For the use of high-strength bolts for slew ring bolting, the requirements of the [Regulation for the Construction and Survey of Lifting Appliances \(Pt.6, Vol.IV\)](#) are to be observed.

6.1.3 For proof of fatigue strength, crane foundations/pedestals shall be categorized in the same stress group as the associated crane.

6.2 Crane foundations

6.2.1 Foundations shall be dimensioned adequately for the conditions "crane in operation" and "crane out of operation". For boom stowages, the condition "crane out of operation" is the decisive one.

6.2.2 Wherever bending moments have to be transmitted and the constraint does not extend over two decks of the ship, foundations and boom stowages shall be so fixed to the connecting deck and the associated stiffening arrangements that the stresses can be accepted and transmitted safely.

6.2.3 Doubling plates underneath foundations and boom stowages are permitted only for the transmission of compression forces.

6.2.4 If high-strength pre-stressed bolts of the strength group [10.9](#) and [12.9](#) are used, constraint may be taken into consideration for the dimensioning of flanges at the location of bolts.

6.3 Crane pedestals

Cylindrical and rectangular crane pedestals are to be dimensioned according to the [Regulation for the Construction and Survey of Lifting Appliances \(Pt.6, Vol.IV\) Sec. 4.F.3](#).

The headroom of accesses shall be at least 2 m, the clear width at least 0,6 m. The clear height of an opening may be reduced by a sill of up to 0,6 m in height.

6.4 Connection to the hull

6.4.1 Wherever possible, crane pedestals should be fixed to the hull over a full deck height; if necessary, e.g. in the case of crane pedestals located at the ship's side, even to a greater depth to the structure of the ship.

6.4.2 Crane pedestals which by virtue of their location act as stiffness-discontinuities in the longitudinal structure of the ship, such as crane pedestals at the sides, are to have suitable taper brackets fitted along the longitudinal walls.

7. Testing and examination

7.1 Supervision of construction

7.1.1 The basis for the supervision of construction and final test and examination at the manufacturer's works is the approved documentation, plus additional documentation, reports, Certificates, etc. which the BKI Surveyor needs for assessment of the parts to be examined or tested.

7.1.2 Commencement of construction is to be announced to the respective BKI Inspection Office in sufficient time for a BKI Surveyor to attend the construction process from the very beginning.

7.1.3 Final testing and examination at the manufacturers is required even if the lifting appliance is not assembled completely there. New-design lifting appliances or the first crane in every delivery shall undergo a test run in the presence of the BKI Surveyor according to a programme approved by BKI.

7.2 Initial test and examination

7.2.1 Prior to being put into use testing and examination at the place of operation aboard is required, conducted resp. supervised by the BKI Surveyor. All tests have to be executed with power from the ship's own power supply system.

7.2.2 A function test serves to provide proof of the working order of all components, installation systems and safety devices. The test procedure is left to the BKI Surveyor's discretion.

The function test furthermore serves to verify whether parts of the ship's structure or the ship's equipment restrict the working range or impede the working process. No certificate will be issued for this test.

7.2.3 The function test carried out for the BKI Surveyor normally does not serve to check whether all the possible operations wanted by the Naval Administration can be effected. Proof of this is the responsibility of the manufacturer or supplier.

7.2.4 With the exception of the test of the overload protection devices, the function test may be carried out with any given load.

7.2.5 Each lifting appliance with a defined SWL shall undergo a load test with weights prior to being put into use at the place of operation. For shipborne cranes their foundations shall be included in the test. The size of the test load shall be taken from [Table 3.1](#).

Table 3.1. Test loads

Shipborne lifting appliances ¹	
SWL	Test load (PL _{dyn})
up to 20 t	SWL + 25 %
20 t up to 50 t	SWL + 5 t
over 50 t	SWL + 10 %
¹ according to international ILO regulations	

7.3 Periodic tests and examination

7.3.1 Lifting appliances subject to continuous supervision by BKI shall at regular intervals be thoroughly examined by a BKI Surveyor and subjected to load tests in his presence.

7.3.2 The following due dates for examinations are stipulated:

- annual thorough examination
- quinquennial thorough examination, load testing
- thorough examination after damage and/or repair with load testing after repair of load bearing parts

7.4 Further details

A detailed description of supervision of construction, tests and examinations is given in [Section 13](#) of the Guidelines defined in [A.1.3](#).

C. Rope and Chain Hoists

1. General

1.1 The requirements herein apply to rope and chain hoists in series production.

1.2 For individual or special production rope and chain hoists the requirements defined in [B](#). have to be applied in analogous manner.

1.3 A plan approval is required on principle. If a type test certificate from a recognised institution is available, the examination of drawings may be omitted.

2. Construction notes

2.1 Rope and chain hoists used for handling cargo shall have upper and lower limit switches for the cargo hook. The control circuits of these limit switches shall be designed on the closed-circuit current principle or shall be self regulating. Any failure of such a control circuit is to be indicated visibly and audibly.

2.2 For rope and chain hoists up to a SWL of 6 t the upper limit switch may be replaced by a slipping clutch provided these appliances do not handle cargo.

2.3 The electrical protection class for use below deck shall be at least IP 54. The protection class for use on deck shall be at least IP 56, under certain circumstances even IP 66.

3. Acceptance test on the manufacturer's premises

3.1 An acceptance test on the manufacturer's works in accordance with [B.7.1](#). is required on principle.

3.2 If a type test certificate from a recognised institution is available, or if a type test has been carried out by BKI, the acceptance test may be omitted.

4. Examinations and tests on board

The initial and periodic tests and examinations on board have to be carried out in analogous form as defined in [B.7](#).

D. Lifting Eyes

1. General

1.1 Lifting eyes as integral part of lifting appliances

Lifting eyes which form an integral part of lifting appliances have to be designed as described in the following and have to be approved together with the lifting appliance to which they belong.

1.2 Lifting eyes for various duties

Lifting eyes shall be provided on board of naval ships for assistance in installation, operation, maintenance and rescue. Lifting eyes and their substructures need special plan approval.

2. Design

Normal size, design and welding are defined in the [Regulation for the Construction and Survey of Lifting Appliances \(Pt.6, Vol.IV\)](#). If lifting eyes are connected to the ship's structure sufficient substructures considering the safe working load (SWL) of the lifting eye are required.

A lifting eye plan has to be provided which shall contain the exact location on the ship, a consecutive number and the safe working load (SWL) for all lifting eyes on board.


3. Approval

3.1 For approval a successful plan approval and a visual check of the finally installed lifting eyes is basically required.

3.2 For lifting eyes according to [1.1](#), the approval procedure of the lifting appliance has to be followed before putting into operation.

3.3 For lifting eyes according to [1.2](#) additional checks, such as non-destructive testing of welding seams and load tests may be requested by the Naval Administration before putting into operation. Load tests are to be performed as static tests (at least for a duration of 5 minutes) according to the requirements of [Table 7.4](#) of the Guidelines defined in [2](#). and have to be documented on BKI Form F33.3.08 "Test Certificates".

Following these load tests the lifting eyes and their welding connections have to undergo a visual inspection.

3.4 After the tests according to [3.2](#) and [3.3](#) and if the lifting eyes are free of visible defects they have to be stamped as defined in BKI Form F33.3.08. This stamping shall include consecutive number and SWL of the lifting eye as well as BKI's anchor stamp . Instead of stamping the lifting eye itself, the stamping may be durably engraved on a suitable, clearly visible plate fixed in the vicinity of the lifting eye.

4. Surveys

4.1 Lifting eyes according to [1.1](#) have to undergo periodical visual checks and load tests as defined for the lifting appliance to which they belong, see [B.7.3](#).

4.2 Lifting eyes according to [1.2](#), as far as they are accessible, have to undergo visual random checks and, if required by the Naval Administration, also load tests at the occasion of the periodical Class Surveys of the naval ship, see the [Guidelines for Classification and Surveys \(Pt.9, Vol.1\) Sec. 4](#).

E. Lifts

1. General

1.1 The Classification according to [A.1.1](#) includes checking the structure of the ship's hull in way of the forces transmitted by lifts as well as checking for weather tightness and structural fire protection.

2. Types of lifts

On board of naval ships normally three types of lifts can be expected:

2.1 Passenger lifts

Passenger lifts are designated to transport crew members or embarked troops. Escape measures as laid down in ISO 8383 for crew members have to be provided.

2.2 Goods lifts

This type of lift will be used for transporting military supplies in big naval ships, vehicles in amphibious warfare ships and aircraft in large ships for aircraft operations.

2.3 Service lifts

Service lifts, e.g. for transport of provisions, food from the galley to messes, etc., are not accessible to persons and exclusively designated to carry goods. To meet the requirement of not being accessible the following dimensions are to be observed:

- car floor area $\leq 1,0 \text{ m}^2$
- depth $\leq 1,0 \text{ m}$
- height $\leq 1,2 \text{ m}$ (for each compartment if several are used above each other)

3. Applied rules and standards

3.1 BKI approval

Lifts on board are subject to the following standards:

- EN 81-50, for electric and hydraulic lift
- EN 81-3, for service lifts

In addition to these standards, the ship specific peculiarities according to [Section 5, D](#) of the BKI Guidelines defined in [A.1.3](#). have to be considered.

3.2 National regulations

For lifts on board national regulations apply with priority. If lifts are not covered by such regulations the rules and standards defined in [3.1](#) apply. However for the ship specific peculiarities the requirements according to [Section 5, D](#) of the BKI Rules defined in [A.1.3](#) shall be complied with.

3.3 Special requirements for vibration and shock

To withstand vibration and shock loads and to prove this to BKI, the following requirements have to be met:

- the loads defined by the Naval Administration in the building specification have to be observed

- safety relevant components shall be vibration and shock tested and the test documents have to be submitted
- withstanding shock loads on the lift system has to be proven by calculations
- the necessity of special storage at an end position in non-operation mode has to be considered

4. Tests and examinations

4.1 Before taking newly constructed lifts into use and after significant modifications, a test and thorough examination is required. Initial tests and examinations always require a preceding plan approval by BKI Head Office.

4.2 For passenger lifts at intervals of no more than 2,5 years, a thorough examination by a BKI expert is required together with a series of tests. Additionally the attendance of a mechanic from the manufacturer of the lift or the lift maintenance firm is required for this. A survey report will be issued by the attending BKI Surveyor and each report shall be filed in the lift register book.

4.3 For passenger lifts at intervals of 1 to 2 years an intermediate examination shall be conducted by Surveyor.

4.4 For goods and service lifts at intervals of no more than five years, a thorough examination by a BKI expert is required together with a series of tests. A survey report will be issued by the attending BKI Surveyor and each report shall be filed in the lift register book.

4.5 For goods and service lifts an intermediate examination at intervals of no more than 2,5 years has to be conducted by Surveyor.

4.6 The detailed guidelines for tests and examinations are given in the standards EN 81 and the [BKI Regulation for the Construction and Survey of Lifting Appliances \(Pt.6, Vol.IV\)](#).

4.7 If there are national regulations for tests and examinations which require different or more procedures, these have to be applied with priority.

F. Requirements for Transport of Ammunition

If Class Notation **SAM** will be assigned, the following requirements have to be met. See also [Section 9, Q](#).

1. General

1.1 The complete transport system for ammunition, missiles, torpedos, mines, etc. and its components shall be designed in a way that embarkation/delivery and internal transport are not disturbing the normal ship operation.

1.2 Safety has to be considered carefully in relation to ship and crew. Safety measures have to be taken to avoid damage to the ammunition and transport system as well as to avoid injuries to the personnel operating the system. Obstacles along the transport ways are not permitted.

1.3 Every lifting appliance has to be designed to guarantee sufficient space for movement during loading and unloading.

1.4 The standard profiles and the weights of ammunition, missiles, torpedoes and mines have to be defined by the Naval Administration. Also the maximum inclinations and accelerations allowed for the operation of the transport system have to be defined.

2. Ammunition cranes and transport devices

Ammunition cranes have to meet the requirements of [B](#). and have to be provided with high reliability and safety standards, which are to be defined by the Naval Administration in the building specification.

To secure supply of ammunition even in difficult combat situations an emergency operation mode might be recommendable, which bridges safety measures being prescribed for normal operation. In this case only specially trained personnel has to be allowed to operate the crane or transport device.

3. Ammunition lifts

3.1 The loading of ammunition storage rooms is mainly done by lifts. The hatches in the different decks have therefore to be positioned vertically above each other to minimize the distance from the open deck to the storage. Lifts for supplying the turrets from the storage spaces may be part of the weapon system and are not included in the considerations of this Section.

3.2 The input and output positions at the lifts have to be equipped with steel doors. Whether or not these doors have to be watertight and/or gastight is to be decided on the requirements defined in the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 9, B](#). For details of the lift construction see [E](#).

3.3 Similar as for cranes a combat emergency operation mode might be recommendable, which bridges the usual safety measures. The operation has then to be done only by specially trained personnel.

4. Horizontal transport

4.1 The horizontal transport systems have to be provided with load guides allowing oscillation free movements. At the loading/unloading stations manipulating tables have to be provided to ensure a safe ammunition handling.

4.2 Movable transport devices have to be stowed safely near their place of use but in any case outside the ammunition rooms.

5. Tests and examinations

5.1 The essential drawings have to be submitted to BKI and the manufacturing process may only start after final approval by BKI.

5.2 The manufacturing process will be closely followed by Surveyor and intermediate examinations will be performed.

5.3 Extensive tests will be executed after completion at the manufacturer's works and on board. The detailed type and scope of the tests will be agreed case by case on the basis of a test program prepared by the manufacturer.

G. Ramps

1. General

1.1 The following requirements apply to movable shipborne vehicle ramps moved and/or used for loading/unloading in calm water.

1.2 In addition to [1.1](#) ramps as well as their seatings or locks shall also be adequately dimensioned for the condition "ship at a sea state" i.e. for acceleration forces according to BKI Guidelines defined in [A.1.3](#) and the load conditions explained in [B.3.4](#).

1.3 As regards naval-architectural concerns such as ship's strength, watertightness, stressing by sea impact, etc. the requirements in the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\)](#) apply.

1.4 All data relevant to dimensioning, such as deadweights, location of centres of gravity, end positions, methods of actuating, permissible loads, operating conditions, etc. are to be submitted for examination together with the drawings and calculations.

1.5 The loading conditions shall be laid down precisely and considered in the strength calculations.

1.5.1 Where ramps are in the working position, moving loads shall be multiplied by the factor 1,2.

1.5.2 Where ramps are moving, the live loads and/or the dead loads shall be multiplied by the factor 1,1.

2. Construction notes

2.1 Ramps shall not hang from ropes, neither when operating nor in the stowed position.

2.2 The inclination of the ramp should in general not exceed the ratio 1:10.

2.3 The dimensions of locking devices shall match the forces arising and shall guarantee the watertightness of the hull if the ramp acts as external hull closure.

2.4 Ramps shall be provided with welded on or bolted-on anti-slip safeguards. Anti-slip paint may in special cases be permitted in lieu thereof.

2.5 Ramps and ramp deck openings shall have scratch boards and railings. The boundary conditions of movable railings, barriers, etc. (colour markings, photoelectric barriers, warning signals) shall in each individual case be clarified with the BKI Head Office as regards their extent and need.

2.6 Ramps shall have a notice affixed durably and easily visible and showing the permissible load (SWL).

3. Dimensioning

3.1 The loads on ramps caused by vehicles and transported goods can be taken as for internal decks defined in the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 5, F](#).

The dimensioning has to be based on the safety factors for dead and live loads defined in [Table 3.2](#).

3.2 In general, the permissible deflection for ramps in working position shall not exceed the following:

$$F = \ell / 200$$

f = deflection

ℓ = spacing of supports

In the stowed position the deflection may not endanger neither the watertightness of the ship nor any vehicles underneath.

Table 3.2. Safety factors for calculation

Position of ramp	Dead loads	Liveloading	Additional forces
Working condition	1,0	1,2	Static inclinations of at least $\pm 5^\circ$ athwartships and $\pm 2^\circ$ fore and aft if not otherwise defined by the Naval Authority
Ramp moving	1,1	1,1	
Stowed position	1,0	1,0	Dynamic forces due to ship motion acc. to Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment (Pt.9, Vol.2) Sec. 5, B.

3.3 The calculations for the dimensioning of the ramp plating are prescribed in the [Regulation for the Construction and Survey of Lifting Appliances \(Pt.6, Vol.IV\) Sec. 6, D.2.](#)

4. Examination and testing

4.1 The essential drawings have to be submitted to BKI and the manufacturing process may only start after final approval by BKI.

4.2 The manufacturing process shall be closely followed by a BKI Surveyor and intermediate examinations will be performed.

4.3 Tests with live loads shall be executed after completion on board. The detailed type and scope of the tests will be agreed case by case on the basis of a test program prepared by the manufacturer.

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A. General

1. Scope

If the requirements of this Section are met, the Class Notation **RAS** will be assigned to a supplying as well as to a receiving ship, see the [Guidelines for Classification and Surveys \(Pt.9, Vol.1\) Sec. 3, C.](#)

2. Other Rules

This Section is based on the [Regulation for the Construction and Survey of Lifting Appliances \(Pt.6, Vol.IV\)](#). All aspects not defined there shall be treated in accordance with this Section.

3. Documents to be submitted for approval

3.1 Design drawings and documents are to be submitted to BKI for approval. The drawings are required to contain all the details necessary to carry out an examination in accordance with the following requirements. To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process drawing and documents should be submitted in electronic format.

The following documents will be examined by BKI:

3.2 Arrangement

- definition of operational requirements
- overall arrangement of the system
- description of the overall function
- rigging plans

3.3 Supporting structural parts

- shop drawings for the masts, posts, derrick booms
- foundations of all kinds including counter points at the ships to be supplied
- strength calculations
- welding and testing plans

3.4 Operating gear

- details of ropes, rope-end connections, rope sheaves
- sectional and assembly drawings with parts list of lifting winches and hydraulic systems, if any
- design calculations
- data sheets with standard construction components

3.5 Electrical installation

- description of function with list of elements
- details of the rated characteristics and types of enclosures of the drive motors employed
- wiring diagrams, cable listing, verification of cable design
- details of all safety devices including alarms, etc.
- control equipment

3.6 Operating manual

All operation procedures and safety precautions have to be summarized in an operating manual.

4. General requirements for all types of RAS (Replenishment at Sea) systems

For successful replenishment at sea installations also the following characteristics of the participating ships have to be proven in advance:

4.1 Stability

The board to board RAS systems (esp. e.g. High Line or FAST systems) create transverse forces at relatively high positions above the waterline to both ships. It has to be investigated, if these forces would be critical for any stability case.

For stability requirements see [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 2](#).

4.2 Seakeeping ability

It is recommended that both participating ships are equipped with measures for stabilization in the seaway. Otherwise uncontrolled ship movements in relation to each other will create additional dynamic forces in the replenishment equipment, which cannot be calculated easily. In addition the possibility of practicing RAS can be shifted to higher grades of seaway, which may represent a tactical advantage.

The requirements for stabilization in the seaway are specified in [Section 2, C. to J](#). If these requirements are achieved, Class Notation **SEAKEEP** may be assigned to the ship.

Note

On request BKI would be prepared within its marine advisory services to evaluate the susceptibility of ships to motions and accelerations in the seaway, compare [Section 2, E](#).

4.3 Manoeuvrability

For the board to board as well as the stern to bow transfer methods both participating ships need a sufficient level of manoeuvrability to avoid again addition dynamic forces or even ship collision. The necessary manoeuvrability will also depend on the operating conditions (e.g. speed range for ships, desired ship distance, etc. during RAS) to be defined by the Naval Administration.

The requirements for rudder and manoeuvring arrangements are specified in the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 12](#) and for steering gears in [Section 2, B](#). The comprehensive requirements for azimuthing propulsors as active manoeuvring possibility are defined in the [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec. 7b](#).

4.4 Redundancy of machinery

During the RAS procedure it would be very disturbing if one of the participating ships would brake away because of troubles with or even total loss of propulsion.

As demonstrated especially in [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\)](#), [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\)](#), [Guidelines for Automation \(Pt.9, Vol.7\)](#), BKI requires definitely a greater number and variety of redundancy measures concerning propulsion machinery. These requirements have to be met by ships classified by BKI and practising RAS.

B. Systems for Transfer of Personnel and Dry Goods

1. General

1.1 Safety precautions

1.1.1 A good communication has to be established from bridge to bridge and from transfer station to transfer station by telephone lines between the ships. In addition hand and flag signals shall be available. The responsibilities have to be clearly defined.

1.1.2 It is recommended to use a distance line during all abeam replenishment at sea operations. This line shall be equipped with different signs for day operations respectively with different lamps for night operations which make the reached distance at any time clear for the personnel at the bridges.

1.1.3 All personnel assigned to replenishment operations has to be thoroughly instructed and shall wear safety clothes and equipment. Only essential personnel shall be admitted at a transfer station during replenishment.

1.1.4 For conveyance of persons or manned equipment use may be made only of high line transfer systems whose SWL corresponds to at least twice the permissible total weight of the loose gear for conveying persons or manned equipment.

1.1.5 Guardrails shall not be lowered unless absolutely necessary; if they are lowered, temporary life lines are to be rigged.

1.2 Emergency breakaway

During replenishment at sea an emergency breakaway, caused e.g. by loss of power, gyro compass or steering failure, enemy attack, etc. is to be considered.

1.2.1 The objective is to disengage quickly without damaging the rigs or endangering personnel. During an ongoing personnel transfer the breakaway can only be started if the person in transition has safely reached the receiving ship.

1.2.2 Emergency tools, like axes, hammers, pliers, marlinespikes, wire rope cutters shall be kept ready at the transfer stations.

1.2.3 On the winches used for replenishment at sea the wire rope ends shall be secured to the winch drum by only one wire rope clip or specially designed clamp or by a hemp tail line that itself is secured to the barrel.

In case of power loss winches shall be controlled by the brakes and wires slacked off (paid off) by use of the brakes. Extreme care should be exercised when trailing wires are in the water.

1.2.4 A tensioned wire rope shall not be released or cut. If excessive tension develops, the crews of both ships have to clear the replenishment areas.

2. High line system

2.1 Arrangement

This system is suitable for the board to board transfer of persons and dry goods up to a nominal lifting capacity of abt. 300 kg, see Fig. 4.1. As no special winches are used the transfer capacity is limited.

2.2 System elements

The system shall contain the following main elements:

- manila high line as support line for the traveller block, to be operated manually on board of the supplying ship
- release hook of the support line at the counter point on the receiving ship
- traveller block running on the support line for a chair to transfer one/two persons (the chair should have eye-catching paintwork, the person must be protected against dropping out during travelling) or rigged litter for a wounded/ill person or for light cargo, like mail, etc.
- manila line for hauling out to be operated manually on board of the receiving ship
- manila line for hauling in to be operated manually on board of the supplying ship

Further details are contained in Table 4.1 and Fig.4.1.

Table 4.1 Equipment for high line transfer system

Pos.	Designation of Equipment	Number		Remarks
		Supplying ship	Receiving ship	
1	Support line	1		32 mm dia / 300 kg SWL
2	Eye plate for support line	2	1	
3	Release hook	-	1	
4	Support line block	2	-	
5	Traveller block running on support line	1		
6	Connecting shackle system	1		
7	Wire preventer	1		
8a/b	Transfer at sea chair or rigged litter	1		alternatively
9	Outhaul line	-	1	16 mm dia, braided
10	Inhaul line	1	-	16 mm dia, braided
11	Eye plate for haul line block	2	2	
12	Haul line block	2	2	

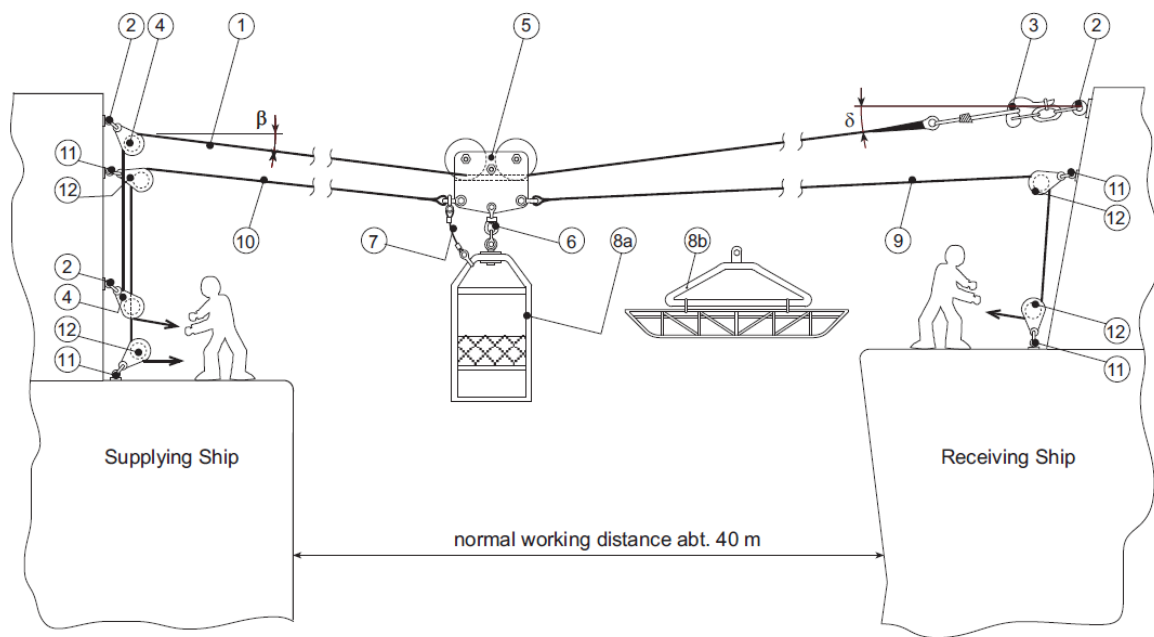


Fig. 4.1 High line transfer system for personnel transport and dry cargo of limited size

2.3 Operation control

Operation to be carried out manually only by specially trained crews on both ships.

3. Wire high line system

3.1 Arrangement

For this type in principle the same arrangement is used as for the high line system, but using a derrick boom at the supplying ship and winches for line handling, see Fig. 4.2. Therefore the nominal lifting capacity can be increased to abt. 1000 - 2000 kg.

3.2 System elements

The system shall contain the following main elements:

- wire high line as support line for the traveller block running from the top of a derrick boom at the supplying ship to the counter point at the receiving ship
- pallets for material transport
- support line winch for automatic constant tension at the supplying ship to keep the supporting high line in right tension even, if the working distance of the ships is varying
- wire lines for hauling in and out with an auxiliary winch at the supplying ship and a windlass / capstan at the receiving ship
- cargo drop reel at the hook of the traveller block to avoid coordinated tightening and releasing of the lines

Further details are contained in Fig. 4.2 and in Table 4.2.

Table 4.2 Equipment for wire high line transfer system

Pos.	Designation of Equipment	Number		Remarks
		Supplying ship	Receiving ship	
1	Support line	1		1000 – 2000 kg SWL
2	Eye plate for support line block	2	1	
3	Release hook	-	1	
4	Support line block	2	-	
5	Support line winch (constant tension)	1	-	
6	Traveller block	1		
7	Hook system	1		
8	Outhaul line	-	1	
9	Inhaul line	1	-	
10	Eye plate for haul line block	2	2	
11	Haul line block	2	2	
12	Haul line windlass	1	-	
13	Capstan / winch for inhaul	-	1	
14	Derrick mast	1	-	
15	Derrick boom	1	-	
16	Span tackle	1	-	
17	Span line shackle	1	-	
18	Lower span tackle block	1	-	
19	Upper span tackle block	1	-	
20	Span bearing	2	-	
21	Lead block	1	-	
22	Span winch	1	-	

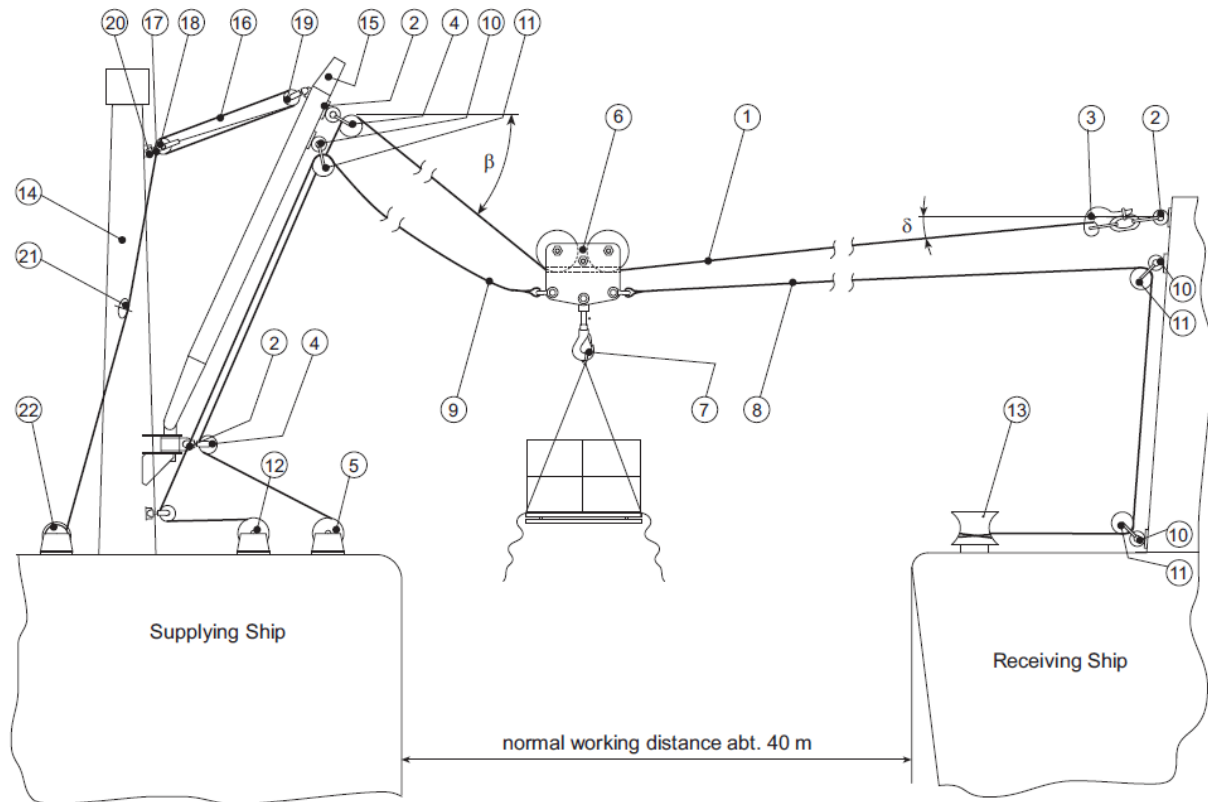


Fig. 4.2 Wire high line transfer system for dry cargo

4. Fast automatic shuttle transfer system (FAST)

4.1 Arrangement

Where a FAST (Fast Automatic Shuttle Transfer) system is installed, the arrangement has to be designed according to Fig. 4.3 and shall contain the following main elements:

- M-frames or posts with mechanically lifted or lowered sliding padeyes on both ships
- hydraulic/ pneumatic suspension cylinder/ tensioning device to avoid load peaks on the support line
- high line as support line, which is always kept under constant tension by a special winch
- wire lines for hauling in and out the traveller block operated by hauling winches

Therefore the nominal lifting capacity can be increased up to abt. 2000 - 4000 kg. For further capacity increase the required additional measures are to be agreed with BKI.

Further details are contained in Fig. 4.3 and Table 4.3.

4.2 Operation control

4.2.1 The system is to be operated from a central control stand at the supplying ship which oversees the complete operation. The standard procedure of material transfer shall follow an electronic data processing program (EDP) initiated from the supplying ship. If this program fails, manually controlled operation is to be possible.

4.2.2 All movements of sliding blocks, cylinders, etc. have to be controlled by limit and emergency limit switches. The automated main and auxiliary winches have to be equipped with overload protections to safely avoid rope breaking.

4.2.3 If the main electrical supply systems of the ships fail, the brake feeding shall be automatically switched to another power supply or battery feeding. In addition it shall be possible to open and close the brakes of main and auxiliary winches manually in a controlled way.

4.2.4 All controls and electronic equipment shall be concentrated in an extra replenishment control room which is properly ventilated and heated.

Note

If a shipyard installs or a Naval Administration operates a greater number of replenishment systems it is recommended to establish a testing station at a quay of the shipyard or at a naval base. This station shall be equipped with winches for simulating the counterpart of the ship to be tested. An EDP shall simulate the movements of the "ship ashore". This station can serve for the initial tests of a new system, but also to optimise tests after repairs or for the periodical surveys according to E.

Table 4.3 Equipment for FAST system

Pos.	Designation of Equipment	Number		Remarks
		Supplying ship	Receiving ship	
1	M-frame or RAS post	1	-	Up to 4000 kg SWL
2	RAS post	-	1	
3	Sliding padeye	1	1	
4	Padeye drive (chain drive)	1	1	Hydraulic or screw drive as option
5	Release hook	-	1	
6	Support line	1		
7	Eye plate for support line	1	1	
8	Support line block	1	-	
9	Tensioning device (hydraulic cylinder)	1	-	
10	Support line winch (constant tension)	1	-	
11	Traveller block running on support line	1		
12	Hook system	1		
13	Outhaul line	-	1	
14	Inhaul line	1	-	
15	Eye plate for outhaul line block	-	2	
16	Inhaul line / outhaul line block	1	2	
17	Eye plate for inhaul line block	1	-	
18	Haul line winch	1	1	
Alternative with only an outhaul line operated from the delivering ship:				
19	Travelling surf	1	-	
20	Release hook	-	1	
21	Surf hook	1	-	
22	Messenger line	1	-	

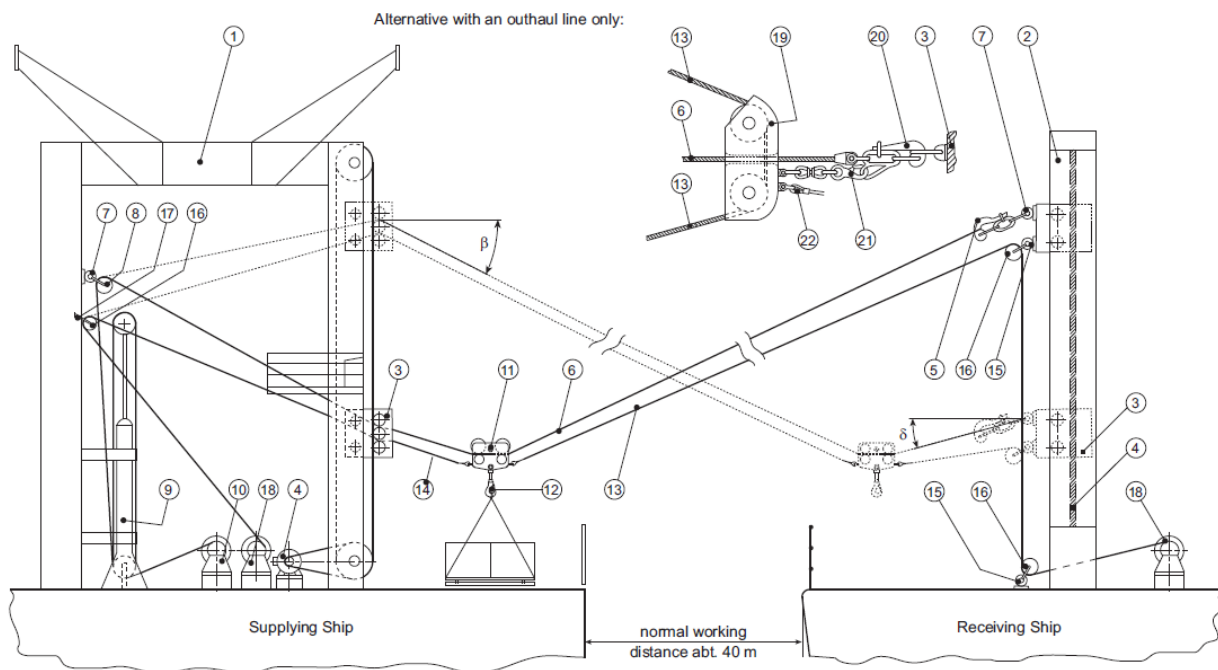


Fig. 4.3 FAST system for dry cargo

C. Systems for Replenishment of Liquids from Board to Board

1. General

1.1 Safety precautions

In addition to the general safety precautions defined in B.1. the following precautions are mandatory during fuel replenishment:

- 1.1.1 No smoking is allowed during the replenishment operation. Adequate signs have to be installed at the operation stations.
- 1.1.2 All necessary fire fighting equipment is to be stowed near the replenishment operation station.
- 1.1.3 All hose fittings, couplings and tools used for the replenishment of aviation fuel or other gasoline products shall be made of non-ferrous material.
- 1.1.4 A ground/earth wire is to be rigged between the ships during aviation fuel and gasoline replenishment. It shall be connected before the hose is brought on board of the receiving ship and disconnected only after the hose is clear of the receiving ship.

1.2 Emergency breakaway

In addition to the general emergency breakaway requirements defined in B.1. the following requirements are recommended for fuel replenishment:

- the pumping system at the supplying ship shall be able to stop the liquid transfer immediately at the moment an emergency breakaway becomes apparent
- a breakable spool coupling which may be struck with a sledge hammer has to be provided at the receiving ship

1.3 Hose cleaning after liquid transfer

1.3.1 At the supplying ship installations have to be provided to remove the excess liquids from the hoses, avoid spillage to the sea and make the system ready for the next replenishment. The two following methods may be used.

1.3.2 Blowing the hoses through with air respectively with NO₂ or inert gas for gasoline hoses.

It has to be ensured that at the end of the replenishment procedure the receiving ship has still enough volume in the tanks for the receipt of the additional fuel from the blow through. The necessary volume depends on the actual size of the replenishment installation.

Only a medium with a low pressure of not more than 6 kg/cm² is allowed to be injected into the hose.

1.3.3 For removing the liquid in the hose by back suction the pressure has to be limited by creating it by a venturi effect at the piping manifold of the supplying ship when the liquid is recycling through the manifold. If the whole residual liquid cannot be removed from the replenishment hoses by this method totally, back suction has to be combined with the blow through method according to 1.3.2.

2. Standard tension replenishment alongside method (STREAM)

2.1 Arrangement

The STREAM (Standard Tension Replenishment Alongside Method) system is a ram tensioned, spanwire rig for relatively large distances between the ships (from 25 m up to abt. 55 m) and up to three transfer hoses at one replenishment station, see [Fig.4.4](#).

2.2 System elements

The system shall contain the following main elements:

- a hose assembly which shall consist of easy to handle hose lengths with tight and secured couplings in between, flow-through saddles, riding line fittings and the male fuelling probe at the outside end
- high mast or post at the supplying ship to rig from there the high support line to a counterpoint with quick slipping device at the receiving ship
- main winch with ram tensioner at the supplying ship to achieve constant pull of the support line
- up to four traveller blocks on the support line
- auxiliary winches with wire ropes for positioning and hauling in the traveller blocks
- receiver for the probe of the hose assembly and rigging devices for support line, messenger and riding lines at the receiving ship

Further details are contained in [Fig. 4.4](#) and [Table 4.4](#)

2.3 Operation control

2.3.1 For liquid transfers the operation and control concept, which has to be submitted to BKI, shall consider the following requirements:

- the number of revolutions of the delivery pump is to be controlled on the supplying ship
- variation of supply pressure shall be possible
- automatic shut down of the liquid transfer at minimum revolutions of the pump to avoid lack of pump lubrication is to be provided
- automatic shut down of the liquid transfer is to be arranged for if suddenly the delivery pressure is dropping, e.g. resulting from a breaking of the transfer hose

- automatic shut down of the liquid transfer at overpressure at the tanks of the receiving ship shall be available
- possibility for emergency shut down is to be given

2.3.2 The tanks in the receiving ship are in general dimensioned for the relatively lowest pressure in the transfer system. Therefore it is to be checked before the start of every liquid transfer that the ventilation pipes are open.

2.3.3 It is recommended to install a pressure measuring system with direct feed back to the shut down control of the system in the tanks to be filled.

2.3.4 Quick closing valves have to be installed on both ends of the transfer hose to minimize spillage to the sea in case of hose breaking.

2.3.5 At the supplying ship different pumps, piping systems, transfer hoses, etc. have to be provided for each type of liquid to avoid pollution of the liquids.

Table 4.4 Equipment for STREAM system

Pos.	Designation of equipment	Number		Remarks
		Supplying ship	Receiving ship	
1	M-frame or RAS post	1	-	
2	Hose assembly	1	-	
3	Probe receiver assembly	-	1	
4	Eye plate for support line	1	1	
5	Support line block or release hook	1	1	
6	Support line	1	-	
7	RAM tensioner	1	-	or only constant tension winch
8	Support line winch	1	-	
9	Free traveller block	2 - 3	-	
10	Traveller block for saddles	3	-	
11	Flow-through saddle	4	-	up to two further saddles below
12	Inhaul line	3	-	1 inhaul line for saddle 3 & 4
13	Block with anti-toppling device	1	-	
14	Inhaul line eye plate	4	-	
15	Inhaul line block	4	-	
16	Haul line winch	3	-	
17	Stress wire to outboard saddle	1	-	prevents hose from taking strain
18	Riding line including block & tackle	-	2 - 4	secures hose to receiving ship
19	Eye plate	-	2 - 4	for riding lines
20	Horn cleat	-	2 - 4	for riding lines
21	Hose messenger	1	-	for hose outhaul ¹
22	Ground / earth wire	1	-	for aviation fuel and gasoline ¹

¹ not shown in Fig. 4.4

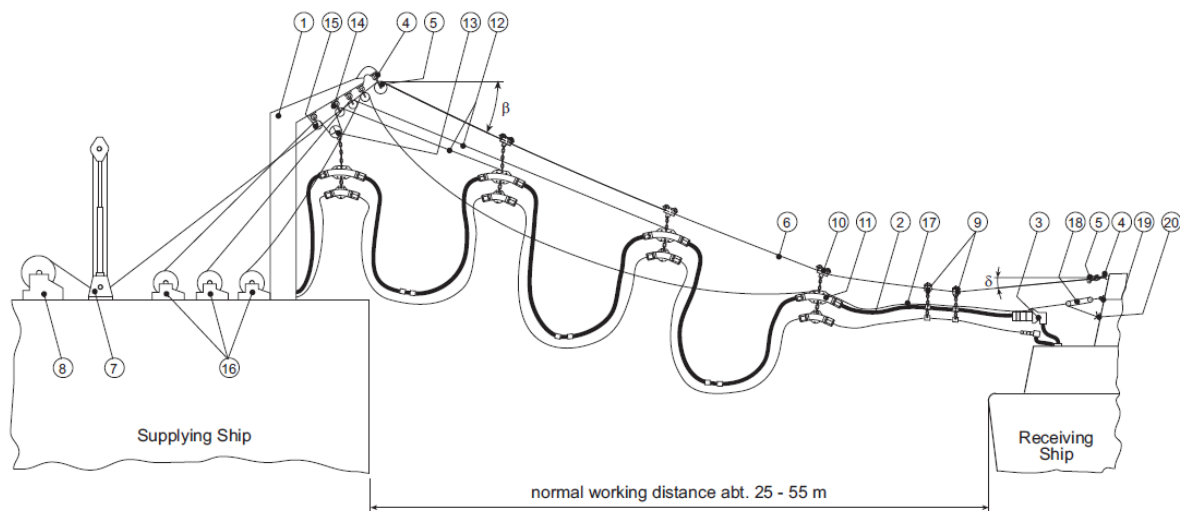


Fig. 4.4 STREAM system for liquid transfer

3. Large derrick system

3.1 Arrangement

If a normal working distance between the ships of abt. 37 to 43 m is required, the large derrick system according to Fig. 4.5 has to be used. For distances which are less and in the range of abt. 30 m the similar close-in method with less saddles according to Fig. 4.6 and Table 4.6 has to be applied.

3.2 System elements

The system shall contain the following main elements:

- a hose assembly which shall consist of easy to handle hose lengths with tight and secured couplings in between, flow through saddles, riding line fittings, securing adapters and shut-off valve with breakable spool coupling or probe coupling, male at the outside end
- high mast or M-frame with large derrick at the supplying ship to carry the major part of the hose to the receiving ship
- lines and auxiliary winches for derrick movement
- recovery line to the fore end of the hose with winch at the supplying ship
- hose line from the fore end of the hose assembly to an auxiliary winch at the receiving ship
- saddle lines to several saddles for hose support with winches
- quick release coupling or probe coupling, female and rigging devices for messenger and hose line at the receiving ship

Further details are contained in Fig. 4.5 and Table 4.5.

3.3 Operation control

An operation control according to 2.3 has to be established.

Table 4.5 Equipment for large derrick system

Pos.	Designation of equipment	Number		Remarks
		Supplying ship	Receiving ship	
1	M-frame or high mast	1	-	
2	Large derrick	1	-	
3	Span tackle	1 - 3	-	Derrick movement & position
4	Span winch	1 - 3	-	
5	Hose assembly	1	-	
6	Quick release or probe coupling	-	1	
7	Recovery line	1	-	For hose inhaul
8	Eyeplate for recovery line block	2	-	
9	Recovery line block	2	-	
10	Recovery line winch	1	-	
11	Saddle line	3	-	
12	Lead block for saddle line	3 - 6	-	
13	Saddle line block	3 - 6	-	
14	Saddle line winch	3	-	
15	Saddle Line tackle block	1	-	
16	Hose line	-	1	
17	Eyeplate for hose line	-	1 - 2	
18	Release hook for hose line	-	1	
19	Hose line block	-	1 - 2	
20	Hose line winch	-	1	
21	Hose messenger	1	-	for hose outhaul ¹
22	Ground / earth wire	1	-	for aviation fuel and gasoline ¹

¹ not shown in Fig. 4.5

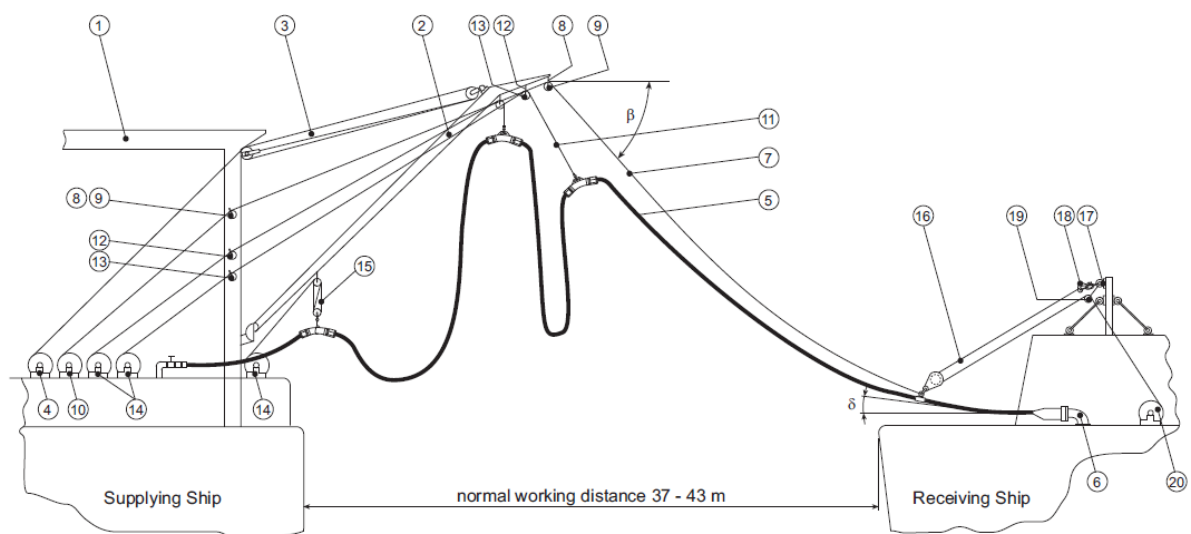


Fig. 4.5 Large derrick system for liquid transfer

Table 4.6 Equipment for close-in system

Pos.	Designation of equipment	Number		Remarks
		Supplying ship	Receiving ship	
1	M-frame or high mast	1	-	
2	Small derrick	1	-	
3	Span tackle / guy tackles	1 - 3	-	Derrick movement & position
4	Span winch / guy winches	1 - 3		
5	Hose assembly	1	-	
6	Quick release or probe coupling	-	1	
7	Recovery line	1	-	For hose inhaul
8	Recovery line eye plate	1	-	
9	Recovery line block	1	-	
10	Recovery line winch	1	-	
11	Saddle line	2	-	
12	Saddle line link	2 - 4	-	
13	Saddle line tackle block	1	-	
14	Saddle line block	2 - 4	-	
15	Saddle line winch	2	-	
16	Hose line	-	1	
17	Hose line eye plate	-	1 - 2	
18	Release hook for hose line	-	1	
19	Hose line block	-	1 - 2	
20	Hose line winch	-	1	
21	Hose messenger	1	-	for hose outhaul ¹
22	Ground / earth wire	1	-	for aviation fuel and gasoline ¹

¹ not shown in Fig. 4.6

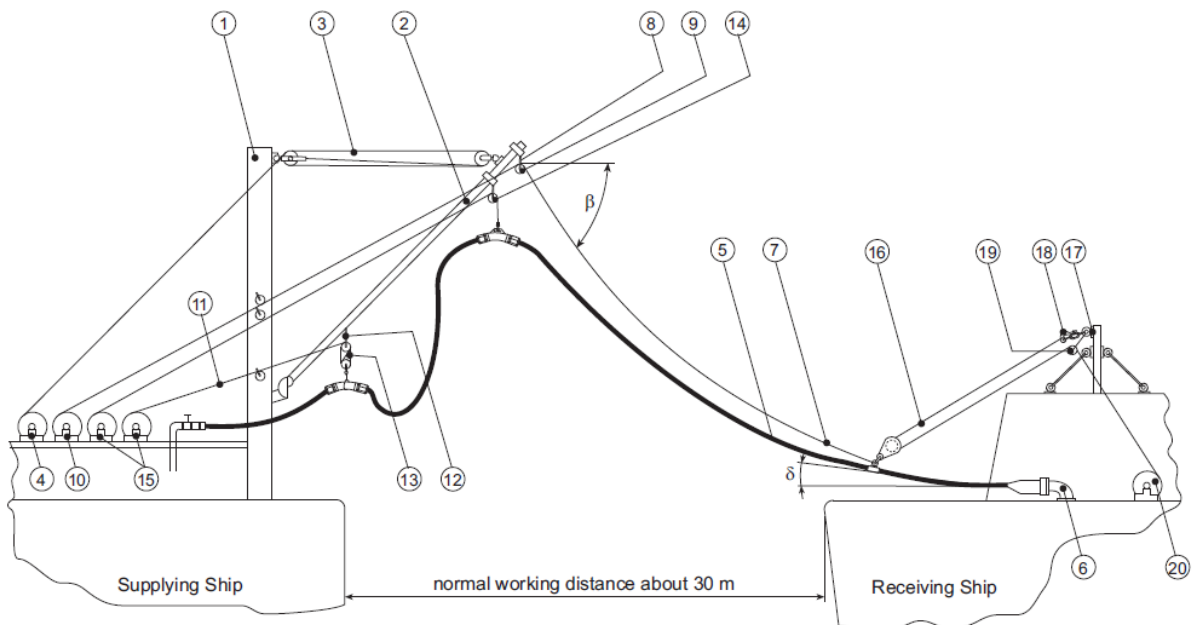


Fig. 4.6 Close-in system for liquid transfer

D. Systems for Replenishment of Liquids via the Stern

1. Arrangement

For this system the receiving ship has to be positioned sideways (abt. 12 m) aft of the stern of the supply ship (150 - 200 m depending on actual weather). The supplying ship has to put the hose with the liquid to be transferred via its stern to the sea. The floating hose may be taken on board of the receiving ship at the bow area, see Fig. 4.7, or at the stern, see Fig. 4.8.

2. System elements

For safe operation such a system shall contain the following main elements:

- float assembly with spout type float and hose rig messenger connected to the outside end of the hose to establish the connection between the two ships
- floating hose assembly with quick closing valves at both ends to minimise oil spillage in case of hose damage
- the couplings between the pipe systems of the ships and the floating hose are to be kept free of
- pulling forces from the floating hose by pendants to mooring points on the ships
- marker buoy with adequate wire line to define the position of the receiving ship in relation to the supplying ship. Thus it shall be guaranteed that the transfer hose forms always a loop and no towing forces are transferred to the floating hose.

Further details are contained in Fig. 4.7, 4.8 and in Table 4.8. All other precautions for the liquid transfer are the same as defined in C.

3. Loads

The loads acting on the system are mainly depending on:

- maximum speed planned for replenishment
- distance between the ships
- volume of liquid to be transferred in a time unit

These parameters have to be defined by the Naval Administration.

Note

If no other loads are defined, the approximate values given in Table 4.7 may be used.

Table 4.7 Approximate loads for liquid transfer via the stern

Diameter of floating hose [mm]	Load on supplying ship [kN]	Load on receiving ship [kN]
DN 65	32	32
DN 150	50	50

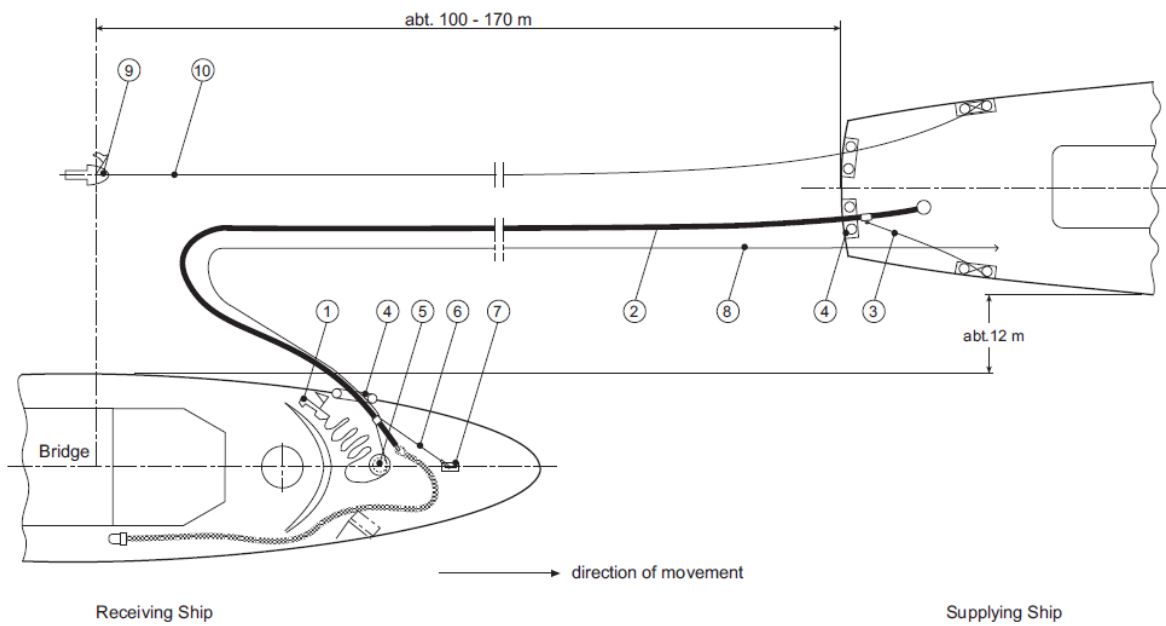


Fig. 4.7 Stern / bow system for liquid transfer

Table 4.8 Equipment for replenishment via the stern

Pos.	Designation of Equipment	Number		Remarks
		Supplying ship	Receiving ship	
1	Float assembly	1	-	Spout-type float & messenger
2	Hose assembly	1	-	Float assistance by air filling
3	Pendant for hose-assembly	2	-	
4	Roller fairlead	1	1	
5	Capstan or auxiliary winch	1	1	
6	Connecting pendant	-	1	Including safety hook
7	Eyeplate for pendant	-	1	
8	Recovery line	1	-	
9	Marker buoy	1	-	
10	Marker buoy line	1	-	

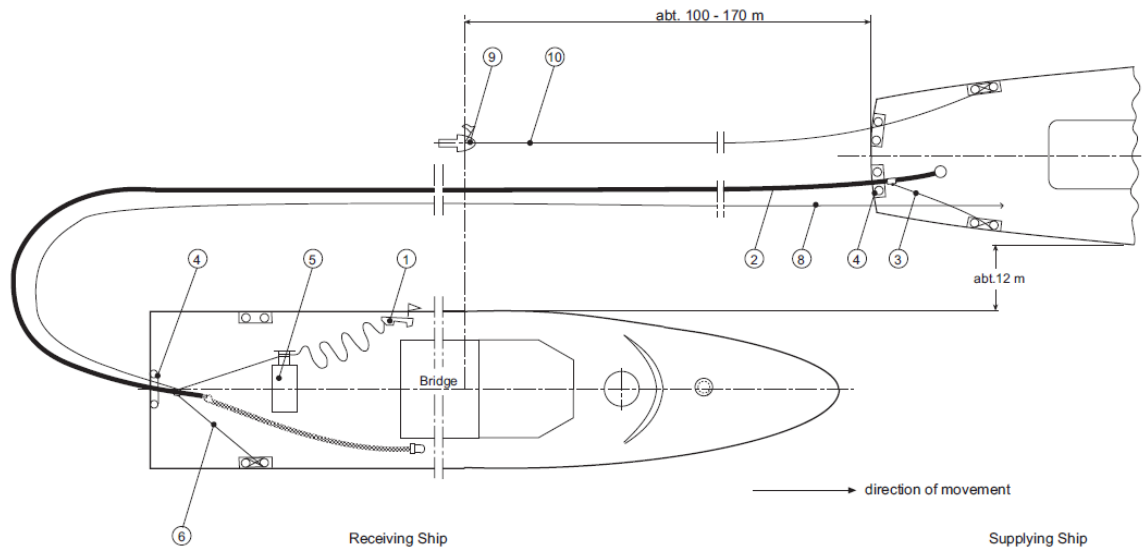


Fig. 4.8 Stern / stern system for liquid transfer

E. Approval and Testing

1. Tests during manufacturing

1.1 As a basis for approval and testing a complete set of documents as described in A.3. has to be submitted to BKI in due time before start of the manufacturing.

1.2 The manufacturing process has to be surveyed and confirmed in writing by Surveyors.

1.3 All accessories, like chains, blocks, shackles of the RAS system have to be tested with a static load of 2,0 x nominal load and certified by a Surveyor.

1.4 Load bearing ropes and wires need a test Certificate for being pulled to destruction. Support ropes used for personnel transport need a BKI Material Certificate, all other wire ropes a Manufacturer Inspection Certificate.

1.5 Hydraulic cylinders, pumps and motors are to be subjected to function and pressure tests in the presence of the Surveyor. The test pressure amounts to 1,5 times the maximum operating pressure p_{max} , but in case of operating pressures above 200 bar it need not be more than $p_{max} + 100$ bar.

1.6 For the finished winches an inspection has to be carried out including especially:

- visual inspection
- idle running test
- functional test as far as possible
- static overload test with 2,0 x nominal holding capacity

2. Initial tests of the equipment ready for operation on board

2.1 Tests before being taken into use

These tests have to be carried out by the manufacturer, with the equipment installed completely aboard, in presence of Surveyor. Adequate test installations shall be available to carry out all tests.

A test program and the operation manuals have to be submitted to BKI for approval.

Prior to the main tests the manufacturer has to test the electrical equipment according to IEC 60364, Part 610 resp. to VDE 0100, Part 610.

2.2 Visual check

Before and after the function and overload tests the complete system shall undergo a visual check. All wire ropes have to be rigged in their planned position.

2.3 Static overload test

About 10 % up to 20 % of all counter points of the RAS system shall be tested with 2 × nominal load. The counter points to be tested shall be selected by the Naval Administration and agreed by BKI.

2.4 Function tests

2.4.1 A dynamic function test has to be executed with 1,25 × nominal load. All operational functions have to be tested for the full range of the horizontal and vertical inclination angles α and γ respectively β and δ of the wire ropes between the supplying ship and the receiving ship. For loads see also the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 5, G.4.](#)

Note

If no other definitions are available from the Naval Administration the inclinations defined in Table 4.9 may be chosen for the different replenishment systems.

2.4.2 During the tests all safety functions have to be checked by simulation of relevant situations, like overload protection, limit switches, emergency stops, etc. All steering and control possibilities and their control indicators have to be tested.

2.4.3 The tests have to be executed for port and starboard installations if existing on board.

2.4.4 The Certificate and the Class Notation **RAS** for the system becomes valid if all tests have been carried out successfully with the required test loads.

Table 4.9 Range of wire rope inclinations on the supplying ship and on the receiving ship

Replenishment System	Supplying Ship		Receiving Ship	
	Angle α ¹	Angle β ²	Angle γ ¹	Angle δ ²
High line	+/- 50°	+/- 20°	+/- 50°	+/- 20°
Wire high line	+/- 50°	0°/- 20°	+/- 50°	- 10°/+ 20°
FAST-system	+/- 30°	+ 10°/- 20° ³	+/- 30°	0°/- 20°
STREAM-system	+/- 50°	0°/- 20°	+/- 50°	0°/- 20°
Large derrick	+/- 30°	- 30°	+/- 30°	- 30°
Close in	+/- 50°	0°/- 45°	+/- 50°	+ 20°

¹ angle of the vertical wire rope plane in relation to the y-z-plane of the ships (not shown in figures)
² angle of the wire rope in relation to the x-y-plane of the ships as shown in the figures (Fig. 4.2 -4.6)
³ high position

Section 5 Windlasses, Capstans, Chain Stoppers, Mooring and Towing Equipment

A.	Windlasses	5-1
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A. Windlasses

1. General

1.1 Scope

The following Guidelines apply to bower anchor windlasses, stern anchor windlasses, combined anchor and mooring winches and chain stoppers. For anchors and chains, see [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 18](#).

1.2. Documents for approval

1.2.1 For each type of anchor windlass and chain stopper, general and sectional drawings, circuit diagrams of the hydraulic and electrical systems and detail drawings of the main shaft, cable lifter, brake, stopper bar, chain pulley and axle are to be submitted to BKI for approval. To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process they should be submitted in electronic format.

One copy of a description of the anchor windlass including the proposed overload protection and other safety devices is likewise to be submitted.

1.2.2 Where an anchor windlass is to be approved for several strengths and types of chain cable, the calculation relating to the maximum braking torque is to be submitted and proof furnished of the power and hauling-in speed in accordance with 4.1 corresponding to all the relevant types of anchor and chain cable.

1.2.3 One copy of the strength calculation for bolts, chocks and stoppers securing the windlass to the deck is likewise to be submitted. This calculation is to consider forces acting on the windlass caused by the loads specified in 4.2. and 4.3.

2. Materials

2.1 Approved materials

2.1.1 The following provisions are to be applied to the choice of materials.

.1 As a rule important load-transmitting components of the windlasses are generally to be made of steel or cast steel complying with [Guidelines for Naval Ship Materials \(Pt.9, Vol.5\)](#).

With the consent of BKI, cast iron may be used for certain components.

Pressure vessels should in general be made of steel, cast steel or nodular cast iron with a predominantly ferritic matrix.

For welded structures, [Rules for Welding \(Pt.1, Vol.VI\)](#) are to be observed.

.2 The pipes of hydraulically driven windlasses are to be made of seamless or longitudinally welded steel tubes. The use of cold-drawn, unannealed tubes is not permitted.

At points where they are exposed to damage, copper pipes for control lines are to be provided with protective shielding and are to be safeguarded against hardening due to vibration by the use of suitable fastenings.

.3 High-pressure hose assemblies may be used for short pipe connections subject to compliance with [Section 8](#), if this is necessary due to vibrations or flexibly mounted units.

.4 The materials used for pressurized components including the seals shall be suitable for the hydraulic oil in use.

2.1.2 Cable lifters and chain pulleys are generally to be made of cast steel. Nodular cast iron is permitted for stud link chain cables of:

up to a diameter of 50 mm for grade KI 1

up to a diameter of 42 mm for grade KI 2

up to a diameter of 35 mm for grade KI 3.

In special cases, nodular cast iron may also be used for larger chain diameters by arrangement with BKI.

Grey cast iron is permitted for stud link chain cables of

up to a diameter of 30 mm for grade KI 1

up to a diameter of 25 mm for grade KI 2

up to a diameter of 21 mm for grade KI 3.

2.2 Testing of materials

2.2.1 The materials for forged, rolled and cast parts which are stressed by the pull of the chain when the cable lifter is disengaged (e.g. main shaft, cable lifter, brake bands, bed frame, brake spindles, brake bolts, tension straps, stopper bar, chain pulley and axle) are to be tested under the supervision of BKI in accordance with the [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#).

In case of housing and frame of anchor windlasses an Manufacturer Inspection Certificate issued by the manufacturer may be accepted as proof.

In the case of anchor windlasses for chains up to a diameter of 14 mm a Manufacturer Inspection Certificate issued by the steel producer may suffice as proof.

2.2.2 In the case of hydraulic systems, the material used for pipes, see [Section 8, Table 8.4](#), as well as for pressure vessels is also to be tested.

3. Design and equipment

3.1 Type of drive

3.1.1 Windlasses are normally to be driven by an engine which is independent of other deck machinery. The piping systems of hydraulic windlass engines may be connected to other hydraulic systems provided that this is permissible for the latter. The windlasses are, however, to be capable of being operated independently of other connected systems.

3.1.2 In the case of hydraulic drives with a piping system connected to other hydraulic systems it is recommended that a second pump unit is fitted.

3.1.3 In the case of windlasses with two cable lifters it must also be possible to engage both cable lifters simultaneously.

3.2 Reversing mechanism

Power-driven windlasses are to be reversible. For windlasses on ships with a restricted service range up to "L" and on agreement with BKI a reversing mechanism may be dispensed with.

3.3 Overload protection

For the protection of the mechanical parts in the event of the windlass jamming, an overload protection, e.g. slip coupling, relief valve, is to be fitted to limit the maximum torque of the drive engine (see [4.1.2](#)). The setting of the overload protection is to be specified, e.g. in the operating instructions.

3.4 Couplings

Windlasses are to be fitted with disengageable couplings between the cable lifter and the drive shaft. In case of an emergency, hydraulic or electrically operated clutches are to be capable of being disengaged by hand.

If the coupling between cable lifter and drive shaft is disengaged, it shall be possible to pay out the anchor without motive power.

3.5 Braking equipment

Windlasses are to be fitted with cable lifter brakes which are capable of holding a load in accordance with 4.2.3 with the cable lifter disengaged. In addition, where the gear mechanism is not of self-locking type, a device like gearing brake, lowering brake or oil hydraulic brake is to be fitted to prevent paying out of the chain should the power unit fail while the cable lifter is engaged.

If brakes are power operated, additional means are to be provided for manual operation. Manual operation shall be possible under all working conditions, including failure of the power drive.

3.6 Pipes

For the design and dimensions of pipes, valves, fittings, pressure vessels, etc. [Section 16](#) and [Section 8, A, B, C, D and U](#) are to be applied, as appropriate, to hydraulic piping systems.

3.7 Cable lifters

Cable lifters shall have at least five snugs.

3.8 Windlass as warping winch

Combined windlasses and warping or mooring winches shall not be subjected to excessive loads even when the maximum pull is exerted on the warping rope.

3.9 Electrical equipment

The electrical equipment is to comply with the [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.7\) Sec. 7, E.2](#).

3.10 Hydraulic equipment

For oil level indicators see [Section 2, B.3.13.1](#). For filters see [Section 14, B.3.3](#).

4. Power and design

4.1 Driving power

4.1.1 Depending on the grade of the chain cable and anchor depth windlasses must be capable of exerting for at least 30 minutes a continuous duty pull (e.g., 30-minute short time rating corresponding to S2-30 min. of IEC 60034-1) Z_1 as specified in Table 5.1 at a mean speed of at least 0,15 m/s.

Table 5.1 Lifting power

Grade of chain	KI 1	KI 2	KI 3
Z_1 [N]	$37,5 d^2$	$42,5 d^2$	$47,5 d^2$
d = diameter of anchor chain [mm]			

The values in [Table 5.1](#) are applicable when using ordinary stockless anchors for anchorage depth down to 82.5 m. The pull of stern windlasses with an anchor rope can be determined by reference to the anchor weight and the diameter of corresponding chain cable.

For anchorage depth deeper than 82.5 m, a continuous duty pull Z_2 is:

$$Z_2 = Z_1 + (D - 82,5) 0,27 d^2 \quad [\text{N}]$$

Where:

D = is the anchor depth [m]

The anchor masses are assumed to be the masses as given in [Table 18.1](#) of [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 18](#). Also, the value of Z_1 is based on the hoisting of one anchor at a time, and that the effects of buoyancy and hawse pipe efficiency (assumed to be 70%) have been accounted for. In general, stresses in each torque-transmitting component are not to exceed 40% of yield strength (or 0.2% proof stress) of the material under these loading conditions.

4.1.2 The nominal output of the power units is to be such that the conditions specified in [4.1.1](#) can be met for 30 minutes without interruption. In addition, the power units must be capable of developing a maximum torque corresponding to a maximum pull of:

$$Z_{\max} = 1,5 \cdot Z_1 \quad [\text{N}]$$

at a reduced speed, for at least two minutes.

4.1.3 An additional reduction gear stage may be fitted in order to achieve the maximum torque.

4.2 Design of transmission elements and chain stoppers

4.2.1 The basis for the design of the loadtransmitting components of windlasses and chain stoppers are the anchors and chain cables specified in [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 18](#).

4.2.2 The cable lifter brake is to be so designed that the anchor and chain can be safely stopped while paying out the chain cable.

4.2.3 The dimensional design of those parts of the windlass which are subjected to the chain pull when the cable lifter is disengaged (cable lifter, main shaft, braking equipment, bedframe and deck fastening) is

to be based on a theoretical pull equal to 80 % of the nominal breaking load of the chain as specified in [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#). The design of the main shaft has to take account of the breaking forces, and the cable lifter brake shall not slip when subjected to this load.

4.2.4 The theoretical pull may be reduced to 45 % of the nominal breaking load for the chain, provided that a chain stopper approved by BKI is also fitted.

4.2.5 The design of all other windlass components is to be based upon a force acting on the cable lifter pitch circle and equal to the maximum pull specified in [4.1.2](#).

4.2.6 At the theoretical pull specified in [4.2.3](#) and [4.2.4](#), the force exerted on the brake handwheel shall not exceed 500 N.

4.2.7 The dimensional design of chain stoppers is to be based on a theoretical pull equal to 80 % of the nominal breaking load of the chain.

4.2.8 The total stresses applied to components are to be below the minimum yield point of the materials used.

4.2.9 The foundations and pedestals of windlasses and chain stoppers are governed by [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 14, B.4](#).

4.3 Strength requirements to resist green sea forces

4.3.1 The following measures for the attachment of a windlass have to be applied if the windlass is located within the forward quarter length of the ship and has to resist green sea forces.

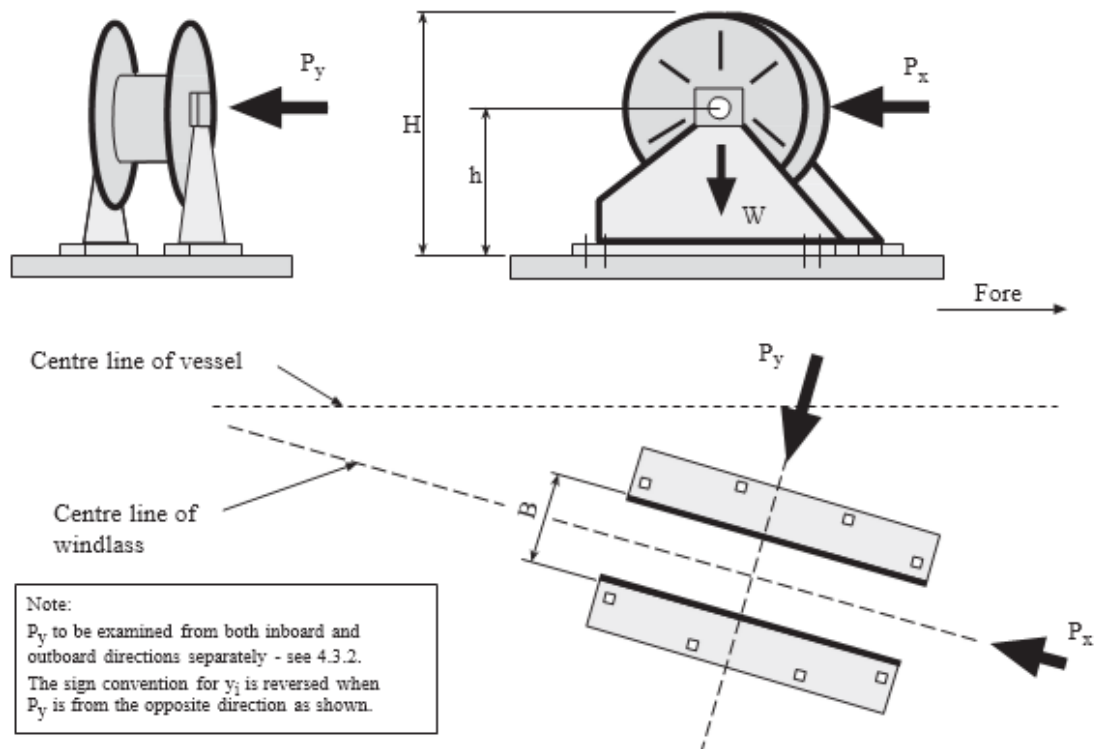


Fig. 5.1. Direction of forces and weight

As pressures and associated areas are to be assumed: (Fig. 5.1):

- 200 kN/m² normal to the shaft axis and away from the forward perpendicular, over the projected area in this direction
- 150 kN/m² parallel to the shaft axis and acting both inboard and outboard separately, over the multiple of f times the projected area in this direction

$$f = 1 + B/H \quad \text{but not greater than } 2,5$$

B = width of windlass measured parallel to the shaft axis [m]

H = overall height of the windlass [m]

Where mooring winches are integral with the anchor windlass, they are to be considered as part of the windlass.

4.3.2. Forces in the bolts, chocks and stoppers securing the windlass to the deck, caused by green sea forces specified in 4.3.1, are to be calculated.

The windlass is supported by N bolt groups, each containing one or more bolts (Fig. 5.2).

The axial forces R_i in bolt group (or bolt) i, positive in tension, is to be obtained from:

$$R_{xi} = \frac{P_x \cdot h \cdot x_i \cdot A_i}{I_x} \quad [\text{kN}]$$

$$R_{yi} = \frac{P_y \cdot h \cdot y_i \cdot A_i}{I_y} \quad [\text{kN}]$$

$$R_i = R_{xi} + R_{yi} - R_{si} \quad [\text{kN}]$$

P_x = force acting normal to the shaft axis [kN]

P_y = force acting parallel to the shaft axis, either inboard or outboard whichever gives the greater force in bolt group i [kN]

h = shaft height above the windlass mounting [cm]

x_i, y_i = x and y coordinates of bolt group i from the centroid of all N bolt groups, positive in the direction opposite to that of the applied force [cm]

A_i = cross sectional area of all bolts in group i [cm²]

I_x = $\sum A_i x_i^2$ for N bolt groups [cm⁴]

I_y = $\sum A_i y_i^2$ for N bolt groups [cm⁴]

R_{si} = static reaction at bolt group i, due to weight of windlass [kN]

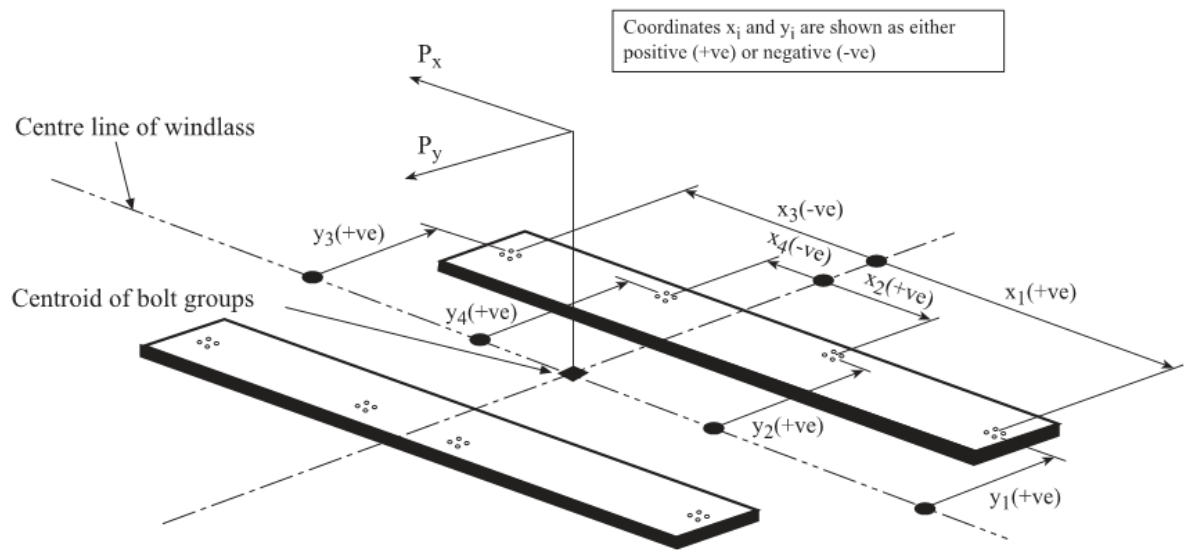


Fig. 5.2 Sign convention

4.3.3 Shear forces F_{xi} and F_{yi} applied to the bolt group i , and the resultant combined force are to be obtained from:

$$F_{xi} = \frac{P_x - \alpha m_w}{N} \quad [\text{kN}]$$

$$F_{yi} = \frac{P_y - \alpha m_w}{N} \quad [\text{kN}]$$

$$F_i = \sqrt{(F_{xi}^2 + F_{yi}^2)} \quad [\text{kN}]$$

- α = coefficient of friction, to be taken equal to 0,5
- m_w = weight-force of windlass [kN]
- N = number of bolt groups

Axial tensile and compressive forces and lateral forces calculated in 4.3.1, 4.3.2 and 4.3.3 are also to be considered in the design of the supporting structure.

4.3.4 Tensile axial stresses in the individual bolts in each bolt group i are to be calculated. The horizontal forces F_{xi} and F_{yi} are normally to be reacted by shear chocks.

Where "fitted" bolts are designed to support these shear forces in one or both directions, the von Mises equivalent stresses in the individual bolts are to be calculated, and compared to the stress under proof load.

Where pourable resins are incorporated in the holding down arrangement, due account is to be taken in the calculations.

The safety factor against bolt proof strength is to be not less than 2,0.

5. Tests in the manufacturer's works

5.1 Testing of driving engines

Section 2, B.5.1 is applicable as appropriate.

5.2 Pressure and tightness tests

Section 2, B.5.2 is applicable as appropriate.

5.3. Final inspection and operational testing

5.3.1 Following manufacture, windlasses are required to undergo final inspection and operational testing at the maximum pull. The hauling-in speed is to be verified with continuous application of the nominal pull. During the tests, particular attention is to be given to the testing and, where necessary, setting of braking and safety equipment.

In the case of anchor windlasses for chains > 14 mm in diameter this test is to be performed in the presence of the BKI Surveyor.

In the case of anchor windlasses for chains ≤ 14 mm diameter, the Manufacturer's Inspection Certificate will be accepted.

5.3.2 Where the manufacturing works does not have adequate facilities, the aforementioned tests including the adjustment of the overload protection can be carried out on board ship. In these cases, functional testing in the manufacturer's works is to be performed under no-load condition.

5.3.3 Following manufacture, chain stoppers are required to undergo final inspection and operational testing in the presence of the BKI Surveyor.

6. Shipboard trials (SAT)

The anchor equipment is to be tested during sea trials. As a minimum requirement, this test is required to demonstrate that the conditions specified in 3.1.3 and 4.2.2 can be fulfilled.

Each unit is to be independently tested for braking, clutch functioning, lowering and hoisting of chain cable and anchor, proper riding of the chain over the cable lifter, proper transit of the chain through the hawse pipe and the chain pipe, and effecting proper stowage of the chain and the anchor. It is to be confirmed that anchors properly seat in the stored position and that chain stoppers function as designed if fitted. The mean hoisting speed, as specified in 4.1.1, is to be measured and verified. The braking capacity is to be tested by intermittently paying out and holding the chain cable by means of the application of the brake. Where the available water depth is insufficient, the proposed test method will be specially considered.

7. Marking

Windlass shall be permanently marked with the following information:

- 1) Nominal size of chain (e.g. 100/3/45 means chain dia./grade/breaking load)
- 2) Maximum anchorage depth, in metres.

B. Special Requirements for Anchor Capstans

1. Basis for design and equipment

The basic requirements defined for windlasses in [A](#) in respect to materials, driving power, tests, etc. are also valid for capstans.

2. Additional requirements

2.1 The foundation of the capstan is to be connected to the reinforced edge of the deck opening for the capstan by bolts and a suitable sealing system has to guarantee that the connection is watertight.

2.2. The operation of the capstan is to be established by a hand wheel or similar device on the top of the capstan or via a stand alone control console. Such a watertight console has to be situated at a position from where a good observation of the anchoring procedure will be possible.

3. Capstan as warping device

Where a warping head is installed on top of the anchor cable lifter and the capstan is used also for warping duties the design has to ensure that the two functions are only used alternatively i.e. not at the same time. The warping part has to fulfil the requirements defined in [C](#).

C. Warping / Mooring Winches and Capstans

1. General

1.1 Scope

The following requirements apply to warping winches and capstans. Also mooring winches with drums and constant pull are considered. For mooring ropes see the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 18, Tables 18.1 and 18.2.](#)

1.2 Documents for approval

For each type of winch or capstan circuit diagrams of the hydraulic or electrical systems and detailed drawings of the main shaft, mooring head and brake are to be submitted to BKI for approval. To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process they should be submitted in electronic format.

One copy of a description of the mooring winch or capstan including the proposed overload protection is likewise to be submitted.

2. Materials

2.1 As a rule, load transmitting components of the winch shall be made of steel or cast steel complying with the [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#), especially [Guidelines for Naval Ship Materials \(Pt. 9, Vol. 5\)](#). With the consent of BKI, cast iron may be used for certain components.

2.2 The mooring heads are generally to be made of cast steel.

2.3 The materials for forged, rolled and cast parts which are stressed by the pull of the mooring rope are to be tested in accordance with the BKI Guidelines defined in [2.1](#).

3. Design and equipment

3.1 Layout

The maximum pulling force at the warping head shall be in accordance with 80 % of the breaking loads for the relevant mooring ropes as defined in [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 18, Tables 18.1](#). The drive shall provide a working speed of 10 m/min for the maximum pull. The speed shall not be lower than 30 m/min for the hauling of a slipped mooring line. The nominal output of the power unit shall be such that the maximum torque can be developed for 30 minutes without interruption.

During operation the mooring lines have to pass first the hawses before reaching the winch or capstan, thus avoiding unforeseeable pulling directions.

3.2 Direct estimate of mooring forces

If deemed necessary in special cases, a direct estimate of the mooring loads on the winch head can be found under the assumption that a bow and a stern winch are hauling the ship to the quay.

The mooring load F_H on a winch head caused by water resistance may be calculated as follows:

$$F_H = 0,5 \cdot q_{UH} \cdot c_{fUH} \cdot A_{UH} \quad [\text{kN}]$$

- q_{UH} = dynamic pressure of water at the underwater hull
 = $0,5 \cdot \rho \cdot v_H^2$ [kN/m²]
- ρ = density of the water [t/m³]
- v_H = hauling speed at the winch head [m/s], equivalent to ship's transverse speed
- c_{fUH} = form coefficient of underwater hull [–]
- A_{UH} = underwater lateral area [m²]

The mooring load F_W on a winch head caused by wind resistance may be calculated as follows:

$$F_W = 0,5 \cdot q_{AH} \cdot c_{fAH} \cdot A_{AH} \quad [\text{kN}]$$

- q_{AH} = dynamic pressure of wind above the hull's design waterline
 = $0,5 \cdot \rho_L \cdot v_W^2$ [kN/m²]
- ρ_L = density of the air [t/m³], the content of water in the air has to be considered
- v_W = transverse wind speed + v_H [m/s]
- c_{fAH} = form coefficient for the ship's hull above design waterline, superstructures and deckhouses [–]
- A_{AH} = lateral area of the ship's hull above design waterline, superstructures and deckhouses [m²]

The total hauling force F_{TOT} at a winch is:

$$F_{TOT} = F_H + F_W \quad [\text{kN}]$$

3.3 Mooring winches with constant pull

This type of winch is equipped with an additional drum for storage of the mooring line, which can be kept under a constant, adjustable pull.

3.3.1 The mooring rope is to be fastened on the winch drum to hold the mooring line with a pull of 80 % of the nominal breaking load of the mooring line.

3.3.2 The diameter of the winch drum shall not be less than 16 times the rope diameter and the drum is to be capable of winding up the full length of a mooring rope as prescribed in the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 18, Tables 18.1.](#)

3.4 Equipment

The equipment for mooring winches is to be provided in analogous way as defined in [A.](#) and [B.](#)

4. Testing

4.1 Following manufacture warping and mooring winches and capstans are required to undergo final inspection and operational testing at the maximum pull in the manufacturer's works. The warping or hauling speed is to be verified with continuous application of the nominal pull. During the tests, particular attention is to be given to the testing and, where necessary, to setting of braking and to the safety equipment.

4.2 Where the manufacturer does not have adequate facilities, the aforementioned tests can be carried out on board ship. In these cases functional testing in the works is to be performed under no load conditions.

D. Towing Equipment

1. If naval ships shall also be equipped for active towing, the Class Notation **TOW** may be assigned, if the following requirements are met.

2. Towing may be effected by the use of towing winches as defined in the [Rules for Hull Structures \(Pt.1, Vol.II\) Sec. 27, C.5.](#)

3. For tow ropes see [Rules for Hull Structures \(Pt.1, Vol.II\) Sec. 27, C.4.](#)

4. For accessory towing gear components see the [Rules for Hull Structures \(Pt.1, Vol.II\) Sec. 27, C.1.– C.3.](#)

5. If elements of the mooring equipment shall be used for towing, the maximum permissible loads on such elements are to be clearly marked.

6. The testing of the towing equipment at the workshop, on board and during the bollard test shall follow the requirements of the [Rules for Hull Structures \(Pt.1, Vol.II\) Sec. 27, C.6.](#)

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Section 6 Starting Equipment and Air Compressors

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A. Starting Equipment

1. General

Means are to be provided to ensure that auxiliary engines, other equipment and the propulsion machinery can be started even after “black-out” and “dead ship” conditions as defined in [Section 1, B](#). This is to be considered especially for electronically controlled engines (common rail).

2. Starting with compressed air

2.1 Main engines which are started with compressed air are to be equipped with at least two starting air compressors. At least one of the air compressors is to be driven independently of the main engine and shall supply at least 50 % of the total capacity required.

2.2 The total capacity of the starting air compressors is to be such that the starting air receivers designed in accordance with [2.4](#) or [2.5](#), as applicable, can be charged from atmospheric pressure to their final pressure within one hour.

Normally, compressors of equal capacity are to be installed.

This does not apply to an emergency air compressor which may be provided to meet the requirement stated in [1](#).

2.3 If the main engine is started with compressed air, the available starting air is to be divided between at least two starting air receivers of approximately equal size which can be used independently of each other.

2.4 The total capacity of air receivers is to be sufficient to provide, without being replenished, not less than 12 consecutive starts alternating between Ahead and Astern of each main engine of the reversible type, and not less than six starts of each main non-reversible type engine connected to a controllable pitch propeller or other device enabling the start without opposite torque.

2.5 With multi-engine installations the number of start-up operations per engine may, with BKI's agreement, be reduced according to the concept of the propulsion plant. [Guidance for Sea Trials of Motor Vessels \(Pt.1, Vol.B\) Annex A](#) may be observed.

2.6 If starting air systems for auxiliaries or for supplying pneumatically operated regulating and manoeuvring equipment or tyfon units are to be fed from the main starting air receivers, due attention is to be paid to the air consumption of this equipment when calculating the capacity of the main starting air receivers.

2.7 Other consumers with high air consumption, apart from those mentioned in [2.6](#), may not be connected to the main starting air system. Separate air supplies are to be provided for these units. Deviations require the agreement of BKI.

2.8 For the approximate calculation of the starting air storage capacity, the formulae given in [B](#). may be used.

2.9 If the starting air systems of different engines are fed by one receiver it is to be ensured that the receiver air pressure cannot fall below the highest of the different systems minimum starting pressures.

3. Electrical starting equipment

3.1 Where main engines are started electrically, two mutually independent starter batteries are to be installed. The batteries are to be so arranged that they cannot be connected in parallel with each other. Each battery shall enable the main engine to be started from cold.

The total capacity of the starter batteries has to be sufficient for the provisions according to 2.4 or 2.5 for an execution within 30 minutes.

3.2 If two or more auxiliary engines are started electrically, at least two mutually independent batteries are to be provided. Where starter batteries for the main engine are fitted, the use of these batteries is acceptable.

The capacity of the batteries shall be sufficient for at least three start-up operations per engine.

If only one of the auxiliary engines is started electrically, one battery is sufficient.

3.3 The starter batteries may only be used for starting and preheating, where applicable and for monitoring equipment belonging to the engine.

3.4 Steps are to be taken to ensure that the batteries are kept charged and the charge level is monitored.

4. Equipment to start from dead ship condition

To overcome the dead ship condition (see Section 1, B.2.5) the following measures are to be provided alternatively for three consecutive starts.

4.1 Mobile equipment

4.1.1 Electrical starting

If the internal combustion engines driving the generators in the electrical power generation plants are started electrically, at least two portable power delivering devices (gensets or special batteries) of sufficient size to load or substitute the starting batteries of any engine are to be provided.

These devices have to be seaworthy stored at different locations from where the electrical power generation plants can be reached easily. Gensets are to be started by hand or hydraulically with hand pump. These devices have to be checked for correct functioning in regular intervals.

4.1.2 Starting with compressed air

If the internal combustion engines driving the generators in the electrical power generation plants are started with compressed air, at least two independent, portable gas cylinders of sufficient size and containing air with the necessary pressure for starting the engines are to be provided.

Such gas cylinders have to be seaworthy stored at different definite locations, are to be clearly marked and shall be never used for other duties. The internal pressure is to be checked in regular intervals. At the same place a high pressure hose for connecting the gas cylinder to the engines has to be stored. At the engines a suitable connection possibility with closing/reducing valve is to be provided.

If the internal combustion engine driving the generator needs also electrical power for operation (e.g. for control tasks, etc.) respective measures according to 4.1.1 have to be provided in addition.

4.1.3 Alternative methods

Alternative, effective measures may be proposed, but have to be approved by BKI.

B. Approximate Calculation of the Starting Air Supply

1. Starting air for installations with non-reversible engines

For each non-reversible four-stroke main engine driving a controllable pitch propeller or where starting without torque resistance is possible, the following assumptions may be used. For an initial pressure of 30 bar and a final pressure of 9 bar in the starting air receivers, the preliminary calculation of the starting air supply may be performed as follows though it shall not be less than needed for 6 start-up operations:

$$J = 0,209 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{H}{D}} (z + 0,056 \cdot p_{e,e} \cdot n_A + 0,9) V_h \cdot c$$

J = total capacity of the starting air receivers for starting without torque resistance [dm³]

D = cylinder bore [mm]

H = stroke [mm]

V_h = swept volume of one cylinder [dm³]

p_{e,perm} = maximum permissible working pressure of the starting air receiver [bar]

z = number of cylinders

p_{e,e} = mean effective working pressure in cylinder at rated power [bar]

c = 1 for p_{e,perm} = 30 bar

c = $\frac{0,0584}{1 - e^{(0,11 - 0,05 \cdot \ln p_{e,perm})}}$ for p_{e,perm} > 30 bar, if no pressure-reducing valve is fitted.

If a pressure-reducing valve is fitted, which reduces the pressure p_{e,perm} to the starting pressure p_A, the value of "c" shown in Fig. 6.1 is to be used.

e = Euler's number (2,718....)

The following values of n_A are to be applied:

n_A = 0,06 · n_o + 14 for n_o ≤ 1000

n_A = 0,25 · n_o - 176 for n_o > 1000

n_o = rated speed [rpm]

2. If auxiliary engines are started by compressed air, sufficient capacity for three consecutive starts of each auxiliary engine is to be provided. The total capacity J of the starting air receivers may be the half.

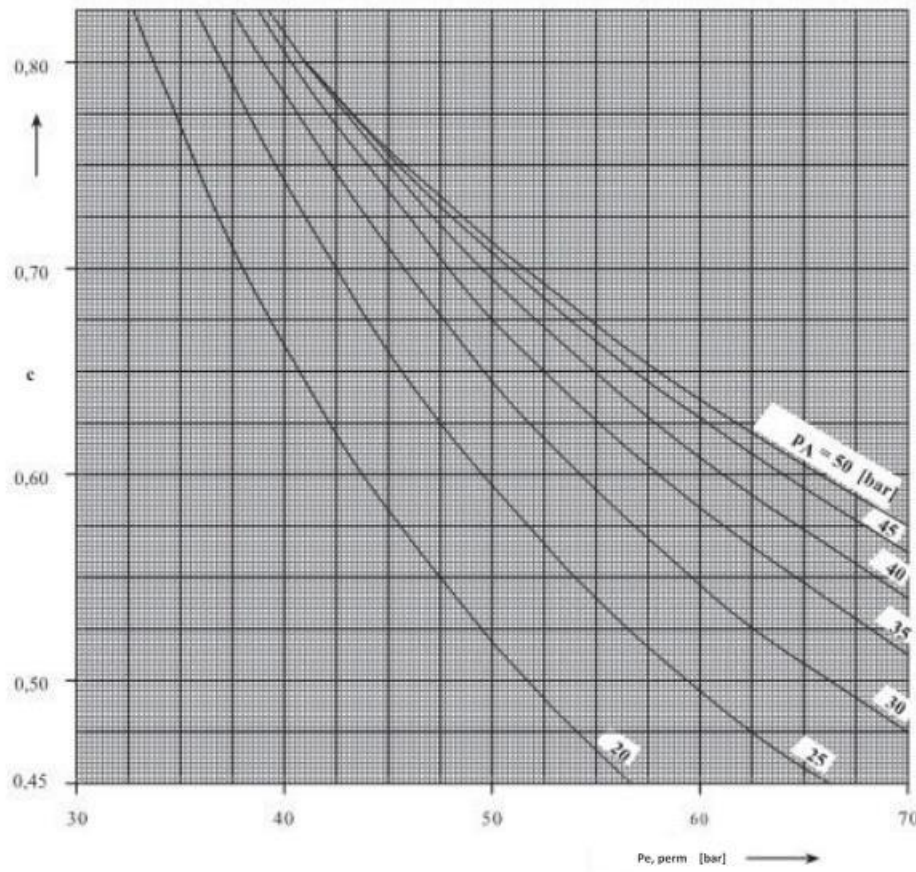


Fig. 6.1 The value of "c" where a pressure-reducing valve is fitted

C. Air Compressors

1. General

1.1 Scope

The following requirements apply to reciprocating compressors of the normal marine types. Where it is intended to install compressors to which the following rules and calculation formulae cannot be applied, BKI requires proof of their suitability for shipboard use.

1.2 Documents for approval

Drawings showing longitudinal and transverse crosssections, the crankshaft and the connecting rod of each compressor type are to be submitted to BKI for approval. To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process they should be submitted in electronic format.

2. Materials

2.1 Approved materials

In general, the crankshafts and connecting rods of reciprocating compressors shall be made of steel, cast steel or nodular cast iron according to [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#) and [Guidelines for Naval Ship Materials \(Pt.9, Vol.5\)](#). The use of special cast iron alloys is to be agreed with BKI.

2.2 Material testing

Material tests are to be performed on crankshafts with a calculated crank pin diameter > 50 mm. For crank pin diameters ≤ 50 mm a Manufacturer Inspection Certificate is sufficient.

3. Crankshaft dimensions

3.1 The diameters of journals and crank pins are to be determined as follows:

$$d_k = 0,126 \cdot \sqrt[3]{D^2 \cdot p_c \cdot C_1 \cdot C_w \cdot (2 \cdot H + f \cdot L)}$$

- d_k = minimum pin/journal diameter [mm]
- D = cylinder bore for single-stage compressors [mm]
 = D_{Hd} = cylinder bore of the second stage in two-stage compressors with separate pistons
 two-stage compressors with separate pistons
 = $1,4 \cdot D_{Hd}$ for two-stage compressors with a stepped piston as in Fig. 6.2
 = $\sqrt{D_{Nd}^2 - D_{Hd}^2}$ for two-stage compressor with a differential piston as in Fig. 6.3
- p_c = design pressure PR, applicable up to 40 bar
- H = piston stroke [mm]
- L = distance between main bearing centres where one crank is located between two bearings [mm]. L is to be substituted by $L_1 = 0,85 \cdot L$ where two cranks at different angles are located between two main bearings, or by $L_2 = 0,95 \cdot L$ where 2 or 3 connecting rods are mounted on one crank. [mm]
- f = 1,0, where the cylinders are in line
 = 1,2, for cylinders arranged at 90°
 = 1,5, for cylinders arranged at 60°
 = 1,8, for cylinders arranged at 45°
 } V or W type
- C_1 = coefficient according to Table 6.1 [-]
- z = number of cylinders
- C_w = material factor according to Table 6.2 or 6.3, depending on the tensile strength R_m [N/mm²] of the material

3.2 Where increased strength is achieved by a favourable configuration of the crankshaft, smaller values of d_k may be approved.

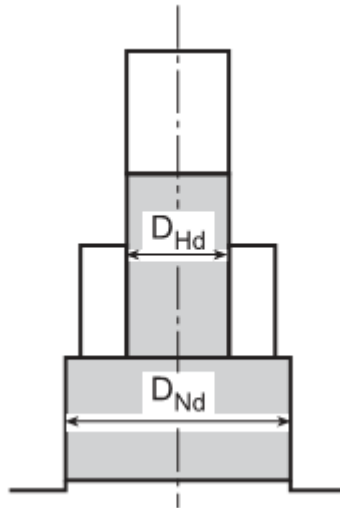


Fig. 6.2 Cylinder bores for compressors with a stepped piston

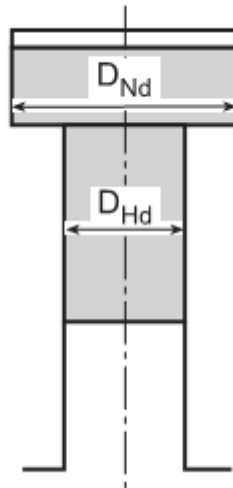


Fig. 6.3 Cylinder bores for compressors with a differential piston

Table 6.1 Values of C_1

z	1	2	4	6	≥ 8
C_1	1,0	1.1	1,2	1.3	1,4

Table 6.2 Values of C_w for steel shafts

R_m [N/mm ²]	C_w
400	1,03
440	0,94
480	0,91
520	0,85
560	0,79
600	0,77
640	0,74
≥ 680	0,70
720 ¹	0,66
≥ 760 ¹	0,64

¹ only for drop-forged crankshafts

Table 6.3 Values of C_w for nodular cast iron shafts

R_m [N/mm ²]	C_w
370	1,20
400	1,10
500	1,08
600	0,98
700	0,94
≥ 800	0,90

4. Construction and equipment

4.1 General

4.1.1 Cooler dimensions are to be based on a seawater temperature of at least 32 °C in case of water cooling, and on an air temperature of at least 45 °C in case of air cooling, unless higher temperatures are dictated by the temperature conditions related to the ship's tasks or by the location of the compressors or cooling air intakes.

Where fresh water cooling is used, the cooling water inlet temperature shall not exceed 40 °C.

4.1.2 Unless they are provided with open discharges, the cooling water spaces of compressors and coolers shall be fitted with safety valves or rupture discs of sufficient cross-sectional area.

4.1.3 High-pressure stage air coolers shall not be located in the compressor cooling water space.

4.2 Safety valves and pressure gauges

4.2.1 Every compressor stage shall be equipped with a suitable safety valve which cannot be blocked and which prevents the maximum permissible working pressure from being exceeded by more than 10 % even when the delivery line has been shut off. The setting of the safety valve shall be secured to prevent unauthorized alteration.

4.2.2 Each compressor stage shall be fitted with a suitable pressure gauge, the scale of which shall indicate the relevant maximum permissible working pressure.

4.2.3 Where one compressor stage comprises several cylinders which can be shut off individually, each cylinder shall be equipped with a safety valve and a pressure gauge.

4.3 Air compressors with oil-lubricated pressure spaces

4.3.1 The compressed air temperature, measured directly at the discharge from the individual stages, may not exceed 160 °C for multi-stage compressors or 200 °C for single-stage compressors. For discharge pressures of up to 10 bar, temperatures may be higher by 20 °C.

4.3.2 Compressors with a power consumption of more than 20 kW should be fitted with thermometers at the individual discharge connections, wherever this is possible. If this is not practicable, they are to be mounted at the inlet end of the pressure line. The thermometers are to be marked with the maximum permissible temperatures.

4.3.3 After the final stage, all compressors are to be equipped with a water trap and an aftercooler.

4.3.4 Water traps, aftercoolers and the compressed air spaces between the stages shall be provided with discharge devices at their lowest points.

4.4 Name plate

Every compressor is to carry a name plate with the following information:

- manufacturer
- year of construction
- effective suction rate [m³/h]
- discharge pressure [bar]
- speed [rpm]
- power consumption [kW]

5. Tests

5.1 Pressure tests

5.1.1 Cylinders and cylinder liners are to be subjected to hydraulic pressure tests at 1,5 times the final pressure of the stage concerned.

5.1.2 The compressed air chambers of the intercoolers and aftercoolers of air compressors are to be subjected to hydraulic pressure tests at 1,5 times the final pressure of the stage concerned.

5.2 Final inspections and testing

Compressors are to be subjected to a performance test at the manufacturer's works under supervision of BKI and are to be presented for final inspection.

Section 7 Storage of Liquid Fuels, Lubricating and Hydraulic Oils as well as Oil Residues

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A. General

1. Scope

The following requirements apply to the storage of liquid fuels, lubricating and hydraulic oils as well as to oil residues.

2. Definitions

2.1 Service tanks

Service tanks are settling tanks and daily service tanks including aviation fuel tanks which supply consumers directly.

2.2 Changeable tanks

Changeable tanks are tanks which may be used alternatively for liquid fuels or ballast water. Changeable tanks are to be treated as fuel tanks.

3. Documents for approval

A tank plan is to be submitted to BKI for approval. To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process it should be submitted in electronic format. It should include particulars regarding arrangement, type of media and volume of the tanks as well as the specification of the maximum height of the overflow level.

B. Storage of Liquid Fuels for Ship Operation

1. General safety precautions for liquid fuels

1.1 The fuel supply is to be stored in several tanks so that, even in the event of damage to the bottom of one of the tanks, the fuel supply will not be entirely lost.

No fuel tanks or tanks for the carriage of flammable liquids may be arranged forward of the collision bulkhead.

1.2 Tanks and pipes are to be so located and equipped that fuel may not spread either inside the ship or on deck and may not be ignited by hot surfaces or electrical equipment. The tanks are to be fitted with air and overflow pipes as safeguards against overpressure, see [Section 8, R.2](#).

1.3 For fuel tanks and tanks of supply ships, a filling ratio of 95 % is permissible.

If fuel tanks are adjoining the shell, the design has to limit the filling ratio to 85 %.

1.4 Fuel tanks are to be separated by cofferdams from tanks containing lubricating, hydraulic or edible oil as well as from tanks containing boiler feed water, condensate or drinking water. This does not apply to tanks for used lubricating oil which will not be used on board anymore.

1.5 On small ships the arrangement of cofferdams according to 1.4 may be dispensed with upon approval by BKI, provided that the common boundaries between the tanks are arranged in accordance with [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 10, A.4](#).

2. Location and dimensioning of fuel tanks

2.1 Fuel tanks may be located above engines, boilers, turbines and other equipment with a high surface temperature (above 220 °C) only if adequate spill trays are provided below such tanks and if they are protected against heat radiation. Surface temperatures of the elements without insulation and lagging have to be considered.

2.2 Fuel tanks are to be designed as an integral part of the ship's structure. If this is not possible, the tanks shall be located adjacent to an engine room bulkhead and the tank top of the double bottom. The arrangement of fuel tanks adjacent to cofferdams required by MARPOL I Reg. 12 A is acceptable. The arrangement of free-standing fuel tanks inside engine rooms is to be avoided. Tank locations which do not conform to these rules require the approval of BKI.

2.3 For the current consumption of fuel, separated service tanks, e.g. day tanks, have to be provided for the different types of consumers, e.g. main propulsion machinery, generator sets, etc.

The volume of the different service tanks shall be sufficient for operation of 8 hours at cruising speed v_M .

2.4 For number and capacity of the fuel oil service tanks see [Section 8, G](#).

3. Fuel tank fittings and mountings

3.1 For filling and suction lines see [Section 8, G](#) for air, overflow and sounding pipes, see [Section 8, R](#).

3.2 Service tanks are to be so arranged that water and residues can settle out despite the movement of the ship at sea.

Fuel tanks located above the double bottom are to be fitted with water drains with self-closing shut-off valves.

At the deepest position of the tank a suction line for pumping out residual fuel and water has to be provided. These lines of the different tanks shall be connected to the oil separator or oily water tank. If it is not possible to install a suction pipe a hose connection shall be provided. For fuel tanks drain pipes to the overflow tank shall be arranged. The shut-down valves shall be secured in a closed position.

3.3 Tank gauges

3.3.1 The following tank gauges are permitted:

- oil-level indicating devices (type-tested) with central monitoring
- sounding pipes in addition

3.3.2 Sight glasses and oil gauges fitted directly on the side of the tank and cylindrical glass oil gauges are not permitted.

3.3.3 Sounding pipes of fuel tanks may not terminate in accommodation spaces, nor they shall terminate in spaces where the risk of ignition of spillage from the sounding pipes might arise.

3.3.4 Sounding pipes should terminate outside machinery spaces. Where this is not possible, the following requirements are to be met:

- Oil level gauges are to be provided in addition to the sounding pipes.
- Sounding pipes are either to terminate in locations remote from ignition hazards or they are to be effectively screened to prevent that spillage through the sounding pipes may come into contact with a source of ignition.
- The sounding pipes are to be fitted with self closing shut-off devices and self-closing test cocks.

In addition [Section 8, R](#) has to be considered.

3.3.5 Sounding pipes and oil level indicating devices are permitted only where they do not require penetration below the tank top and where their failure or over-filling of the tanks cannot result in the release of fuel.

4. Fastenings of appliances and fittings on fuel tanks inside machinery spaces

4.1 Appliances, mountings and fittings which are not part of the fuel tank equipment may be fitted to tank walls only by means of intermediate supports. To free-standing tanks only components which are part of the tank equipment may be fitted.

4.2 Valves and pipe connections are to be attached to doubler flanges welded to the tank surfaces. Holes for attachment bolts shall not be drilled in the tank surfaces.

Instead of doubler flanges, thick walled pipe stubs with flange connections may be welded into the tank walls.

5. Testing for tightness

Fuel tanks are to be tested for tightness in accordance with [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 10, D](#).

6. Fuels with a flash point of ≤ 60 °C

6.1 If for special reasons fuel with a flash point between 43 °C and 60 °C is used for ship operation, special tanks have to be provided for this fuel. Additional safety measures will become necessary and have to be approved by BKI. It has to be ensured that the temperature in the spaces, where the fuel is stored or consumed, stays always 10 °C below the flash point.

Connections to fuel tanks with other flash points are not permissible.

6.2 Storage of petrol

Where in exceptional cases petrol can be used for the drive of ship safety pumps and outboard motors, the storage of petrol is only permitted in seawater resistant and heat protected jettisoning devices on the free deck. A maximum stock of 200 litres in suitable canisters of 20 l capacity each may be stored on board. For bigger volumes additional measures subject to BKI approval will become necessary.

C. Storage of Lubricating and Hydraulic Oils

1. Tank arrangement

Different types of lubricating oil may be stored in tanks arranged besides each other.

Furthermore [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2 \) Sec. 10, A](#) are to be applied analogously.

2. Tank fittings and mountings

2.1 For filling and suction lines of lubricating oil and hydraulic oil tanks see [Section 8, I.2.2](#).

2.2 For tank sounding devices for oil tanks, see [B.3.3.1](#), [B.3.3.3](#) and [B.3.3.4](#); in addition [Section 8, R](#) has to be considered.

2.3 For the mounting of appliances and fittings on the tanks [B.4](#) is to be applied analogously.

3. Capacity and construction of lubricating oil tanks

3.1 Lubricating oil circulation tanks shall be sufficiently large to ensure that the dwelling time of the oil is long enough for the expulsion of air bubbles, settling out of residues etc. With a maximum permissible filling level of about 85 %, the tanks must be large enough to hold at least the lubricating oil contained in the entire circulation system including the contents of gravity tanks.

3.2 Measures, such as the provision of baffles or limber holes consistent with structural strength requirements, particularly relating to the machinery bed plate, are to be provided to ensure that the entire content of the tank remains in circulation. Limber holes should be located as near the bottom of the tank as possible. Suction pipe connections should be placed as far as practicable away from the oil drain pipe so that neither air nor sludge may be sucked up irrespective of the heel of the ship likely to be encountered during service.

3.3 Lubricating oil drain tanks are to be equipped with sufficiently dimensioned air pipes.

D. Storage of Aviation Fuel

1. General

1.1 For the storage of aviation fuel the safety measures according to [B.1](#) are to be applied analogously.

1.2 The stock of aviation fuel has to be stored in two or more aviation fuel storage tanks.

1.3 A storage in only one tank is permissible if a limited volume (< 10 m³) is stored or if the arrangement on board does not allow several storage tanks.

1.4 For the direct fuelling an aviation fuel service tank has to be provided.

2. Capacity and construction of aviation fuel tanks

2.1 The service tanks according to [1.4](#) are not to be included in the necessary volume of the storage tanks.

2.2 The service tank has to be constructed to allow a settling of impurities and water, e.g. by arrangement of a water pocket. For drainage see also [Section 8, H.6.2](#).

2.3 Aviation fuel tanks have to be provided with a suitable coating.

3. Arrangement of aviation fuel tanks

3.1 For the arrangement of the aviation fuel tanks the requirements according to [Section 8, H.](#) are to be observed.

3.2 Aviation fuel tanks may not be arranged directly at the shell.

4. Tank equipment

4.1 The construction of the filling and the outlet pipes has to be in accordance with [Section 8, H.3.](#)

4.2 For sounding equipment of the tanks see [Section 8, H.6.1.](#)

4.3 For the mounting of devices and fittings, [B.4.](#) has to be applied analogously.

4.4 For ventilation and overflow equipment as well as drainage and sampling devices, see [Section 8, H.6.2.](#)

5. Additional requirements

If the flash point of the aviation fuel is ≤ 60 °C, additional requirements as defined in [B.6.](#) have to be observed analogously.

E. Storage of Oil Residues

1. Arrangement and capacity of sludge tanks

1.1 Sludge tanks are to be provided.

1.2 Arrangement and capacity of sludge tanks have to be defined by the Naval Administration. National requirements, if any, are to be observed.

2. Tank heating system

2.1 If the tank content requires preheating to ensure pumpability, a tank heating system shall be provided.

2.2 A thermometer is to be fitted and, where necessary, the tank is to be thermally insulated.

2.3 At tank outlets, heating coils are to be fitted with means of closing. Steam heating coils are to be provided with means for testing the condensate for oil between tank outlet and closing device. Heating coil connections in tanks normally are to be welded. The provision of detachable connections is permitted only in exceptional cases. Inside tanks, heating coils are to be supported in such a way that they are not subjected to impermissible stresses due to vibration, particularly at their points of clamping.

2.4 For materials, wall thickness and pressure testing of heating coils see [Section 8.](#)

3. Fittings and mountings of sludge tanks

3.1 For tank sounding devices [B.3.3](#) is to be applied in analogous way.

3.2 For air pipes, see [Section 8, R.](#)

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Section 8 Piping System, Valves and Pumps

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A. General

1. Scope

1.1 These requirements apply to pipes and piping system, including valves, fittings and pumps, which are necessary for the operation of the main propulsion plant together with its auxiliaries and equipment. They also apply to piping systems used in the operation of the ship whose failure could directly or indirectly impair the safety of ship and crew, and to piping systems which are dealt with in other Sections.

1.2 Reference to other BKI Rules

- [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\) and Rules for Welding \(Pt.1, Vol.VI\)](#)
- [Section 9 - Fire Protection and Fire-Extinguishing Equipment](#)
- [Section 11 - Ventilation Systems and NBC Protection](#)
- [Section 17 - Oil Burner and Oil Firing Equipment](#)
- [Section 16 - Pressure Vessels and Heat Exchangers](#)
- [Section 15 - Auxiliary Steam Boilers](#)
- [Guidance for The Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use \(Pt.1,Vol.W\)](#)

2. Documents for approval

The following drawings / documents are to be submitted to BKI for approval. To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process they should be submitted in electronic format.

2.1 Engine room arrangement plan

2.2 Diagrammatic plans of the following piping systems including all the details necessary for approval, e.g. lists of valves, fittings and pipes:

- steam systems (steam, condensate and boiler feed water systems)
- fuel systems (bunkering, transfer and supply systems)
- seawater cooling systems
- fresh water cooling systems
- lubricating oil systems
- starting air, control air and working air systems
- exhaust gas systems
- bilge systems
- ballast systems
- cross-flooding arrangements
- air, overflow and sounding pipes including details of filling pipe cross-sections
- closed overflow systems
- sanitary water systems (fresh water, seawater)
- sewage discharge systems
- drinking water systems
- equipment for the treatment and storage of bilge water and fuel oil residues
- chilled water systems
- fuel storage, transfer and replenishment systems
- aviation fuel systems

2.3 For remotely controlled valves:

- diagrammatic piping plans and diagrammatic plans of the arrangement of piping and control stands in the ship
- diagrammatic plans and electrical circuit diagrams of the control stations and power units, as well as drawings of the remotely controlled valves, control stands and the corresponding pressure accumulators

2.4 For steam lines with working temperatures > 400 °C, the corresponding stress calculations together with isometric data are to be submitted.

2.5 For pipes, pipe connections and accessories, as far as not defined otherwise in this Section, recognized national or international standards have to be applied.

3. Pipe classes

For the purpose of testing of pipes, selection of jointing, welding and heat treatment, pipes are subdivided into three classes as indicated in [Table 8.1](#).

Table 8.1 Classification of pipes into pipe classes

Medium/type of pipeline	Design pressure PR [bar] Design temperature t [°C]		
	I	II	III
Pipe Class			
Toxic media	all		
Corrosive media Inflammable liquids heated above flash point Inflammable liquids with a flash point of 60 °C or less Flammable gases	all	1	-
Steam	PR > 16 or t > 300	PR ≤ 16 and t ≤ 300	PR ≤ 7 and t ≤ 170
Air, gases (inflammable) Inflammable, hydraulic fluids Boiler feedwater, condensate Seawater and fresh water for cooling Brine in refrigerating plant	PR > 40 or t > 300	PR ≤ 40 and t ≤ 300	PR ≤ 16 and t ≤ 200
Liquid fuels, lubricating oil, flammable hydraulic fluid	PR > 16 or t > 150	PR ≤ 16 and t ≤ 150	PR ≤ 7 and t ≤ 60
Cargo pipelines for supply tankers	-	-	all
Refrigerants	-	all	-
Open-ended pipelines (without shut-off), e.g. drains, vent pipes, overflow lines and boiler blowdown lines	-	-	all
¹ classification in pipe class II is possible if special safety arrangements are available and structural safety precautions are arranged			

B. Materials, Testing

1. General

1.1 Materials are to be suitable for the proposed application and comply with [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#).

In case of especially corrosive media, BKI may impose special requirements on the materials used.

1.2 Where non-magnetic construction is required, non-magnetizable materials are to be selected.

1.3 Potential differences between contiguous elements are to be kept as small as possible.

1.4 Potential differences caused by inevitable combinations of different materials are to be compensated by suitable measures, such as isolation and/or protection of the material of lower potential. The element made of higher potential material shall be arranged, where possible, downstream.

1.5 Materials with low heat resistance (melting point below 925 °C) are not acceptable for piping systems and components where fire may cause outflow of flammable liquids, flooding of any watertight compartment or destruction of watertight integrity. Deviations from this requirement will be considered on a case by case basis.

2. Materials

2.1 Material manufacturers

Pipes, elbows, fittings, valve casings, flanges and semi-finished products intended to be used in pipe class I and II are to be manufactured by BKI approved manufacturers.

For the use in pipe class III piping systems an approval according to other recognized standards may be accepted.

2.2 Pipes, valves and fittings of steel

Pipes belonging to classes I and II shall be either seamless drawn or fabricated by a welding procedure approved by BKI. In general, carbon and carbonmanganese steel pipes, valves and fittings are not to be used for temperatures above 400 °C. However, they may be used for higher temperatures provided that their metallurgical behaviour and their strength property according to C.2.3 after 100 000 h of operation are in accordance with national or international regulations or standards and if such values are guaranteed by the steel manufacturer. Otherwise, alloy steels in accordance with the [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#) are to be used.

2.3 Pipes, valves and fittings of copper and copper alloys

Pipes of copper and copper alloys must be of seamless drawn material or fabricated by a method approved by BKI. Copper pipes for classes I and II must be seamless.

In general, copper and copper alloy pipe lines shall not be used for media having temperatures above the following limits:

- copper and aluminium brass 200 °C
- copper nickel alloys 300 °C
- high-temperature bronze 260 °C

2.4 Pipes, valves and fittings of nodular ferritic cast iron

Pipes, valves and fittings of nodular ferritic cast iron according to the [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#) may be accepted for bilge and ballast pipes within double-bottom tanks and for other purposes approved by BKI. In special cases (applications corresponding in principle to classes II and III) and subject to BKI's special approval, valves and fittings made of ferritic nodular cast iron may be accepted for temperatures up to 350 °C. Nodular ferritic cast iron for pipes, valves and fittings fitted on the ship's side must comply with the [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#).

2.5 Pipes, valves and fittings of lamellargraphite cast iron (grey cast iron)

Pipes, valves and fittings of grey cast iron may be accepted on supply tankers for cargo pipes within cargo tanks and on the weather deck up to a working pressure of 16 bar.

Ductile materials are to be used for cargo hose connections and distributor headers.

This applies also to the hose connections of fuel and lubricating oil filling lines.

The use of grey cast iron is not allowed:

- for pipes, valves and fittings for media having temperatures above 220 °C and for pipelines subject to water hammer, severe stresses or vibrations
- for sea valves and pipes fitted on the ship sides and for valves fitted on the collision bulkhead

- for valves on fuel and oil tanks subject to static head
- relieve valves

The use of grey cast iron in cases other than those stated is subject to BKI approval.

2.6 Plastic pipe systems

2.6.1 General

Plastic piping systems are to be type approved by BKI. The requirements are defined in [Guidance for The Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use \(Pt.1,Vol.W\)](#).

2.6.2 Range of application

The use of plastic piping systems is approved for piping systems included in pipe class III only. Dependent on the application and installation location specific means respectively additional flame tests may be required.

Depending on the location of installation and the medium three different levels of fire endurance for plastic pipe systems are to be distinguished (see IMO Resolution A.753(18), Appendix 1 and 2):

Fire endurance level 1 (L1): Dry piping having passed the test for a duration of a minimum of one hour without loss of integrity.

Fire endurance level 2 (L2): Dry piping having passed the test for a duration of a minimum of 30 minutes without loss of integrity.

Fire endurance level 3 (L3): Water filled piping having passed the test for a duration of a minimum of 30 minutes without loss of integrity in wet condition. Permitted use of piping depending on fire endurance, location and type of system is given in [Table 8.2](#).

2.6.3 Quality control during manufacture

.1 The manufacturer is to have a quality system that meets ISO 9000 series standards or equivalent. The quality system is to consist of elements necessary to ensure that pipes and fittings are produced with consistent and uniform mechanical and physical properties.

.2 Each pipe and fitting is to be tested by the manufacturer at a hydrostatic pressure not less than 1,5 times the nominal pressure. Alternatively, for pipes and fittings not employing hand lay up techniques, the hydrostatic pressure test may be carried out in accordance with the hydrostatic testing requirements stipulated in the recognised national or international standard to which the pipe or fittings are manufactured, provided that there is an effective quality system in place.

.3 Piping and fittings are to be permanently marked with identification. Identification is to include pressure ratings, the design standards that the pipe or fitting is manufactured in accordance with, and the material of which the pipe or fitting is made.

Table 8.2 Fire endurance requirements matrix

		Location										
No.	Description	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Flammable cargoes (Flash point ≤ 60 °C)												
1	Cargo lines	NA	NA	L1	NA	NA	0	NA	0 ¹⁰	0	NA	L1 ²
2	Crude oil washing lines	NA	NA	L1	NA	NA	0	NA	0 ¹⁰	0	NA	L1 ²
3	Vent lines	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	NA	0 ¹⁰	0	NA	X
Inert gas												
4	Water seal effluent line	NA	NA	0 ¹	NA	NA	0 ¹	0 ¹	0 ¹	0 ¹	NA	0
5	Scrubber effluent line	0 ¹	0 ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0 ¹	0	NA	0
6	Main line	0	0	L1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	NA	L1 ⁶
7	Distribution lines	NA	NA	L1	NA	NA	0	NA	NA	0	NA	L1 ²
Flammable liquids (Flash point > 60 °C)												
8	Cargo lines	X	X	L1	X	X	NA ³	0	0 ¹⁰	0	NA	L1
9	Fuel oil	X	X	L1	X	X	NA ³	0	0	0	L1	L1
10	Lubricating	X	X	L1	X	X	NA	NA	NA	0	L1	L1
11	Hydraulic oil	X	X	L1	X	X	0	0	0	0	L1	L1
Seawater ¹												
12	Bilge main & branches	L1 ⁷	L1 ⁷	L1	X	X	NA	0	0	0	NA	L1
13	Fire main & water spray	L1	L1	L1	X	NA	NA	NA	0	0	X	L1
14	Foam system	L1	L1	L1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	L1	L1
15	Sprinkler system	L1	L1	L3	X	NA	NA	NA	0	0	L3	L3
16	Ballast	L3	L3	L3	L3	X	0 ¹⁰	0	0	0	L2	L2
17	Cooling water, essential services	L3	L3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	NA	L2
18	Tank cleaning services; fixed machines	NA	NA	L3	NA	NA	0	NA	0	0	NA	L3 ²
19	Non-essential systems	0	0	0	0	0	NA	0	0	0	0	0
Freshwater												
20	Cooling water, essential services	L3	L3	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	L3	L3
21	Condensate return	L3	L3	L3	0	0	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0
22	Non-essential systems	0	0	0	0	0	NA	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary / Drains / Scuppers												
23	Deck drains (internal)	L1 ⁴	L1 ⁴	NA	L1 ⁴	0	NA	0	0	0	0	0
24	Sanitary drains (internal)	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	0	0	0
25	Scuppers and discharge (overboard)	0 ^{1,8}	0 ^{1,8}	0 ^{1,8}	0 ^{1,8}	0 ^{1,8}	0	0	0	0	0 ^{1,8}	0
Sounding / Air												
26	Water tanks / dry spaces	0	0	0	0	0	0 ¹⁰	0	0	0	0	0
27	Oil tanks (Flash point > 60 °C)	X	X	X	X	X	X ³	0	0 ¹⁰	0	X	X
Miscellaneous												
28	Control air	L1 ⁵	L1 ⁵	L1 ⁵	L1 ⁵	L1 ⁵	NA	0	0	0	L1 ⁵	L1 ⁵
29	Service air (non-essential)	0	0	0	0	0	NA	0	0	0	0	0
30	Brine	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0
31	Auxiliary low pressure steam (≤ 7 bar)	L2	L2	0 ⁹	0 ⁹	0 ⁹	0	0	0	0	0 ⁹	0 ⁹

Table 8.2 Fire endurance requirements matrix (continued)

Location definition:		
A	Machinery spaces of category A	Machinery spaces of category A as defined in SOLAS Regulation II-2/Reg. 3, 31
B	Other machinery spaces and pump room	Spaces other than category A machinery spaces and cargo pump rooms, containing propulsion machinery, boilers, steam and internal combustion engines, generators and major electrical machinery, pumps, oil filling stations, refrigerating, stabilizing, ventilation and air-conditioning machinery and similar spaces and trunks to such spaces
C	Cargo pump rooms	Spaces containing cargo pumps and entrances and trunks to such spaces
D	Ro-ro cargo holds	Ro-ro cargo holds are ro-ro cargo spaces and special category as defined in SOLAS Reg. II-2/Reg. 3, 41, 46
E	Other dry cargo holds	All spaces other than ro-ro cargo holds used for non-liquid cargo and trunks to such spaces
F	Cargo tanks	All spaces used for liquid cargo and trunks to such spaces
G	Fuel oil tanks	All spaces used for fuel oil (excluding cargo tanks) and trunks
H	Ballast water tanks	All spaces used for ballast water and trunks to such space
I	Cofferdams, voids, etc.	Cofferdams and voids are those empty spaces between two bulkheads, separating two adjacent compartments
J	Accommodations, service	Accommodation spaces, service and control stations as defined in SOLAS Regulation II-2/Reg. 3, 1, 45
K	Open decks	Open deck spaces as defined in SOLAS Regulation II-2/Reg. 9, 2.3.3.2(10)
Abbreviations:		
L1	Fire endurance test (Appendix 1) in dry conditions, 60 minutes	
L2	L2 Fire endurance test (Appendix 1) in dry conditions, 30 minutes	
L3	L3 Fire endurance test (Appendix 2) in wet conditions, 60 minutes	
0	No fire endurance test required	
NA	Not Applicable	
X	Metallic materials having a melting point greater than 925 °C	
Foot notes :		
¹ Where non-metallic piping is used, remotely controlled valves are to be provided at ship's side (valve is to be controlled from outside space).		
² Remote closing valves to be provided at the cargo tanks.		
³ When cargo tanks contain flammable liquids with flash points > 60 °C, "0" may replace "NA" or "X".		
⁴ For drains serving only the space concerned "0" may replace "L1".		
⁵ When controlling functions are not required by statutory requirements, "0" may replace "L1".		
⁶ For pipes between machinery space and deck water seal, "0" may replace "L1".		
⁷ For passenger vessels, "X" is to replace "L1".		
⁸ Scuppers serving open decks in position 1 and 2, as defined in Regulation 13 of ILLC 1966, should be "X" throughout unless fitted at the upper deck with the means of closing capable of being operated from a position above the freeboard deck in order to prevent down flooding.		
⁹ For essential services, such as fuel oil tank heating and ship's whistle, "X" is to replace "0".		
¹⁰ For tanker where compliance with paragraph 3(f) of Regulation 13F of Annex 1 of MARPOL 73/78 is required, "NA" is to replace "0".		

.4 In case the manufacturer does not have an approved quality system complying with ISO 9000 series or equivalent, pipes and fittings are to be tested in accordance with [Regulation for The Performance of Type Test - Test Requirements for Components and Systems \(Pt.1, Vol.W\)](#) for every batch of pipes.

.5 Depending upon the intended application BKI may require the pressure testing of each pipe and/or fitting.

2.6.4 Flame Spread

.1 All pipes, except those fitted on open decks and within tanks, cofferdams, pipe tunnels, and ducts are to have low surface flame spread characteristics not exceeding average values listed in IMO Resolution A.653(16).

.2 Surface flame spread characteristics are to be determined using the procedure given in IMO Resolution A.653(16) with regard to the modifications due to the curvilinear pipe surfaces as listed in Appendix 3 of IMO Resolution A.753(18).

.3 Surface flame spread characteristics may also be determined using the text procedures given in ASTM D635, or in other national equivalent standards.

2.6.5 Fire Protection Coating

Where a fire protective coating of pipes and fittings is necessary for achieving the fire endurance level required, it is to meet the following requirements:

The pipes are generally to be delivered from the manufacturer with the protective coating on.

The fire protection properties of the coating are not to be diminished when exposed to salt water, oil or bilge slops. It is to be demonstrated that the coating is resistant to products likely to come into contact with the piping.

In considering fire protection coatings, such characteristics as thermal expansion, resistance against vibrations, and elasticity are to be taken into account.

The fire protection coatings are to have sufficient resistance to impact to retain their integrity.

2.6.6 Electrical Conductivity

Where electrical conductivity is to be ensured, the resistance of the pipes and fittings is not to exceed 1×10^5 Ohm/m.

2.6.7 Installation

.1 The selection and spacing of pipe supports are to take into account pipe dimensions, mechanical and physical properties of the pipe material, mass of pipe and contained fluid, external pressure, operating temperature, thermal expansion effects, loads due to external forces, thrust forces, water hammer, vibrations, maximum accelerations to which the system may be subjected. Combination of loads is to be considered.

.2 Heavy components such as valves and expansion joints are to be independently supported.

.3 When calculating the thermal expansions, account is to be taken of the difference between the operating temperature of the system and the ambient temperature during installation.

.4 Pipes are to be protected during installation and service from mechanical damage where necessary.

.5 In piping systems for fluid with conductivity less than 1000 pico Siemens per metre [pS/m] such as refined products and distillates use is to be made of conductive pipes.

Regardless of the medium, electrically conductive plastic piping is to be used if the piping passes through hazardous areas. The resistance to earth from any point in the piping system is not to exceed $1 \cdot 10^6$ Ohm. It is preferred that pipes and fittings be homogeneously conductive. Pipes and fittings having conductive

layers are to be protected against a possibility of spark damage to the pipe wall. Satisfactory earthing is to be provided.

After completion of the installation, the resistance to earth is to be verified. Earthing connections are to be arranged in a way accessible for inspection.

.6 To meet the fire endurance according to [Table 8.2](#) the pipes and fittings may be provided with flame protection covers, coatings or isolations. The installation instructions of the manufacturer have to be considered.

The execution of hydrostatic pressure tests has to be established before the installation of these coverings.

.7 Pipe penetrations through watertight bulkheads or decks as well as through fire divisions are to be type approved by BKI.

If the bulkhead or deck is also a fire division and destruction by fire of plastic pipes may cause inflow of liquid from tanks, a metallic shut-off valve is to be fitted at the bulkhead or deck. The operation of this valve is to be provided for from above the freeboard deck.

2.6.8 Testing after installation on board

Piping systems for essential services are to be subjected to a pressure test with a pressure of 1,5 times the design pressure p_c resp. nominal pressure PN, but at minimum to 4 bar.

Piping systems for non-essential services are to be checked for leakage under operational conditions.

For piping required to be electrically conductive, earthing is to be checked and random resistance testing is to be conducted.

2.7 Aluminium and aluminium alloys

Aluminium and aluminium alloys are to comply with [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#) and may be used under the same restrictions as plastic pipes (refer to [2.6](#) and [Table 8.2](#)), and for temperatures up to 200 °C. Aluminium and its alloys are not acceptable for use in fire extinguishing systems.

2.8 Application of materials

For the pipe classes mentioned in [A.3](#), materials are to be applied according to [Table 8.3](#).

3 Testing of materials

3.1 For piping systems belonging to class I and II, tests in accordance with [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#) and under BKI's supervision are to be carried out in accordance with [Table 8.4](#) for:

- pipes, bends and fittings
- valve bodies and flanges

3.2 Welded joints in pipelines of classes I and II are to be tested in accordance with [Rules for Welding \(Pt.1, Vol.VI\)](#).

Table 8.3 Approved materials

Material or application		Pipe class		
		I	II	III
Steels	Pipes	Steel pipes for high temperatures above 300 °C, pipes made of steel with high/low temperature toughness at temperatures below – 10 °C, stainless steel pipes for chemicals	Pipes for general applications	Steel not subject to any special quality specification, weldability in accordance with Rules for Welding (Pt.1, Vol.VI)
	Forgings, plates, flanges steel sections and bars	Steel suitable for the corresponding service and processing conditions, high temperature steel for temperatures above 300 °C steel with high-/low temperature toughness for temperatures below –10 °C steel with high-/low temperature toughness		
	Bolts, nuts	Bolts for general machinery constructions, high-temperature steel for temperatures above 300 °C, steel with high-/low temperature toughness for temperatures below –10 °C	Bolts for general machinery construction	
Castings (valves, fittings, pipes)	Cast steel	High-temperature cast steel for temperatures above 300 °C, cast steel with high-/low temperature toughness at temperatures below –10 °C, stainless castings for aggressive media	Cast steel for general applications	
	Nodular cast iron	Only ferritic grades, elongation A ₅ at least 15 %		
	Cast iron with lamellar graphite	–	–	At least GG-20 up to 200 °C, grey cast iron is not permitted in valves and fittings on ship's side, on the collision bulkhead and on fuel and oil tanks, relieve valves
Non-ferrous metals (valves, fittings, pipes)	Copper, copper alloys	low-temperature copper-nickel-alloys by special agreement	For seawater and alkaline water only corrosion resistant copper and copper alloys	
	Aluminium, aluminium alloys	–	Only with the agreement of BKI up to 200 °C, not permitted in fire extinguishing systems	
Non-metallic materials	Plastics	–	–	On special approval (see 2.6)

Table 8.4 Approved materials and types of Certificates

Type of Component	Approved materials	Design temperature	Pipe class	Nominal diameter DN	Type of Certificate ²		
					A	B	C
Pipes ¹ , Pipe elbows, Fittings	Steel, Copper, Copper alloys, Aluminium Aluminium alloys Plastics	–	I + II	> 50 ≤ 50	X –	– X	– –
			III	All	–	–	X
Valves ¹ , Flanges,	Steel, Cast steel, Nodular cast iron	> 300 °C	I, II	DN > 100 DN ≤ 100	X	–	–
	Copper, Copper alloys	> 225 °C			–	X	–
	Steel, Cast steel, Nodular cast iron	≤ 300 °C	I, II	PB × DN > 2500 or DN > 250	X	–	–
				PB × DN ≤ 2500 or DN ≤ 250	–	X	–
	Steel, Cast steel, Nodular cast iron, Grey cast iron	–	III	All	–	–	X
	Copper, Copper alloys	≤ 225 °C	I, II	PB × DN > 1500	X	–	–
	Aluminium, Aluminium alloys	≤ 200 °C		PB × DN ≤ 1500	–	X	–
Plastics	Acc. to Type Approval Certificate	III	All	–	–	X	
Semi-finished products, Screws and other component	According to Table 8.3	–	I, II	–	–	X	–
			III	–	–	–	X
¹ Casings of valves and pipes fitted on ship's side and bottom and bodies of valves fitted on collision bulkhead are to be included in pipe class II ² Test Certificates acc. to Rules for Materials (Pt.1, Vol.V) Sec. 1-3 with the following abbreviations: A: BKI Material Certificate, B: Manufacturer Inspection Certificate, C: Manufacturer Test Report							

4. Hydraulic tests on pipes

4.1 Definitions

4.1.1 Maximum allowable working pressure, PB [bar], Formula symbol: $p_{e,perm}$

This is the maximum allowable internal or external working pressure for a component or piping system with regard to the materials used, piping design requirements, the working temperature and undisturbed operation.

4.1.2 Nominal pressure, PN [bar]

This is the term applied to a selected pressure-temperature relation used for the standardization of structural components. In general, the numerical value of the nominal pressure for a standardized component made of the material specified in the standard will correspond to the maximum allowable working pressure PB at 20 °C.

4.1.3 Test pressure, PP [bar] Formula symbol: p_p

This is the pressure to which components or piping systems are subjected for testing purposes.

4.1.4 Design pressure, PR [bar] Formula symbol: p_c

This is the maximum allowable working pressure PB for which a component or piping system is designed with regard to its mechanical characteristics. In general, the design pressure is the maximum allowable working pressure at which the safety equipment will interfere, e.g. activation of safety valves, opening of return lines of pumps, operating of overpressure safety arrangements, opening of relief valves, or at which the pumps will operate against closed valves. The design pressure for fuel pipes shall be chosen according to Table 8.5.

Table 8.5 Design pressure for fuel pipes

Max. working pressure \ Max. working temperature	$T \leq 60 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	$T > 60 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
$PB \leq 7 \text{ bar}$	3 bar or max. working pressure, whichever is greater	3 bar or max. working pressure, whichever is greater
$PB > 7 \text{ bar}$	max. working pressure	14 bar or max. working pressure, whichever is greater

4.2 Pressure test prior to installation on board

4.2.1 All class I and II pipes as well as steam lines, feedwater pressure pipes, compressed air and fuel lines having a design pressure PR greater than 3,5 bar together with their integral fittings, connecting pieces, branches and bends, after completion of manufacture but before insulation and coating, if this is provided, shall be subjected to a hydraulic pressure test in the presence of the Surveyor at the following value of pressure:

$$p_p = 1,5 \cdot p_c \quad [\text{bar}]$$

where p_c is the design pressure. For steel pipes and their integral fittings intended to be used in systems with working temperature above 300 °C the test pressure p_p is to be as follows:

$$p_p = 1,5 \cdot \frac{\sigma_{perm}(100^\circ)}{\sigma_{perm}(t)} \cdot p_c$$

$\sigma_{perm}(100^\circ)$ = permissible stress at 100 °C

$\sigma_{perm}(t)$ = permissible stress at the design temperature t [°C]

However, the test pressure need not exceed:

$$p_p = 2 \cdot p_c [\text{bar}]$$

With the approval of BKI this pressure may be reduced to 1,5 p_c where it is necessary to avoid excessive stress in way of bends, T-pieces and other shaped components.

In no case may the membrane stress exceed 90 % of the yield strength or 0,2 % of the maximum elongation.

4.2.2 Where for technical reasons it is not possible to carry out complete hydraulic pressure tests on all sections of piping before assembly on board, proposals are to be submitted to BKI for approval testing pipe connections on board, particularly in respect of welding seams.

4.2.3 Where the hydraulic pressure test of piping is carried out on board, these tests may be conducted in conjunction with the tests required under [4.3](#).

4.2.4 Pressure testing of pipes with a nominal diameter less than 15 mm may be omitted at BKI's discretion depending on the application.

4.3 Test after installation on board

4.3.1 After assembly on board, all pipelines covered by these Guidelines are to be subjected to a tightness test in the presence of a Surveyor.

In general, all pipe systems are to be tested for leakage under operational conditions. If necessary, special techniques other than hydraulic pressure tests are to be applied.

4.3.2 Heating coils in tanks and pipe lines for fuels are to be tested to not less than 1,5 PR but in no case less than 4 bar.

4.4 Pressure testing of valves

The following valves are to be subjected in the manufacturer's works to a hydraulic pressure test in the presence of a Surveyor:

- valves of pipe classes I and II to 1,5 PR
- valves on the ship's side to not less than 5 bar

Shut-off devices of the above type are to be additionally tested for tightness with the nominal pressure.

Shut-off devices for boilers, see [Section 15, E.10](#).

5. Structural tests, heat treatment and non-destructive testing

Attention should be given to the workmanship in construction and installation of the piping systems according to the approved data. For details concerning structural tests and tests following heat treatments, see [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#)

C. Calculation of Wall Thickness and Elasticity

1. Minimum wall thickness

1.1 The pipe thicknesses stated in [Tables 8.6 to 8.10](#) are the assigned minimum thicknesses, unless due to stress analysis, see [2.](#), greater thicknesses are necessary.

Provided that the pipes are effectively protected against corrosion, the wall thicknesses of group M and D stated in [Table 8.7](#) may, with BKI's agreement, be reduced by up to 1 mm, the amount of the reduction is to be in relation to the wall thickness.

Protective coatings, e.g. hot-dip galvanizing, can be recognized as an effective corrosion protection provided that the preservation of the protective coating during installation is guaranteed.

For steel pipes the wall thickness group corresponding to the location is to be as stated in [Table 8.6](#).

Table 8.6 Minimum wall thickness group of steel pipes and approved locations

Piping system	Installation position															
	Machinery spaces	Cofferdams / void spaces	Cargo holds	Ballast water tanks	Fuel and changeover tanks	Fresh cooling water tanks	Lubricating oil tanks	Hydraulic oil tanks	Drinking water tanks	Condensate and feedwater tanks	Living quarters	Fuel pump rooms	Weather deck	Ammunition stores		
Bilge lines	M		M	D							M		-	-		
Ballast lines			D	M	D						X	X	M			
Seawater lines							X	X	X				M ²			
Fuel lines	N	M		D	N						X	-				
Lubricating lines			-	X	X		N		X							
Steam lines						M	M	M	M	-		N	N	N	N	N
Condensate lines													X	X		
Feedwater lines													N	N		
Drinking water lines													X	X		
Fresh cooling water lines																
Compressed air lines																
Hydraulic lines				M	M	M	M	N	X		X	N				

¹ only for steel pipes
² seawater discharge lines, see Section 8, T.
 X pipelines are not to be installed
 (-) pipelines may be installed after special agreement with BKI

Table 8.7 Minimum wall thickness for steel pipes

Group N		Group M		Group D			
da	s	da	s	da	s		
[mm]	[mm]	[mm]	[mm]	[mm]	[mm]		
< 10,2	1,6	≥ 406,4	6,3	≥ 21,3	3,2	≥ 38,0	6,3
≥ 13,5	1,8	≥ 660,0	7,1	≥ 38,0	3,6	≥ 88,9	7,1
≥ 20,0	2,0	≥ 762,0	8,0	≥ 51,0	4,0	≥ 114,3	8,0
≥ 48,3	2,3	≥ 864,0	8,8	≥ 76,1	4,5	≥ 152,4	8,8
≥ 70,0	2,6	≥ 914,0	10,0	≥ 177,8	5,0	≥ 457,2	8,8
≥ 88,9	2,9			≥ 193,7	5,4		
≥ 114,3	3,2			≥ 219,1	5,9		
≥ 133,0	3,6			≥ 244,5	6,3		
≥ 152,4	4,0			≥ 660,4	7,1		
≥ 177,8	4,5			≥ 762,0	8,0		
≥ 244,5	5,0			≥ 863,6	8,8		
≥ 323,9	5,6			≥ 914,4	10,0		

1.2 The minimum wall thicknesses for austenitic stainless steel pipes are given in Table 8.8.

Table 8.8 Minimum wall thickness for austenitic stainless steel pipes

Pipe outside diameter [mm]	Minimum wall thickness [mm]
d_a [mm]	s [mm]
up to 17,2	1,0
up to 48,3	1,6
up to 88,9	2,0
up to 168,3	2,3
up to 219,1	2,6
up to 273,0	2,9
up to 406,0	3,6
over 406,0	4,0

Table 8.9 Minimum wall thickness for copper and copper alloy pipes

Pipe outside diameter d_a [mm]	Minimum wall thickness s [mm]	
	Copper	Copper alloys
8 – 10	1,0	0,8
12 – 20	1,2	1,0
25 – 44,5	1,5	1,2
50 – 76,1	2,0	1,5
88,9 – 108	2,5	2,0
133 – 159	3,0	2,5
193,7 – 267	3,5	3,0
273 – 457,2	4,0	3,5
(470)	4,0	3,5
508	4,5	4,0

Table 8.10 Minimum wall thickness for aluminium and aluminium alloy pipes

Pipe outside diameter [mm]	Minimum wall thickness [mm]
< 10	1,5
12 – 38	2,0
43 – 57	2,5
76 – 89	3,0
108 – 133	4,0
159 – 194	4,5
219 – 273	5,0
> 273	5,5

Note
 For seawater pipes the wall thickness is to be not less than 5,0 mm.

Table 8.11 Permissible stress σ_{perm} for copper and copper alloys (annealed)

Pipe material		Minimum tensile strength [N/mm ²]	Permissible stress σ_{perm} [N/mm ²]										
			50° C	75° C	100° C	125° C	150° C	175° C	200° C	225° C	250° C	275° C	300° C
Copper		215	41	41	40	40	34	27,5	18,5	–	–	–	–
Aluminium brass Cu Zn 20 Al		325	78	78	78	78	78	51	24,5	–	–	–	–
Copper nickel- alloys	Cu Ni 5 Fe	275	68	68	67	65,5	64	62	59	56	52	48	44
	Cu Ni 10 Fe												
	Cu Ni 30 Fe	365	81	79	77	75	73	71	69	67	65,5	64	62

1.3 The minimum wall thicknesses for aluminium and aluminium alloy pipes are given in [Table 8.10](#).

1.4 For the minimum wall thickness of air, sounding and overflow pipes through weather decks, see [R, Table 8.25](#).

For CO₂ fire extinguishing pipelines, see [Section 9, Table 9.4](#).

1.5 Where the application of mechanical joints results in reduction in pipe wall thickness (bite type rings or other structural elements) this is to be taken into account when determining the minimum wall thickness.

2. Calculation of pipe wall thickness

2.1 The following formula is to be used for calculating the wall thickness of cylindrical pipes and bends subject to internal pressure:

$$s = s_o + c + b \quad [\text{mm}] \quad (1)$$

$$s = \frac{d_a \cdot p_c}{20 \cdot \sigma_{perm} \cdot v + p_c} \quad [\text{mm}] \quad (1a)$$

s = minimum thickness, see [2.7](#) [mm]

s_o = calculated thickness [mm]

d_a = outer diameter of pipe [mm]

p_c = design pressure, see [B.4.1.4](#) [bar]¹

σ_{perm} = maximum permissible design stress, see [2.3](#) [N/mm²]

b = allowance for bends, see [2.2](#) [mm]

v = weld efficiency factor, see [2.5](#) [–]

c = corrosion allowance, see [2.6](#) [mm]

¹ For pipes containing fuel heated above 60 °C the design pressure is to be taken not less than 14 bar.

2.2 For straight cylindrical pipes which are to be bent, an allowance b shall be applied for the bending of the pipes. The value of b shall be such that the stress due to the bending of the pipes does not exceed the maximum permissible design stress σ_{perm} . The allowance b can be determined as follows:

$$b = 0,4 \cdot \frac{d_a}{R} \cdot s_o \quad (2)$$

R = bending radius [mm]

2.3 Permissible stress σ_{perm}

2.3.1 Steel pipes

The permissible stress σ_{perm} to be considered in formula (1a) is to be chosen in each case as the lowest of the following values using the safety factors A and B according to Table 8.12 :

a) Design temperature ≤ 350 °C

$$\sigma_{perm} = \min \left\{ \frac{R_{m,20^\circ}}{A}, \frac{R_{eH,t}}{B}, \frac{R_{p0,2,t}}{B} \right\}$$

$R_{m,20^\circ}$ = specified minimum tensile strength at room temperature [N/mm²]

$R_{eH,t}$ = specified minimum yield stress at design temperature [N/mm²]

$R_{p0,2,t}$ = minimum value of the 0,2 % proof stress at design temperature [N/mm²]

b) Design temperature > 350 °C, whereby it is to be checked whether the calculated values according to a) give the decisive smaller value

$$\sigma_{perm} = \min \left\{ \frac{R_{m,100000,t}}{B}, \frac{R_{p1,100000,t}}{B}, \frac{R_{m,100000,(t+15)}}{B} \right\}$$

$R_{m,100000,t}$ = minimum stress to produce rupture in 100000 hours of operation at the design temperature t

$R_{p1,100000,t}$ = average stress to produce 1 % creep after 100000 hours of operation at design temperature t

$R_{m,100000,(t+15)}$ = average stress to produce rupture in 100000 hours of operation at a temperature which is 15 °C higher than the design temperature t

In the case where neither a) nor b) is applicable for pipes which:

- are covered by a detailed stress analysis acceptable to BKI and
- are made of material tested by BKI

BKI may, on special application, agree to a safety factor B of 1,6.

Table 8.12 Coefficients A, B for determining the permissible stress

Material	Pipe Class	I		II, III	
		A	B	A	B
Unalloyed and alloyed carbon steel		2,7	1,6	2,7	1,8
Rolled and forged stainless steel		2,4	1,6	2,4	1,8
Steel with yield strength ¹ > 400 N/mm ²		3,0	1,7	3,0	1,8
Grey cast iron		–	–	11,0	–
Nodular cast iron		–	–	5,0	–
Cast steel		3,2	–	4,0	–

¹ minimum yield strength or minimum 0,2 % proof stress at 20 °C

2.3.2 Pipes made of metallic materials without a definite yield point

Materials without a definite yield point are covered by [Table 8.11](#). For other materials, the maximum permissible stress is to be stated with BKI agreement as:

$$\sigma_{\text{perm}} \leq \frac{R_{m,t}}{5}$$

where $R_{m,t}$ is the minimum tensile strength at the design temperature.

2.3.3 The mechanical characteristics of materials which are not included in the [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#) are to be agreed with BKI with reference to [Table 8.12](#).

Steel pipes without guaranteed properties may be used only up to a working temperature of 120 °C where the permissible stress $\sigma_{\text{perm}} \leq 80 \text{ N/mm}^2$ will be approved.

2.4 Design temperature

The design temperature is the maximum temperature of the medium inside the pipe. In case of steam pipes, filling pipes from air compressors and starting air lines to internal combustion engines, the design temperature is to be at least 200 °C.

2.5 Weld efficiency factor v

- For seamless pipes $v = 1,0$
- For welded pipes, the value of v is to be taken equal to that assigned at the works' acceptance test approved by BKI.

2.6 Corrosion allowance c

The corrosion allowance c depends on the application of the pipe, in accordance with [Tables 8.13](#) and [8.14](#). With agreement of BKI, the corrosion allowance of steel pipes effectively protected against corrosion may be reduced by not more than 50 %.

With agreement of BKI, no corrosion allowance need to be applied to pipes made of corrosion-resistant materials, e.g. austenitic steels and copper alloys, see [Table 8.8](#) and [8.9](#).

Table 8.13 Corrosion allowance c for carbon steel pipes

Type of piping system	Corrosion allowance c [mm]
Saturated steam lines	0,8
Steam heating coils inside tanks	2,0
Feedwater lines: in closed circuit systems	0,5
in open circuit systems	1,5
Boiler blow-down lines	1,5
Compressed air lines	1,0
Hydraulic oil lines, lubricating oil lines	0,3
Fuel lines	1,0
Refrigerant lines for Group 1 refrigerants	0,3
Seawater lines	3,0
Fresh water lines	0,8

2.7 Tolerance allowance t

The negative manufacturing tolerances on the thickness according to the standards of the technical terms of delivery are to be added to the calculated wall thickness so and specified as the tolerance allowance t. The value of t may be calculated as follows:

$$t = \frac{a}{100 - a} \cdot s_o \text{ [mm]} \quad (3)$$

a = negative tolerance on the thickness [%]

so = calculated wall thickness according to 2.1 [mm]

Table 8.14 Corrosion allowance c for non-ferrous metals

Pipe material	Corrosion allowance c [mm]
Copper, brass and similar alloys	0,8
Copper-tin alloys except those containing lead	
Copper nickel alloys (with Ni ≥ 10 %)	0,5

3. Analysis of elasticity

3.1 The forces, moments and stresses caused by impeded thermal expansion and contraction are to be calculated and submitted to BKI for the following piping systems for approval:

- steam pipes with working temperatures above 400 °C
- pipes with working temperatures below –110 °C

3.2 Only approved methods of calculation may be applied. The change in elasticity of bends and fittings due to deformation is to be taken into consideration.

Procedure and principles of methods as well as the technical data are to be submitted for approval. BKI reserves the right to perform confirmatory calculations.

For determining the stresses, the hypothesis of the maximum shear stress is to be considered. The resulting equivalent stresses due to primary loads, internal pressure and dead weight of the piping system itself (inertia forces) may not exceed the maximum allowable stress according to 2.3. The equivalent stresses obtained by adding together the above-mentioned primary forces and the secondary forces due to impeded expansion or contraction are not to exceed the mean low cycle fatigue value or the mean time

yield limit in 100 000 hours, whereby for fittings such as bends, T-connections, headers, etc. approved stress increase factors are to be considered.

4. Fittings

Pipe branches may be dimensioned according to the equivalent surface areas method where an appropriate reduction of the permissible stress as specified in 2.3 is to be proposed. Generally, the permissible stress is equal to 70 % of the value according to 2.3 for pipes with diameters over 300 mm. Below this figure, a reduction to 80 % is sufficient. Where detailed stress measurements, calculations or type approvals are available, higher stresses can be permitted.

5. Calculation of flanges

Flange calculations by a recognized method and using the permissible stress specified in 2.3 are to be submitted if flanges do not correspond to a recognized standard, if the standards do not provide for conversion to working conditions or where there is a deviation from the standards.

Flanges in accordance with standards in which the values of the relevant stresses or the material are specified may be used at higher temperatures up to the following pressure:

$$P_{\text{perm}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{perm standard}}}{\sigma_{\text{perm (t, material)}}} \cdot P_{\text{standard}}$$

$\sigma_{\text{perm (t, material)}}$ = permissible stress according to 2.3 for proposed material at design temperature t

$\sigma_{\text{perm standard}}$ = permissible stress according to 2.3 for the material at the temperature corresponding to the strength data specified in the standard

P_{standard} = nominal pressure PN specified in the standard

D. Principles for the Construction of Pipes, Valves, Fittings and Pumps

1. General principles

1.1 Piping systems are to be constructed and manufactured on the basis of standards generally used in shipbuilding.

1.2 For welding and brazed connections as well as similar joining methods the requirements according to [Rules for Welding \(Pt.1, Vol.VI\)](#) are to be observed.

1.3 Welded connections rather than detachable couplings are to be used for pipelines carrying toxic media and flammable liquefied gases as well as for superheated steam pipes with temperatures exceeding 400 °C.

1.4 Expansion in piping systems due to heating and shifting of their suspensions caused by deformation of the ship are to be compensated by bends, compensators and flexible pipe connections. The arrangement of suitable fixed points is to be taken into consideration.

1.5 Where pipes are protected against corrosion by special protective coatings, e.g. hot-dip galvanising, rubber lining, etc., it is to be ensured that the protective coating will not be damaged during installation.

1.6 Seawater pipes located in other spaces where pipes may be subject to impacts (e.g. chain lockers), are to be protected from mechanical damage.

2. Pipe connections

2.1 Dimensions and calculation

The following pipe connections may be used:

- full penetration butt welds with/without provision to improve the quality of the root
- socket welds with suitable fillet weld thickness and possibly in accordance with recognized standards
- steel flanges in accordance with the permitted pressures and temperatures specified in the relevant standards
- mechanical joints, e.g. pipe unions, pipe couplings, press fittings, of an approved type

For the use of welded pipe connections, see [Table 8.15](#).

Table 8.15 Pipe connections

Types of connection	Pipe class	Outside diameter d_a
welded butt-joints with special provisions for root side	I, II, III	all
welded butt-joints without special provisions for root side	II, III	
socket weld, brazed connections ¹	III	
	II	≤ 60,3 mm
¹ For flammable liquids brazed connections are only permitted between pipes and components which are directly connected to machinery and equipment. Brazed connections in piping systems conveying flammable media which are arranged in machinery's spaces of category A are not permissible.		

2.2 Flange connections

2.2.1 Dimensions of flanges and bolting shall comply with recognized standards.

2.2.2 Gaskets are to be suitable for the intended media under design pressure and maximum working temperature conditions and their dimensions and construction shall be in accordance with recognized standards.

2.2.3 Steel flanges may be used as shown in [Tables 8.19](#) and [8.20](#) in accordance with the permitted pressures and temperatures specified in the relevant standards.

2.2.4 Flanges made of non-ferrous metals may be used in accordance with the relevant standards and within the limits laid down in the approvals. Flanges and brazed or welded collars of copper and copper alloys are subject to the following requirements:

- applicable to all classes of pipes:
 welding neck flanges according to standard up to 200 °C or 300 °C according to the maximum temperatures indicated in [Table 8.11](#), loose flanges with welding neck
- only for pipe class III up to a nominal pressure of 16 bar and a temperature of 120 °C: plain brazed flanges

2.2.5 Flange connections for pipe classes I and II with temperatures over 300 °C are to be provided with necked-down bolts.

2.3 Welded socket connections

2.3.1 Welded socket connections may be accepted according to [Table 8.15](#). The following conditions are to be observed.

- The thickness of the sockets is to be in accordance with [C.1.1](#) at least equal to the thickness of the pipe
- The clearance between the pipes and the socket is to be as small as possible
- The use of welded socket connections in systems of pipe class II may be accepted only under the condition that in the systems no excessive stress, erosion and corrosion are expected

2.4 Screwed socket connections

2.4.1 Screwed socket connections with parallel and tapered threads shall comply with requirements of recognized national or international standards.

2.4.2 Screwed socket connections with parallel threads are permitted for pipes in class III with an outside diameter $\leq 60,3$ mm as well as for subordinate systems, e.g. sanitary and hot water heating systems. They are not permitted for systems for flammable media.

2.4.3 Screwed socket connections with tapered threads are permitted for the following:

- class I, outside diameter not more than 33,7 mm
- class II and class III, outside diameter not more than 60,3 mm

Screwed socket connections with tapered threads are not permitted for piping systems conveying toxic or flammable media or services where fatigue, severe erosion or crevice corrosion is expected to occur.

2.5 Mechanical joints

2.5.1 Type approved mechanical joints² may be used as shown in [Tables 8.16 to 8.18](#).

2.5.2 Mechanical joints in bilge and seawater systems within machinery spaces or spaces of high fire risk, e.g. cargo pump rooms and car decks, are to be flame resistant, see [Table 8.17](#).

2.5.3 Mechanical joints are not to be used in piping sections directly connected to sea openings or tanks containing flammable liquids.

2.5.4 In addition to the range of application specified in [Table 8.17](#) the use of mechanical joints is not permitted in:

- bilge lines inside ballast and fuel tanks
- seawater and ballast lines including air and overflow pipes inside fuel tanks
- piping systems including sounding, vent and overflow pipes conveying flammable liquids as well as inert gas lines arranged inside machinery spaces of category A or accommodation spaces. Slip-on joints may be accepted in other machinery spaces provided that they are located in easily visible and accessible positions
- fuel and oil lines including air and overflow pipes inside machinery spaces and ballast tanks
- fire extinguishing systems which are not permanently water filled

Slip-on joints inside tanks may be permitted only if the pipes contain the same medium as the tanks.

Unrestrained slip-on joints may be used only where required for compensation of lateral pipe movement.

² See also "List of Type Tested Appliances and Equipment".

3. **Layout, marking and installation**

3.1 Piping systems are to be adequately identified according to their purpose. Valves are to be permanently and clearly marked.

3.2 Pipe penetrations leading through bulkheads and tank walls are to be water and oil tight. Bolts through bulkheads are not permitted. Holes for set screws may not be drilled in the tank walls.

3.3 Sealing systems for pipe penetrating through water tight bulkheads and decks as well as through fire divisions are to be approved by BKI unless the pipe is welded into the bulkhead/deck. See [Guidance for The Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use \(Pt.1, Vol.W\)](#).

3.4 Piping close to electrical switchboards are to be so installed or protected that possible leakage cannot damage the electrical installation.

3.5 Piping systems are to be so arranged that they can be completely emptied, drained and vented. Piping systems in which the accumulation of liquids during operation could cause damage are to be equipped with special drain arrangements.

3.6 Pipe lines laid through ballast tanks, which are coated in accordance with [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 3](#), are to be either effectively protected against corrosion or they are to be of a material of low susceptibility to corrosion.

The protection against corrosion of the tanks as well as that of the pipes are to be compatible to each other.

3.7 The wall thickness of pipes between ship's side and first shut-off device is to be in accordance with [Table 8.26, column B](#). Pipes are to be connected by welding or flanges.

4. **Shut-off devices**

4.1 Shut-off devices are to comply with a recognized standard. Valves with screwed-on covers are to be secured to prevent unintentional loosening of the cover.

4.2 Hand-operated shut-off devices are to be closed by turning in the clockwise direction.

4.3 Valves are to be clearly marked to show whether they are in the open or closed position.

4.4 Change-over devices in piping systems in which a possible intermediate position of the device could be dangerous in service are not to be used.

4.5 Valves are to be permanently marked. The marking has to comprise at least the following details:

- material of valve body
- nominal diameter
- nominal pressure

5. **Valves on the shell plating**

5.1 For the mounting of valves on the shell plating, see [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt 9, Vol.2\) Sec. 7.B.G](#).

5.2 Valves on the shell plating shall be easily accessible. Seawater inlet and outlet valves are to be capable of being operated from above the floor plates. Cocks on the shell plating are to be so arranged that the handle can only be removed when the cock is closed.

Table 8.16 Examples of mechanical joints

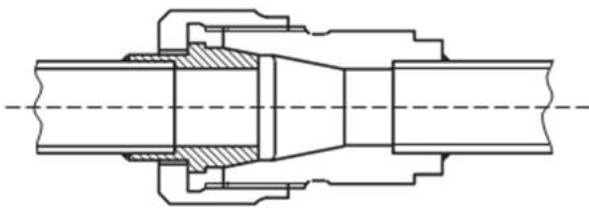
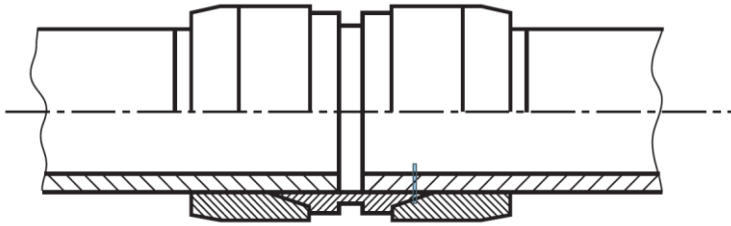
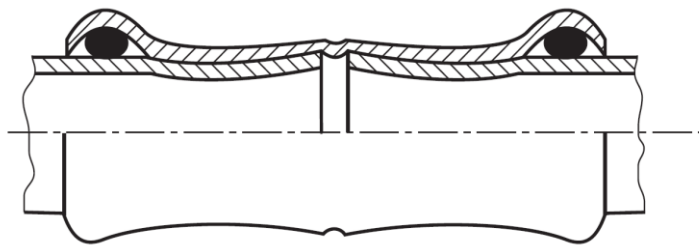
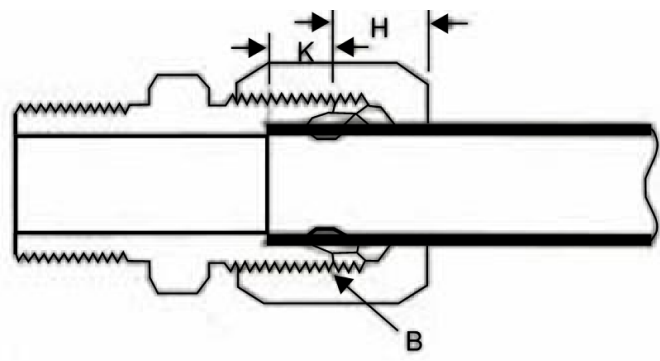
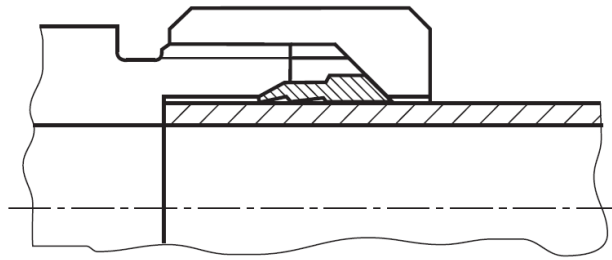
Pipe Unions	
Welded and brazed type	
Compression Couplings	
Swage type	
Press type	
Typical Compression Type	
Bite type	

Table 8.16 Examples of mechanical joints (continued)

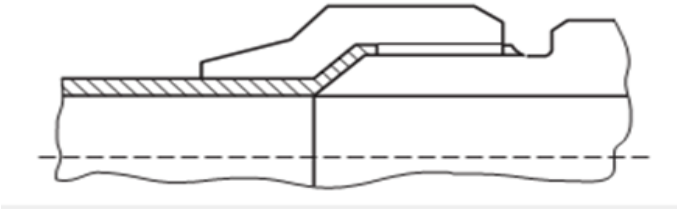

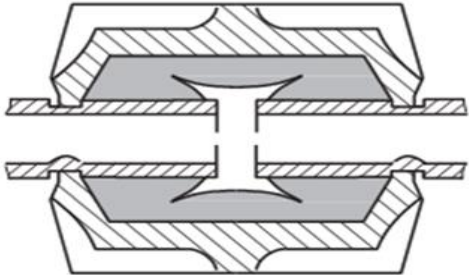
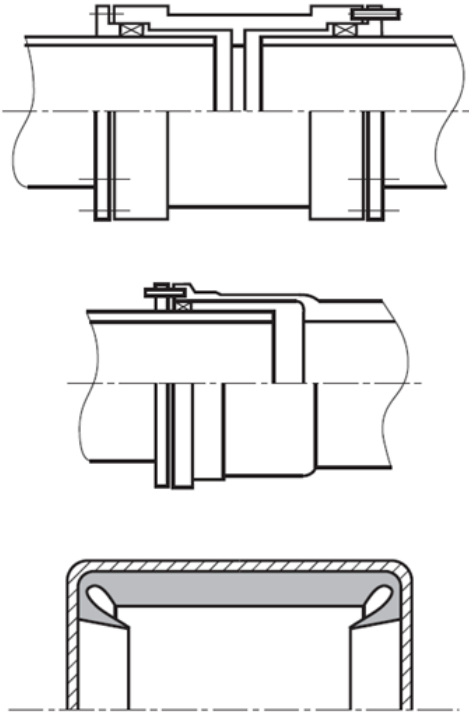
<p>Flared type</p>	
<p>Slip Joint</p>	
<p>Grip type</p>	
<p>Machine grooved type</p>	
<p>Slip type</p>	

Table 8.17 Application of mechanical joint

Systems	Kind of connections		
	Pipe Unions	Compression couplings ⁶	Slip-on joints
Flammable fluids (Flash point < 60° C)			
Fuel oil	+	+	+ ⁵
Vent	+	+	+ ³
Flammable fluids (Flash point > 60° C)			
Fuel oil	+	+	+ ^{2 3}
Lubricating oil	+	+	+ ^{2 3}
Hydraulic oil	+	+	+ ^{2 3}
Sea Water			
Bilge	+	+	+ ¹
Fire main and water spray	+	+	+ ³
Foam	+	+	+ ³
Sprinkler	+	+	+ ³
Ballast	+	+	+ ¹
Cooling water	+	+	+ ¹
Non-essential	+	+	+
Fresh Water			
Cooling water system	+	+	+ ¹
Condensate return	+	+	+ ¹
Non-essential system	+	+	+
Sanitary / Drains / Scuppers			
Deck drains (internal)	+	+	+ ⁴
Sanitary drains	+	+	+
Scuppers and discharge (overboard)	+	+	–
Sounding / Vent			
Water tank / Dry spaces	+	+	+
Oil Tanks (f. p > 60° C)	+	+	+ ^{2 3}
Miscellaneous			
Starting-/ Control air ¹	+	+	–
Service air (non-essential)	+	+	+
Brine	+	+	+
CO ₂ system ¹	+	+	–
Steam	+	+	– ⁸
Abbreviations : + Application is allowed – Application is not allowed	Footnotes: ¹ inside machinery spaces of category A acc. to Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment (Pt.9, Vol.2) Sec.20.A.2.3 only approved flame resistant types ² not inside machinery spaces of category A or accommodation spaces acc. to Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment (Pt.9, Vol.2) Sec.20.A.2.2 . May be accepted in other machinery spaces provided the joints are located in easily visible and accessible positions. ³ approved flame resistant types ⁷ ⁴ above free board deck only ⁵ in pump rooms and open decks—only approved fire resistant types ⁷ ⁶ if Compression Couplings include any components which readily deteriorate in case of fire, they are to be of approved fire resistant type as required for slip-on joints ⁷ Flame resistance test according to ISO 19921 ⁸ Ship-type joints as shown in Table 8.16 , provided that they are restrained on the pipes. Only be used for pipes on deck with a nominal pressure up to PN10.		

Table 8.18 Application of mechanical joints depending upon the class of piping

Types of joints	Classes of piping systems		
	I	II	III
Pipe Unions			
Welded and brazed type	+ (da ≤ 60,3 mm)	+ (da ≤ 60,3 mm)	+
Compression Couplings			
Swage type	+	+	+
Press type	-	-	+
Bite type	+	+	+
Flared type	(da ≤ 60,3 mm)	(da ≤ 60,3 mm)	
Typical compression type	+ (da ≤ 60,3 mm)	+ (da ≤ 60,3 mm)	+
Slip-on Joints			
Machine grooved type	+	+	+
Grip type	+	+	+
Slip type	+	+	+
Abbreviations: + Application is allowed - Application is not allowed			

Table 8.19 Use of flange types

Pipe class	Toxic, corrosive and combustible media		Steam		Lubricating oil, fuel oil	Other media	
	PR [bar]	Type of flange	Temperature [°C]	Type of flange	Type of flange	Temperature [°C]	Type of flange
I	> 10	A	> 400	A	A, B	> 400	A
	≤ 10	A, B ¹	≤ 400	A, B ¹		≤ 400	A, B
II	–	A, B, C	> 250 ≤ 250	A, B, C A, B, C, D, E	A, B, C, E ²	> 250 ≤ 250	A, B, C A, B, C, D, E
III	–	–	–	A, B, C, D, E	A, B, C, E	–	A, B, C, D, E, F ³
¹ Type B only outside diameter da < 150 mm ² Type E only for t < 150 °C and PR < 16 bar ³ Type F only for water pipes and open-ended lines							

5.3 Valves with only one flange may be used on the shell plating and on the sea chests only after special approval.

5.4 On ships with periodically unattended machinery spaces, the controls of sea inlet and discharge valves are to be sited so as to allow to reach and operate sea inlet and discharge valves in case of influx of water within 10 minutes after triggering of the bilge alarm. Other times may be defined by the Naval Administration in the building specification.

Non return discharge valves need not to be considered.

6. Remote control of valves

6.1 Scope

The requirements apply to hydraulically, pneumatically or electrically operated valves in piping systems and sanitary discharge pipes.

6.2 Construction

Remote controlled bilge valves and valves essential for the safety of the ship are to be equipped with an emergency operating arrangement.

6.3 Arrangement of valves

6.3.1 The accessibility of the valves for maintenance and repair is to be taken into consideration.

Valves in bilge lines and sanitary pipes are to be always accessible.

6.3.2 Bilge lines

Valves and control lines are to be located as far as possible from the bottom and sides of the ship.

6.3.3 Ballast pipes

The requirements stated in 6.3.2 apply also to the location of valves and control lines.

Where remote controlled valves are arranged inside ballast tanks, the valves should always be located in the tank adjoining that to which they relate.

6.3.4 Fuel pipes

Remote controlled valves mounted on fuel tanks located above the double bottom are to be capable of being closed from outside the compartment in which they are installed, see also G.2.1 and I.2.2.

If remote controlled valves are installed inside fuel or oil tanks, 6.3.3 has to be applied accordingly.

6.3.5 Bunker lines

Remote controlled shut-off devices mounted on fuel tanks shall not be automatically closed in case the power supply fails, unless suitable arrangements are provided, which prevent inadmissible pressure rise in the bunker line during bunkering if the valves close automatically.

Note

To fulfil the above requirements for example the following measures could be taken:

- Separated bunker and transfer lines (bunkering from tank top)
- Safety relief valves on the bunker lines leading to an overflow tank

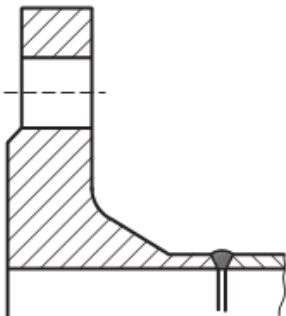
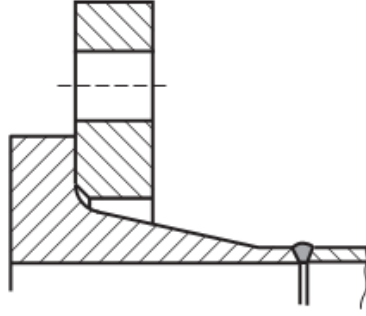

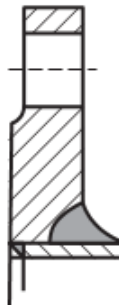
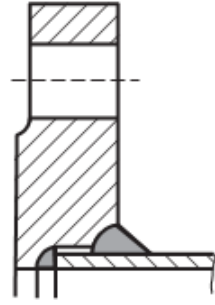
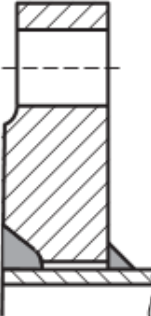
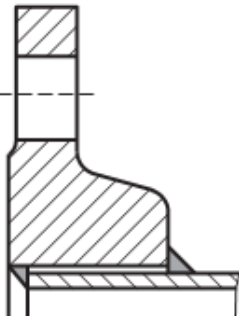
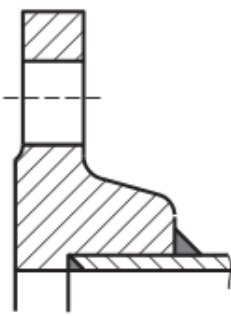
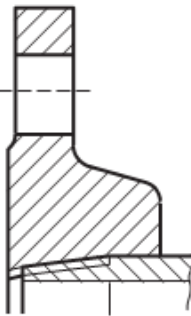

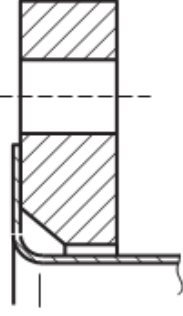
6.4 Control stands

6.4.1 The control devices of remote controlled valves of a system are to be arranged together in one control stand.

6.4.2 The control devices are to be clearly and permanently identified and marked.

6.4.3 The status (open or closed) of each remote controlled valve is to be indicated at the control stand.

Table 8.20 Types of flange connections

Type A		
		
Welding neck flange	Loose flange with welding neck	
Type B		
		
Slip-on welding flange - fully welded		
Type C		
		
Slip-on welding flange		
Type D	Type E	Type F
		
Socket screwed flange - conical threads -	Plain flange - welded on both sides -	Lap joint flange - on flanged pipe -

6.4.4 The status of bilge valves “open” / “close” is to be indicated by BKI type approved position indicators.

6.4.5 For volumetric position indicators the remote control system shall trigger an alarm in the event of a position indicator malfunction due to e.g. pipe leakage or blocking of the valve.

6.4.6 The control devices of valves for changeable tanks are to be interlocked to ensure that only the valve relating to the tank concerned can be operated. The same also applies to the valves of cargo holds and tanks, in which dry cargo and ballast water are carried alternately.

6.5 Power units

6.5.1 Power units are to be equipped with at least two independent sets for supplying power for remote controlled valves.

6.5.2 The energy required for the closing of valves which are not closed by spring power is to be supplied by a pressure accumulator.

6.5.3 Pneumatically operated valves may be supplied with air from the general compressed air system.

Where quick-closing valves of fuel tanks are closed pneumatically, a separate pressure accumulator is to be provided. This is to be of adequate capacity and is to be located outside the engine room. Filling of this accumulator by a direct connection to the general compressed air system is allowed. A non-return valve is to be arranged in the filling connection of the pressure accumulator.

The accumulator is to be provided either with a pressure control device with a visual and audible alarm or with a hand-compressor as a second filling appliance.

The hand-compressor is to be located outside the engine room.

6.6 After installation on board, the entire system is to be subjected to an operational test.

7. Pumps

7.1 For materials and construction requirements [Guidance for Design, Construction and Testing Pump \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#) are to be applied.

7.2 For the pumps listed below, a performance test is to be carried out in the manufacturer's works under BKI supervision.

- bilge pumps/bilge ejectors
- ballast pumps
- cooling sea water pumps
- cooling fresh water pumps
- fire pumps
- emergency fire pumps including drive units
- condensate pumps
- boiler feedwater pumps
- boiler water circulating pumps
- lubricating oil pumps
- fuel oil booster and transfer pumps
- brine pumps

- refrigerant circulating pumps
- cooling pumps for fuel injection valves
- hydraulic pumps for controllable pitch propellers

Other hydraulic pumps/motors, see [Section 14](#).

8. Protection of piping systems against over-Pressure

The following piping systems are to be fitted with safety valves to avoid inadmissible overpressures:

- piping systems and valves in which liquids can be enclosed and heated
- piping systems which may be exposed to pressures in excess of the design pressure

Safety valves are to be capable of discharging the medium at a maximum pressure increase of 10 % of the allowable working pressure. Safety valves are to be type approved according to [Guidance for The Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use \(Pt.1, Vol.W\)](#). Safety valves are to be fitted on the low pressure side of reducing valves.

9. Piping on ships with character of classification or

9.1 The following Guidelines apply additionally to ships for which proof of buoyancy in damaged condition is provided, see also [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec.2.G](#).

9.2 [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec.19.E](#) is to be additionally applied for scuppers and discharge lines, [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec.19.F](#) is to be additionally applied for vent, overflow and sounding pipes.

9.3 For pipe penetrations through watertight bulkheads, see [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec.9.B](#).

9.4 Pipelines with open ends in compartments or tanks are to be laid out so that no additional compartments or tanks can be flooded in any damaged condition to be considered.

9.5 Where shut-off devices are arranged in cross flooding lines of ballast tanks, the position of the valves is to be indicated on the bridge.

9.6 For sewage discharge pipes, see [T.2](#).

9.7 Tightness of bulkheads

9.7.1 Where it is not possible to lay the pipelines outside the assumed damage zone, tightness of the bulkheads is to be ensured by applying the provisions in [9.7.2](#) to [9.7.6](#).

9.7.2 In bilge pipelines, a non-return valve is to be fitted either on the watertight bulkhead through which the pipe passes to the bilge suction or at the bilge suction itself.

9.7.3 In ballast water and fuel pipelines for filling and emptying of tanks, a shut-off valve is to be fitted either at the watertight bulkhead through which the pipe leads to the open end in the tank or directly at the tank.

9.7.4 The shut-off valves required in [9.7.3](#) are to be capable of being operated from a control panel located on the bridge or at the machinery control centre (MCC), where it is to be indicated when the valves are in the "closed" position. This requirement does not apply to valves which are opened at sea only momentarily for supervised operations.

9.7.5 Overflow pipes of tanks in different watertight compartments which are connected to one common overflow system are either

- to be led, prior to being connected to the system within the relevant compartment, above the most unfavourable damage water line, or
- to be fitted with a shut-off valve. This shut-off valve is to be located at the watertight bulkhead of the relevant compartment and is to be secured in open position to prevent unintended operation. The shut-off valves are to be capable of being operated from a control panel located on the navigation bridge, where it is to be indicated when the valve is in the "closed" position

9.7.6 The shut-off valves may be dispensed with if the bulkhead penetrations for these pipes are arranged high enough and so near to midship that in no damage condition, including temporary maximum heeling of the ship, they will be below the waterline.

E. Steam Lines

1. Operation

1.1 Steam lines are to be so laid out and arranged that important consumers can be supplied with steam from every main boiler as well as from a stand-by boiler or boiler for emergency operation.

1.2 Essential consumer are :

- all consuming units important for the propulsion, manoeuvrability and safe operation of the ship as well as the essential auxiliary machines according to [Section 1.B.5](#)
- all consuming units necessary to the safety of the ship

1.3 Every steam consuming unit is to be capable of being shut off from the system

2. Calculation of pipelines

2.1 Steam lines and valves are to be constructed for the design pressure (PR) according to [B.4.1.4](#).

2.2 Calculations of pipe thickness and analysis of elasticity in accordance with [C](#). are to be carried out. Sufficient compensation for thermal expansion is to be proven.

3. Laying out of steam lines

3.1 Steam lines are to be so installed and supported that expected stresses due to thermal expansion, external loads and shifting of the supporting structure will be safely compensated, considering both, normal service as well as interrupted service conditions.

3.2 Steam lines are to be so installed that water pockets will be avoided.

3.3 Means are to be provided for the reliable drainage of the piping system.

3.4 Steam lines are to be effectively insulated to prevent heat losses.

3.4.1 Where persons may come into contact with steam lines, the surface temperature of the insulation shall not exceed 80 °C.

3.4.2 Wherever necessary, additional protection arrangements against unintended contact are to be provided.

3.4.3 The surface temperature of steam lines in the pump rooms of tankers may nowhere exceed 220° C, see also [Section 15](#).

3.5 Steam heating lines, except for heating purposes, are not to be led through the following spaces:

- accommodations
- spaces below ammunition rooms
- spaces where instruments are installed which are sensitive to humidity and increased temperature
- provision stores

3.6 Sufficiently rigid structures are to be chosen as fixed points for the steam piping systems.

3.7 Steam lines are to be fitted with sufficient expansion arrangements.

3.8 Where a steam system can be supplied from a system with higher pressure, it is to be provided with reducing valves and with relief valves on the low pressure side.

3.9 Welded connections in steam lines are subject to the requirements specified in the [Rules for Welding \(Pt.1, Vol. VI\)](#).

4. Steam strainers

Wherever necessary, machines and apparatus in steam systems are to be protected against foreign matter by steam strainers.

5. Steam connections to equipment and pipes carrying oil, e.g. steam atomizers or steamout arrangements, are to be so designed that fuel and oil cannot penetrate into the steam lines.

6. Inspection of steam lines for expanding

Steam lines for superheated steam at above 500 °C are to be provided with means of inspecting the pipes for expanding. This can be in the form of measuring sections on straight length of pipes at the superheater outlet preferably. The length of these measuring sections is to be at least 2·da.

F. Boiler Feed Water and Circulating Arrangement, Condensate Recirculation

1. Feed water pumps

1.1 At least two feed water pumps are to be provided for each boiler installation.

1.2 Feed water pumps are to be so arranged or equipped that no backflow of water can occur when the pumps are not in operation.

1.3 Feed water pumps are not to be used for purposes other than supplying feed water to boilers.

2. Capacity of feed water pumps

2.1 Where two feed water pumps are provided, the capacity of each is to be equivalent to at least 1,25 times the rated output of all connected boilers.

2.2 Where more than two feed water pumps are installed, the combined capacity of the remaining feed water pumps, in the event of the failure of any one pump, is to comply with the requirements of 2.1.

2.3 For continuous flow boilers the capacity of the feed water pumps is to be at least 1,0 times the rated output of the boiler.

2.4 Special arrangements may be made for the capacity of the feed water pumps for plants incorporating a combination of oil fired and exhaust gas boilers.

3. Delivery pressure of feed water pumps

Feed water pumps are so laid out that the delivery pressure can satisfy the following requirements:

- The required capacity according to 2. is to be achieved against the maximum allowable working pressure of the steam producer.
- In case the safety valve is blowing off, the delivery capacity is to be 1,0 times the approved steam output at 1,1 times the allowable working pressure.

The resistances to flow in the piping between the feedwater pump and the boiler are to be taken into consideration. In the case of continuous flow boilers the total resistance of the boiler is to be taken into account.

4. Power supply to feed water pumps

4.1 At least two independent power sources are to be available for the operation of feedwater pumps.

4.2 For steam-driven feed water pumps, the supply of all the pumps from only one steam system is allowed provided that all the steam producers are connected to this steam system.

4.3 For electric drives, separate supply lines from the common bus-bar to each pump motor are sufficient.

5. Feed water lines

Feed water lines may not pass through tanks which do not contain feed water.

5.1 Feed water lines for auxiliary steam producers (auxiliary and exhaust gas boilers).

5.1.1 The provision of only one feedwater line for auxiliary and exhaust gas boilers is sufficient if the preheaters and automatic regulating devices are fitted with by-pass lines.

5.1.2 Each feedwater line is to be fitted with a shut-off valve and a check valve at the boiler inlet. Where the shut-off valve and the check valve are not directly connected in series, the intermediate pipe is to be fitted with a drain.

5.1.3 Continuous flow boilers need not be fitted with the valves required according to 5.1.2 provided that the heating of the boiler is automatically switched off should the feedwater supply fail and that the feedwater pump supplies only one boiler.

6. Boiler water circulating systems

6.1 Each forced-circulation boiler is to be equipped with two circulating pumps powered independently of each other. Failure of the circulating pump in operation is to be signalled by an alarm. The alarm may only be switched off if a circulating pump is started or when the boiler firing is shut down.

6.2 The provision of only one circulating pump for each boiler is sufficient if:

- the boilers are heated only by gases whose temperature does not exceed 400 °C or
- a common stand-by circulating pump is provided which can be connected to any boiler or
- the burners of oil or gas fired auxiliary boilers are so arranged that they are automatically shut off should the circulating pump fail and the heat stored in the boiler does not cause any unacceptable evaporation of the available water in the boiler

7. Feed water supply

One storage tank may be considered sufficient for auxiliary boiler units.

8. Condensate recirculation

8.1 The main condenser is to be equipped with two condensate pumps, each of which is to be able to transfer the maximum volume of condensate produced.

8.2 The condensate of all heating systems used to heat oil (fuel, lubricating, etc.) is to be led to condensate observation tanks. These tanks are to be fitted with air vents.

8.3 Heating coils of tanks containing fuel or oil residues, e.g. sludge tanks, leak oil tanks, bilge water tanks, etc. are to be provided at the tank outlet with shut-off devices and devices for testing the condensate for the presence of oil. See [Section 7, E.2.3](#).

G. Fuel Oil Systems

1. Bunker lines

The bunkering of fuels oil is to be effected by means of permanently installed lines either from the open deck or from bunkering stations located below deck which are to be isolated from other spaces.

Bunker stations are to be so arranged that the bunkering can be performed from both sides of the ship without danger. This requirement is considered to be fulfilled where the bunkering line is extended to both sides of the ship. The bunkering connections are to be fitted with blind flanges on deck.

2. Tank filling and suction lines

2.1 Filling and suction lines of storage, settling and service tanks situated above the double bottom from which in case of damage fuel oil may leak, are to be fitted directly on the tanks with shut-off devices capable of being closed from a safe position outside the space concerned.

In the case of deep tanks situated in shaft or pipe tunnels or similar spaces, shut-off devices are to be fitted on the tanks. The control in the event of fire may be effected by means of an additional shut-off device in the pipe outside the tunnel or similar space. If such additional shut-off device is fitted in the machinery space, it shall be operated from a position outside this space.

2.2 Shut-off devices on fuel oil tanks having a capacity of less than 500 A need not be provided with remote control.

2.3 Filling lines are to extend to the bottom of the tank. Short filling lines directed to a tank wall may be approved.

Storage tank suction lines may also be used as filling lines.

2.4 If MARPOL Regulations shall be met valves at the fuel storage tanks shall kept close at sea and may be opened only during fuel transfer operations if located within h or w as defined in MARPOL 73/78 Annex I 12A. The valves are to be remote controlled from the navigation bridge, the propulsion machinery control position or an enclosed space which is readily accessible from the navigation bridge or the propulsion machinery control position without travelling exposed freeboard or superstructure decks.

2.5 Where filling lines are led through the tank top and end below the maximum oil level in the tank, a non-return valve at the tank top is to be arranged.

2.6 Tank suction is to be arranged sufficiently away from the drains in the tank so that water and impurities which have settled out will not be aspirated.

2.7 Where tanks for different fuels (multipurpose) are provided, adequate measures to prevent one fuel grade being contaminated with another one have to be arranged.

2.8 For the release of remotely operated shut-off devices, see [Section 9, B.9](#).

3. Pipe layout

3.1 Fuel lines may not pass through tanks containing feedwater, drinking water or lubricating oil.

3.2 Fuel lines which pass through ballast tanks are to have an increased wall thickness according to [Table 8.6](#).

3.3 Fuel lines may not be laid in the vicinity of boilers, turbines or equipment with high surface temperatures (over 220° C) or in way of other sources of ignition.

3.4 Shut-off valves in fuel lines in the machinery spaces are to be operable from above the floor plates.

3.5 Glass and plastic components are not permitted in fuel systems.

Sight glasses made of glass located in vertical overflow pipes may be permitted.

3.6 Fuel pumps are to be capable of being isolated from the piping system by shut-off valves.

3.7 For fuel flow-meters a by-pass with shut-off valve shall be provided.

4. Fuel transfer, feed and booster pumps

4.1 Fuel transfer, feed and booster pumps shall be designed for the operating temperature of the medium pumped.

4.2 A fuel transfer pump is to be provided. Other service pumps may be used as a stand-by pump provided they are suitable for this purpose.

Fuel transfer pumps are to be designed for the following functions:

- filling of the storage tanks, and eventually of the supply tanks
- transfer from any tank to the transfer connection(s)
- transferring from a storage tank to a supply tank
- transferring of fuel from starboard to port and vice-versa, or from fore ship to aft and vice-versa, for changing heel or trim of the ship

4.3 At least two means of oil fuel transfer are to be provided for filling the service tanks.

4.4 Where a feed or booster pump is required to supply fuel to main or auxiliary engines, stand-by pumps shall be provided. Where pumps are attached to the engines, stand-by pumps may be dispensed with for auxiliary engines.

Fuel oil supply for oil fired auxiliary boilers, see [Section 17](#).

Fuel supply units of auxiliary diesel engines are to be designed such that the auxiliary engines start without aid from a second source of electrical power within 30 sec after black-out.

Note

To fulfil the above requirements for example the following measures could be a possibility:

- Air driven MDO service pump
- MDO gravity tank
- Buffer tank before each auxiliary diesel engine

4.5 Fuel oil pumps referred to in [G.4.4](#) shall

- be suitable for marine fuels with a sulphur content not exceeding 0,1 % m/m and minimum viscosity of 2,0 cSt at the required capacity for normal operation of the propulsion machinery or
- when fuel oil pumps as in a) need to be operated in parallel in order to achieve the required capacity for normal operation of propulsion machinery, one additional fuel oil pump shall be provided. The additional pump shall, when operating in parallel with one of the pumps in a), be suitable for and capable of delivering marine fuels with a sulphur content not exceeding 0,1 % m/m and minimum viscosity of 2,0 cSt at the required capacity for normal operation of the propulsion machinery.

Where fuel oil pumps referred to in [G.4.4](#) are not suitable for marine fuels with a sulphur content not exceeding 0,1 % m/m and minimum viscosity of 2,0 cSt at the required capacity for normal operation of the propulsion machinery, two separate oil fuel pumps shall be provided, each capable and suitable for marine fuels with a sulphur content not exceeding 0,1% m/m and minimum viscosity of 2,0 cSt at the required capacity for normal operation of the propulsion machinery.

Note 1

If a marine distillate grade fuel with a different maximum sulphur content is specified by regulation for the area of operation of the ship (e.g., ECA, specific ports or local areas, etc.) then that maximum is to be applied.

Note 2

Automatic start capability of standby pumps is required independent of the pump arrangement for vessels holding the class notation for unattended machinery space.

Note 3

Where electrical power is required for the operation of propulsion machinery, the requirements are also applicable for machinery for power generation when such machinery is supplied by common fuel supply pumps.

4.6 For emergency shut-down devices, see [Section 9, B.8.](#)

5. Plants with more than one main engine

For plants with more than one engine, complete spare feed or booster pumps stored on board may be accepted instead of stand-by pumps provided that the feed or booster pumps are so arranged that they can be replaced with the means available on board.

For plants with more than main engine, see also [Guidelines for Propulsion Plant \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec.3.G.](#)

6. Shut-off devices

6.1 For plants with more than one engine shutoff devices for isolating the fuel supply and overproduction/recirculation lines to any engine from a common supply system shall be provided. These valves shall be operable from a position not rendered inaccessible due to a fire on any of the engines.

6.2 Instead of shut-off devices in the overproduction/recirculation lines check valves may be fitted. Where shut-off devices are fitted, they are to be locked in the operating position.

7. Filters

7.1 Fuel oil filters are to be fitted in the delivery line of the fuel pumps.

7.2 For ships with Class Notation AUT-N the filter equipment is to satisfy the requirements of [Guidelines for Automation \(Pt.9, Vol.7\) Sec.9.B](#), for remote control RC see [J](#).

7.3 Mesh size and filter capacity are to be in accordance with the requirements of the manufacturer of the engine.

7.4 Uninterrupted supply of filtered fuel has to be ensured under cleaning conditions of the filter equipment. In case of automatic back-flushing filters it is to be ensured that a failure of the automatic back-flushing will not lead to a total loss of filtration.

7.5 Back-flushing intervals of automatic backflushing filters provided for intermittent back-flushing are to be monitored.

7.6 Fuel oil filters are to be fitted with differential pressure monitoring. On engines provided for operation with gas oil only, differential pressure monitoring may be dispensed with.

7.7 Engines for the exclusive operation of emergency generators and emergency fire pumps may be fitted with simplex filters.

7.8 Fuel transfer units are to be fitted with a simplex filter on the suction side.

7.9 Filter arrangement, see [Guidelines for Propulsion Plant \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec.3.G.3](#).

8. Purifiers

8.1 Manufacturers of fuel and lubricating purifiers are to be approved by BKI.

8.2 Where a fuel purifier may exceptionally be used to purify lubricating oil the purifier supply and discharge lines are to be fitted with a change-over arrangement which prevents the possibility of fuel and lubricating oils being mixed.

Suitable equipment is also to be provided to prevent such mixing occurring via control and compression lines.

8.3 The sludge tanks of purifiers are to be fitted with a level alarm which ensures that the level in the sludge tank cannot interfere with the operation of the purifier.

9. Oil firing equipment

Oil firing equipment is to be installed in accordance with [Section 17](#). Pumps, pipelines and fittings are subject to the following requirements.

9.1 Oil fired auxiliary boilers are to be equipped with at least two service pumps and 2 preheaters unless other means are provided for maintaining continuous operation at sea even if a single unit fails. For filters see [7](#). Pumps and heaters are to be rated and arranged that the oil firing equipment remains operational even if one unit should fail.

9.2 Hose assemblies for the connection of the burner may be used. Hose assemblies are not to be longer than required for retracting of the burner for the purpose of routine maintenance. Only hose assemblies from approved hose assembly manufacturers are to be used.

10. Service tanks

10.1 Two fuel oil service tanks for each type of fuel used on board necessary for propulsion and essential systems are to be provided. Equivalent arrangements may be permitted.

10.2 Each service tank is to have a capacity of at least 8 h at cruising speed v_M of the propulsion plant and normal operation load of the generator plant.

H. Aircraft Fuel Transfer Installations

1. General

1.1 If the Class Notations **FO** or **FO (HELILF)** or **FO (DRONE)** shall be assigned, the following requirements are to be met.

For Class Notation **RAS** the additional requirements of **3** are to be fulfilled.

1.2 For storage and handling of aviation fuel on board, separate tank and piping systems are to be provided, which are not connected to other fuel systems of the ship.

The following types of fuel supply systems for aircraft are to be distinguished:

- fuelling on the landing deck or in the hangar
- fuelling of helicopters in hovering condition

1.3 These Guidelines apply to aviation fuel with a flash point of not less than 60° C (danger class A III).

2. Aviation fuel pumping and fuelling systems

2.1 The following functions are to be met:

- filling of storage tanks
- filling of service tanks, from any of the storage tanks, using the transfer pump
- discharging from any of the tanks via the connections, with the fuel transfer pump
- transfer of fuel between any of the storage tanks, using the transfer pump
- fuelling of the aircraft from the service tank, using the fuelling pump
- use of the transfer pump as emergency fuelling pump, and vice-versa
- de-fuelling of the aircraft tanks by an eductor or a hand pump, or by gravity to the storage tanks
- flushing of the fuelling hoses to the storage tanks

2.2 The capacity of the fuelling pump and of the de-fuelling eductor/hand pump depends on the required time for fuelling, respectively de-fuelling of the aircraft envisaged. The vent pipes of the fuel tanks are to be considered accordingly.

2.3 Over pressure release is to be safeguarded. Hammering during fuelling, e.g. when shutting-off the pistol, is to be prevented by means of pressure release to the suction side of the pump.

3. Systems for replenishment of aviation fuel at sea

3.1 The pertaining elements such as pumps, pipes, hoses, couplings, etc., are to be designed in accordance with the requirements defined in [Section 4](#) - Equipment for Replenishment at Sea. For the replenishment operations - normally from board to board - aviation fuel transfer connections are to be arranged readily accessible on the open deck. The sockets shall normally be of DN 65 mm.

3.2 The position of the replenishment connections is to be determined in conformity with the other installations for replenishment of liquid fuels. The equipment for fuelling of aircraft is dealt with under 4. to 6.

4. Fuelling and de-fuelling systems on flight deck

4.1 On the flight deck, suitably arranged installations for fuelling of aircraft and hovering helicopters are to be provided. When determining the location of the fuelling station, the following requirements are to be observed:

- fuelling has to be possible while rotors or propellers are running
- the fuelling connection on the flight deck shall be arranged at a position adjusted to the fuelling connection of the aircraft, outside the danger zone of the stern rotor or the propellers or jet nozzles of the aircraft

4.2 The installation consists of the following elements:

- fuelling coupling with shut-off, flow meter and by-pass line for fuelling/de-fuelling on flight deck
- hose(s)
- hose pressure regulator with pressure fuelling connection
- filling limit valve
- intermediate hose
- fuelling pistol
- de-fuelling connection

For fuelling of hovering helicopters:

- intermediate hose
- suspension device on deck, with tearing-off coupling (at lower end)
- hose
- hose pressure regulator
- suspension device at the aircraft, with tearing-off coupling (upper end)
- pressure fuelling connection
- connection for rinsing via pressure fuelling coupling and gravity fuelling
- funnel for draining of the fuelling pistol

4.3 The elements of the fuelling system are to be arranged and stored in a well ordered manner and properly protected against ignition and environmental effects.

4.4 Where fuelling in hovering condition is envisaged, the force necessary for tearing-off the coupling shall ensure that the helicopter is not endangered; the tearing-off force for the upper connection shall be larger than for the lower connection.

The couplings shall be so designed that in case of tearing-off the amount of fuel spilled is as small as possible (self-closing fitting) and the elements can be re-assembled easily.

5. Filters and water traps for aviation fuel systems

To achieve sufficient purity and low water content for the aviation fuel, the following systems for treatment are to be provided:

- a filter and water separator in the filling line of the supply tank

- a safety filter in the pressurized line before the fuelling connection

These elements are to be so dimensioned that the following values will not be exceeded:

- content of free water: 5 ppm
- solid residues: 0,5 mg/l

To determine the grade of contamination of the filters, these are to be equipped with suitable differential pressure gauges. The capacities of the conveying and fuelling pumps are to be considered when choosing the filter.

6. Safety systems

6.1 Contents gauging and monitoring systems

6.1.1 The aviation fuel storage and supply tanks are to be equipped with reliable, remote level indicators in the pump room.

Where a data logging installation is provided, the individual measuring stations shall be capable of being called/selected from the machinery control centre and damage control centre. Additionally, the aviation fuel tanks shall be equipped with sounding pipes.

6.1.2 For the service tank, a shut-off system is to be provided, which automatically stops the fuelling pump or the conveying pump if used as emergency fuelling pump when the fuel level in the tank reaches a defined minimum value.

Furthermore, an installation is to be provided, which stops the conveying pump or the fuelling pump if used as emergency conveying pump - when the service tank is filled. At the fuelling stations on deck and at the control stand for aircraft handling, an emergency stop switch is to be provided for the fuelling pump and the transfer pump, if used as fuelling pump.

6.2 Venting, overflow, water draining and sampling systems

6.2.1 The air and overflow pipes of the aviation fuel storage tanks and the service tank are to be assembled in a control box. From the box, a draining line shall lead to the fuel overflow tank. The venting and overflow pipe of the control box shall be linked with the vent and overflow pipe of the overflow tank and led to open deck, see also [R.2](#). The volume of the overflow tank depends on the size/capacity of the replenishment installations.

6.2.2 The service tank is to be so designed that impurities and water may settle, e.g., by forming a water pocket. At the lowest point, a drain with a selfclosing valve is to be provided. The drain line is to be led, together with the drain lines of the filter/ water separator and the safety filter, into an open sampling tray, where the drain may be controlled visually.

The sampling tray is to be drained to a fuel leakage tank.

6.2.3 To extract remaining fuel and water, suction outlets are to be provided (stripping line) at the lowest points of the storage tanks and the overflow tank.

There may be no fixed connection to other stripping lines.

Sampling connections are to be provided at the supply tank and at the pressure fuelling connection.

I. Lubricating Oil Systems

1. General requirements

1.1 Lubricating oil systems are to be designed to ensure reliable lubrication as well as adequate heat transfer over the whole range of speeds and during rundown of the engines and to ensure adequate heat transfer.

1.2 Priming pumps

Where necessary, priming pumps are to be provided for supplying lubricating oil to the engines.

1.3 Emergency lubrication

A suitable emergency lubricating oil supply, e.g. gravity tank, is to be arranged for machinery which may be damaged in case of interruption of lubricating oil supply.

1.4 Lubricating oil treatment

Equipment necessary for adequate treatment of lubricating oil such as purifiers, automatic back-flushing filters, filters and free-jet centrifuges are to be provided.

2. Arrangement

2.1 Lubricating oil circulating tanks and gravity tanks

2.1.1 For the capacity and location of these tanks see [Section 7, C](#).

2.1.2 Where an engine lubricating oil circulation tank extends to the bottom plating on ships for which a double bottom is required in the engine room, shut-off valves are to be fitted in the drain pipes between engine crankcase and circulating tank. These valves are to be capable of being closed from above the lower platform.

2.1.3 The lubrication oil pump suction is to be arranged away as far as possible from the crankcase oil drain pipes.

2.1.4 Where deepwell pumps are used for main engine lubrication they shall be protected against vibration through suitable supports.

2.1.5 The overflow pipe from gravity tanks is to be led to the circulating tank. Arrangements are to be made for observing the flow in the overflow pipe.

2.2 Filling and suction lines

2.2.1 Filling and suction lines of lubricating oil tanks with a capacity of 500 l and more located above the double bottom and from which in case of their damage lubricating oil may leak, are to be fitted directly on the tanks with shut-off devices according to [G.2.1](#). The remote operation of shut-off devices according to [G.2.1](#) can be dispensed with:

- for valves which are kept closed during normal operation
- where an unintended operation of a quick closing valve would endanger the safe operation of the main propulsion plant or essential equipment

2.2.2 Where lubricating oil lines are to be arranged in the vicinity of hot machinery, steel pipes which should be in one length and which are protected where necessary are to be used.

2.2.3 For screening arrangements of lubricating oil pipes [G.3.4](#) applies as appropriate.

2.3 Transfer pumps

2.3.1 Transfer pumps are to be provided for:

- filling of the tanks
- suction from any tank and supplying the replenishment system
- transfer of lubrication oil from any storage tank to collecting tanks or to other parts of the lubricating installation, e.g. the oil sump of diesel engines

2.3.2 For diesel engine and gas turbine installations as well as gears up to a lubricating oil volume of 500 litres per unit, hand operated pumps are admissible for transferring of lubricating or waste oil.

2.3.3 For each type of lubricating oil, a separate transfer pumping installation shall be provided.

2.4 Filters

2.4.1 Lubricating oil filters are to be fitted in the delivery line of the lubricating oil pumps.

2.4.2 Mesh size and filter capacity are to be in accordance with the requirements of the manufacturer of the engine.

2.4.3 Uninterrupted supply of filtered lubricating oil has to be ensured under cleaning conditions of the filter equipment.

In case of automatic back-flushing filters it is to be ensured that a failure of the automatic back-flushing will not lead to a total loss of filtration.

2.4.4 Back-flushing intervals of automatic backflushing filters provided for intermittent back-flushing are to be monitored.

2.4.5 Main lubricating oil filters are to be fitted with differential pressure monitoring. On engines provided for operation with gas oil only, differential pressure monitoring may be dispensed with.

2.4.6 Engines for the exclusive operation of emergency fire pumps may be fitted with simplex filters.

2.4.7 For protection of the lubricating oil pumps simplex filters may be installed on the suction side of the pumps if they have a minimum mesh size of 100 μ .

2.4.8 For the arrangement of filters, see [Guidelines for Propulsion Plant \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec.3.G.3](#).

2.5 Lubricating oil coolers

It is recommended that turbine and large engine plants be provided with more than one oil cooler.

2.6 Oil level indicators

Machinery with their own oil charge are to be provided with a means of determining the oil level from outside during operation. This requirement also applies to reduction gears, thrust bearings and shaft bearings.

2.7 Purifiers

The requirements in [G.8](#) apply as appropriate.

3. Lubricating oil pumps

3.1 Main engines

3.1.1 Main and independent stand-by pumps are to be arranged.

Main pumps driven by the main engines are to be so designed that the lubricating oil supply is ensured over the whole range of operation.

3.1.2 For plant with more than one main engine, see [Guidelines for Propulsion Plant \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec. 3.G.4.2.](#)

3.2 Main turbine plant

3.2.1 Main and independent stand-by lubricating oil pumps are to be provided.

3.2.2 Emergency lubrication

The lubricating oil supply to the main turbine plant for cooling the bearings during the rundown period is to be assured in the event of failure of the power supply. By means of suitable arrangements such as gravity tanks the supply of oil is also to be assured during starting of the emergency lubrication system.

3.3 Main reduction gearing (motor ships)

3.3.1 Lubricating oil is to be supplied by a main pump and an independent stand-by pump.

3.3.2 Where a reduction gear has been approved by BKI to have adequate self-lubrication at 75 % of the torque of the propelling engine, a stand-by lubricating oil pump for the reduction gear may be dispensed with up to a power ratio of

$$\begin{aligned} P/n_1 &= 3,0 \text{ kW/min}^{-1} \\ n_1 &= \text{gear input revolution [min}^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$

3.3.3 For multi-propeller plants and plants with more than one engine 3.1.2 has to be applied analogously.

3.4 Auxiliary machinery

3.4.1 Diesel generators

Where more than one diesel generator is available, stand-by pumps are not required.

Where only one diesel generator is available, e.g. on turbine-driven vessels where the diesel generator is needed for start-up, etc., a complete spare pump is to be carried on board.

3.4.2 Auxiliary turbines

Turbogenerators and turbines used for driving important auxiliaries such as boiler feedwater pumps, etc. are to be equipped with a main pump and an independent auxiliary pump. The auxiliary pump is to be designed to ensure a sufficient supply of lubricating oil during the start-up and run-down operation.

J. Seawater Cooling Systems

1. Sea suctions

1.1 At least two sea chests are to be provided. Wherever possible, the sea chests are to be arranged as low as possible on either side of the ship.

Landing ships and similar units, as well as ships of unconventional type such as hydrofoil craft, etc., are exempted from this requirement.

1.2 For service in shallow waters, it is recommended that an additional high seawater intake is provided.

1.3 It is to be ensured that the total seawater supply for the engines can be taken from only one sea chest.

1.4 Each sea chest is to be provided with an effective vent. The following venting arrangements will be approved:

- an air pipe of at least 32 mm ID which can be shut-off and which extends above the bulkhead deck
- adequately dimensioned ventilation slots in the shell plating

1.5 Steam or compressed air connections are to be provided for clearing the sea chest gratings. The steam or compressed air lines are to be fitted with shut-off valves fitted directly to the sea chests. Compressed air for blowing through sea chest gratings may exceed 2 bar only if the sea chests are constructed for higher pressures.

1.6 Where a sea chest is exclusively arranged as chest cooler the steam or compressed airlines for clearing according to 1.5 may, with BKI's agreement, be dispensed with.

1.7 The net flow area of the sea chest gratings shall be at least 2,5 times the sectional area of the seawater intake line.

2. Special rules for ships with ice class

The provisions for inlets of seawater for ships with ice classes **ES1** to **ES4** are specified in [Section 19, D.3.2](#).

3. Sea valves

3.1 Sea valves are to be so arranged that they can be operated from above the floor plates.

3.2 Discharges above the water line, scoops, and the vent pipes of sea chest are to be provided with at least one shut-off valve at the ship's shell or at the sea chest wall respectively.

4. Strainers

The suction lines of the seawater pumps are to be fitted with strainers.

The strainers are to be so arranged that they can be cleaned during operation of the pumps.

Where cooling water is supplied by means of a scoop, strainers in the main seawater cooling line can be dispensed with.

5. Seawater cooling pumps

5.1 Diesel engine plants

5.1.1 Main propulsion plants are to be provided with main and stand-by cooling water pumps.

5.1.2 The main cooling water pump may be attached to the propulsion plant. It is to be ensured that the attached pump is of sufficient capacity for the cooling water required by main engines and auxiliary equipment over the whole speed range of the propulsion plant.

The drive of the stand-by cooling water pump is to be independent of the main engine.

5.1.3 Main and stand-by cooling water pumps are each to be of sufficient capacity to meet the maximum cooling water requirements of the plant.

Alternatively, three cooling water pumps of the same capacity and delivery head may be arranged, provided that two of the pumps are sufficient to supply the required cooling water for full load operation of the plant at design temperature.

With this arrangement it is permissible for the second pump to be automatically put into operation only in the higher temperature range.

5.1.4 Ballast pumps or other suitable seawater pumps may be used as stand-by cooling water pumps.

5.2 Plant with more than one main engine

For plants with more than one engine and with separate cooling water systems, complete spare pumps stored on board may be accepted instead of stand-by pumps provided that the main seawater cooling pumps are so arranged that they can be replaced with the means available on board.

5.3 Cooling water supply for auxiliary engines

Where a common cooling water pump is provided to serve more than one auxiliary engine, an independent stand-by cooling water pump with the same capacity is to be fitted. Independently operated cooling water pumps of the main engine plant may be used to supply cooling water to auxiliary engines while at sea, provided that the capacity of such pumps is sufficient to meet the additional cooling water demand.

If each auxiliary engine is fitted with an attached cooling water pump, stand-by cooling water pumps need not be provided.

6. Cooling water supply in dry-dock

It is recommended that for dry-docking a supply of cooling water, e.g. from a water ballast tank, is available so that at least one diesel generator and, if necessary, the domestic refrigerating plant may be run when the ship is in dry-dock.

K. Fresh Water Cooling Systems

1. General

1.1 Engine cooling fresh water systems are to be so arranged that the engines can be sufficiently cooled under all operating conditions.

1.2 Depending on the requirements of the engine plant, the following fresh water cooling systems are allowed:

- a single cooling circuit for the entire plant
- separate cooling circuits for the main and auxiliary plant
- several independent cooling circuits for the main engine components which need cooling, e.g. cylinders, pistons and fuel valves, and for the auxiliary engines
- separate cooling circuits for various temperature ranges

1.3 The cooling circuits are to be so designed that, should one part of the system fail, operation of the auxiliary systems can be maintained.

Change-over arrangements are to be provided for this purpose if necessary.

1.4 The temperature controls of main and auxiliary engines as well as of different circuits are to be independent of each other as far as practicable.

1.5 Where, in automated engine plants, heat exchangers for fuel or lubricating oil are incorporated in the cylinder cooling water circuit of main engines, the entire cooling water system is to be monitored for fuel and oil leakage.

1.6 Common engine cooling water systems for main and auxiliary plants are to be fitted with shut-off valves to allow repairs to be performed without taking the entire plant out of service.

2. Heat exchangers, coolers

2.1 The construction and equipment of heat exchangers and coolers are subject to the requirements of [Section 16](#).

2.2 The coolers of cooling water systems, engines and equipment are to be designed to ensure that the specified cooling water temperatures can be maintained under all operating conditions. Cooling water temperatures are to be adjusted to meet the requirements of engines and equipment.

2.3 Heat exchangers for auxiliary equipment in the main cooling water circuit are to be provided with by-passes if in the event of a failure of the heat exchanger, it is possible by these means to keep the system in operation.

2.4 It is to be ensured that auxiliary machinery can be operated while repairing the main coolers. If necessary, means are to be provided for changing over to other heat exchangers, machinery or equipment through which a temporary heat transfer can be achieved.

2.5 Shut-off valves are to be provided at the inlet and outlet of all heat exchangers.

2.6 Every heat exchanger and cooler is to be provided with a vent and a drain.

2.7 Keel coolers, box coolers

2.7.1 Arrangement and construction drawings of keel and box coolers are to be submitted for approval.

2.7.2 Permanent vents for fresh water are to be provided at the top of keel coolers and box coolers.

2.7.3 Keel coolers are to be fitted with pressure gauge connections at the fresh water inlet and outlet.

3. Expansion tanks

3.1 Expansion tanks are to be arranged at sufficient height for every cooling water circuit.

Different cooling circuits may be connected to a common expansion tank only if they do not interfere with each other. Care is to be taken to ensure that damage to or faults in one system cannot affect the other system.

3.2 Expansion tanks are to be fitted with filling connections, vents, level indicators and drains.

4. Fresh water cooling pumps

4.1 Main and stand-by cooling water pumps are to be provided for each cooling fresh water system.

4.2 Main cooling water pumps may be driven directly by the main or auxiliary engines which they are intended to cool provided that a sufficient supply of cooling water is assured under all operating conditions.

4.3 The drives of stand-by cooling water pumps are to be independent of the main engines.

4.4 Stand-by cooling water pumps are to have the same capacity as main cooling water pumps.

4.5 Main engines are to be fitted with at least one main and one stand-by cooling water pump. Where according to the design of the engines more than one cooling water circuit is necessary, a standby pump is to be fitted for each main cooling water pump.

4.6 For fresh water cooling pumps of essential auxiliary engines the Guidelines for cooling seawater pumps in [J.5.3](#) may be applied.

4.7 A stand-by cooling water pump of a cooling water system may be used as a stand-by pump for another system provided that the necessary pipe connections are arranged. The shut-off valves in these connections are to be secured against unintended operation.

4.8 Equipment providing emergency cooling from another system can be approved if the plant and the system are suitable for this purpose.

4.9 For plants with more than one main engine the requirements for sea cooling water pumps in [J.5.2](#) may be applied.

5. Temperature control

Cooling water circuits are to be provided with automatic temperature controls in accordance with the requirements. Automatic controls whose failure may impair the functional reliability of the engine are to be equipped for manual operation.

6. Preheating of cooling water

Means are to be provided for preheating cooling fresh water.

L. Compressed Air Lines

1. General

1.1 Pressure lines connected to air compressors are to be fitted with non-return valves at the compressor outlet.

1.2 Oil and water separators, see [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec. 3](#).

1.3 Starting air lines may not be used as filling lines for air receivers.

- 1.4** Only type-tested hose assemblies made of metallic materials may be used in permanently pressurised starting air lines of diesel engines.
- 1.5** The starting air line to each engine is to be fitted with a non-return valve and a drain.
- 1.6** Tyfons are to be connected to at least two compressed air receivers.
- 1.7** A safety valve is to be fitted downstream of each pressure-reducing valve.
- 1.8** Pressure water tanks and other tanks connected to the compressed air system are considered as pressure vessels and has to comply with the requirements in [Section 16](#) for the working pressure of the compressed air system.
- 1.9** For compressed air connections for blowing through sea chests refer to [J.1.5](#).
- 1.10** For compressed air supply to pneumatically operated valves and quick-closing valves refer to [D.6](#).
- 1.11** Requirements for starting engines with compressed air, see [Section 6](#).
- 1.12** In the compressed air receivers, a working pressure up to 250 bar is permissible. Corresponding pressure reducing valves are to be provided.
- 1.13** When determining the necessary volume of the starting air receivers for pneumatic starting of gas turbines, at least 6 resp. 3 successive starting procedures without refilling shall be taken into account, see [Guidelines for Propulsion Plant \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec. 4a.C.12](#).
- 1.14** With exception of the air compressors, separate compressed air systems are to be provided for the ship and the weapons systems.
- 1.15** For each air receiver an emergency pressure release installation is to be provided. From this installation, a pipe is to be led to a readily accessible place on the open deck. At the end of this pipe, a valve is to be provided in the “locked closed” status, while the valve at the receiver is to be maintained in the “locked open” condition.
- 1.16** Several receivers may be provided forming a group. In such a case, the receivers are to be connected to a common manifold.
- 1.17** For compressed air operated fire flaps of the engine room, [D.6.5](#) is to be used analogously. These fire flaps may close automatically if they are supplied with separated compressed air pipes.

2. Control air systems

- 2.1** Control air systems for essential consumers are to be provided with the necessary means of air treatment.
- 2.2** Pressure reducing valves in the control air system of main engines are to be redundant.

M. Exhaust Gas Lines

1. Pipe layout

- 1.1** Engine exhaust gas pipes are to be installed separately from each other, taking into account the structural fire protection. Other designs are subject to special approval. The same applies to boiler exhaust gas pipes.
- 1.2** Account is to be taken of thermal expansion when laying out and suspending the lines.

1.3 Where exhaust gas lines discharge near water level or where cooling water is injected into the exhaust gas line, provisions are to be made to prevent water from entering the engines.

1.4 Where the exhaust gas discharge can be arbitrarily switched to either ship side, the line cross section in the manifold may not be reduced. The position of the flaps is to be indicated in the machinery control centre (MCC).

2. Silencers

2.1 Engine exhaust pipes are to be fitted with effective silencers, or other suitable means are to be provided.

2.2 Silencers are to be provided with openings or equivalent arrangements for internal inspection.

3. Water drains

Exhaust lines and silencers are to be provided with suitable drains of adequate size.

4. Insulation

Insulation of exhaust gas lines inside machinery spaces, see [Section 9, B.3.1](#).

5. Exhaust gas cleaning

For special requirements for exhaust gas cleaning see [Guidelines for Propulsion Plant \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec. 3](#).

N. Bilge Systems

1. General

1.1 Arrangement of bilge system

1.1.1 Bilge systems have to be arranged so that, apart from their proper task, they are also suitable for draining water from drencher or water flooding systems, e.g. from ammunition stores.

1.1.2 All not permanently manned spaces below the waterline, as well as spaces equipped with water spray and/or sprinkler installations, shall be provided with bilge alarms.

1.2 Scope

1.2.1 Naval ships with a size above 10000 tons displacement or a length $L > 140$ m, which are able to carry more than 240 non-crew members, shall meet the requirements for bilge systems of passenger ships, compare the [Rules for Machinery Installation \(Pt.1, Vol.III\) Sec. 11](#).

1.2.2 Naval ships with a size below 1500 tons displacement which, are not capable to carry more than 60 non-crew members and all naval vessels for which the IMO Code for High Speed Craft may be relevant, shall meet the requirements for bilge systems in [Rules for High Speed Craft \(Pt.3, Vol.III\) Sec. 10.3](#).

1.2.3 For all other naval ships the requirements for bilge systems are defined in the following.

2. Bilge lines

2.1 Layout of bilge lines

2.1.1 Bilge lines and bilge suctions are to be so arranged that the bilges can be completely drained even under unfavourable trim conditions.

2.1.2 Bilge suctions are normally to be located on both sides of the ship. For compartments located fore and aft in the ship, one bilge suction may be considered sufficient provided that it is capable of completely draining the relevant compartment.

2.1.3 Spaces located forward of the collision bulkhead and aft of the stern tube bulkhead and not connected to the general bilge system are to be drained by other suitable means of adequate capacity.

2.1.4 The required pipe thickness of bilge lines is to be in accordance with [Table 8.6](#).

2.2 Pipes laid through tanks

2.2.1 Bilge pipes may not be led through tanks for lubricating oil, drinking water or feed water.

2.2.2 Bilge pipes from spaces not accessible during the voyage if running through fuel tanks located above double bottom are to be fitted with a non return valve directly at the point of entry into the tank.

2.3 Bilge suctions and strums

2.3.1 Bilge suctions are to be so arranged as not to impede the cleaning of bilges and bilge wells. They are to be fitted with easily detachable, corrosion resistant strums.

2.3.2 Emergency bilge suctions are to be arranged such that they are accessible, with free flow and at a suitable distance from the tank top or the ship's bottom.

2.4 Bilge valves

2.4.1 Valves in connecting pipes between the bilge and the seawater and ballast water system, as well as between the bilge connections of different compartments, are to be so arranged that even in the event of faulty operation or intermediate positions of the valves, penetration of seawater through the bilge system will be safely prevented.

2.4.2 Bilge discharge pipes are to be fitted with shut-off valves at the ship's shell.

2.4.3 Bilge valves are to be arranged so as to be always accessible irrespective of the ballast and loading condition of the ship.

2.4.4 Valves necessary for the operation of the bilge pumping system (shut-off device for the drive water of the ejector, section valves at watertight bulkheads, valves in overboard discharge lines, etc.) are to be capable of being operated from above the damage control deck.

2.5 Reverse-flow protection

A screw-down non-return valve or a combination of a non-return valve without positive means of closing and a shut-off valve are recognized as reverse flow protection.

2.6 Pipe layout

2.6.1 To prevent the ingress of ballast and sea- water into the ship through the bilge system two means of reverse-flow protection are to be fitted in the bilge connections. One of such means of protection is to be fitted in each suction line.

2.6.2 The direct bilge suction and the emergency suction need only one means of reverse-flow protection as specified in 2.5.

2.6.3 Where a direct seawater connection is arranged for attached bilge pumps to protect them against running dry, the bilge suctions are also to be fitted with two reverse flow protecting devices.

2.6.4 The discharge lines of oily water separators are to be fitted with a reverse flow protecting valve at the ship's side.

2.6.5 Each bilge ejector shall have an overboard discharge outlet within the water tight compartment in which it is located.

3. Calculations

3.1 Pipe diameter

3.1.1 The diameter of dewatering suction pipes are to be selected to provide a water pumping speed of not less than 2 m/s.

3.1.2 The inside diameter of main and branch bilge pipes is not to be less than 50 mm.

3.2 Definition of capacity

3.2.1 The bilge installations shall have at least a capacity Q for each pumping unit:

$$Q = 0,6 \cdot V \quad [\text{m}^3/\text{h}]$$

V = net volume of the largest machinery spaces below the waterline at combat displacement, excluding the volume occupied by tanks and all other equipment [m³]

4. Bilge pumping units

4.1 Electrically driven pumps and/or ejectors using driving water from the fire fighting system may be used for bilge pumping.

4.2 Where centrifugal pumps are used for bilge pumping, they are to be self-priming or connected to an air extracting device.

4.3 Bilge pumping units are to be so arranged that they are capable of draining the space where they are located, and at least one adjoining space.

4.4 Ejectors are to be arranged within the corresponding watertight compartment.

4.5 Bilge pumps and the suction ends of the ejectors, respectively, are to be arranged, if possible, near the centre line of the ship in a readily accessible location.

4.6 Bilge pumping units with smaller capacity than that required according to formula in 3.2.1 are acceptable. The full amount required by the minimum number of pumping units according to 4.8 and the capacity calculated in 3.2.1 shall be delivered in any case. The capacity of each facility shall not be less than 25 m³/h.

4.7 Use of other pumps for bilge pumping

4.7.1 Ballast pumps, stand-by seawater cooling pumps and general service pumps may also be used as independent bilge pumps provided they are selfpriming and of the required capacity according to the formula in 3.2.1.

4.7.2 Fuel and oil pumps are not to be connected to the bilge system.

4.7.3 Bilge ejectors are acceptable as bilge pumping arrangements provided that there is an independent supply of driving water. Where the piping system supplying the ejectors issued for other purpose, the capacity of the pumps shall be sufficient for those additional services.

4.8 Number of bilge pumping units

Ejectors shall be distributed as far as practicable through the ship but one ejector shall be located in each machinery space.

At least two bilge pumping units shall be provided for the ships.

5. Bilge pumping for various spaces

5.1 Machinery spaces

5.1.1 The bilges of every main machinery space are to be capable of being pumped simultaneously as follows:

- a) through the bilge suctions connected to the main bilge system, respectively through the connected ejector of the relevant machinery space
- b) through one direct suction connected to the largest independent bilge pump
- c) through an emergency bilge suction connected to the sea cooling water pump of the main propulsion plant or through another suitable emergency bilge system

5.1.2 If the ship's propulsion plant is located in several spaces, a direct suction in accordance with 5.1.1 b) is to be provided in each watertight compartment in addition to branch bilge suctions in accordance with 5.1.1 a).

When the direct suctions are in use, it is to be possible to pump simultaneously from the main bilge line by means of all the other bilge pumps.

The diameter of the direct suction may not be less than that of the main bilge pipe.

5.1.3 Rooms and decks in engine rooms are to be provided with drains to the engine room bilge. A drain pipe which passes through a watertight bulkhead is to be fitted with a self-closing valve.

5.2 Shaft tunnel

A bilge suction is to be arranged at the aft end of the shaft tunnel. Where the shape of the bottom or the length of the tunnel requires, an additional bilge suction is to be provided at the forward end. Bilge valves for the shaft tunnel are to be arranged outside the tunnel in the engine room.

5.3 Cargo holds

5.3.1 Cargo holds are to be normally fitted with bilge suctions fore and aft.

5.3.2 Cargo holds having a length under 30 m may be provided with only one bilge suction on each side.

5.3.3 On ships with only one cargo hold, bilge wells are to be provided fore and aft.

5.3.4 For cargo holds for the transport of dangerous goods, see [Section 9, N.7](#).

5.3.5 In all Ro/Ro cargo spaces below the bulkhead deck where a pressure water spraying system according to [Section 9, J.1.2](#) is provided, the following is to be complied with:

- the drainage system on each side is to have a capacity of not less than 1,25 times of the capacity of both the water spraying system pumps and required number of fire hose nozzles
- the valves of the drainage arrangement are to be operable from outside the protected space at a position in the vicinity of the drencher system controls
- at least 4 bilge wells shall be located at each side of the protected space, uniformly distributed fore and aft. The distance between the single bilge wells shall not exceed 40 meters
- [5.4.8](#) is to be observed in addition

For a bilge system the following criteria are to be satisfied:

- $QB = 1,25 Q$
- $AM = 0,625 Q$ and

$$\text{Sum AB} = 0,625 Q$$

Where:

QB = Combined capacity of all bilge pumps [m^3/s]

Q = Combined water flow from the fixed fire extinguishing system and the required fire hoses [m^3/s]

AM = The sectional area of the main bilge pipe of the protected space [m^2]

Sum AB = Total cross section of the branch bilge

If the drainage arrangement is based on gravity drains the area of the drains and pipes are to be determined according to [5.4.2](#).

The reservoir tank, shall have a capacity for at least 20 minutes operation at the required drainage capacity of the affected space.

If these requirements cannot be complied with, the additional weight of water and the influence of the free surfaces is to be taken into account in the ship's stability information. For this purpose the depth of the water on each deck shall be calculated by multiplying Q by an operating time of 30 minutes.

5.4 Closed cargo holds and ro-ro spaces above bulkhead decks and above freeboard decks

5.4.1 Cargo holds above freeboard decks are to be fitted with drainage arrangements.

5.4.2 The drainage arrangements are to have a capacity that under consideration of a 5° list of the ship, at least 1,25 times both the capacity of the water spraying systems pumps and required number of fire hose nozzles can be drained from one side of the deck.

At least 4 drains shall be located at each side of the protected space, uniformly distributed fore and aft. The distance between the single drains shall not exceed 40 meters.

The minimum required area of scuppers and connected pipes shall be determined by the following formula.

$$A = \frac{Q}{0,5 \cdot \sqrt{19,62} (h - H)}$$

Where:

- A = Total required sectional area on each side of the deck [m²]
Q = Combined water flow from the fixed fire extinguishing system and the required number of fire hoses [m³/s]
H = Elevation head difference between bottom of scupper well or suction level and the overboard discharge opening or highest approved load line [m]
H = Summation of head losses corresponding to scupper piping, fitting and valves [m]

Each individual drain should not be less than a ND 125 piping.

If these requirements cannot be complied with, the additional weight of water and the influence of the free surfaces is to be taken into account in the ship's stability information. For this purpose the depth of the water on each deck shall be calculated by multiplying Q by an operating time of 30 minutes.

5.4.3 Closed cargo holds may be drained directly to overboard, only when at a heel of the ship of 5°, the edge of the bulkhead deck or freeboard deck will not be immersed.

Drains from scuppers to overboard are to be fitted with reverse flow protecting devices according to [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 19.F](#).

5.4.4 Where the edge of the deck, when the ship heels 5° is located at or below the summer load line (SLL) the drainage is to be led to bilge wells or drain tanks with adequate capacity.

5.4.5 The bilge wells or drainage tanks are to be fitted with high level alarms and are to be provided with draining arrangements with a capacity according to [5.4.2](#).

5.4.6 It is to be ensured that

- bilge well arrangements prevent excessive accumulation of free water
- water contaminated with petrol or other dangerous substances is not drained to machinery spaces or other spaces where sources of ignition may be present
- where the enclosed cargo space is protected by a carbon dioxide fire extinguishing system the deck scuppers are fitted with means to prevent the escape of the smothering gas.

5.4.7 The operating facilities of the relevant bilge valves have to be located outside the space and as far as possible near to the operating facilities of the pressure water spraying system for fire fighting.

5.4.8 Means shall be provided to prevent the blockage of drainage arrangements.

The means shall be designed such that the free cross section is at least 6 times the free cross section of the drain. Individual holes shall not be bigger than 25 mm. Warning signs are to be provided 1500 mm above the drain opening stating "Drain openings, do not cover or obstruct".

5.4.9 The discharge valves for the scuppers shall be kept open while the ship is at sea.

5.5 Spaces above fore and aft peaks

These spaces are to be either connected to the bilge system or are to be drained by means of hand pumps. Spaces located above the aft peak may be drained to the shaft tunnel or to the engine room bilge, provided the drain line is fitted with a self-closing valve which is to be located at a highly visible and accessible position. The drain lines are to have a diameter of at least 40 mm.

5.6 Cofferdams, pipe tunnels and void spaces

Cofferdams, pipe tunnels and void spaces adjoining the ship's shell are to be connected to the bilge system.

For cofferdams, pipe tunnels and void spaces located above the deepest load water line equivalent means may be accepted by BKI after special agreement.

Where the aft peak is adjoining the engine room, it may be drained over a self-closing valve to the engine room bilge.

5.7 Chain lockers

Chain lockers are to be drained by means of appropriate arrangements.

5.8 Condensate drain tanks of charge air Coolers

5.8.1 If condensate from a drain tank of a charge air cooler is to be pumped overboard directly or indirectly, the discharge line is to be provided with an approved 15 ppm alarm. If the oil content exceeds 15 ppm an alarm is to be released and the pump is to stop automatically.

The 15 ppm alarm is to be arranged so that the bilge pump will not be stopped during bilge pumping from engine room to overboard.

5.8.2 Additionally the tank is to be provided with a connection to the oily water separator.

5.9 Bilge systems for spraying systems

5.9.1 Bilge systems for spaces with water spray and sprinkler facilities are to be designed to remove not less than 110 % of the volume that can be produced by the water spray/sprinkler facilities.

5.9.2 Water spraying and sprinkler installations as well as bilge systems are to be capable of being operated simultaneously.

5.9.3 At the start of spraying installations, the bilge pumps are to be started automatically.

6. Bilge testing

All bilge arrangements are to be tested under presence of BKI.

O. Bilge Stripping and De-Oiling Systems

1. General

1.1 Machinery spaces and spaces, in which oily water may accumulate, are to be equipped with a bilge stripping and de-oiling system, in addition to the bilge systems as described under [N](#).

1.2 Stripping lines and sucking heads are to be so arranged that also in unfavourable trim conditions the spaces are drained completely.

1.3 Bilge suctions are to be provided with easily removable, corrosion resistant strums, and to be so arranged that cleaning of bilges and bilge wells is possible.

1.4 Chain lockers shall be capable of being drained by suitable facilities.

2. Equipment for the treatment of bilge water and fuel/oil residues

2.1 Ships of 400 GT and above shall be fitted with an oily water separator or a filter plant for the separation of oil/water mixture.³

2.2 Ships of 10.000 GT and above shall be fitted in addition to the equipment required in 2.1 with a 15 ppm alarm system.

2.3 A sampling device is to be arranged in a vertical section of the discharge line of oily water separating equipment/filtering systems.

2.4 By-pass lines are not permitted for oilywater separating equipment/filtering systems.

2.5 Recirculating facilities have to be provided to enable the oil filtering equipment to be tested with the overboard discharge closed.

3. Discharge of fuel / oil residues

3.1 For oil residues, a sludge tank is to be provided. For equipment and dimensioning of sludge tanks, see [Section 7, E](#).

3.2 A self-priming pump is to be provided for sludge discharge to reception facilities. The capacity of the pump shall be such that the sludge tank can be emptied in a reasonable time. The utilization of a bilge pump for sludge discharge is permissible.

3.3 A separate discharge line is to be provided for discharge of fuel/oil residues to reception facilities.

3.4 The discharge connection shall have no connection to the bilge system, the oily bilge water tank, the tank top or the oily water separator.

3.5 The oil residue (sludge) tank may be fitted with manual operated self closing drain valves with visual monitoring of the settled water (free air space) leading to the oily bilge water tank or bilge well.

3.6 Where incinerating plants are used for fuel and oil residues, compliance is required with [Section 9](#) and with Resolution MEPC.76(40) - Standard Specification for Shipboard Incinerators.

4. 15 ppm oily bilge water separating systems for Class Notation EP

4.1 Irrespective of the installation of a 15 ppm oily bilge water separating systems all requirements given in MARPOL Annex 1 Reg. 14 have to be fulfilled and need to be certified accordingly. The 15 ppm oily bilge water separating system may be part of the installation required by MARPOL.

The installation of 15 ppm bilge water separating systems is optional, except where required by Class Notation **EP** (Environmental Service System) or by local legislation.

The bilge water separating system consists of a bilge water handling system and an oily water separator in combination with a 15 ppm alarm which actuates an automatic stopping device as described in the IMO 107(49).

³ With regard to the installation on ships of oily water separators, filter plants, oil collecting tanks, oil discharge lines and a monitoring and control system or an 15 ppm alarm device in the water outlet of oily water separators, compliance is required with the provisions of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, (MARPOL) and Protocol 1978 as amended.

Form F323 (MP1) is to be submitted for approval.

4.2 Oily bilge water separator

4.2.1 The design and test procedure shall be in compliance with IMO Res. 107(49) under consideration of IMO MEPC.1/Circ.643. The oil content of the effluent of each test sample shall not exceed 15ppm.

4.2.2 The capacity of the oily bilge water separator is to be specified according to [Table 8.21](#).

Table 8.21 Capacity of the oily bilge water separators

Up to 400 GT	401 to 1600 GT	1601 to 4000 GT	4001 to 15000 GT	Above 15000 GT
0,25 m ³ /h	0,5 m ³ /h	1,9 m ³ /h	2,5 m ³ /h	5 m ³ /h

4.3 15 ppm oil content alarm

4.3.1 The design and test procedure shall be in compliance with IMO Res. 107(49).

4.3.2 Additional calibration tests in the range from 2 ppm to 9 ppm oil content are to be carried out. Furthermore the response time is to be taken in case the input is changed from water to oil with a concentration of more than 15 ppm.⁴

4.3.3 An appropriate type test certificate issued by flag state administrations or other classification societies may be accepted.

4.4 Oily bilge water tanks

4.4.1 An oily bilge water holding tank shall be provided. This tank shall be a deep tank arranged above the tank top which safeguards the separation of oil and water. Appropriate draining arrangements for the separated oil shall be provided at the oily bilge water holding tank.

4.4.2 Oil residues (sludge) and oily bilge water tanks shall be independent of each other.

4.4.3 A pre-treatment unit for oil separation shall be provided in accordance with the example of the Annex of the MEPC.1/Circ.642. The unit shall be placed between daily bilge pump and oily bilge water tank.

4.4.4 The capacity of the oily bilge water tank shall be determined as follows:

Table 8.22 Capacity of oily bilge water tanks

Main engine rating [KW]	Capacity [m ³]
Up to 1000	4
Above 1000 up to 20.000	P/250
Above 20.000	40 + P/500

Where P = main engine power [KW]

4.5 Oil residue (sludge) tanks

4.5.1 For storage of oil residues (sludge), see [Section 7, E](#).

4.5.2 The capacity V [m³] of oil residues (sludge) tanks shall be determined as follows

$$V = K \cdot C \cdot D$$

where

K = 0,005 where diesel oil or other oil which does not need purification is used

⁴ refer to Transport Canada Standard TP 12301E

C = daily fuel oil consumption [m³/d]

D = maximum duration of voyage, normally taken 30 days in absence of data [d]

4.5.3 Oil residues (sludge) tanks shall be provided with access holes arranged in a way that cleaning of all parts of the tank is possible.

4.5.4 Oil residues (sludge) tanks shall be fitted with steaming-out lines for cleaning, if feasible.

4.6 Oily bilge water and sludge pumping and discharge

4.6.1 The oily bilge system and the main bilge system shall be separate of each other.

4.6.2 Suction lines of the oily bilge separator shall be provided to the oily bilge water tank. A suction connection to the oil residues (sludge) tank is not permitted.

4.6.3 The effluent from the 15 ppm bilge separator shall be capable of being recirculated to the oily bilge water tank or the pre-treatment unit.

4.6.4 The separated dirty water and exhausted control water of fuel purifiers shall be discharged into a particular tank. This tank shall be located above tank top for the purpose to facilitate the draining without needing a drain pump.

4.6.5 The oil residues discharge pump shall be suitable for high viscosity oil and shall be a self priming displacement pump.

4.6.6 The oil residues discharge pump shall have a capacity to discharge the calculated capacity of the oil residue (sludge) tank (see 4.5.2) within 4 hours. as dry cargo holds, such tanks are also to be connected to the bilge system.

P. Ballast Systems

1. Ballast lines

1.1 Arrangement of piping general

1.1.1 Suctions in ballast water tanks are to be so arranged that the tanks can be emptied despite unfavourable conditions of trim and list.

1.1.2 Ships having very wide double bottom tanks are also to be provided with suction at the outer sides of the tanks. Where the length of the ballast water tanks exceeds 30 m, BKI may require suction to be provided in the forward part of the tanks.

1.2 Pipes passing through tanks

Ballast water pipes may not pass through drinking water, feedwater or lubricating oil tanks.

1.3 Piping systems

1.3.1 Where a tank is used alternately for ballast water and fuel (change-over tank), the suction in this tank is to be connected to the respective system by three-way cocks with L-type plugs, cocks with open bottom or change-over piston valves. These are to be so arranged that there is no connection between the ballast water and the fuel systems when the valve or cock is in an intermediate position. Change-over pipe connections may be used instead of the above mentioned valves. Each change-over tank is to be individually connected to its respective system. For remotely controlled valves see D. 6.

1.3.2 Where pipelines are led through the collision bulkhead below the freeboard deck, a shut-off valve is to be fitted directly at the collision bulkhead inside the fore peak.

The valve has to be capable of being remotely operated from above the freeboard deck.

Where the fore peak is directly adjacent to a permanently accessible room, e.g. bow thruster room, this shut-off valve may be fitted directly at the collision bulkhead inside this room without provision for remote control, provided this valve is always well accessible.

1.3.3 Only one pipeline may be led through the collision bulkhead below the freeboard deck.

Where the forepeak is divided to hold two different kinds of liquid, two pipelines may in exceptional cases be passed through the collision bulkhead below freeboard deck.

1.3.4 For ballast water tanks on ships with ice class **ES1** to **ES4** which are arranged above the ballast load line see [Section 19, D.3.2.7](#).

2. Ballast pumps

2.1 Number and capacity of the pumps have to satisfy the ship's operational requirements.

2.2 For filling the ballast water tanks the fire main system may be used.

2.3 For emptying ballast water tanks eductors may be used.

3. Exchange of ballast water

3.1 For the “overflow method” separate overflow pipes or by-passes at the air pipe heads have to be provided. Overflow through the air pipe heads is to be avoided. Closures according to ICLL, but at least blind flanges are to be provided. The efficiency of the arrangement to by-pass the air pipe heads is to be checked by a functional test during the sea trials.

3.2 For the “Dilution method” the full tank content is to be guaranteed for the duration of the ballast water exchange. Adequately located level alarms are to be provided (e.g. at abt. 90 % volume at side tanks, at abt. 95 % at double bottom tanks).

4. Ballast water treatment plants

4.1 Ballast water treatment plants are to be approved by a flag administration acc. to IMO Resolution MEPC.174(58), MEPC.169(57) respectively. The obligation to install a ballast water treatment plant depends on the ballast water capacity and keel laying date of the ship which processes ballast water such that it meets or exceeds Ballast Water Performance Standard in Regulation D-2 of the BWM Convention. Refer to International Convention For The Control And Management of Ship’s Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 – Regulation B-3.

4.2 Ballast water treatment systems (BWTS) includes ballast water management equipment, all associated control equipment, monitoring equipment and sampling facilities and shall in addition to the provisions of [4.1](#) comply with the Rules in [Section 10.B.](#) and in this Section as well as in [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt. 9, Vol.4\) Sec. 9.D.8](#). The following documents shall be submitted once for each BWTS type for approval:

- Drawings and technical specification of piping systems including material specification
- Drawings of all pressure vessels and apparatus exposed to pressure including material specification
- Details on electrical and electronic systems

If compliance with BKI Rules has already been ascertained as part of the flag state type approval process in line with 4.1, documents for that BWTS type need not be submitted.

On manufacturer's application, BKI may issue an approval certificate confirming compliance with BKI Rules referenced above.

4.3 BWTS is to be provided with by-pass or override arrangement to effectively isolate it from any essential ship system to which it is connected.

4.4 Where a vacuum may occur in the ballast line due to the height difference, a suitable protection means is to be provided, e.g. P/V valves or breather valves, and their outlets are to be led to safe area on open deck.

4.5 Electric and electronic components are not to be installed in a hazardous area unless they are of certified safe type for use in the area. Cable penetrations of decks and bulkheads are to be sealed when a pressure difference between the areas is to be maintained.

4.6 Where the operating principle of the BWMS involves the generation of a dangerous gas which includes any gas which may develop an explosive and/or toxic atmosphere being hazardous to the crew and/or the ship, e.g. hydrogen (H₂), hydrocarbon gas, ozone (O₃), chlorine (Cl₂) and chlorine dioxide (ClO₂), etc., the following requirements are to be satisfied :

- Gas detection equipment is to be fitted in the spaces where dangerous gas could be present, and an audible and visual alarm is to be activated both locally and at the BWMS control station in the event of leakage. The gas detection device is to be designed and tested in accordance with IEC 60079-29-1 or recognized standards acceptable to the BKI.
- The ventilation line of a space where dangerous gas could be present is to be led to a safe area on open deck.
- The arrangements used for gas relieving, i.e. degas equipment or equivalent, are to be provided with monitoring measures with independent shutdown. The open end of the gas relieving device is to be led to a safe area on open deck.

4.7 Ballast piping, including sampling lines from ballast tanks considered as hazardous areas, is not to be led to an enclosed space regarded as a safe area, without any appropriate measures, except ships carrying liquefied gases in bulk. However, a sampling point for checking the performance of BWTS, for ballast water containing dangerous gas, may be located in a safe area provided the following requirements are fulfilled :

- The sampling facility (for BWTS monitoring/control) is to be located within a gas tight enclosure (hereinafter, referred to as a 'cabinet'), and the following (i) through (iii) are to be complied
 - i. In the cabinet, a stop valve is to be installed in each sample pipe
 - ii. Gas detection equipment is to be installed in the cabinet and the valves specified in paragraph above are to be automatically closed upon activation of the gas detection equipment
 - iii. Audible and visual alarm signals are to be activated both locally and at the BWTS control station when the concentration of explosive gases reaches a pre-set value, which should not be higher than 30% of the lower flammable limit (LFL) of the concerned product
- The standard internal diameter of sampling pipes is to be the minimum necessary in order to achieve the functional requirements of the sampling system
- The measuring system is to be installed as close to the bulkhead as possible, and the length of measuring pipe in any safe area is to be as short as possible
- Stop valves are to be located in the safe area, in both the suction and return pipes close to the bulkhead penetrations. A warning plate stating "Keep valve closed when not performing

measurements" is to be posted near the valves. Furthermore, in order to prevent backflow, a water seal or equivalent arrangement is to be installed on the hazardous area side of the return pipe

- A safety valve is to be installed on the hazardous area side of each sampling pipe

For the spaces, including hazardous areas, where toxicity, asphyxiation, corrosivity or reactivity is present, these hazards are to be taken into account and additional precautions for the ventilation of the spaces and protection of the crew are to be considered.

4.3 Integration and installation of ballast water treatment systems on board

4.3.1 A ship related arrangement drawing and a piping diagram showing the integration of the BWTS into the ship's ballast piping system as well as the operating and technical manual shall be submitted for approval. If a BWTS uses active substances, additional arrangement drawings for operating compartments and storage rooms of these substances shall be submitted, including details of their equipment.

4.3.2 The rated capacity of BWTS shall not be less than the flow rate of the largest ballast pump. If the treated rated capacity (TRC) of ballast water specified by the manufacturer may be exceeded operationally, e.g. by parallel operation of several ballast pumps, appropriate references and restrictions shall be indicated in the ballast water management plan.

4.3.3 Proper installation and correct functioning of the ballast water management system shall be verified and confirmed by a BKI Surveyor.

5. Operational testing

The ballast arrangement is to be subjected to operational testing under BKI supervision.

Q. Ballast Systems for Special Tasks

1. Special ballasting requirements

1.1 The following special ballast operations have to be considered:

- maintaining a horizontal position of the flight deck in transverse and longitudinal direction regardless of the ship's loading condition
- reduction of the dynamic movements of the ship as a platform for sensors, weapons and aircraft operation in the seaway
- changing the ship's trim to allow dock landing operations with landing craft entering or leaving the ship through the lowered stern/bow gate

The requirements for these tasks are specified in [Section 2.D.2](#).

1.2 For cross flooding for equalizing asymmetrical flooding in case of damage see [2](#).

1.3 For further ballast requirements the arrangement and the operating conditions have to be agreed with BKI case by case.

2. Cross-flooding arrangements

2.1 As far as possible, cross-flooding arrangements for equalizing asymmetrical flooding in case of damage should operate automatically. Where the arrangement does not operate automatically, any shut-off valves shall be capable of being operated from the bridge or another central location above the bulkhead deck. The position of each closing device has to be indicated on the bridge and at the central

operating location (MCC). The cross-flooding arrangements has to ensure that in case of flooding, equalization is achieved within 15 minutes.

2.2 Cross flooding arrangements for equalizing of asymmetrical flooding in case of damage are to be submitted to BKI for approval.

3. Stability check

The respective stability check in connection with the ballast requirements has to be done in accordance with [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 2](#).

R. Air, Overflow and Sounding Pipes

1. General

The laying of air, overflow and sounding pipes is permitted only in places where the laying of the corresponding piping system is also permitted, see [Table 8.6](#).

For special strength requirements regarding fore deck fittings, see [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 19.F.5](#).

2. Air and overflow pipes

2.1 Arrangement

2.1.1 All tanks, void spaces, etc. are to be fitted at their highest position with air pipes or overflow pipes. Air pipes normally are to terminate above the open deck.

2.1.2 Air and overflow pipes are to be laid vertically.

2.1.3 Air and overflow pipes passing through holds for military equipment are to be protected against damage.

2.1.4 For the height above deck of air and overflow pipes and the necessity of fitting brackets on air pipes, see [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol. 2\), Sec. 19.F](#).

2.1.5 Air pipes from unheated leakage oil tanks and lubricating oil tanks may terminate at clearly visible positions in the engine room. Where these tanks form part of the ship's hull, the air pipes are to terminate above the free board deck. It is to be ensured that no leaking oil can spread onto heated surfaces where it may ignite.

2.1.6 Air pipes from lubricating oil tanks and leakage oil tanks which terminate in the engine room are to be provided with funnels and pipes for safe drainage in the event of possible overflow.

2.1.7 Air pipes of lubricating oil tanks which terminate on open deck are to be arranged such that in the event of a broken air pipe this shall not directly lead to the risk of ingress of sea or rain water.

2.1.8 Wherever possible, the air pipes of feedwater and distillate tanks should not extend to the open deck. Where these tanks form part of the shell the air pipes are to terminate within the engine room casing above the freeboard deck.

2.1.9 Air pipes for cofferdams and void spaces with bilge connections are to extend above the open deck.

2.1.10 Where fuel service tanks are fitted with change over overflow pipes, the change-over devices are to be so arranged that the overflow is led to one of the storage tanks.

2.1.11 The overflow pipes of changeable tanks are to be capable of being separated from the fuel overflow system.

2.1.12 Where the air and overflow pipes of several tanks situated at the shell lead to a common line, the connections to this line are to be above the freeboard deck, as far as practicable, but at least so high above the deepest load waterline that should a leakage occur in one tank due to damage to the hull or listing of the ship, fuel or water cannot flow into another tank.

2.1.13 The air and overflow pipes of lubricating oil tanks shall not be led to a common line.

2.1.14 For the cross-sectional area of air pipes and air/overflow pipes, see [Table 8.23](#).

Table 8.23 Cross-sectional areas of air and overflow pipes

Tank filling systems		Cross-sectional areas of air and overflow pipes	
		AP	AOP
filling mode	without overflow	1/3 f per tank	–
	with overflow	–	1,25 f per tank ¹
Explanatory note:: AP = air pipe AOP = air /overflow pipe f = cross-sectional area of tank filling pipe ¹ 1,25 f as the total cross-sectional area is sufficient if it can be proved that the resistance to flow of the air and overflow pipes including the air pipe closing devices at the proposed flow rate cannot cause unacceptable high pressures in the tanks in the event of overflow.			

2.1.15 The air and overflow pipes are to be so arranged, that the planned filling levels can be achieved, see [Section 7, B.1.3](#). The pipes are to be led into the tanks to a level abt. 20 mm below the maximum planned liquid surface. The estimated trim has to be considered.

2.1.16 For naval ships with Class Notation NBC, an aeration valve is to be arranged in the citadel, and an air-release valve on the open deck respectively. The aeration valve shall open at 50 mbar underpressure, and the air-release valve at 5 mbar over- pressure, see [Section 11](#).

2.1.17 For the connection to a common line of air and overflow pipes on ships with the Character of Classification ☒ or ☒ see [D.9](#).

2.2 Number of air and overflow pipes

2.2.1 The number and arrangement of the air pipes is to be so performed that the tanks can be aerated and d0eaerated without exceeding the tank design pressure by over-or under-pressure.

2.2.2 Tanks which extend from side to side of the ship are to be fitted with an air/overflow pipe at each side. At the narrow ends of double bottom tanks in the forward and aft parts of the ship, only one air / overflow pipe is sufficient.

2.3 Air pipe closing devices

Air / overflow pipes terminating above the open deck are to be fitted with approved air pipe heads.

To prevent blocking of the air pipe head openings by their floats during tank discharge the maximum allowable air velocity determined by the manufacturer is to be observed.

2.4 Overflow systems

2.4.1 Ballast water tanks

Proof by calculation is to be provided for the system concerned that under the specified operating conditions the design pressures of all the tanks connected to the overflow system cannot be exceeded.

2.4.2 Fuel storage tanks

.1 The overflow collecting manifolds of tanks are to be led with a gradient to an overflow tank of sufficient capacity.

The overflow tank is to be fitted with a level alarm which operates when the tank is about $\frac{1}{3}$ full.

.2 For the size of the air and overflow pipes, see [Table 8.24](#).

.3 The use of a fuel storage tank as overflow tank is permissible but requires the installation of a high level alarm and an air pipe with 1,25 times the cross-sectional area of the main bunkering line.

2.5 Determination of the pipe cross-sectional areas

2.5.1 For the cross-sectional areas of air and overflow pipes, see [Tables 8.23](#) and [8.24](#).

Air and overflow pipes are to have an outside diameter of at least 60,3 mm.

2.5.2 The minimum wall thicknesses of air and overflow pipes are to be in accordance with [Tables 8.25](#) and [8.26](#), whereby A, B and C are the groups for the minimum wall thickness.

The minimum wall thickness for air, overflow and sounding pipes of materials other than steel (copper or aluminium) shall be at least 150 % of the values given in [Tables 8.9](#) and [8.10](#).

2.6 For pipe material see [B](#).

3. Sounding pipes

3.1 General

3.1.1 Sounding pipes are to be provided for all tanks with the exception of fresh water tanks, cofferdams and void spaces with bilge connections and for bilges and bilge wells in spaces which are not accessible at all times.

The provision of sounding pipes for bilge wells in not permanently accessible spaces may be dispensed with, where level alarms are provided. The level alarms are to be separated from each other and are to be approved by BKI.

3.1.2 Where tanks other than fuel tanks are fitted with remote level indicators which are type-approved by BKI, the arrangement of sounding pipes can be dispensed with.

3.1.3 As far as possible, sounding pipes are to be laid straight and are to extend as near as possible to the bottom. If this is not possible, a bending radius of 500 mm at minimum is to be provided.

3.1.4 Sounding pipes which terminate below the deepest load waterline are to be fitted with self-closing shut-off devices. Such sounding pipes are only permissible in spaces which are accessible at all times.

All other sounding pipes are to be extended to the open deck. The sounding pipe openings are always to be accessible and fitted with watertight closures.

3.1.5 Sounding pipes of tanks are to be provided close to the top of the tank with holes for equalising the pressure.

3.1.6 Sounding pipes passing through compartments for military cargo are to be protected against damage.

3.2 Sounding pipes for fuel tanks

3.2.1 Sounding pipes which terminate below the open deck are to be provided with self-closing devices as well as with self-closing test valves, see also [Section 7, B.3.3](#).

3.2.2 Sounding pipes shall not be located in the vicinity of oil firing equipment, machinery components with high surface temperatures or electrical equipment.

3.2.3 Sounding pipes are not to terminate in accommodation or service spaces.

3.2.4 In addition to the provision of sounding pipes fuel tanks have to be equipped with BKI type approved remote level indicators with centralised monitoring in the MCC.

3.2.5 Sounding pipes are not to be used as filling pipes.

3.3 Cross sections of pipes

3.3.1 Sounding pipes shall have a nominal diameter of at least 32 mm.

3.3.2 The nominal diameter of sounding pipes which pass through refrigerated spaces at temperatures below 0 °C is to be increased to a nominal diameter of 50 mm.

Table 8.24 Cross-sectional areas of air and overflow pipes (closed overflow systems)

Tank filling and overflow systems		Cross-sectional areas of air and overflow pipes			Remarks
		AP	OP ²	DP	
Filling	Stand-pipe	1/3 f	–	–	cross-sectional area of stand-pipe ≥ 1,25 F
	Relief valve	1/3 f ¹	min. 1,25 F	–	cross-sectional area of relief valve ≥ 1,25 F
	Overflow chest	1/3 F at chest	min. 1,25 F	1,25 F	–
Overflow system	Manifold	1/3 F	min. 1,25 F	–	–
	Overflow tank	1/3 F	–	–	–
Explanatory notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP = air pipe OP = overflow pipe DP = drainage line f = cross-sectional area of tank filling pipe F = cross-sectional area of main filling pipe ¹ 1/3 f only for tanks in which an overflow is prevented by structural arrangements. ² Determined in accordance with 2.4 					

3.3.3 The minimum wall thicknesses of sounding pipes are to be in accordance with [Tables 8.25](#) and [8.26](#).

3.3.4 For pipe materials see B.

Table 8.25 Choice of minimum wall thickness groups

Piping system or position of open pipe out-lets	Location								
	Tanks with same media	Tanks with dis-parate media	Drain lines and scupper pipes			Air, sounding and over- flow pipes		Cargo holds	Machinery spaces
			below freeboard deck or bulkhead deck		above freeboard deck	above weather deck	below weather deck		
			without shut-off on ship's side	with shut-off on ship's side					
Air, overflow and sounding pipes	A	C	–	–	–	C	A	A	
Scupper pipes from open deck		B			A			A	
Discharge and scupper pipes leading directly overboard			B	A	–	–	–		B
Discharge pipes of pumps for sanitary systems			–		A				

Table 8.26 Minimum wall thickness of air, overflow, sounding and sanitary pipes

Outside pipe diameter d_a [mm]	Minimum wall thickness [mm]		
	A ¹	B ¹	C ¹
38 - 82,5	4,5	7,1	6,3
88,9	4,5	8	6,3
101,6 - 114,3	4,5	8	7,1
127 - 139,7	4,5	8,8	8
152,4	4,5	10	8,8
159 - 177,8	5	10	8,8
193,7	5,4	12,5	8,8
219,1	5,9	12,5	8,8
244,5 - 457,2	6,3	12,5	8,8

¹ wall thickness group, see Table 8.25

S. Drinking Water System

1. Drinking water tanks

1.1 For the design and arrangement of drinking water tanks, see [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 10.](#)

1.2 For drinking water tanks on ships with ice class **ES1** to **ES4** located above the ballast load line see [Section 19, D.3.2.8](#).

2. Drinking water tank connections

2.1 Filling connections are to be located sufficiently high above deck and are to be fitted with a closing device.

Filling connections are not to be fitted to air pipes.

2.2 Air/overflow pipes are to be extended above the open deck and are to be protected against the entry of insects by a fine mesh screen.

Air pipe closing devices, see [R.2.3](#).

2.3 Sounding pipes are to terminate sufficiently high above deck.

3. Drinking water pipe lines

3.1 Drinking water pipe lines are not to be connected to pipe lines carrying other media.

3.2 Drinking water pipe lines are not to be laid through tanks which do not contain drinking water.

3.3 Drinking water supply to tanks which do not contain drinking water (e.g. expansion tanks of the fresh water cooling system) is to be made by means of an open funnel or with means of preventing backflow.

4. Pressure water tanks/calorifiers

For design, equipment, installation and testing of pressure water tanks and calorifiers, [Section 16, A.](#) and [E.](#) are to be observed.

5. Drinking water pumps

5.1 Separate drinking water pumps are to be provided for drinking water systems.

5.2 The pressure lines of the pumps of drinking water pressure tanks are to be fitted with screw-down non-return valves.

6. Drinking water generation

Where the distillate produced by the ship's own evaporator unit is used for the drinking water supply, the treatment of the distillate has to comply with current regulations of national health authorities.

T. Sewage Systems

1. General

1.1 Naval ships which have to meet the MARPOL Convention, are to be fitted with the following equipment:

- a sewage treatment plant approved according to Resolution MEPC.2(VI), or
- a sewage comminuting and disinfecting system (facilities for the temporary storage of sewage when the ship is less than 3 nautical miles from the nearest land, to be provided), or
- a sewage collecting tank

1.2 A pipeline for the discharge of sewage to a reception facility is to be arranged. The pipeline is to be provided with a standard discharge connection.

2. Arrangement

2.1 For scuppers and overboard discharges see [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 19.E](#).

2.2 The minimum wall thicknesses of sanitary pipes leading directly outboard below free board and bulkhead decks are specified in [Tables 8.25](#) and [8.26](#).

2.3 For discharge lines above freeboard deck/bulkhead deck the following pipes may be used:

- steel pipes according to [Table 8.7](#), Group N
- pipes having smaller thicknesses when specially protected against corrosion, on special approval
- special types of pipes according to recognized standards, e.g. socket pipes, on special approval

2.4 For sanitary discharge lines below freeboard deck/bulkhead deck within a watertight compartment, which terminate in a sewage tank or in a sanitary treatment plant, pipes according to [2.3](#) may be used.

2.5 Penetrations of pipes of smaller thickness, pipes of special types and plastic pipes through bulkheads of type A are to be type approved by BKI.

2.6 If sanitary discharge pipes are led through cargo holds, they are to be protected against damage by cargo.

2.7 Sewage tanks and sewage treatment systems

2.7.1 Sewage tanks are to be fitted with air pipes leading to the open deck. For air pipe closing devices see [R.2.3](#).

2.7.2 Sewage tanks are to be fitted with a filling connection, a rinsing connection and a level alarm.

2.7.3 The discharge lines of sewage tanks and sewage treatment tanks are to be fitted at the ships' side with screw down non-return valves.

When the valve is not arranged directly at the ship's side, the thickness of the pipe is to be according to [Table 8.26](#), column B.

2.7.4 A second means of reverse-flow protection is to be fitted in the suction or delivery line of the sewage pump from sewage tanks or sewage treatment plants if, in the event of a 5° heel to port or starboard, the lowest internal opening of the discharge system is less than 200 mm above the design water line.⁵

The second means of reverse-flow protection may be a pipe loop having an overflow height above the summer load line of at least 200 mm at a 5° heel. The pipe loop is to be fitted with an automatic ventilation device located at 45° below the crest of the loop.

2.7.5 Where at a heeling of the ship of 5° at port or starboard, the lowest inside opening of the sewage system lies on the load line or below, the discharge line of the sewage collecting tank is to be fitted in addition to the required reverse-flow protection device according to [2.7.4](#) with a gate valve directly at the shell plating. In this case the reverseflow protection device need not to be of screw-down type.

⁵ Where sanitary treatment arrangements are fitted with emergency drains to the bilge or with openings for chemicals, these will be considered as internal openings in the sense of these requirements.

2.7.6 Ballast and bilge pumps are not to be used for emptying sewage tanks.

2.8 For advanced sewage treatment see [Section 10, E.4.](#)

3. Additional rules for ships with Character of Classification ☒ or ☓

3.1 The sanitary arrangement and their discharge lines are to be so located that in the event of damage of one compartment no other compartments can be flooded.

3.2 If this condition cannot be fulfilled, e.g. when:

- water tight compartments are connected with each other through internal openings of the sanitary discharge lines, or
- sanitary discharge lines from several water tight compartments are led to a common drain tank, or
- parts of the sanitary discharge system are located within the damage zone (see [D.9.](#)) and these are connected to other compartments over internal openings

the watertightness is to be ensured by means of remote controlled shut-off devices at the watertight bulkheads.

The operation of the shut-off devices is to be possible from an always accessible position above the bulkhead deck. The position of the shut-off devices is to be monitored at the remote control position.

3.3 Where the lowest inside opening of the sanitary discharge system is below the bulkhead deck, a screw down non return valve and a second reverseflow protection device are to be fitted in the discharge line of the sanitary water treatment arrangement. In this case, discharge lines of sanitary collecting tanks are to be fitted with a gate valve and two reverse-flow protection devices. Concerning the shut-off devices and reverse-flow protection devices, [2.7.3](#), [2.7.4](#) and [2.7.5](#) are to be applied.

U. Hose Assemblies and Compensators

1. Scope

1.1 The following requirements are applicable for hose assemblies and compensators made of non-metallic and metallic materials.

1.2 Hose assemblies and compensators made of non-metallic and metallic materials may be used according to their suitability in fuel, lubricating oil, hydraulic oil, bilge, ballast, fresh water cooling, sea water cooling, fire extinguishing, compressed air, auxiliary steam (pipe class III) and exhaust gas systems as well as in secondary piping systems.

1.3 Hose assemblies and compensators made of non-metallic materials are not permitted in permanently pressurized starting air lines of Diesel engines. Furthermore it is not permitted to use hose assemblies and compensators in high pressure fuel injection piping systems of combustion engines.

1.4 Compensators made of non-metallic materials are not approved for the use in cargo lines of naval supply ships.

2. Definitions

2.1 Hose assemblies

Hose assemblies consist of metallic or non-metallic hoses provided with end fittings ready for installation.

2.2 Compensators

Compensators consist of bellows with end fittings as well as anchors for absorption of axial loads where angular or lateral flexibility is to be ensured. End fittings may be flanges, welding ends or approved pipe connections.

2.3 Burst pressure

Burst pressure is the internal static pressure at which a hose assembly or compensator will be destroyed.

2.4 Pressure criteria

2.4.1 High-pressure hose assemblies made of non-metallic materials

Hose assemblies which are suitable for use in systems with distinct dynamic load characteristics.

2.4.2 Low-pressure hose assemblies and compensators made of non-metallic materials

Hose assemblies or compensators which are suitable for use in systems with predominant static load characteristics.

2.4.3 Maximum allowable working pressure respectively nominal pressure of hose assemblies and compensators made of non-metallic materials

.1 The maximum allowable working pressure of high pressure hose assemblies is the maximum dynamic internal pressure permitted to be imposed on the components.

.2 The maximum allowable working pressure respectively nominal pressure for low pressure hose assemblies and compensators is the maximum static internal pressure permitted to be imposed on the components.

2.5 Test pressure

2.5.1 For non-metallic high pressure hose assemblies the test pressure is 2 times the maximum allowable working pressure.

2.5.2 For non-metallic low pressure hose assemblies and compensators the test pressure is 1,5 times the maximum allowable working pressure or 1,5 times the nominal pressure.

2.5.3 For metallic hose assemblies and compensators the test pressure is 1,5 times the maximum allowable working pressure or 1,5 times the nominal pressure.

2.6 Burst pressure

For non-metallic as well as metallic hose assemblies and compensators the burst pressure is to be at least 4 times the maximum allowable working pressure or 4 times the nominal pressure. Excepted hereof are non-metallic hose assemblies and compensators with a maximum allowable working pressure or nominal pressure of not more than 20 bar. For such components the burst pressure has to be at least three times the maximum allowable working pressure or three times the nominal pressure.

3. Requirements

3.1 Compensators and hose assemblies (hose and hose end fitting) used in the systems mentioned in 1.2 are to be of approved type.⁶

⁶ See [Guidance for The Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use \(Pt.1, Vol.W\)](#)

3.2 Manufacturers of hose assemblies and compensators⁷ are to be recognized by BKI. For production of hose assemblies and compensators intended to be installed in mass produced engines with a piston diameter up to 300 mm the procedure specified in [Guidance for Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use \(Pt.1, Vol.W\)](#) may be applied.

3.3 Hose assemblies and compensators including their couplings are to be suitable for media, pressures and temperatures they are designed for.

3.4 The selection of hose assemblies and compensators is to be based on the maximum allowable working pressure of the system concerned. A pressure of 5 bar is to be considered as the minimum working pressure.

3.5 Hose assemblies and compensators for the use in fuel, lubricating oil, hydraulic oil, bilge and sea water systems are to be flame-resistant.

4. Installation

4.1 Hose assemblies and compensators shall only be used at locations where they are required for compensation of relative movements. They shall be kept as short as possible under consideration of the installation instructions of the hose manufacturer. The number of hose assemblies and compensators is to be kept to minimum.

4.2 The minimum bending radius of installed hose assemblies shall not be less than the radii specified by the manufacturers.

4.3 Non-metallic hose assemblies and compensators are to be located at visible and accessible positions.

4.4 In fresh water systems with a working pressure ≤ 5 bar and in charging and scavenging air lines, hoses may be fastened to the pipe ends with double clips.

4.5 Where non-metallic hose assemblies and compensators are installed in the vicinity of hot components, they shall be provided with type approved heat-resistant sleeves. In case of flammable fluids the heat-protection sleeve is to be applied such that in case of a hose or end fitting leakage oil spray on hot surfaces will not occur.

4.6 Hose assemblies and compensators conveying flammable liquids that are in close proximity of heated surfaces are to be screened or protected analogously to [G.3.4](#).

5. Tests

5.1 Hose assemblies and compensators are to be subjected in the manufacturer's works to a pressure test in accordance with [2.5](#) under the supervision of BKI.

For testing of hose assemblies and compensators intended to be installed in mass produced engines with a piston diameter up to 300 mm the procedure specified in [Guidance for Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use \(Pt.1, Vol.W\)](#) may be applied.

5.2 For compensators intended to be used in exhaust gas pipes the pressure test according to [5.1](#) may be omitted.

⁷ See [Guidance for The Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use \(Pt.1, Vol.W\)](#) for Hose Assemblies and Compensators

6. Transfer hoses

Transfer hoses are to be type approved.

7. Marking

Hose assemblies and compensators are to be permanently marked to ensure traceability to the hose assembly manufacturer, production date and product type. The scope of marking should be as follows:

- date of manufacture (month/year)
- product type according to type approval certificate
- nominal diameter
- maximum allowable working pressure, respectively nominal pressure
- maximum allowable working temperature

Alternatively:

- BKI Test Certificate number
- maximum allowable working pressure

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A. General

1. Scope

1.1 The requirements in this Section apply to fire protection in the machinery and boiler spaces of naval surface ships and to fire-extinguishing equipment throughout the ship.

2. Definitions

2.1 Cabinets for fire-fighting equipment

Cabinets for storage of fire-fighting hoses, nozzles and hose couplings as well as for further mobile fire fighting equipment.

2.2 Control stations

Control stations are the bridge, radio room, combat information centre (CIC), machinery control centre (MCC), damage control centre (DCC) and flight control centre (FCC) as well as gyro compass and analogous rooms, or locations for the emergency source of power and emergency switchboard or comparable systems are located or where the fire recording or fire control equipment is centralized or where other functions essential to the safe operation of the ship such as propulsion control, public address, stabilisation systems, etc. are located.

2.3 Drencher system

Water spraying fire-extinguishing system, manually activated, for fire-fighting and for cooling of bulkheads. Typical drencher systems are foam/water drencher systems (FDS), total flooding water mist systems, etc.

2.4 Extinguishing media

Media for fire extinguishing like seawater, foam, powder, water mist and gaseous media, e.g. CO₂, N₂, etc.

2.5 Extinguishing system

System for fire-fighting with individual extinguishing medium.

2.6 Fire alarm system

Fixed system to report fires at one or several locations with manually and/or automatically releasing sensors as well as optical or acoustic alarm signalling at the control centres.

2.7 Foam/water drencher system

Water drencher system with automatic mixing of a film forming foam agent for the production of fire extinguishing foam for fire-fighting.

2.8 Hydrant

Shut-off valve with hose coupling for the standardized fire hoses on board.

2.9 Machinery spaces of category A

Machinery spaces which contain:

- internal combustion machinery used for main propulsion; or
- internal combustion machinery used for purposes other than main propulsion where such machinery has a total power output of not less than 375 kW; or
- any oil-fired boiler or oil fuel unit

2.10 NBC spraying system

System for wetting and washing of outward surfaces of the ship and equipment which are accessible and may be contaminated by warfare agents.

2.11 Operating spaces

Spaces which contain systems or machinery and devices for damage control, electrical installation, propulsion plants or supply and medical sections. They are named according to the systems installed in these spaces.

2.12 Sprinkler system

Water spraying system with automatic release and fire alarm.

2.13 Quick flooding system

System for quick flooding of spaces containing combustible materials, flammable liquids and explosives within a predefined time.

2.14 Watertight compartment

Compartment of a ship which is enclosed by watertight bulkheads which are reaching at least up to the bulkhead deck, see also [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 2.](#)

3. Documents for approval

Diagrammatic plans, drawings and documents covering the following are to be submitted to BKI for approval. To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process they should be submitted in electronic format.

Operating manuals shall be submitted in a single set for information only.

- water fire-extinguishing equipment, including details of the capacities and pressure heads of the fire pumps and hydraulic calculations of the minimum pressure the fire hose nozzles specified in [E](#)
- CO₂ or alternative gas fire-extinguishing system with arrangement drawing, operating diagram, CO₂ room, tripping devices, alarm diagram, design calculations, Form F21.2.28, operating instructions
- foam extinguishing system, including drawings of storage tanks for foam concentrate, monitors and foam applicators and the calculations and details relating to the supply of foam concentrate
- pressure water spraying system, automatic, including drawings for pressurized water tank, sprinkler nozzles and alarms, with calculation
- pressure water spraying system, manually operated, including calculations of water demand and pressure drop, spray nozzles, remote control
- for pressure water spraying systems in vehicle decks/special category spaces, also documentary proof of water drainage system
- dry powder fire-extinguishing system, including the powder vessels, propellant containers and the relevant calculations for design
- fire-extinguishing equipment for galley range exhaust ducts and deep-fat cooking equipment
- fixed water based local application fire-fighting systems for machinery spaces of category A (FWBLAFFS)
- quick flooding system

For the spaces with quick flooding systems a general lay-out document has to be created including all safety relevant aspects, like fire detection, doors and openings, fixings for ammunition and weapons, ventilation and control of the atmosphere, flooding and drainage system, etc.

The possibilities for transport of ammunition and weapons to and from storage spaces have to be defined.

4. Further rules applicable

- 4.1 For structural fire protection see [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 20](#).
- 4.2 For pressure vessels see [Section 16](#).
- 4.3 For oil firing equipment see [Section 17](#).
- 4.4 For fuel and oil storage see [Section 7](#).
- 4.5 For pipes, valves, fittings and pumps see [Section 8](#).
- 4.6 For machinery of ships with ice class see [Section 19](#).
- 4.7 For additional fire protection and fire extinguishing equipment in automated plants see [Guidelines for Automation \(Pt.9, Vol.7\) Sec. 9, H](#).
- 4.8 For electrical plant see: [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\)](#) and [Guidelines for Automation \(Pt.9, Vol.7\) Sec. 4, H](#).

4.9 In addition national and/or international regulations have to be considered if prescribed by the Naval Administration.

5. Alternative design and arrangements

The fire safety design and arrangements may differ from the prescriptive requirements of this Section, provided that the design and arrangement meet the fire safety objectives and functional requirements¹.

B. Fire Protection

1. Machinery space arrangement

1.1 The arrangement of machinery spaces shall be so that safe storage and handling of flammable liquids is ensured.

1.2 All spaces in which internal combustion engines, oil burners or fuel settling or service tanks are located are to be easily accessible and sufficiently ventilated.

1.3 Where leakage of flammable liquids may occur during operation or routine maintenance work, special precautions are to be taken to prevent these liquids from contact with sources of ignition.

1.4 Materials used in machinery spaces normally shall not have properties increasing the fire potential of these rooms.

1.5 Materials used as flooring, bulkhead lining, ceiling or deck in control rooms, machinery spaces or rooms with oil tanks are to be non-combustible. Where there is a danger that oil may penetrate insulating materials, these are to be protected against the penetration of oil or oil vapours.

1.6 To ensure the application of current installation and construction standards and to safeguard the observance of precautions for preventing the occurrence of fires during assembly, inspection and maintenance works, reference is made to the guidelines for measures to prevent fires in engine rooms as set out in MSC.1/Circ.1321.

2. Arrangement of boiler plants

2.1 Boilers are to be located at a sufficient distance from fuel and lubricating oil tanks and from cargo space bulkheads in order to prevent undue heating of the tank contents or the cargo. Alternatively, the tank sides or bulkheads are to be insulated.

Where boilers are located in machinery spaces on tween decks and boiler rooms not separated from the machinery space by watertight bulkheads, the tween decks shall be provided with coamings at least 200 mm in height. This area may be drained to the bilges. The drain tank shall not form part of an overflow system.

3. Insulation of piping and equipment with high surface temperatures

3.1 All parts with surface temperatures above 220 °C, e.g. steam, exhaust gas lines, exhaust gas boilers and silencers, turbochargers, etc., are to be effectively insulated with non-combustible materials. The insulation is to be such that oil or fuel cannot penetrate into the insulating material.

Metal cladding or hard jacketing of the insulation is considered to afford effective protection against such penetration.

¹ Reference is made to the "Guidelines on Alternative Design and Arrangements for Fire Safety" adopted by IMO by MSC/Circ.1002.

3.2 Boilers are to be provided with non-combustible insulation which is to be clad with steel sheet or equivalent.

3.3 Insulation is to be such that it will not crack or deteriorate when subject to vibration.

4. Fuel and lubricating oil tanks

[Section 7](#) has to be observed.

5. Protection against fuel and oil leakages

5.1 Suitable means of collecting leakages are to be fitted below hydraulic valves and cylinders as well as below potential leakage points in lubrication oil and fuel oil systems.

Where oil leakages are liable to be frequent, e.g. with oil burners, separators, drains and valves of service tanks, the collectors are to be drained to an oil drain tank.

Leakage oil drains may not be part of an overflow system.

5.2 The arrangement of piping systems and their components intended for combustible liquids, shall be such that leakage of these liquids cannot come into contact with heated surfaces or other sources of ignition. Where this cannot be precluded by structural design, suitable precautionary measures are to be taken.

5.3 Tanks, pipelines, filters, preheaters, etc. containing combustible liquids may neither be placed directly above heat sources such as boilers, steam lines, exhaust gas manifolds and silencers or items of equipment which have to be insulated in accordance with [2.1](#) nor above electrical switch gear.

5.4 Fuel injection pipes of diesel engines are to be shielded or so installed that any fuel leaking out can be safely drained away, see also [Sec. 8.G.3.4](#) and [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec. 3, G.2.2.](#)

6. Bulkhead penetrations

Pipe penetrations through class A or B divisions are to be capable to withstand the temperature for which the divisions were designed,

Where steam and exhaust gas lines pass through bulkheads, the bulkhead is to be suitably insulated to be protected against excessive heating.

7. Means of closure

Means are to be provided for the reasonable gastight sealing of boiler rooms and machinery spaces. The air ducts to these spaces are to be fitted with fire dampers made of non-combustible material which can be closed from the deck. Machinery space skylights, equipment hatches, doors and other openings are to be so arranged that they can be closed from outside the rooms, see also [Section 11.](#)

8. Emergency stops

Electrically powered fuel pumps, lubricating oil pumps, oil burner plants, fan motors, boiler fans are to be equipped with emergency stops which, as far as practicable, are to be grouped outside the spaces in which the equipment is installed and which are to remain accessible even in the event of a fire breaking out, see also [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\)](#) and [Guidelines for Automation \(Pt.9, Vol.7\).](#) Emergency stops are also to be provided inside the compartments in which the equipment is installed.

9. Remotely operated shut-off devices

Lubricating oil pumps, boiler fans, the fuel supply lines to boilers and the outlet pipes of fuel tanks located above the double bottom are to be fitted with remotely operated shut-off devices.

The location and grouping of the shut-off devices are subject to the appropriate requirements specified in 8.

10. Fire safety station

It is recommended that the following safety devices be grouped in a central, readily accessible location outside the machinery space, e.g. at a damage control centre:

- cut-off switches for engine room ventilation fans, boiler blowers, fuel transfer pumps
- means for closing the
 - quick-closing fuel valves
 - remote controlled water tight doors and skylights in the machinery space area
 - fire dampers
- starting of fire pumps
- actuation of the fire-extinguishing system for the following spaces/areas:
 - machinery space
 - flight deck
 - hangars
- actuation of the flooding system for the ammunition rooms
- fire alarm panel

Concerning the alarm and operating panels see [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\) Sec. 9, C](#).

11. Cargo spaces and ro-ro spaces for the carriage of vehicles with fuel in their tanks

11.1 Cargo and ro-ro spaces are to be provided with forced ventilation capable of at least 6 air changes per hour, if the electrical equipment is of certified safe type in the entire space, or at least 10 air changes per hour, if the electrical equipment is of certified safe type up to a height of 450 mm above the deck (see [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\) Sec. 15](#)).

11.2 Special category spaces (i.e. closed vehicle decks to which embarked troops have access) are to be equipped with forced ventilation capable of effecting at least 10 air changes per hour.

11.3 Design

11.3.1 An independent power ventilation system is to be provided for the removal of gases and vapours from the upper and lower part of the cargo/vehicle space. This requirement is considered to be met if the ducting is arranged such that approximately 1/3 of the air volume is removed from the upper part and 2/3 from the lower part.

11.3.2 The ventilation system shall be capable of being run during loading and unloading of vehicles as well as during the voyage.

Arrangements shall be provided to permit a rapid shutdown and effective closure of the ventilation system from outside of the space in case of fire, taking into account the weather and sea conditions².

² Reference is made to IACS Unified Interpretation SC 243

11.3.3 The design of mechanical exhaust ventilators has to comply with [Rules for Machinery Installations \(Pt.1, Vol.III\), Sec. 15, B.5.3](#).

For the type of protection of electrical motors and other electrical equipment located in the exhaust air stream, see [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\) Sec. 15, H](#).

11.3.4 Reference is made to the ventilation requirements in [Guidance for Ventilation Systems on Board Seagoing Ship \(Pt.1, Vol.A\) Sec. 1, H](#).

11.4 Monitoring

The failure of a fan has to actuate a visual/audible alarm on the bridge.

11.5 Other requirements

11.5.1 Drains from vehicle decks may not be led to machinery spaces or other spaces containing sources of ignition.

11.5.2 A fire detection and alarm system according to [C](#) is to be provided for the cargo spaces and vehicle decks.

11.5.3 For the fire-extinguishing equipment see [F.2.2](#), [F.2.3.4](#) and [Table 9.1](#).

11.6 Electrical equipment is to comply with the requirements in [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\) Sec. 15](#).

C. Fire Detection and Alarms

1. Protected areas

Spaces with increased risk of fire which are not easily accessible or which are not permanently manned, have to be monitored by an automatic fire detection and alarm system.

2. Design of fire detection and alarm systems

2.1 Fire detection and alarm systems on ships other than those with Class Notation **SFP** have to be provided for the following types of spaces:

- unmanned machinery spaces
- machinery capsules
- missile silos
- acoustic capsules
- rooms for flammable liquids
- galleys
- aircraft hangars, refuelling and maintenance facilities
- closed ro-ro spaces
- ammunition rooms
- accommodation spaces
- corridors, stairways
- trunks forming part of these spaces

2.2 Fire detection and alarm systems and sample extraction smoke systems are subject to type approval. For the design of the systems see [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\) Sec. 9.D.3](#).

2.3 Closed ro-ro cargo spaces are to be equipped with a fire detection and alarm system.

2.4 Closed cargo spaces for the carriage of motor vehicles with fuel in their tanks are to be equipped with a fire detection and alarm system or a sample extraction smoke detection system.

2.5 Cargo spaces for carriage of dangerous goods are to be equipped with a fire detection and alarm system or a sample extraction smoke detection system.

2.6 The provision of a fire detection and alarm system or a sample extraction smoke detection system in cargo spaces not mentioned in 2.3 to 2.5 is recommended.

2.7 Sample extraction smoke detection system

2.7.1 The main components of a sample extraction smoke detection system are sampling pipes, smoke accumulators and a control panel, as well as three-way valves, if the system is interconnected to a carbon dioxide fire-extinguishing system.

2.7.2 The sampling pipes shall have an internal diameter of at least 12 mm. Two switchover sample extraction fans are to be provided. In considering the ventilation conditions in the protected spaces, the suction capacity of each fan and the size of the sampling pipes shall be adequate to ensure the detection of smoke within the time criteria required in 2.7.6. Means to monitor the airflow shall be provided in each sampling line.

2.7.3 The smoke accumulators are to be located as high as possible in the protected space and shall be so arranged that no part of the overhead deck area is more than 12 m horizontally away from a smoke accumulator.

At least one additional smoke accumulator has to be provided in the upper part of each exhaust ventilation duct. An adequate filtering system shall be fitted at the additional accumulator to avoid dust contamination.

2.7.4 Smoke accumulators from more than one monitored space shall be connected to the same sampling pipe. The number of smoke accumulators connected to each sampling pipe shall satisfy the conditions indicated in 2.7.6.

2.7.5 The sampling pipes shall be self-draining and be provided with an arrangement for periodically purging with compressed air.

2.7.6 After installation, the system shall be functionally tested using smoke generating machines or equivalent as a smoke source. An alarm shall be received at the control panel in not more than 180 sec for vehicle and ro-ro spaces, and in not more than 300 sec for general cargo holds, after smoke is introduced at the most remote smoke accumulator.

3. Fire alarm panels

At permanently manned locations (e.g. bridge) a fire alarm panel has to be established. At the damage control centre (DCC) and at the machinery control centre (MCC) parallel panels with optical and acoustic alarms have to be provided. On board of ships with several independent fire protection zones additional fire alarm repeater panels have to be provided for each zone. Fire alarm panels have to be equipped with a printer for recovering of any alarms from the system.

D. Scope of Fire-Extinguishing Equipment

1. General

1.1 Any ship is to be equipped with a general water fire extinguishing system in accordance with E. and with portable and mobile extinguishers as specified under F.

1.2 In addition, depending on their nature, size and the propulsion power installed, spaces subject to a fire hazard are to be provided with fire-extinguishing equipment in accordance with Table 9.1. The design of this equipment is described in the following E to R.

Cargo spaces for the carriage of dangerous goods are also required to comply with N, as applicable.

Unless otherwise specified, this equipment is normally to be sited outside the spaces and areas to be protected and, in the event of a fire, is to be capable of being actuated from points of readily accessible locations.

Table 9.1 Types of fixed fire-extinguishing systems and spaces / areas to be protected

Types of space	Method of protection	Type of fire fighting system	Remarks
Machinery spaces with internal combustion engines, oilfired auxiliary boilers and pumps for flammable liquids	Total flooding system	Foam / water drencher system (FDS) or high-expansion foam extinguishing system or gas fire-extinguishing system or water mist system	See J.1.3 or I.2. or G.1. or H. or J.1.1
Encapsulated internal combustion engines, gas turbines	Total flooding of capsule	CO ₂ fire-extinguishing system	Approved system using gases other than CO ₂ may be applied See G.2.1
Fire hazard areas of category A machinery spaces above 500 m ³ in volume	Object protection	Fixed water-based local application fire-fighting system (FWBLAFFS)	See J.2.
Ammunition rooms, missile silos, torpedo rooms, mine storage rooms	Total flooding system with cooling and extinguishing function	Quick flooding system	See O.
Accommodation, service spaces and control stations, incl. corridors and stairways	Zone protection	Automatic sprinkler system	To be provided if required by the Naval Administration or if Class Notation SFP is assigned. See J.3.
Paint locker and rooms containing flammable liquids	Total flooding system	CO ₂ or dry powder extinguishing or water spray or water mist or foam/water drencher system (FDS)	See K.1. or J.1.3
Stores for flammable gases	Total flooding system with cooling and extinguishing function	Drencher system or foam/water drencher system (FDS)	See J.1.1 or J.1.3
Galley cooking devices	Object protection system with automatic or manual release	Fixed fire-extinguishing system based on chemical solutions or equivalent	See K.2.
Galley range exhaust ducts	Total flooding system	Manual or automatic CO ₂ or water mist system	See K.3.

Table 9.1 Types of fixed fire-extinguishing systems and spaces / areas to be protected (continued)

Types of space	Method of protection	Type of fire-fighting system	Remarks
Pump spaces	Total flooding system	Foam / water drencher system (FDS) or high-expansion foam extinguishing system or gas fire-extinguishing system or water mist system	See J.1.3 or I.2. or G.1. or H. or J.1.1
Electrical switch gear spaces	Object protection	Gas extinguishing equipment	Portable fire extinguisher See F.
Incinerator spaces	Total flooding system	Foam / water drencher system (FDS) or high-expansion foam extinguishing system or gas fire extinguishing system or water mist system	See J.1.3 or I.2. or G.1. or H. or J.1.1.
Waste storage spaces	Total flooding system	Automatic sprinkler system	See L.1.
Flight decks	Object protection system for: fire at aircraft fire at landing deck in case of a crash fire during refuelling	CO ₂ extinguishing system with hose and director or powder extinguishing system with hose and pistol or foam/water cannon	See M.
Aircraft hangars, ro-ro spaces for vehicles with fuel in their tank	Total flooding system	Foam/water drencher system (FDS)	See J.1.3.
Cargo spaces for dangerous goods	Total flooding system	Pressure water spraying system in ro-ro spaces (closed or open or not capable of being sealed) CO ₂ system for conventional cargo spaces	See N.

1.3 Application of fire-extinguishing appliances and equipment

The following systems are to be applied for fire-fighting:

- general water fire-extinguishing equipment (fire and deckwash system)
- water spraying systems
 - pressure water drencher systems
 - pressure water/foam drencher systems
 - water mist systems
 - sprinkler systems
 - fixed water-based local application fire-fighting system (FWBLAFFS)
- foam fire-extinguishing systems
- gas fire-extinguishing systems
 - CO₂ fire-extinguishing systems
 - fire-extinguishing systems with other extinguishing gases according to special approval
- powder fire-extinguishing systems

1.4 Approval of extinguishing equipment

Equipment necessary for fire-fighting, like hoses, nozzles, fire extinguishers, fire protection materials and extinguishing media have to meet a recognized standard defined by the Naval Administration, unless BKI approved equipment is expressly required in this Section.

E. General Water Fire-Extinguishing Equipment (Fire and Deckwash System)

1. Calculation and design

1.1 The concept of the system has to be oriented on the seawater supply for fire fighting, NBC spraying, water flooding of ammunition storages as well as for the supply of water for the power jet of the drainage ejectors.

1.2 If the water drencher systems are supplied with seawater from the general water fire-extinguishing system, the following tasks have to be fulfilled simultaneously:

- drenching of the ammunition and weapon storage rooms with a water capacity according to [O](#).
- fire extinguishing with a water capacity of at least 50 m³/h for ships with one damage control zone respectively of at least 100 m³/h for ships with several damage control zones.

1.3 Systems serving purposes other than those defined in [1.1](#) may not be supplied from the water fire extinguishing system except of the following:

- seawater emergency supply for internal combustion engines
- seawater supply for the NBC lock and cleaning of sanitary rooms
- cleaning of the waste water and bilge water collecting tanks

Seawater emergency cooling supplies are to be established with standard fire hoses, permanently installed piping is only permitted with approval of the Naval Administration. Pressure reduction is to be provided.

2. Fire pumps

2.1 Number and construction of pumps

2.1.1 The number of the fire pumps is depending on the total capacity of the fire-extinguishing, drencher and spraying systems according to [1.2](#).

2.1.2 Two fire pumps have to be provided for each damage control zone. The minimum capacity of any one fire pump shall be 25 m³/h.

2.1.3 All fire pumps on a ship should have equal nominal capacities and pump characteristics.

2.1.4 Means are to be provided to ensure a minimum flow in order to prevent overheating of the pumps.

2.1.5 Seawater fire pumps are to be self-priming centrifugal pumps.

2.1.6 Each pump has to have its own seawater inlet.

2.2 Arrangement of fire pumps

2.2.1 The fire pumps should be equally arranged over the watertight compartments of the naval ship.

2.2.2 As far as practicable not more than one fire pump should be situated in any one watertight compartment.

2.2.3 At least two of the fire pumps have to be installed in the ship in a way to enable a faultless operation at the inclinations defined in [Section 1.D](#).

2.3 Pressure control pumps

If the installation of a pressure control pump is required by the Naval Administration, a pump with a capacity of 25 m³/h at a pressure head of 5 bar is to be provided, which can be used also for deck washing and other cleaning tasks.

The power supply of the pressure control pump has to be ensured in the same way as for the fire pumps, see also [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\) Sec. 7.D.1.](#)

2.4 Remote control and remote monitoring

2.4.1 The release system as well as the remote monitoring have to be situated outside the spaces to be protected. Besides of a local manual release a remote release and a remote monitoring from two separated control centres of the ship (e.g. MCC and DCC) is to be provided.

2.4.2 Mechanical remote control devices shall be operated from the weather deck or the deck where the damage control parties start their tasks. The electrical remote control shall be released from the MCC.

3. Fire mains

3.1 International shore connection

An international shore connection has to be provided on the first open deck for each damage control zone to allow water from external sources to be supplied to the ship's fire main.

The dimensions of the shore connection flange shall be as shown in [Fig. 9.1.](#)

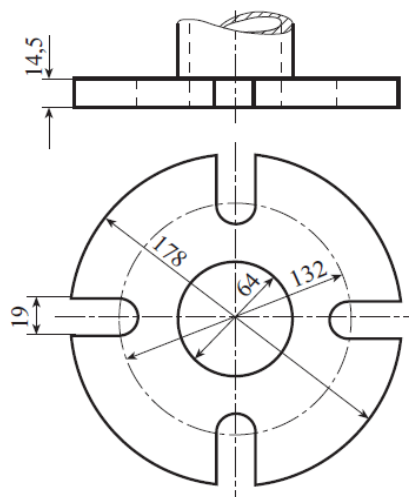


Fig. 9.1 International shore connection

3.2 Arrangement of fire mains

3.2.1 Separate mains have to be provided for the fire extinguishing system and the drencher system.

3.2.2 The fire extinguishing main has to be installed at the starboard side, the drencher main at the port side of the ship at different heights above keel. The fire-extinguishing main has to be installed below the waterline.

At watertight bulkheads, shut-offs have to be installed at one side, with a means of manual operation also from the other side of the bulkhead. Shut-off devices at the boundaries of damage control zones have to be provided with a remote control system.

For ships with several damage control zones the fire mains and the drenching mains have to be connected to a ring main at the fore and aft ship. At these connections a shut-off valve with remote control has to be provided.

3.2.3 The discharge pipes of the fire pumps have to be connected to the fire and the drencher mains by connecting pipelines. For a selective supply a shut-off valve with remote control has to be installed in each connecting pipeline in immediate vicinity of the fire and drencher mains.

3.2.4 Each fire pump has to be connected to the fire main via a non-return valve with positive means of closing.

3.2.5 Riser mains to fire-extinguishing valves above the bulkhead deck have to be provided with a shut-off near the main and a drain valve. Riser mains are not to be led through watertight bulkheads below the bulkhead deck.

3.2.6 Branch lines from the fire main for hawse pipe cleaning are to be provided with a shut-off at the open deck or at another readily accessible location.

3.3 Design of the fire main system with compartment autonomy

3.3.1 For ships with a larger number of watertight compartments and a corresponding number of fire pumps a fire main system with compartment autonomy is recommended.

3.3.2 For a system with compartment autonomy a main has to be installed as low as possible providing protection by the machinery foundations, longitudinal girders and similar structural elements against splinters. To this main all fire pumps have to be connected.

Shut-off valves are to be arranged such that each compartment can be isolated from the fire main. These valves shall be operable from either side of the bulkheads.

The minimum cross section of the main has to be dimensioned according to the capacity of a fire pump.

3.3.3 In the compartments with fire pumps two riser mains shall be installed as far apart from each other. These riser mains shall supply the following consumers within the compartment:

- fire hydrants
- drencher nozzles:
depending on the delivery rate to be distributed to the two riser mains
- spray nozzles:
to be connected only to one riser main

3.3.4 Consumers in compartments without fire pumps and therefore also without riser mains have to be supplied from the adjoining compartments.

3.4 Dimensioning of the piping system

3.4.1 The fire-extinguishing and drencher systems have to be designed for a nominal pressure of

$p_N = 10 \text{ bar}$.

3.4.2 The piping for the fire-extinguishing and drencher systems has to be dimensioned such that at each consumer position at the level of the bulkhead deck and for a maximum consumption a pressure between 7,5 and 8,0 bar exists.

3.4.3 For the wall thickness of the pipes see [Section 8, Table 8.6](#), seawater pipes group.

3.5 Hydrants

3.5.1 Any part of accommodation, service and machinery space are to be capable of being reached with water from at least two nozzles, one of which is to be from a single length of hose, when all watertight doors and all doors in damage control zone bulkheads are closed.

3.5.2 The hydrants have to be equipped with couplings of an approved type.

3.5.3 The arrangement in the ship has to be done, considering

- that a connection between neighbouring hydrants can be established by a 15 m long hose
- that the gastight and watertight bulkheads between the compartments in case of fire need not be penetrated by hoses.

If bulkheads have to be penetrated by fire hoses, pipe sockets have to be used which are welded into the bulkhead and are provided with blind couplings at each side.

3.5.4 Generally hydrants have to be provided in following locations:

- besides the cabinets for fire-fighting equipment
- close to the companion stairs at the deck where the damage control parties are starting their activities
- in operating spaces one hydrant each at the front and the rear bulkhead close to the companion ways or emergency exits, as far as possible diagonally to each other
- at the free deck, in a position such that by two standard fire hoses (each 15 m long) every location at the deck can be watered at the same time
- close to devices for foam branch pipes for medium expansion foam
- close to emergency drencher connections

3.5.5 Two hydrants have to be provided in a space adjoining the lower level of the machinery space where this space is part of the escape route (e.g. shaft tunnel).

3.6 Fire hoses and nozzles

3.6.1 At each hose connection in operating rooms a fire hose with coupled nozzle has to be provided.

In the other areas fire hoses are to be stored in the fire fighting cabinets, see also [F.2.4](#).

3.6.2 Fire hoses are to have a length of at least 10 m, but not more than

- 15 m in machinery spaces
- 20 m in other spaces and open decks
- 25 m for open decks on ships with a maximum breadth in excess of 30 m

Every hose is to be provided with quick-acting couplings of an approved type, a nozzle and a coupling spanner. Fire hoses are to be stowed with nozzles attached in readily accessible positions close to the hydrants.

3.6.3 Only dual purpose spray/jet nozzles with a shut-off device are to be provided.

In accommodation and service spaces, a nozzle size of 12 mm is sufficient.

For machinery spaces and exterior locations, the nozzle size is to be such as to obtain the maximum discharge possible from two nozzles at the stipulated pressure from the smallest available fire pump; however, a nozzle size greater than 19 mm need not be used.

F. Portable and Mobile Fire Extinguishers, Portable Foam Applicators and Water Fog Applicators

1. Extinguishing media, weights of charge, fire classes and spare charges

1.1 The extinguishing medium for fire extinguishers is to be suitable for the potential fire classes, see [Table 9.2](#).

Toxic extinguishing media and extinguishing media liable to generate toxic gases may not be used.

CO₂ fire extinguishers may not be located in accommodation areas and water fire extinguishers not in machinery spaces.

1.2 Fire extinguishers are to be approved in accordance with a recognised standard.

For the use in areas with electrical equipment operating at voltages > 1 kV the suitability is to be proven.

1.3 The charge in portable dry powder and gas extinguishers shall be at least 5 kg and the content of foam and water extinguishers is not to be less than 9 litres.

The total weight of a portable fire extinguisher ready for use is not to exceed 23 kg.

Table 9.2 Classification of extinguishing media

Fire class	Fire hazard	Extinguishing media
A	Solid combustible materials of organic nature (e.g. wood, coal, fibre materials, rubber and many plastics)	Water, dry powder/dry chemical, foam
B	Flammable liquids (e.g. oils, tars, petrol, greases and oil-based paints)	Dry powder/dry chemical, foam, carbon dioxide
C	Flammable gases (e.g. acetylene, propane)	Dry powder or dry chemical
D	Combustible metals (e.g. magnesium, sodium titanium and lithium)	Special dry powder or dry chemical (metal)
F (K)	Cooking oils, greases or fats	Wet chemical solution
-	Electrical equipment	Carbon dioxide, dry powder/dry chemical

1.4 Mobile extinguisher units are to be designed for a standard dry powder charge of 50 kg or for a foam solution content of 45 or 136 litres.

It is recommended that only dry powder extinguishers be used.

1.5 For fire extinguishers, capable of being recharged on board, spare charges are to be provided:

- 100 % for the first 10 extinguishers of each type

- 50 % for the remaining extinguishers of each type, but not more than 60 (fractions to be rounded off)

1.6 For fire extinguishers which cannot be recharged on board, additional portable fire extinguishers of same type and capacity are to be provided. The number is to be determined as per 1.5.

1.7 Portable foam applicators

1.7.1 A portable foam applicator unit has to consist of a foam nozzle/branch pipe, either of a self-inducing type or in combination with a separate inductor, capable of being connected to the fire main by a fire hose, together with two portable tanks each containing at least 20 litres approved foam concentrate³.

1.7.2 The nozzle/branch pipe and inductor has to be capable of producing effective foam suitable for extinguishing an oil fire, at a foam solution flow rate of at least 200 litres/min at the nominal pressure in the fire main.

2. Number and location

2.1 General

2.1.1 One of the portable fire extinguishers is to be located at the access to the individual space it is designated for. It is recommended that the remaining portable fire extinguishers in public spaces and workshops are located at or near the main entrances and exits.

If a space is locked when unmanned, portable fire extinguishers required for that space may be kept inside or outside the space.

2.1.1 If the portable fire extinguishers are not suitable for fire fighting in electrical installations, additional extinguishers are to be provided for this purpose. Fire extinguishers are to be marked with the maximum permissible voltage and with the minimum distance to be maintained when in use.

2.2 Portable fire extinguishers

The minimum number and distribution of portable fire extinguishers shall be selected according to [Table 9.3](#) under consideration of the fire hazards in the respective space⁴. The classes of portable fire extinguishers indicated in that table are given only for reference.

³ Refer to IMO MSC.1/Circ. 1312

⁴ Reference is made to IMO MSC.1/Circ.1275 "Unified interpretation of solas Chapter II-2 on the number and arrangement of portable fire extinguishers on board ships"

Table 9.3 Minimum numbers and distribution of portable fire extinguishers in the various types of spaces

	Type of spaces	Minimum number of extinguishers	Class(es) of extinguisher(s)
Accommodation spaces	Public spaces	1 per 250 m ² of deck area or fraction thereof	A
	Corridors	Travel distance to extinguishers should not exceed 25 m within each deck and main vertical zone	A
	Stairways	0	
	Lavatories, cabins, offices, pantries containing no cooking appliances	0	
	Hospital	1	A
Service spaces	Laundry, drying rooms, pantries containing cooking appliances	1 ²	A or B
	Lockers and store rooms (having a deck area of 4 m ² or more), mail and baggage rooms, specie rooms, workshops (not part of machinery spaces, galleys)	1 ²	B
	Galleys	1 class B and 1 additional class F or K for galleys with deep fat fryers	B, F or K
	Lockers and store rooms (deck area is less than 4 m ²)	0	
	Paint lockers and other spaces in which flammable liquids are stowed)	In accordance with K.1.	
Control stations	Control stations (other than wheelhouse), e.g. battery room (excluding CO ₂ room and foam room)	1	A or C
	Wheelhouse	2, if the wheelhouse is less than 50 m ² only 1 extinguisher is required ³	A or C
Machinery spaces of category A	Spaces containing internal combustion machinery	No point of space is more than 10 m walking distance from an extinguisher ⁶	B
	Spaces containing oil-fired boilers	2 for each firing space	B
	Spaces containing steam turbines or enclosed steam engines	No point of space is more than 10 m walking distance from an extinguisher ⁶	B
	Central control station for propulsion machinery	1, and 1 additional extinguisher suitable for electrical fires when main switchboards are arranged in central control station	A and/or C
	Vicinity of the main switchboards	2	C
	Workshops	1	A or B
	Enclosed space with oil-fired inert gas generators, incinerators and waste disposal units	2	B
	Enclosed room with fuel oil purifiers	0	
Periodically unattended machinery spaces of category A	1 at each entrance ¹	B	

Table 9.3 Minimum numbers and distribution of portable fire extinguishers in the various types of spaces (continued)

	Type of spaces	Minimum number of extinguishers	Class(es) of extinguisher(s)
Other spaces	Workshops forming part of machinery spaces	1	B or C
	Other machinery spaces (auxiliary spaces, electrical equipment spaces, auto-telephone exchange rooms, air conditioning spaces and other similar spaces)	1 ⁷	B or C
	Weather deck	0 ⁴	B
	Ro-ro spaces and vehicle spaces	Space not more than 20 m apart on both sides of the space at each deck level in each hold or compartment where vehicles are carried ^{4,5}	B
	Cargo spaces	0 ⁴	B
	Pump spaces	2	B or C
	Flight decks and hangers	In accordance with M.1 .	B

1 A portable fire extinguisher required for a small space may be located outside and near the entrance to the space.
 2 For service spaces, a portable fire extinguisher required for that small space placed outside or near the entrance to that space may also be considered as part of the requirement for the space in which it is located.
 3 If the wheelhouse is adjacent with the chartroom and has a door giving direct access to chartroom, no additional fire extinguishers is required in the chartroom. The same applies to safety centres if they are within the boundaries of the wheelhouse.
 4 Portable fire extinguishers, having a total capacity of not less than 12 kg of dry powder, should be provided when dangerous goods are carried on the weather deck, in open ro-ro spaces and vehicle spaces, and in cargo spaces as appropriate, see [N.9](#). Two portable fire extinguishers, each having a suitable capacity, should be provided on weather deck for tankers.
 5 No portable fire extinguisher needs to be provided in container holds, if motor vehicles with fuel in their tank for their own propulsion are carried in open or closed containers.
 6 Portable fire extinguishers required for oil-fired boilers may be counted.
 7 Portable fire extinguishers located not more than 10 m walking distance outside these spaces, e.g. in corridors, may be taken for meeting this requirement.

2.3 Mobile fire extinguishers, portable foam applicators and water fog applicators

Machinery and special category spaces are to be provided, depending on their purpose, with mobile fire extinguishers, portable foam applicator units and water fog applicators as described hereinafter.

2.3.1 Machinery spaces of category A containing internal combustion machinery

The following is to be provided:

- portable fire extinguishers which are to be so located that no point in the space is more than 10 m walking distance from an extinguisher
- mobile fire extinguishers of 50 kg dry powder or 45 litres foam which are to be so located that the extinguishant can be directed onto any part of the fuel and lubricating oil pressure systems, gearing and other fire hazards
- at least one portable foam applicator unit

For smaller spaces (e.g. emergency diesel generator room), above listed equipment may be arranged outside near the entrance to that spaces.

2.3.2 Machinery spaces of category A containing oil fired boilers

At least is to be provided:

- two mobile 50 kg dry powder or one mobile 135 litres foam extinguisher in each boiler room. The extinguishers are to be provided with hoses on reels suitable for reaching any part of the
- boiler room. In case of domestic boilers of less than 175 kW one portable extinguisher will be sufficient
- a receptacle containing at least 0,1 m³ of sand or saw dust impregnated with soda or one additional portable extinguisher alternatively
- at least one portable foam applicator unit

2.3.3 Small machinery spaces

The machinery spaces referred to in 2.3.1 to 2.3.2 need not be equipped with a mobile fire extinguisher and a portable foam applicator unit, if the spaces have a size of less than 200 m³ in volume.

2.3.4 Ro-ro spaces

Each ro-ro space is to be provided with one portable foam applicator unit and three water fog applicators. A total of at least two portable foam applicators is to be available.

2.4 Fire fighting cabinets

To keep devices for fire fighting with foam and sea-water systems ready at any time, fire fighting cabinets have to be installed at the passageways through several compartments.

The location of the cabinets has to enable fire fighting with a maximum of two hose lengths of 15 m each in each room within a compartment separated by vertical water/gastight bulkheads above and below the bulkhead deck.

G. High-Pressure CO₂ Fire-Extinguishing Systems

1. Total flooding system for room protection

1.1 Calculation of the necessary quantity of CO₂

The calculation of the necessary quantity of CO₂ is to be based on a gas volume of 0,56 m³ per kg of CO₂.

If two or more individually floodable spaces are connected to the CO₂ system, the total CO₂ quantity available need not be more than the largest quantity required for one of these spaces.

Adjacent spaces with independent ventilation systems not separated by at least A-0 class divisions shall be considered as the same space.

1.1.1 Machinery and boiler spaces

.1 The quantity of gas available for spaces containing internal combustion machinery, oil-fired boilers or other oil-fired equipment and pump spaces is to be sufficient to give a minimum volume of free gas equal to the larger of the following:

- 40 % of the gross volume of the largest space including the casing up to the level at which the horizontal area of the casing is less than 40 % of the horizontal area of the space concerned taken midway between the tank top and the lowest part of the casing,

- 35 % of the gross volume of the largest space including the casing.

.2 For naval ships with a length of less than 60 m, the percentage specified in 1.1.1.1 may be reduced to 35 % and 30 % respectively.

.3 For machinery spaces without casing (e.g. incinerator or inert gas generator spaces) the volume of free gas available is to be calculated according to 35 % of the gross volume of the space.

.4 Where two or more spaces containing boilers or internal combustion machinery are not entirely separated, they are to be considered as a single space for the purpose of determining the quantity of CO₂ required.

.5 The volume of starting air receivers, converted to free air volume, is to be added to the gross volume of the machinery space when calculating the necessary quantity of extinguishing medium. Alternatively, a discharge pipe, led from the safety valves to the open air, may be fitted.

1.1.2 Cargo spaces

.1 In cargo spaces, the quantity of CO₂ available has to be sufficient to fill at least 30 % of the gross volume of the largest cargo space which is capable of being sealed. Calculation of the gross volume is to be based on the distance from the double bottom (tank top) to the weather deck including the hatchway and the vertical boundaries of the cargo space concerned.

.2 For the cargo spaces of ships intended for the transport of motor vehicles with filled fuel tanks and for closed ro-ro spaces, the available quantity of CO₂ is to be sufficient to fill at least 45 % of the gross volume of the largest enclosed cargo space.

.3 It is recommended that spaces for bonded stores be connected to the CO₂ fire-extinguishing system.

.4 Where cargo spaces connected to a CO₂ system are temporarily used as spaces for the transport of embarked troops or as cargo tanks, means are to be provided for sealing off the relevant connecting lines during such periods by the use of spectacle flanges.

1.1.3 Protection of spaces against over-/ under-pressure

It is to be safeguarded that flooding of a space with CO₂ cannot cause an unacceptable over-or under-pressure in the space concerned. If necessary, suitable means of pressure relief are to be provided.

1.2 CO₂ cylinders

1.2.1 Design and equipment

.1 In respect of their material, manufacture, type and testing, CO₂ cylinders have to comply with the requirements of Section 16, G.

.2 CO₂ cylinders may normally only be filled with liquid CO₂ in a ratio of 2 kg CO₂ to every 3 litres of cylinder capacity. Subject to the mission area concerned, special consideration may be given to a higher filling ratio (3 kg CO₂ to every 4 litres capacity).

.3 Cylinders intended for flooding boiler rooms, machinery spaces as well as pump spaces are to be equipped with quick opening valves for group release enabling these spaces to be flooded with 85 % of the required gas volume within two minutes.

Cylinders intended for the flooding of cargo spaces need only be fitted with individual release valves, except for the cases addressed in 1.3.5 which require cylinders with quick-opening valves for group release.

For cargo spaces for the carriage of motor vehicles with fuel in their tanks and for ro-ro spaces CO₂ cylinders with quick-opening valves suitable for group release are to be provided for flooding of these spaces within 10 minutes with 2/3 of the prescribed quantity of CO₂.

.4 Cylinder valves are to be approved by a recognised institution and be fitted with an over-pressure relief device.

.5 Siphons are to be securely connected to the cylinder valve.

1.2.2 Disposition

.1 CO₂ cylinders are to be stored in special spaces, securely anchored and connected to a manifold. Check valves are to be fitted between individual cylinders and the manifold.

If hoses are used to connect the cylinders to the manifold, they are to be type approved.

.2 At least the cylinders intended for the quick flooding of boiler rooms and machinery spaces are to be grouped together in one room.

.3 The cylinders for CO₂ fire-extinguishing systems for scavenge trunks and for similar purposes may be stored in the machinery space on condition that an evidence by calculation is provided proving that the concentration of the free CO₂ gas (in case of leakages at all cylinders provided) relative to the net volume of the engine room does not exceed 4 %.

1.3 Rooms for CO₂ cylinders

1.3.1 Rooms for CO₂ cylinders may not be located forward of the collision bulkhead and are to, wherever possible, be situated on the open deck. Access is to be possible from the open deck. CO₂ cylinder rooms below the open deck are to have a stairway or ladder leading directly to the open deck. The CO₂ cylinder room is not to be located more than one deck below the open deck. Direct connections via doors or other openings between cylinder rooms and machinery spaces or accommodation spaces below the open deck are not permitted. In addition to the cabins themselves, other spaces provided for use by the crew such as sanitary spaces, public spaces, stair wells and corridors are also considered to form part of the accommodation space.

The size of the cylinder room and the arrangement of the cylinders are to be conducive to efficient operation.

Means are to be provided for

- conveying cylinders to the open deck, and
- the crew to safely check the quantity of CO₂ in the cylinders, independent of the ambient temperatures. These means are to be so arranged that it is not necessary to move the cylinders completely from their fixing position. This is achieved, for instance, by providing hanging bars above each bottle row for a weighing device or by using suitable surface indicators

Cylinder rooms are to be lockable. The doors of cylinder rooms are to open outwards.

Bulkheads and decks including doors and other means of closing any opening therein which form the boundaries between CO₂ storage rooms and adjacent enclosed spaces are to be gas tight.

Cylinder rooms are to be exclusively used for installation of CO₂ cylinders and associated system components.

1.3.2 Cylinder rooms are to be protected or insulated against heat and solar radiation in such a way that the room temperature does not exceed 45 °C. The boundaries of the cylinder room are to conform to

the insulation values prescribed for control stations ([Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 20](#)).

Cylinder rooms are to be fitted with thermometers for checking the room temperature.

1.3.3 Cylinder rooms are to be provided with adequate ventilation. Spaces which are located below deck are to be fitted with mechanical ventilation at not less than 6 air changes per hour. The exhaust duct is to be led to the bottom of the space. Other spaces may not be connected to this ventilation system.

1.3.4 Cylinder rooms are to be adequately heated if during the ship's service the nominal room temperature of 20 °C cannot be maintained at the ambient conditions.

1.3.5 Where it is necessary for the crew to pass CO₂ protected cargo hold(s) to reach the cylinder room, e.g. if the cylinder room is located forward of CO₂ protected cargo hold(s) and the accommodation block is arranged in the aft area of the ship, remote release controls are to be placed in the accommodation area in order to facilitate their ready accessibility by the crew. The remote release controls and release lines are to be of robust construction or so protected as to remain operable in case of fire in the protected spaces. The capability to release different quantities of CO₂ into different cargo holds has to be included in the remote release arrangement.

1.4 Piping

1.4.1 Piping is to be made of weldable materials in accordance with [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#).

1.4.2 The manifold from the cylinders up to and including the distribution valves are to be designed for a nominal working pressure of PN 100.

Material Certificates are to be provided acc. to the requirements for pipe class I (see [Section 8](#)). Manufacturers' Inspection Certificates may be accepted as equivalent provided that by means of the pipe marking (name of pipe manufacturers, heat number, test mark) unambiguous reference to the Certificate can be established. The requirements regarding remarking are to be observed when processing the pipes.

1.4.3 Pipework between distribution valves and nozzles is to be designed for a nominal working pressure of PN 40. However, for the purpose of material certification this piping may be considered in pipe class III.

1.4.4 All pipework is to be protected against external corrosion. Distribution lines serving spaces other than machinery spaces are to be galvanised internally.

1.4.5 Welded or flanged pipe connections are to be provided. For pipes with a nominal bore of less than 50 mm, welded compression type couplings may be used.

Threaded joints may be used only inside CO₂ protected spaces.

1.4.6 Bends or suitable compensators are to be provided to accommodate the thermal expansion of the pipelines. Hoses for connecting the CO₂ cylinders to the manifold are to be type approved and hose lines are to be fabricated by manufacturers approved by BKI, see [Section 8, U](#).

1.4.7 Distribution piping for quick-flooding is to be designed such that icing due to expansion of the extinguishing gas cannot occur. Reference values are shown in [Table 9.4](#). System flow calculations are to be performed using a recognized calculation technique (e.g. NFPA calculation program).

Table 9.4 Design of quick-flooding lines

Nominal diameter DN		Weight of CO ₂ for machinery and boiler spaces [kg]	Weight of CO ₂ for cargo holds for motor vehicles [kg]
[mm]	[inches]		
15	½	45	400
20	¾	100	800
25	1	135	1200
32	1 ¼	275	2500
40	1 ½	450	3700
50	2	1100	7200
65	2 ½	1500	11500
80	3	2000	20000
90	3 ½	3250	
100	4	4750	
110	4 ½	6810	
125	5	9500	
150	6	15250	

1.4.8 The minimum nominal bore of flooding lines and of their branches to nozzles in cargo holds is 20 mm; that of the nozzle connections 15 mm. The minimum pipe thicknesses are shown in Table 9.5.

Table 9.5 Minimum steel pipe thicknesses for CO₂

d _a [mm]	From cylinders to distribution valves s [mm]	From distribution valves to nozzles s [mm]
21,3 – 26,9	3,2	2,6
30,0 – 48,3	4,0	3,2
51,0 – 60,3	4,5	3,6
63,5 – 76,1	5,0	3,6
82,5 – 88,9	5,6	4,0
101,6	6,3	4,0
108,0 – 114,3	7,1	4,5
127,0	8,0	4,5
133,0 – 139,7	8,0	5,0
152,4 – 168,3	8,8	5,6

1.4.9 A compressed air connection with a non-return valve and a shut-off valve is to be fitted at a suitable point. The compressed air connection is to be of sufficient size to ensure that, when air is blown through the system at a pressure of 5 to 7 bar, it is possible to check the outflow of air from all nozzles.

1.4.10 CO₂ pipes may pass through accommodation spaces providing that they are thick-walled acc. to Section 8, Table 8.7, Group D (for pipes with an outer diameter of less than 38 mm, the minimum wall thickness is to be 5,0 mm), joined only by welding and not fitted with drains or other openings within such spaces.

CO₂ pipes may not be led through refrigerated spaces.

1.4.11 In piping sections where valve arrangements introduce sections of closed piping (e.g. manifolds with distribution valves), such sections are to be fitted with a pressure relief valve and the outlet of the valve is to be led to the open deck.

1.4.12 CO₂ pipes also used as smoke sampling pipes are to be self-draining.

1.4.13 CO₂ pipes passing through ballast water tanks are to be joined only by welding and be thick-walled acc. to [Section 8, Table 8.7](#), Group D (for pipes with an outer diameter of less than 38 mm, the minimum wall thickness is to be 5,0 mm).

1.5 Release devices

1.5.1 Release of the system is to be actuated manually. Automatic actuation is not acceptable.

1.5.2 Release of the CO₂ cylinders, whether individually or in groups, and opening of the distribution valve are to be independently of each other. For spaces, for which CO₂ cylinders with quickopening valves for group release are required (refer to [1.2.1.3](#)), two separate controls are to be provided for releasing CO₂ into the protected space. One control is to be used for opening the distribution valve of the piping which conveys CO₂ into the protected space and a second control is to be used to discharge CO₂ from its storage cylinders. Positive means are to be provided so that these controls can only be operated in that order⁵.

1.5.3 Remotely operated cylinder actuating devices and distribution valves are to be capable of local manual operation.

1.5.4 The controls for flooding of machinery spaces, closed ro-ro spaces, paint lockers and the like and of pump spaces are to be readily accessible, simple to operate and be located close to one of the entrances outside the space to be protected in a lock-able case (release box). A separate release box is to be provided for each space which can be flooded separately, the space to which it relates being clearly indicated.

The emergency release from the CO₂ room has to ensure the group release of the CO₂ cylinders for spaces requiring quick-flooding release (see [1.2.1.3](#)).

Small spaces located in close vicinity of the CO₂ room, e.g. paint store, may be flooded from the CO₂ room, in which case a separate release box may be dispensed with.

1.5.5 The key for the release box is to be kept in a clearly visible position next to the release box in a locked case with a glass panel.

1.5.6 A distribution valve (normally closed) is to be located in every flooding line outside the space to be protected in a readily accessible position. If the protection of a small space (e.g. galley range exhaust duct) requires only one cylinder with a maximum content of 6 kg CO₂, an additional shut-off down-stream of the cylinder valve may be omitted.

1.5.7 Distribution valves are to be protected against unauthorised and unintentional actuation and fitted with signs indicating the space to which the associated CO₂ lines lead.

1.5.8 Distribution valves are to be made of a sea-water-resistant material. The valve position 'open' or 'closed' is to be visible.

1.6 CO₂ discharge nozzles

1.6.1 The number and arrangement of the nozzles provided is to ensure an even distribution of the CO₂. The discharge nozzles shall be made of steel or equivalent material.

1.6.2 Boiler rooms and machinery spaces

The nozzles are to be arranged preferably in the lower part of the machinery space and in the bilges, taking into account the room configuration. At least eight nozzles are to be provided, not less than two of which are to be located in the bilges.

⁵ Reference is made to IACS Unified Interpretation SC 252 and MSC.1/Circ.1487

Nozzles are to be provided in the engine or funnel casing, if equipment of increased fire risk is arranged there, e.g. oil fired equipment.

The number of nozzles may be reduced for small machinery spaces.

1.6.3 Cargo spaces

Nozzles are to be sited in the upper part of the space.

When the CO₂ system is connected with a sample extraction smoke detection system, the nozzles are to be so arranged that no part of the over-head deck area is more than 12 m horizontally away from a nozzle.

1.7 Alarm systems

1.7.1 For machinery spaces, boiler and similar spaces acoustic alarms of horn or siren sound and visual alarms are to be provided which are to be inoperating and is to be clearly distinguishable from all other alarm signals by adjustment of sound pressure or sound patterns.

The pre-discharge alarms are to be automatically actuated a suitable time before flooding occurs. As adequate is be considered the period of time necessary to evacuate the space to be flooded but not less than 20 s. The system is to be designed such that flooding is not possible before this period of time has elapsed.

The automatic actuation of the CO₂ alarm in the protected space may be realized by e.g., opening the door of the release station.

The alarm has to continue to sound as long as the flooding valves are open.

1.7.2 Where adjoining and interconnecting spaces (e.g. machinery space, purifier room, machinery control room) have separate flooding systems, any danger to persons is to be excluded by suitable alarms in the adjoining spaces.

1.7.3 Alarm systems are also to be provided in ro-ro cargo spaces and spaces to which personnel normally have access. In conventional cargo spaces and small spaces, e.g. small compressor rooms, paint stores, etc., alarms may be dispensed with.

1.7.4 Electrical alarm systems are to have power supply from two independent sources of power.

1.7.5 If the alarm is operated pneumatically, a permanent supply of compressed air for the alarm system is to be ensured.

1.8 General arrangement plan

In the wheelhouse and in the CO₂ rooms arrangement plans are to be displayed showing the disposition of the entire CO₂ system. The plan shall also indicate how many cylinders are to be released to extinguish fires in individual spaces.

Clear operating instructions are to be posted at all release stations.

1.9 Warning signs

1.9.1 For CO₂ systems the following signs are to be displayed:

.1 At the release stations:

"Do not operate release until personnel has left the space, the ventilation has been shut off and the space has been sealed."

.2 At the distribution stations and in the CO₂ room:

"Before flooding with CO₂ shut-off ventilation and close air intakes. Open distribution valves first, then the cylinder valves!"

.3 In the CO₂ room and at entrances to spaces which can be flooded:

"WARNING!"

"In case of alarm or release of CO₂, leave the space immediately (danger of suffocation)".

"The space may be re-entered only after thorough ventilating and checking of the atmosphere."

.4 In the CO₂ cylinder room:

"This space is to be used only for the storage of CO₂ cylinders for the fire-extinguishing system. The temperature of the space is to be monitored."

1.10 Testing

1.10.1 After installation, the piping is to be subjected to hydraulic pressure tests in the presence of a BKI Surveyor by using following test pressures:

- piping between cylinders and distribution valves to be tested at 150 bar
- piping passing through accommodation spaces to be tested at 50 bar
- all other piping to be tested at 10 bar

The hydrostatic test may also be carried out prior to installation on board in the case of piping which is manufactured complete and equipped with all fittings. Joints welded on board have to undergo a hydrostatic test at the appropriate pressure.

Where water cannot be used as the test medium and the piping cannot be dried prior to putting the system into service, proposals for alternative test media or test procedures are to be submitted to BKI for approval.

1.10.2 After assembly on board, a tightness test is to be performed using air or other suitable media. The selected pressure depends on the method of leak detection used.

1.10.3 All piping is to be checked for free passage.

1.10.4 A functional test of the alarm equipment is to be carried out.

2. Object protection systems for local application

2.1 CO₂ fire-extinguishing systems for encapsulated engines

2.1.1 For fire fighting in acoustic capsules of gas turbines, propulsion diesel engines as well as electrical power aggregates CO₂ systems with automatic release are permitted.

2.1.2 The release of the fire fighting action has to be controlled by temperature and flame detectors and activated from the fire control board in the damage control centre or the MCC. The release has to be indicated in the other centres.

2.1.3 Besides this, the other requirements defined in G.1. apply analogously.

2.2 CO₂ fire-extinguishing systems for air-craft operation

2.2.1 To fight turbine fires on board of ships with a flight deck, a CO₂ extinguishing system has to be provided which has to be equipped as follows:

- 2 CO₂ containers of 26,4 kg each
- an applicator pipe with shut-off valve, safety valve and pressure manometer, etc.
- a 30 m CO₂ hose on a reel
- a release station, if applicable

The CO₂ containers can be stored in a flight deck fire fighting room. This room has to fulfil the requirements for CO₂ storage rooms. The outlets of valve bursting disks and of safety valves have to be led to the open deck.

2.2.2 In relation to the system components the requirements concerning CO₂ systems already defined have to be applied.

2.2.3 For extended flight operations with a large number of helicopters or fixed wing aircraft special considerations have to be made between Naval Administration, shipyard and BKI.

H. Gas Fire-Extinguishing Systems using Gases other than CO₂ for Machinery Spaces

1. General

1.1 Suppliers for the design and installation of fire-extinguishing systems using extinguishing gases other than CO₂ are subject to special approval by BKI.

1.2 Systems using extinguishing gases other than CO₂ are to be approved in accordance with a standard acceptable to BKI ⁶.

1.3 The systems shall be designed to allow evacuation of the protected space prior to discharge. Means shall be provided for automatically giving audible and visual warning of the release of the fire extinguishing medium into the protected space. The alarm shall operate for the period of time necessary to evacuate the space, but not less than 20 sec before the medium is released. Unnecessary exposure, even at concentrations below an adverse effect level, shall be avoided.

1.3.1 Even at concentrations below an adverse effect level, exposure to gaseous fire extinguishing agents shall not exceed 5 min. Halocarbon clean agents may be used up to the NOAEL (No Observed Adverse Effect Level) calculated on the net volume of the protected space at the maximum expected ambient temperature without additional safety measures.

If a halocarbon clean agent shall be used above its NOAEL, means shall be provided to limit exposure to no longer than the time specified according to a scientifically accepted physiologically based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) model ⁷ or its equivalent which clearly establishes safe exposure limits both in terms of extinguishing media concentration and human exposure time.

1.3.2 For inert gas systems, means shall be provided to limit exposure to no longer than 5 min for systems designed to concentrations below 43 % (corresponding to an oxygen concentration of 12 %) or to

⁶ Refer to IMO MSC/Circ.848, "Revised Guidelines for the Approval of Equivalent Fixed Gas Fire-Extinguishing Systems, as Referred to in SOLAS 74, for Machinery Spaces and Cargo Pump Rooms", as amended by MSC.1/Circ.1267.

⁷ Refer to document IMO FP 44/INF.2 – "Physiologically based pharmacokinetic model to establish safe exposure criteria for halocarbon fire extinguishing agents."

limit exposure to no longer than 3 min for systems designed to concentrations between 43 % and 52 % (corresponding to between 12 % and 10 % oxygen) calculated on the net volume of the protected space at the maximum expected ambient temperature.

1.3.3 In no case shall a halocarbon clean agent be used at concentrations above the LOAEL (Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level) nor the ALC (Approximate Lethal Concentration) nor shall an inert gas be used at gas concentrations above 52 % calculated on the net volume of the protected space at the maximum expected ambient temperature.

1.4 For systems using halocarbon clean agents, the system is to be designed for a discharge of 95 % of the design concentration in not more than 10 s.

For systems using inert gases, the discharge time is to not exceed 120 s for 85 % of the design concentration.

2. Calculation of the supply of extinguishing gas

2.1 The supply of extinguishing gas is to be calculated based on the net volume of the protected space, at the minimum expected ambient temperature using the design concentration specified in the system's type approval Certificate.

2.2 The net volume is that part of the gross volume of the space which is accessible to the free extinguishing gas including the volumes of the bilge and of the casing. Objects that occupy volume in the protected space are to be subtracted from the gross volume. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to:

- internal combustion engines
- reduction gear
- boilers
- heat exchangers
- tanks and piping trunks
- exhaust gas pipes, -boilers and -silencers

2.3 The volume of free air contained in air receivers located in a protected space is to be added to the net volume unless the discharge from the safety valves is led to the open air.

2.4 In systems with centralised gas storage for the protection of more than one space the quantity of extinguishing gas available need not be more than the largest quantity required for any one space so protected.

3. Gas containers

3.1 Containers for the extinguishing gas or a propellant needed for the discharge are to comply in respect of their material, construction, manufacture and testing with the relevant [Section 16](#).

3.2 The filling ratio is not to exceed that specified in the system's type approval documentation.

3.3 Means are to be provided for the ship's personnel to safely check the quantity of medium in the containers. These means are to be so arranged that it is not necessary to move the cylinders completely from their fixing position. This is achieved, for instance, by providing hanging bars above each bottle row for a weighing device or by using suitable surface indicators.

4. Storage of containers

4.1 Centralised systems

Gas containers in centralised systems are to be stored in a storage space complying with the requirements for CO₂ storage spaces (see [G.1.3](#)), with the exception that storage temperatures up to 55 °C are permitted, unless otherwise specified in the type approval Certificate.

4.2 Modular systems

4.2.1 All systems covered by these requirements may be executed as modular systems with the gas containers and containers with the propellant, if any, permitted to be stored within the protected space providing the conditions of [4.2.2](#) through [4.2.8](#) are complied with.

4.2.2 Inside a protected space, the gas containers are to be distributed throughout the space with bottles or groups of bottles located in at least six separate locations. Duplicate power release lines have to be arranged to release all bottles simultaneously. The release lines are to be so arranged that in the event of damage to any power release line, five sixth of the fire extinguishing gas can still be discharged. The bottle valves are considered to be part of the release lines and a single failure has to include also failure of the bottle valve.

For systems that need less than six containers (using the smallest bottles available), the total amount of extinguishing gas in the bottles is to be such that in the event of a single failure to one of the release lines (including bottle valve), five sixth of the fire extinguishing gas can still be discharged. This may be achieved by for instance using more extinguishing gas than required so that if one bottle is not discharging due to a single fault, the remaining bottles will discharge the minimum five sixth of the required amount of extinguishing gas. This can be achieved with minimum two bottles. However, the NOAEL value calculated at the highest expected engine room temperature may not be exceeded when discharging the total amount of extinguishing gas simultaneously.

Systems that cannot comply with the above (for instance where it is intended to locate only one bottle inside the protected space) are not permitted. Such systems are to be designed with bottle(s) located outside the protected space, in a dedicated room complying with the requirements for CO₂ storage spaces (see [G.1.3](#)).

4.2.3 Duplicate sources of power located outside the protected space are to be provided for the release of the system and be immediately available, except that for machinery spaces, one of the sources of power may be located inside the protected space.

4.2.4 Electric power circuits connecting the containers are to be monitored for fault conditions and loss of power. Visual and audible alarms are to be provided to indicate this.

4.2.5 Pneumatic, electric or hydraulic power circuits connecting the containers are to be duplicated and widely separated. The sources of pneumatic or hydraulic pressure are to be monitored for loss of pressure. Visual and audible alarms are to be provided to indicate this.

4.2.6 Within the protected space, electrical circuits essential for the release of the system are to be heat-resistant according to IEC 60331 or other equivalent standard, e.g. mineral insulated cable or equivalent.

Piping systems essential for the release of systems designed to be operated hydraulically or pneumatically are to be of steel or other equivalent heat-resistant material.

4.2.7 The containers are to be monitored for decrease in pressure due to leakage or discharge. Visual and audible alarms in the protected space and on the navigating bridge or in the space where the fire control equipment is centralized are to be provided to indicate this.

4.2.8 Each container is to be fitted with an over-pressure release device which under the action of fire causes the content of the container to be automatically discharged into the protected space.

5. Piping and nozzles

5.1 Piping is to be made of weldable steel materials according to [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#) and to be designed according to the working pressure of the system.

5.2 Welded or flanged pipe connections are to be provided. For pipes with a nominal I.D. of less than 50 mm threaded welding sockets may be employed. Threaded joints may be used only inside protected spaces.

5.3 Flexible hoses may be used for the connection of containers to a manifold in centralised systems or to a rigid discharge pipe in modular systems. Hoses are not to be longer than necessary for this purpose and be type approved for the use in the intended installation. Hoses for modular systems are to be flame resistant.

5.4 Only nozzles approved for use with the system are to be installed. The arrangement of nozzles is to comply with the parameters specified in the system's type approval Certificate, giving due consideration to obstructions. In the vicinity of passages and stairways nozzles are to be arranged such as to avoid personnel being endangered by the discharging gas.

5.5 The piping system is to be designed to meet the requirements stipulated in [1.4](#). System flow calculations are to be performed using a recognized calculation technique (e.g. NFPA calculation program).

5.6 In piping sections where valve arrangements introduce sections of closed piping (manifolds with distribution valves), such sections are to be fitted with a pressure relief valve and the outlet of the valve is to be led to the open deck.

6. Release arrangements and alarms

6.1 The system is to be designed for manual release only. The controls for the release are to be arranged in lockable cabinets (release stations), the key being kept conspicuously next to the release station in a locked case with a glass panel. Separate release stations are to be provided for each space which can be flooded separately. The release stations are to be arranged near to the entrance of the protected space and are to be readily accessible also in case of a fire in the related space. Release stations are to be marked with the name of the space they are serving.

6.2 Centralised systems are to be provided with additional means of releasing the system from the storage space.

6.3 Audible and visual alarms are to be provided in the protected space and additional visual alarms at each access to the space.

6.4 The automatic actuation of the alarm in the protected space may be realized by e.g., opening of the release station door. Means are to be provided to safeguard that the discharge of extinguishing gas is not possible before the alarm has been actuated for a period of time necessary to evacuate the space but not less than 20 s.

6.5 Audible alarms are to be of horn or siren sound. They are to be located so as to be audible throughout the protected space with all machinery operating and be clearly distinguishable from other audible signals by adjustment of sound pressure or sound patterns.

6.6 Electrical alarm systems are to have power supply from two independent sources of power.

6.7 For the use of electrical alarm systems in gas dangerous zones refer to the relevant Section of [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\)](#).

6.8 Where pneumatically operated alarms are used the permanent supply of compressed air is to be safeguarded by suitable arrangements.

7. Tightness of the protected space

7.1 Apart from being provided with means of closing all ventilation openings and other openings in the boundaries of the protected space, special consideration is to be given to [7.2](#) through [7.4](#).

7.2 A minimum agent holding time of 15 min is to be provided.

7.3 The release of the system may produce significant over- or underpressurisation in the protected space which may necessitate the provision of suitable pressure equalising arrangements.

7.4 Escape routes which may be exposed to leakage from the protected space are not to be rendered hazardous for the crew during or after the discharge of the extinguishing gas. In particular, hydrogen fluoride (HF) vapour can be generated in fires as a breakdown product of the fluorocarbon fire extinguishing agents and cause health effects such as upper respiratory tract and eye irritation to the point of impairing escape.

Control stations and other locations that require manning during a fire situation are to have provisions to keep HF and HCl below 5 ppm at that location. The concentrations of other products are to be kept below values considered hazardous for the required duration of exposure.

8. Warning signs and operating instructions

8.1 Warning signs are to be provided at each access to and within a protected space as appropriate:

- "WARNING! This space is protected by a fixed gas fire-extinguishing system using Do not enter when the alarm is actuated!"
- "WARNING! Evacuate immediately upon sounding of the alarm of the gas fire extinguishing system."

8.2 Brief operating instructions are to be posted at the release stations.

8.3 A comprehensive manual with the description of the system and maintenance instructions is to be provided on the ship. The manual is to contain an advice that any modifications to the protected space that alter the net volume of the space will render the approval for the individual installation invalid. In this case amended drawings and calculations have to be submitted to BKI for approval.

The manual shall also address recommended procedures for the control of products of agent decomposition, including HF vapour generated from fluorocarbon extinguishing agents which could impair escape.

Clearly, longer exposure of the agent to high temperatures would produce greater concentrations of these types of gases. The type and sensitivity of detection, coupled with the rate of discharge, shall be selected to minimize the exposure time of the agent to the elevated temperature. The performance of fire extinguishing arrangements shall not present health hazards from decomposed extinguishing agents; for example, the decomposition products shall not be discharged in the vicinity of muster (assembly) stations. Further precautions include evacuation and donning masks.

9. Documents for approval

Prior to commencing of the installation the following documents are to be submitted in electronic format for approval, see also [A.3.](#):

- arrangement drawing of the protected space showing machinery, etc. in the space, and the location of nozzles, containers (modular system only) and release lines as applicable
- list of volumes deducted from the gross volume
- calculation of the net volume of the space and required supply of extinguishing gas
- isometrics and discharge calculations
- release schematic
- drawing of the release station and of the arrangement in the ship
- release instructions for display at the release station
- drawing of storage space (centralised systems only)
- alarm system schematic
- parts list
- shipboard manual

10. Testing

10.1 Piping up to a shut-off valve, if available, is subject to hydrostatic testing at 1,5 times the max. allowable working pressure of the gas container.

10.2 Piping between the shut-off valve or the container valve and the nozzles is subject to hydrostatic testing at 1,5 times the max. pressure assessed by the discharge calculations.

10.3 Piping passing through spaces other than the protected space is subject to tightness testing after installation at 10 bar, and at 50 bar if passing through accommodation spaces.

I. Foam Fire-Extinguishing Systems

1. Foam concentrates

1.1 Only approved⁸ foam concentrates may be used.

1.2 Distinction is made between low-and high expansion foam.

In the case of low-expansion foam, produced by adding 3-6 % foam concentrate, the foam expansion ratio (i.e. the ratio of the volume of foam produced to the mixture of water and foam concentrate supplied) is not to exceed 12 : 1.

For high-expansion foam, produced by adding 1-3 % foam concentrate, the expansion ratio may be 100 : 1 up to 1000 : 1. Foam concentrate for the production of multi-purpose foam may be used.

Deviations from these expansion ratios require the approval of BKI.

2. High-expansion foam systems

2.1 Capacity of the system

2.1.1 The equipment producing the foam is to be of sufficient capacity to enable the largest space being protected to be filled with foam at the rate of at least 1 m depth per minute without allowance for installed machinery and equipment.

⁸ See IMO MSC.1/Circ.1312 and MSC/Circ.670.

2.1.2 The supply of foam concentrate is to be sufficient for the largest space being protected to be filled with foam at least five times. The equipment is to be ready for immediate use at all times.

2.2 Foam distribution

The arrangement of the foam generator delivery ducting is to be such that a fire in the protected space will not affect the foam generating equipment. If the foam generators are located adjacent to the protected space, foam delivery ducts are to be installed to allow at least 450 mm of separation between the generators and the protected space.

The foam delivery ducts are to be constructed of steel having a thickness of not less than 5 mm. In addition, stainless steel dampers (single or multi-bladed) with a thickness of not less than 3 mm have to be installed at the openings in the boundary bulkheads or decks between generators and the protected space.

The dampers are to be automatically operated (electrically, pneumatically or hydraulically) by means of remote control of the foam generator related to them.

The outlets of the ducts are to be arranged in such a way as to ensure uniform distribution of the foam. Inside the space where the foam is produced, a shut-off device is to be fitted between the foam generators and the distribution system.

2.3 Foam generators, pumps, supply of foam concentrate

The foam generators, their sources of power supply, the stored quantities of foam concentrate and foam liquid pumps as well as means of controlling the system are to be readily accessible and simple to operate and are to be grouped in as few locations as possible at positions not likely to be cut off by a fire in the protected space.

2.4 Test equipment

Foam generators are to be installed in such a way that they can be tested without foam entering the protected spaces.

2.5 Inside air foam systems

Foam generators may be provided inside the protected space for generation of high-expansion foam if the foam system is BKI type approved⁹.

3. Low-expansion foam systems for boiler-rooms and machinery spaces

Low-expansion foam systems do not substitute the fire-extinguishing systems prescribed in [Table 9.1](#).

3.1 Capacity of the system

The system is to be so designed that the largest area over which fuel can spread can be covered within five minutes with a 150 mm thick blanket of foam.

3.2 Foam distribution

3.2.1 The foam solution is to be conveyed through fixed pipelines and foam distributors to the points at which oil fires are liable to occur.

⁹ Reference is made to the system design and testing guidelines of IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1384, "Guidelines for the Testing and Approval of Fixed High-Expansion Foam Systems",.

3.2.2 Foam distributors and controls are to be arranged in suitable groups and positioned in such a way that they cannot be cut off by a fire in the protected space.

4. Low-expansion foam systems for flight decks

4.1 For fire-fighting at flight decks a fixed low-expansion foam system with monitor and manual foam nozzle has to be provided. It shall be possible to operate this system under all weather conditions allowing aircraft operation and to deliver fire fighting foam at any location of the flight deck.

4.2 The system has to be equipped with a remote control water/foam monitor with a capacity of 1600 l/min. In addition at least two couplings for foam branch pipes with a water/foam capacity of 400 l/min each have to be provided.

4.3 The stored quantity of foam concentrate shall enable an operation of the fixed monitors for at least 5 minutes.

4.4 Design and arrangement of the system components, like foam tanks, foam media pumps, foam proportioner, pipelines and fittings have to be provided analogously to [J.1.3.8](#).

4.5 The devices for release of the system shall be situated outside the zones to be protected.

J. Pressure Water Spraying Systems (incl. Water Mist Systems)

1. Manually operated pressure water spraying systems

1.1 Pressure water spraying systems for machinery spaces and pump spaces

1.1.1 Conventional pressure water-spraying systems

Conventional pressure water-spraying systems for machinery spaces and pump spaces are to be approved by BKI on the basis of an internationally recognized standard ⁹.

1.1.2 Equivalent pressure water-spraying (water-mist) systems

Water-mist systems for machinery spaces and pump spaces are to be approved by BKI on the basis of an internationally recognized standard ¹⁰.

1.2 Pressure water spraying systems for ro-ro cargo spaces

1.2.1 Only approved full-bore nozzles are to be used ¹¹

1.2.2 The nozzles are to be arranged in such a way that effective, uniform distribution of the water is ensured at 3,5 litre/m² and per minute where the deck height is less than 2,5 m and 5 litre/m² and per minute where the deck height is 2,5 m or more.

¹⁰ Refer to IMO circular MSC/Circ.1165, "Revised Guidelines for the Approval of Equivalent Water-Based Fire-Extinguishing Systems for Machinery Spaces and Cargo Pump Rooms", as amended by circulars MSC.1/Circ.1237, MSC.1/Circ.1269 and MSC.1/Circ.1386. Extrapolation from the maximum tested volume to a larger volume in actual installations is permitted based on the conditions given in IMO MSC.1/Circ. 1385, "Scientific Methods on Scaling of Test Volume for Fire Test on Water-Mist Fire-Extinguishing Systems"

¹¹ Pressure water spraying systems deviating from these requirements may be used if approved as equivalent by BKI. See IMO MSC.1/Circ.1430, "Revised Guidelines for the Design and Approval of Fixed Water- Based Fire-Fighting Systems for Ro-Ro Spaces and Special Category Spaces Equivalent to that Referred to in Resolution A.123(V).

Note

The minimum flow rates indicated in this paragraph are not applicable to approved water mist systems¹²

1.2.3 The system may be divided into sections. Each section is not to be less than 20 m in length and extend across the full width of the vehicle deck, except in areas which are divided longitudinally by "Type A" partitions (e.g. machinery, ventilation or stairway trunks).

1.2.4 The distribution valves are to be installed adjacent to the space to be protected at a location easily accessible and not likely to be cut off by a fire in the protected space. There has to be direct access from the vehicle deck and from outside.

The room where the distribution valves are located has to be adequately ventilated.

A pressure gauge is to be provided on the valve manifold.

Each distribution valve has to be clearly marked as to the section served.

Instructions for maintenance and operation are to be displayed in the valve (drencher) room.

1.2.5 One or more separate pumps are to be provided, the capacity of which is to be sufficient to supply the two largest adjoining sections with water simultaneously.

In addition, a connection from the fire main is to be provided. Reverse flow from the water spraying system into the fire main is to be prevented by means of a screw-down non-return valve. The valve is to be secured in closed position with a lock.

1.2.6 The water spraying pump is to be capable of being started from the distribution valve group. All the shut-off valves located between the seawater inlet and the distribution valves are to be capable of being opened from the distribution valve group, unless they are secured in the open position.

1.2.7 Drainage and pumping arrangements are to be designed in compliance with [Section 8, N.4.](#) as applicable.

The pressure water spraying system has to be fitted with a sufficient number of drainage valves.

1.3 Foam/water drencher system (FDS)

1.3.1 General

.1 These systems are used for fire-fighting in operating spaces of naval surface ships. They can be designed as room protection or object protection system. Preferably foam/water drencher systems have to be provided for fighting of fires of fire class B according to [Table 9.2](#) (liquids), see also [Table 9.1](#).

.2 Foam compound is added to the drencher water in order to improve the fire fighting effect.

1.3.2 Design

.1 The FDS system has to be designed and installed only by contractors approved by BKI. In principle only type approved components, suitable for the specific requirements are permitted for installation.

.2 The FDS system has to be designed as low-pressure drencher system (operating pressure about 6-9 bar) and for a capacity of at least 5 l/m² /min.

¹² Refer to IMO MSC.1/Circ. 1312

.3 The FDS system has to be designed as combined total flooding room protection and object protection system with sectional release. Even if a drencher main is damaged, the total flooding system shall be able to hinder the spreading of the fire. To meet these requirements adequate valves (self-closing or remote controlled) have to be provided.

.4 A sufficient supply of water and foam compound from outside the zones to be protected has to be ensured.

Systems, devices, fittings and electrical power supply necessary for the operation of the FDS shall neither be installed in the spaces to be protected nor pass them. They are to be easily accessible.

From the distribution and release station separate mains have to lead to the different fire fighting zones.

.5 As extinguishing medium a mixture of sea-water and aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) has to be used.

.6 The size of the stock of foam compound shall allow continuous fire fighting in the largest space to be protected for a duration of at least 30 minutes assuming an addition of 3 % foam compound to the sea water.

It should be possible to fight two fire scenarios at the same time, e.g. fire at the flightdeck and in a machinery room.

1.3.3 Arrangement

.1 The stock of foam compound and the mixing system have to be situated at least at two locations of the ship with the maximum possible distance from each other. They have to be connected by a main.

.2 Remote controlled shut-offs have to be provided at the boundaries of damage control zones up/downstream of the feeding positions for the spaces to be protected.

For smaller naval ships, like patrol boats one foam mixing station will be sufficient.

.3 The pipes in the different spaces up to the shut-off valves have to be provided as dry system, the supply main has to be designed as wet part of the system.

.4 The supply main has to be equipped with standard fire hose couplings (Storz-C-couplings or similar) for the connection of generating devices, with shut-off valves at the bulkheads as well as with connections for flushing and drainage.

.5 Alternatively to the central foam mixing stations also local mixing stations may be approved in agreement with Naval Administration and BKI, if a comparable safety and survivability can be assumed.

.6 Besides the basic fire fighting function the system has also a cooling function for the walls and ceilings to the adjacent spaces.

.7 If no permanently installed and redundant system is provided, emergency drencher couplings with standard fire valves are to be provided as an emergency supply (30 % of the design capacity).

1.3.4 Foam/water drencher system as room protection

.1 For room protection systems the following minimum water quantities have to be planned:

Horizontal surfaces to be protected¹³ : 5 l/m² per min

¹³ including all surfaces where fuel oil can be spread

The drencher water volume has to be assumed as at least 2 l/m³ per min ± 0,2 l related to the gross space volume.

Shadowed surfaces which are not impinged by the spray, e.g. below platforms of more than 1 m² size, are to be equipped with additional nozzles.

- .2 The fittings and nozzles installed in spaces to be protected shall be sufficiently resistant to fire.
- .3 To avoid a shockwise creation of steam, effective openings for release of pressure, which limit the overpressure in the room to 10 mbar, are to be provided.

1.3.5 Foam/water drencher system as object protection

- .1 For object protection systems the following minimum water quantities have to be planned:
 - internal combustion engines 20 l/m² per min
 - oil-fired equipment 10 l/m² per min

The spraying nozzles have to be arranged in a way that the drenching area exceeds the object to be protected at least by 0,5 m.

- .2 Object protection

Systems defined in 1.3.5.1 are not required if local application fire fighting systems as per J.2. are provided.

1.3.6 Foam/water drencher system for aircraft hangars

For aircraft hangars a water quantity analogous to 1.3.4 has to be provided.

1.3.7 Foam/water drencher system for special rooms/equipment

The system can be designed as space or object protection system. The lay out shall be analogous to 1.3.4 or to 1.3.5 respectively.

1.3.8 System components

.1 Tanks for foam compounds

.1.1 The foam compound shall be stored in at least two tanks arranged as far apart from each other as possible. The total storage volume of these tanks shall be 200 % of the compound necessary to fight two fire scenarios according to 1.3.2.6 and the volume shall be equally distributed to the tanks. It must be possible to supply the foam compound from each tank to all consumers, including to the provided hydrants.

.2 The tanks have to be manufactured of corrosion-resistant materials or to be suitably coated. They have to be equipped with a filling level remote indicator, low level alarm and automatic pump shut-off, an air pipe, means of drainage and a sampling valve.

.3 The foam compound replenishment system has to be positioned at the weather deck.

.4 Foam pumps

.4.1 For each storage tank two foam pumps have to be installed. If two tanks are located in a space, only two pumps are needed in this space.

.4.2 The pumps have to be equipped with a non-return valve at the delivery side. Besides the remote control an on/off switch has to be provided locally close to the pumps. If drencher systems with automatic

release are provided, the foam pumps have to be started automatically together with the other fire-fighting system.

.4.3 The power supply for the foam pumps has to be ensured in the same way like for the fire pumps.

.4.4 For flushing of the foam system, a connection from the seawater fire-extinguishing main to the foam suction pipe has to be provided.

.5 Foam proportioners

Only approved foam proportioners have to be provided.

.6 Pipes and fittings

Pipes and fittings have to be corrosion-resistant according to the foam compound used.

.7 Spray nozzles

.7.1 Only approved types of spraying nozzles made of materials resistant to corrosion and heat have to be used, e.g. stainless steel.

.7.2 The arrangement of the spraying nozzles has to meet the following requirements:

- the vertical distance of the nozzles to the surface to be protected shall not exceed 5 m
- a cooling of bulkheads and walls is to be safe-guarded
- the distribution of the foam/water mixture over the surfaces to be protected/cooled shall be homogeneous

1.3.9 Remote operation and remote monitoring

.1 The release devices have to be situated outside of zones to be protected.

Besides of a local manual release a remote release from the machinery control centre and the damage control centre have to be provided.

.2 Object protection systems may be equipped with automatic release, if suitable fire detection is provided.

The release of a FDS has to be signalled at the operation and control displays.

1.3.10 Protection of electrical systems

In spaces protected by FDS suitable measures to protect the electrical installations have to be provided. Direct measures (e.g. increase of the degree of protection) or indirect measures (e.g. protected installation) are permissible.

1.3.11 Warning devices

.1 Spaces and zones protected by FDS have to be equipped with acoustic/optical alarms which shall come into operation automatically upon the release of the system.

.2 The alarm signals shall be clearly distinguishable from other alarms in the ship. The sound level of the alarms has to be at least 5 dB(A) above the operation noise level.

.3 The release of alarms shall be signalled at the control position of the related system.

2. Fixed Water Based Local Application Fire-Fighting Systems (FWBLAFFS)

2.1 The following is to be applied to category A machinery spaces above 500 m³ in gross volume.

2.2 In addition to the main fire-extinguishing system, fire hazard areas as listed in 2.3 are to be protected by fixed local application fire-fighting systems, which are to be type approved by BKI in accordance with international regulations¹⁴.

On ships with Class Notation **OT**, these systems are to have both automatic and manual release capabilities.

In case of continuously manned machinery spaces, these systems are only required to have a manual release capability.

2.3 The fixed local application fire-fighting systems are to protect areas such as the following without the need for engine shut-down, personnel evacuation, or sealing of the spaces:

- fire hazard portions of internal combustion machinery used for the ship's main propulsion, power generation and other purposes
- oil fired equipment, such as incinerators and boilers

The fixed local application fire-fighting systems are to protect such fire risk areas of above plants where fuel oil spray of a damaged fuel oil line is likely to be ignited on hot surfaces, i.e. normally only the engine top including the cylinder station, fuel oil injection pumps, turbocharger and exhaust gas manifold as well as the oil burners need to be protected. Where the fuel oil injection pumps are located in sheltered position such as under a steel platform, the pumps need not be protected by the system.

For the fire-extinguishing medium, a water-based extinguishing agent is to be used. The pump supplying the extinguishing medium is to be located outside the protected areas. The system shall be available for immediate use and capable of continuously supplying the extinguishing medium for at least 20 minutes. The capacity of the pump is to be based on the protected area demanding the greatest volume of extinguishing medium.

The water supply for local application systems may be fed from the supply to a total flooding water mist system (main fire-extinguishing system), on condition that adequate water quantity and pressure are available to operate both systems for the required period of time.

2.4 Systems for which automatic activation is required are to be released by means of a suitably designed fire detection and alarm system. This system is to ensure a selective fire detection of each area to be protected as well as a fast and reliable activation of the local fire-fighting system.

For details of the design of the fire detection and alarm system, see [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\) Sec. 9.D.4](#).

2.5 Grouped visual and audible alarms as well as indication of the activated zone are to be provided in each protected space, in the machinery control centre and in the wheelhouse.

2.6 Any installation of nozzles on board is to reflect the arrangement successfully tested in accordance with MSC/Circ.913 or MSC.1/Circ.1387, respectively.

If a specific arrangement of the nozzles is foreseen, deviating from the one tested it can be accepted provided such arrangement additionally passes fire tests based on the scenarios defined in MSC.1/Circ.1387.

¹⁴ Refer to IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1387, "Revised Guidelines for the Approval of Fixed Water-Based Local Application Fire-Fighting Systems for Use in Category A Machinery Spaces", which supersedes circular MSC/Circ.913, except that the evidences from fire and component tests previously provided in accordance with MSC/Circ.913 remain valid for the approval of new systems.

2.7 For each internal combustion engine used for the ship's main propulsion or power generation, a separate nozzle section as well as separate means for detecting a fire and release of the system are to be provided.

In case four (or more) main engines or main diesel generators are installed in the engine room, an arrangement in pairs of the nozzle sectioning as well as of the means for fire detection and release of the system are acceptable, provided the unrestricted manoeuvrability of the ship can be ensured by the pair of main engines or main diesel generators not involved.

The nozzle sections of the local application systems may form nozzle sections of a total flooding water mist system (main fire extinguishing system) provided that the additional nozzle sections of the main fire-extinguishing system are capable of being isolated.

2.8 The operation (release) controls are to be located at easily accessible positions inside and outside the protected space. The controls inside the space are not to be liable to be cut off by a fire in the protected areas.

2.9 Means shall be provided for testing the operation of the system for assuring the required pressure and flow and for blowing air through the system during testing to check for any possible obstruction.

2.10 The piping system is to be sized in accordance with a recognized hydraulic calculation technique (e.g. Hazen-Williams method) to ensure availability of flows and pressures required for correct performance of the system.

2.11 Where automatically operated systems are installed, a warning notice is to be displayed outside each entry point stating the type of extinguishing medium used and the possibility of automatic release.

2.12 Operating and maintenance instructions as well as spare parts for the system are to be provided as recommended by the manufacturer. The operating instructions are to be displayed at each operating station.

2.13 Nozzles and piping are not to prevent access to engines or other machinery for routine maintenance. In machinery spaces fitted with overhead hoists or other moving equipment, nozzles and piping are not to be located to prevent operation of such equipment.

2.14 The objects to be protected are to be covered with a grid of nozzles subject to the nozzle arrangement parameters indicated in the type approval Certificate (maximum horizontal nozzle spacing, minimum and maximum vertical distance from the protected object, minimum lateral distance from the protected object).

Where the width of the protected area does not exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ the maximum horizontal nozzle spacing, a single line of nozzles may be provided on condition that the distance between the nozzles is not more than $\frac{1}{2}$ the maximum horizontal nozzle spacing and the end nozzles are either pointing at least at the edge of the protected area or are located with a lateral distance from the protected object if such a minimum required distance is indicated in the type approval Certificate.

Where the width and length of the protected area do not exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ the maximum horizontal nozzle spacing, a single nozzle may be provided which is to be located above the protected object at the centre.

Illustrative sketches of acceptable nozzle arrangements are shown for clarity in MSC.1/Circ.1276.

2.15 If the engine space is protected with a high-expansion foam or aerosol fire-extinguishing system, appropriate operational measures or interlocks shall be provided to prevent the local application systems from interfering with the effectiveness of these systems.

3. Automatic sprinkler systems

Sprinkler systems with automatic release are normally not used for naval ships. The application is limited to spaces/zones with fire hazards from solids, e.g. spaces for the storage and/or incineration of solid waste according to L.1.

If sprinkler systems are to be used for other duties such systems have to be designed and installed according to [Rules for Machinery Installations \(Pt.1, Vol.III\) Sec. 12, L.1](#).

If Class Notation **SFP** is assigned, see [Guidelines for Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec.20, C.10](#).

4. Combined water mist systems for multi-area protection

A water mist system designed to serve different areas and spaces and supplied by one common pump unit is accepted provided that each sub-system is BKI type approved^{15 16 17 18}.

K. Fire-Extinguishing Systems for Paint Lockers, Flammable Liquid Lockers and Galley Area

1. Paint lockers and flammable liquid lockers

1.1 A fixed fire-extinguishing system based on CO₂, dry powder, water or an equivalent extinguishing medium and capable of being operated from outside the room is to be provided.

1.1.1 If CO₂ is used, the extinguishing medium supply is to be calculated for a concentration of 40 % relative to the gross volume of the room concerned.

1.1.2 Dry powder fire-extinguishing systems are to be designed with a least 0,5 kg per cubic metre of the gross volume of the room concerned. Steps are to be taken to ensure that the extinguishing medium is evenly distributed.

1.1.3 For pressure water spraying systems, a uniform distribution rate of 5 litre/m² and per minute relative to the floor area is to be ensured. The water may be supplied from the fire main.

1.2 For lockers of a deck area of less than 4 m², which do not give access to accommodation spaces, portable CO₂ or dry powder fire extinguisher(s) sized in accordance with 1.1.1 or 1.1.2, which can be discharged through a port in the boundary of the locker, may be used. The extinguishers are to be stowed adjacent to the port.

Alternatively, a port or hose connection may be provided for this purpose to facilitate the use of fire main water.

¹⁵ Reference is made to the "Guidelines on Alternative Design and Arrangements for Fire Safety" adopted by IMO by MSC/Circ.1002.

¹⁶ Refer to IMO MSC.1/Circ. 1312

¹⁷ Refer to IMO MSC/Circ.848, "Revised Guidelines for the Approval of Equivalent Fixed Gas Fire-Extinguishing Systems, as Referred to in SOLAS 74, for Machinery Spaces and Cargo Pump Rooms", as amended by MSC.1/Circ.1267. Type approvals already conducted in accordance with guidelines contained in MSC/Circ.848 remain valid until 1 July 2012.

¹⁸ Refer to document IMO FP 44/INF.2 – "Physiologically based pharmacokinetic model to establish safe exposure criteria for halocarbon fire extinguishing agents."

2. Fire-extinguishing systems for the galley area

2.1 Scope of the fire protection equipment

The systems designed as object protection have to be applied for fire-fighting tasks at open kitchen devices with high fire hazard, like

- frying pans
- deep-frying pans
- grill devices

as well as in the cooking stove area, including waste air ducts as well as air exhaust and circuit ducts.

The equipment to be protected has to be monitored by fire detectors. They have to shut-down automatically in case of fire. The automatic release of the fire-extinguishing system shall be established by a fusible plug reacting at 74 °C.

2.2 Extinguishing system

A suitable system for extinguishing and cooling of fires, cooking ranges and deep fryers has to be provided.

2.3 Deep-fat cooking equipment

Deep-fat cooking equipment is to be fitted with following arrangements:

- an automatic or manual fire-extinguishing system tested to an international standard and approved by BKI¹⁹
- a primary and backup thermostat with an alarm to alert the operator in the event of failure of either thermostat
- arrangements for automatically shutting off the electrical power upon activation of the fire-extinguishing system
- an alarm for indicating operation of the fire-extinguishing system in the galley where the equipment is installed
- controls for manual operation of the fire-extinguishing system which are clearly labelled for ready use by the crew

3. Galley range exhaust ducts

3.1 A fixed fire-extinguishing system is to be provided for galley range exhaust ducts:

- where the ducts pass through accommodation spaces or spaces containing combustible materials

The fixed means for extinguishing a fire within the galley range exhaust duct are to be so designed that the extinguishant is effective over the entire length between the outer fire damper and the fire damper to be fitted in the lower end of the duct.

3.2 Manual actuation is to be provided. The controls are to be installed near the access to the galley, together with the emergency cut-off switches for the galley ventilation supply and exhaust fans and the actuating equipment for the fire dampers.

Automatic actuation of the fire-extinguishing system may additionally be provided after clarification with BKI.

¹⁹ Refer to ISO 15371:2015 "ships and marine technology -- fire-extinguishing systems for protection of galley cooking equipment.

L. Waste incineration

1. Incinerator spaces, waste storage spaces or combined incinerator and waste storage spaces are to be equipped with fixed fire-extinguishing and fire-detection systems as per [Table 9.6](#).
2. The sprinkler system may be connected to the fresh water hydrofore system, provided the hydrofore pump is capable of meeting the demand of the required number of sprinklers.

Table 9.6 Required fire safety systems

Spaces	Automatic pressure water spraying system (sprinkler), see 2.	Fixed fire extinguishing system (CO ₂ , high-expansion foam, approved pressure water spraying system or equivalent)	Fixed fire-detection system
Combined incinerator and waste storage space		×	×
Incinerator space		×	×
Waste storage space	×		

M. Fire-Extinguishing Systems for Flight Decks and Hangars

1. Requirements for operation of a limited number of helicopters or drones

1.1 For helicopter/drone flight decks the following permanently installed fire-extinguishing systems have to be provided:

- a heavy foam system according to [I.4](#).
- a CO₂ system according to [G.2.2](#)
- two hydrants of the water fire-fighting system according to [E.3.5](#)
- a powder fire-extinguishing system according to [1.2](#)

For hangars and secondary spaces a permanently installed pressure water foam drencher system according to [J.1.3](#) has to be provided.

1.2 Powder fire-extinguishing system

1.2.1 For the rescue of persons out of a burning helicopter a powder fire-extinguishing system with 250 kg extinguishing powder has to be provided. The extinguishing powder shall be BC-powder.

1.2.2 The system for the flight deck has to be stored in a fire-fighting room and shall consist at least of the following components:

- container for 250 kg of extinguishing powder with the relevant vessels for the propellant
- a hose reel at port and starboard with a 30 m hose each and extinguishing nozzles
- the extinguishing nozzles have to be designed for a flow rate of 3,5 kg/s extinguishing powder and a range of 12-15 m.

1.3 Mobile fire extinguishing devices for flight decks

1.3.1 Besides of the permanently mounted fire-extinguishing systems near to the accesses to the flight deck mobile devices and equipment have to be kept ready for use in a fire fighting room arranged at port and at starboard.

An easy access to these rooms from outside is to be guaranteed. A ventilation of these rooms has to be arranged.

1.3.2 Equipment for each fire-fighting room

For each fire-fighting room the following equipment has to be provided, protected against weather influences and kept ready for immediate action:

.1 At least one multi-purpose nozzle including coupling spanner and sufficient hoses to reach every position of the flightdeck. Additionally the following needed:

- 6 fire extinguishers, dry powder 12 kg each
- 2 fire extinguishers, CO₂, 5 kg each
- a low-expansion foam branch pipe for each room

.2 One fire-fighter's outfit including breathing apparatus.

.3 A set of the following tools:

- adjustable spanner (rolling forked open jaw)
- fire blanket
- claw or rescue hook
- heavy type metal saw with 6 spare blades
- ladder
- rescue line 5 mm, 15 m long
- side cutter
- set of various screwdrivers
- knife with sheath
- bolt cutter 600 mm

2. Requirements for reduced or extended flight operations

For flight operations involving only 1 helicopter or 1 drone operating from a frigate/corvette, the above requirements may be reduced.

Requirements concerning fire fighting for extended flight operations with a great number of helicopters and/or fixed wing aircraft have to be defined case by case and to be agreed between the Naval Administration, shipyard and BKL.

3. Drainage of flight decks

The equipment for the drainage of flight decks has to be manufactured from steel material and has to be arranged in a way that no drained liquids can flow on other parts of the ship. The drains have to be led directly overboard.

N. Carriage of Dangerous Goods in Packaged Form

1. General

1.1 Scope

1.1.1 The following requirements apply additionally to ships carrying dangerous goods in packaged form. The requirements are not applicable if such goods are transported only in limited or excepted quantities according to the IMDG Code, Volume 2, Chapter 3.4 and 3.5.

1.1.2 The requirements depend on the type of cargo space, the dangerous goods class and the special properties of the goods to be carried. The requirements for the different types of cargo spaces are shown in the following tables:

- [Table 9.7a](#) for cargo spaces
- [Table 9.7b](#) for closed ro-ro spaces
- [Table 9.7c](#) for open ro-ro spaces
- [Table 9.7d](#) for weather decks

1.1.3 The requirements of SOLAS, Chapter VI, Part A, SOLAS, Chapter VII, Part A and the IMDG Code are to be observed.

1.1.4 Documents for approval

Diagrammatic plans, drawings and documents covering the following are to be submitted to BKI for approval. To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process they should be submitted in electronic format.

- application form dangerous goods for application for certification according to [1.3](#)
- water fire extinguishing system according to [3.2](#), as applicable
- water cooling system according to [3.3](#), as applicable
- form of details about the construction of electrical equipment in hazardous areas including corresponding copies of certificates of conformity for electrical equipment according to [4.](#), as applicable
- fire detection and alarm system including arrangement of detectors according to [5.](#), as applicable
- ventilation system according to [6.](#), as applicable
- bilge system according to [7.](#), as applicable
- insulation according to [10.](#), as applicable
- arrangement for separation of ro-ro spaces according to [11.](#), as applicable

1.2 References to other rules

1.2.1 SOLAS, Chapter II-2, Regulation 19, “Carriage of dangerous goods”

1.2.2 SOLAS, Chapter VI, Part A, “General provisions”

1.2.3 SOLAS, Chapter VII, Part A, “Carriage of dangerous goods in packaged form”

1.2.4 IMO International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code

1.2.5 Medical First Aid Guide for Use in Accidents Involving Dangerous Goods (MFAG)

1.2.6 IEC 60079, “Electrical apparatus for explosive atmospheres”

1.3 Certification

On request the “Document of Compliance for the Carriage of Dangerous Goods” according to SOLAS, Chapter II-2, Regulation 19.4 may be issued after successful survey. These vessels will be assigned the Notation **DG**, see also [Guidelines for Classification and Surveys \(Pt.9, Vol.1\) Sec. 3](#).

1.4 Classification of dangerous goods

The following classes are specified for goods in packaged form in the appendix of the Document of Compliance for the Carriage of Dangerous Goods.

Class 1.1 to 1.6:

Division 1.1: Substances and articles which have a mass explosion hazard.

Division 1.2: Substances and articles which have a projection hazard but not a mass explosion hazard.

Division 1.3: Substances and articles which have a fire hazard and either a minor blast hazard or a minor projection hazard or both, but not a mass explosion hazard.

Division 1.4: Substances and articles which present no significant hazard.

Division 1.5: Very insensitive substances and articles which have a mass explosion hazard.

Division 1.6: Extremely insensitive articles which do not have a mass explosion hazard.

Class 1.4S:

Division 1.4, compatibility group S: Substances or articles so packaged or designed that any hazardous effects arising from accidental functioning are confined within the package unless the package has been degraded by fire, in which case all blast or projection effects are limited to the extent that they do not significantly hinder or prohibit fire fighting or other emergency response efforts in the immediate vicinity of the package.

Class 2.1:

Flammable gases.

Class 2.1 except hydrogen gases:

Flammable gases with the exception of hydrogen and mixtures of hydrogen.

Class 2.2:

Non-flammable, non-toxic gases.

Class 2.3 flammable:

Toxic gases with a subsidiary risk class 2.1.

Class 2.3 non-flammable:

Toxic gases without a subsidiary risk class 2.1.

Class 3 FP < 23 °C:

Flammable liquids having a flashpoint below 23 °C according to the IMDG Code.

Class 3 23 °C ≤ FP ≤ 60 °C:

Flammable liquids having a flashpoint between 23 °C and 60 °C according to the IMDG Code.

Class 4.1:

Flammable solids, self-reactive substances and solid desensitized explosives.

Class 4.2:

Substances liable to spontaneous combustions.

Class 4.3 liquids:

Liquids which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases.

Class 4.3 solids:

Solids which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases.

Class 5.1:

Oxidizing substances.

Class 5.2:

Organic peroxides.

Class 6.1 liquids FP < 23 °C:

Toxic liquids having a flashpoint below 23 °C according to the IMDG Code.

Class 6.1 liquids 23 °C ≤ FP ≤ 60 °C:

Toxic liquids having a flashpoint between 23 °C and 60 °C according to the IMDG Code.

Class 6.1 liquids:

Toxic liquids having a flashpoint above 60 °C according to the IMDG Code.

Class 6.1 solids:

Toxic solids.

Class 8 liquids FP < 23 °C:

Corrosive liquids having a flashpoint below 23 °C according to the IMDG Code.

Class 8 liquids 23 °C ≤ FP ≤ 60 °C:

Corrosive liquids having a flashpoint between 23 °C and 60 °C according to the IMDG Code.

Class 8 liquids:

Corrosive liquids having a flashpoint above 60 °C according to the IMDG Code.

Class 8 solids:

Corrosive solids.

Class 9:

Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles and environmentally hazardous substances.

Class 9 except goods evolving flammable vapour:

Miscellaneous dangerous substances and articles and environmentally hazardous substances, which are not evolving flammable vapour.

Note

The carriage of dangerous goods of classes 6.2 (infectious substances) and 7 (radioactive materials) is not covered by the Document of Compliance of Dangerous Goods. For the carriage of class 6.2 the IMDG Code and for the carriage of class 7 the IMDG Code and the INF Code are to be observed.

2. Fire-extinguishing system

2.1 Fixed gas fire-extinguishing system

All cargo holds are to be equipped with a fixed CO₂ fire-extinguishing system complying with the requirements of [G](#).

2.2 Fixed pressure water-spraying system

Open ro-ro spaces, ro-ro spaces not capable of being sealed and closed ro-ro spaces are to be equipped with a pressure water-spraying system conforming to [J.1.2](#) in lieu of a fixed CO₂ fire-extinguishing system. Drainage and pumping arrangements are to be designed in compliance with [Section 8](#), [N.5.3.5](#) and [N.5.4](#), as applicable.

2.3 Stowage on weather deck

The requirements of [2.1](#) and [2.2](#) apply even if the dangerous goods are to be stowed exclusively on the weather deck.

3. Water supplies

3.1 Immediate supply of water

Immediate supply of water from the fire main shall be provided by remote starting arrangement for all main fire pumps from the navigation bridge or by permanent pressurization of the fire main and by automatic start-up of the main fire pumps.

3.2 Quantity of water and arrangement of hydrants

The capacity of the fire pumps shall be sufficient for supplying four jets of water simultaneously at the prescribed pressure.

Hydrants are to be arranged on weather deck so that any part of the empty cargo spaces can be reached with four jets of water not emanating from the same hydrant. Two of the jets shall be supplied by a single length of hose each, two may be supplied by two coupled hose lengths each.

Hydrants are to be arranged in ro-ro spaces so that any part of the empty cargo spaces can be reached with four jets of water not emanating from the same hydrant. The four jets shall be supplied by a single length of hose each.

3.3 Water cooling

3.3.1 Cargo spaces for transporting class 1, with the exception of class 1.4S are to be fitted with arrangements for the application of water-spray.

3.3.2 The flow rate of water required is to be determined on the basis of 5 litre/m² and per minute of the largest horizontal cross section of the cargo space or a dedicated section of it.

3.3.3 The water may be supplied by means of the fire pumps if the flow rate of the water delivered in parallel flow ensures the simultaneous operation of the nozzles specified in 3.2.

3.3.4 The required water is to be distributed evenly over the cargo space area from above via a fixed piping system and full bore nozzles.

3.3.5 The piping and nozzle system may be divided into sections and be integrated into the hatch covers. Connection may be via hoses with quick-acting couplings. Additional hydrants are to be provided on deck for this purpose.

3.3.6 Drainage and pumping arrangements are to be such as to prevent the build-up of free surfaces:

- the drainage system shall have a capacity of not less than 1,25 times of the capacity discharged during the simultaneous operation of the water spraying system and four fire hose nozzles
- the valves of the drainage arrangement are to be operable from outside the protected space
- the bilge wells are to be of sufficient holding capacity and are to be arranged at both sides of the ship at a distance from each other of not more than 40 m in each watertight compartment

If this is not possible, the additional weight of water and the influence of the free surfaces are to be taken into account in the ship's stability information.

4. Sources of ignition

The degree of explosion protection for the individual classes is specified in column "Sources of ignition" of Tables 9.7a to 9.7c. If explosion protection is required the following conditions are to be complied with.

4.1 Electrical equipment

4.1.1 All electrical equipment coming into contact with the hold atmosphere and being essential for the ship's operation shall be of approved intrinsically safe type or certified safe type corresponding to the degree of explosion protection as shown in [Tables 9.7a to 9.7c](#)

4.1.2 For the design of the electrical equipment and classification of the dangerous areas, see [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4 \) Sec. 16](#).

4.1.3 Electrical equipment not being essential for ship's operation need not to be of certified safe type provided it can be electrically disconnected from the power source, by appropriate means other than fuses (e.g. by removal of links), at a point external to the space and to be secured against unintentional reconnection.

4.2 Safety of fans

4.2.1 For fans being essential for the ship's operation the design is governed by [Rules for Machinery Installations \(Pt.1, Vol.III\) Sec. 15, B.5.3.2 and B.5.3.3](#). Otherwise the fans shall be capable of being disconnected from the power source, see [4.1.3](#).

4.2.2 The fan openings on deck are to be fitted with fixed wire mesh guards with a mesh size not exceeding 13 mm.

4.2.3 The air outlets are to be placed at a safe distance from possible ignition sources. A spherical radius of 3 m around the air outlets, within which ignition sources are prohibited, is required.

4.3 Other sources of ignition

Other sources of ignition may not be installed in dangerous areas, e.g. steam or thermal oil lines.

5. Detection system

5.1 The cargo spaces are to be equipped with an approved fixed fire detection and alarm system, see C.

5.2 If a cargo space or the weather deck is intended for class 1 goods the adjoining cargo spaces are also to be monitored by a fixed fire detection and alarm system.

6. Ventilation

6.1 Ducting

The ducting is to be arranged for removal of gases and vapours from the upper and lower part of the cargo hold. This requirement is considered to be met if the ducting is arranged such that approximately 1/3 of the air volume is removed from the upper part and 2/3 from the lower part. The position of air inlets and air outlets shall be such as to prevent short circuiting of the air. Interconnection of the hold atmosphere with other spaces is not permitted.

For the construction and design requirements see [Guidance for Ventilation Systems on Board Seagoing Ship \(Pt.1, Vol.A\) Sec. 1](#).

6.2 Mechanical ventilation (six air changes/h)

A ventilation system which incorporates powered fans with a capacity of at least six air changes per hour based on the empty cargo hold is to be provided.

7. Bilge pumping

7.1 Inadvertent pumping

The bilge system is to be designed so as to prevent inadvertent pumping of flammable and toxic liquids through pumps and pipelines in the machinery space.

7.2 Isolating valves

The cargo hold bilge lines are to be provided with isolating valves at the point of exit from the machinery space located close to the bulkhead.

The valves shall be capable of being secured in closed position (e.g. safety locking device).

Remote controlled valves shall be capable of being secured in closed position. In case an ICMS system²⁰ is provided, this system shall contain a corresponding safety query on the display.

7.3 Warning signs

Warning signs are to be displayed at the isolating valve or control positions, e.g. "This valve to be kept secured in closed position during the carriage of dangerous goods in cargo hold nos. and may be operated with the permission of the master only".

²⁰ Integrated control and monitoring system

7.4 Additional bilge system

7.4.1 An additional fixed bilge system with a capacity of at least 10 m³/h per cargo hold is to be provided. If more than two cargo holds are connected to a common system, the capacity need not exceed 25 m³/h.

7.4.2 The additional bilge system has to enable any leaked dangerous liquids to be removed from all bilge wells in the cargo space.

7.4.3 Pumps and pipelines are not to be installed in machinery spaces.

7.4.4 Spaces containing additional bilge pumps are to be provided with independent mechanical ventilation giving at least six air changes per hour. If this space has access from another enclosed space, the door shall be of self-closing type. For the design of the electrical equipment, see [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4 \) Sec. 16, E.2.](#)

7.4.5 [Section 8, N.](#) applies analogously.

7.4.6 Water-driven ejectors are to be equipped on the suction side with a means of reverse-flow protection.

7.4.7 If the bilge drainage of the cargo space is arranged by gravity drainage, the drainage is to be either led directly overboard or to a closed drain tank located outside the machinery spaces.

Drainage from a cargo space into bilge wells in a lower space is only permitted if that space fulfils the same requirements as the cargo space above.

7.5 Collecting tank

Where tanks are provided for collecting and storage of dangerous goods spillage, their vent pipes shall be led to a safe position on open deck.

8. Personnel protection

8.1 Full protective clothing

Four sets of full protective clothing appropriate to the properties of the cargo are to be provided.

8.2 Self-contained breathing apparatuses

Four sets of self-contained breathing apparatuses with spare air cylinders for at least two refills for each set are to be provided.

9. Portable fire extinguishers

Additional portable dry powder fire extinguishers containing a total of at least 12 kg of extinguishing medium are to be provided.

10. Machinery space boundaries

10.1 Bulkheads

Bulkheads between cargo spaces and machinery spaces of category A are to be provided with a fire insulation to A-60 standard. Otherwise the cargoes are to be stowed at least 3 m away from the machinery space bulkhead.

10.2 Decks

Decks between cargo and machinery spaces of category A are to be insulated to A-60 standard.

10.3 Insulation for goods of class 1

For goods of class 1, with the exception of class 1.4S, both, the fire insulation of A-60 standard for the bulkhead between cargo space and machinery space of category A and stowage at least 3 m away from this bulkhead, is required. Stowage above machinery space of category A is not permitted in any case.

11. Separation of ro-ro spaces

11.1 A separation, suitable to minimise the passage of dangerous vapours and liquids, is to be provided between a closed ro-ro space and an adjacent open ro-ro space. Where such separation is not provided the ro-ro space is considered to be a closed ro-ro space over its entire length and the special requirements for closed ro-ro spaces apply.

11.2 A separation, suitable to minimise the passage of dangerous vapours and liquids, is to be provided between a closed ro-ro space and an adjacent weather deck. Where such separation is not provided the arrangements of the closed ro-ro space are to be in accordance with those required for the dangerous goods carried on the adjacent weather deck.

Table 9.7a Requirements for the carriage of dangerous goods in packed form in cargo spaces

Class	Requirements									
	Fixed gas fire-extinguishing system	Water supplies	Water cooling	Sources of ignition	Detection system	Ventilation	Bilge pumping	Personnel protection	Portable fire-extinguishers	Machinery space boundaries
1.1 to 1.6	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2	N.3.3	N.4 IIA T5, IP65	N.5.1 N.5.2					N.10.3
1.4S	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1 N.5.2					
2.1	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIC T4, IP55	N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2		N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2
2.1 except hydrogen gases	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIB T4, IP55	N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2		N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2
2.2	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1			N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2
2.3 flammable ¹										
2.3 non-flammable ¹										
3 FP < 23 °C	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIB T4, IP55	N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2	N.7	N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
3 23 °C ≤ FP ≤ 60 °C	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1			N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
4.1	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2 ²		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
4.2	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2 ²		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
4.3 liquids ¹	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
4.3 solids	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2

Table 9.7a Requirements for the carriage of dangerous goods in packed form in cargo spaces (continued)

Class	Requirements									
	Fixed gas fire-extinguishing system	Water supplies	Water cooling	Sources of ignition	Detection system	Ventilation	Bilge pumping	Personnel protection	Portable fire-extinguishers	Machinery space boundaries
5.1	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2 ²		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2 ⁴
5.2 ¹										
6.1 liquids FP < 23 °C	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIB T4, IP55	N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2	N.7	N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
6.1 liquids 23 °C ≤ FP ≤ 60 °C	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2	N.7	N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
6.1 liquids	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1		N.7	N.8		
6.1 solids	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2 ²		N.8		
8 liquids FP < 23 °C	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIB T4, IP55	N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2	N.7	N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
8 liquids 23 °C ≤ FP ≤ 60 °C	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2	N.7 ³	N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
8 liquids	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1		N.7 ³	N.8		
8 solids	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1			N.8		
9 evolving flammable vapours	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIB T4, IP55		N.6.1 N.6.2		N.8		
9	N.2.1	N.3.1 N.3.2				N.6.1 N.6.2 ²		N.8		

¹ Under the provisions of the IMDG Code, as amended, stowage of class 2.3, class 4.3 liquids having a flashpoint less than 23 °C as listed in the IMDG Code and class 5.2 under deck is prohibited.
² When "mechanically-ventilated spaces" are required by the IMDG Code, as amended.
³ Only applicable to dangerous goods having a subsidiary risk class 6.1.
⁴ When "away from sources of heat" is required by the IMDG Code, as amended.

Table 9.7b Requirements for the carriage of dangerous goods in packaged form in closed ro-ro spaces

Class	Requirements										
	Fire-extinguishing system	Water supplies	Water cooling	Sources of ignition	Detection system	Ventilation	Bilge pumping	Personnel protection	Portable fire-extinguishers	Machinery space boundaries	Separation of ro-ro spaces ⁵
1.1 to 1.6	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2	N.3.3	N.4 IIA T5, IP65	N.5.1 N.5.2					N.10.3	N.11
1.4S	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1 N.5.2						N.11
2.1	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIC T4, IP55	N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2		N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2	N.11
2.1 except hydrogen gases	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIB T4, IP55	N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2		N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2	N.11
2.2	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1			N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2	N.11
2.3 flammable ¹											
2.3 non-flammable ¹											
3 FP < 23 °C	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIB T4, IP55	N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2	N.7	N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2	N.11
3 23 °C ≤ FP ≤ 60 °C	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1			N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2	N.11
4.1	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2 ²		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2	N.11
4.2	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2 ²		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2	N.11
4.3 liquids ¹	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2		N.8	N.9	N.10.1	N.11
4.3 solids	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2	N.11
5.1	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2 ²		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2 ⁴	N.11
5.2 ¹											
6.1 liquids FP < 23 °C	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIB T4, IP55	N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2	N.7	N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2	N.11
6.1 liquids 23 °C ≤ FP ≤ 60 °C	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2	N.7	N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2	N.11
6.1 liquids	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1		N.7	N.8			N.11
6.1 solids	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2 ²		N.8			N.11
8 liquids FP < 23 °C	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIB T4, IP55	N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2	N.7	N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2	N.11
8 liquids 23 °C ≤ FP ≤ 60 °C	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1	N.6.1 N.6.2	N.7 ³	N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2	N.11
8 liquids	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1		N.7 ³	N.8			N.11
8 solids	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.1			N.8			N.11
9 evolving flammable vapours	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIB T4, IP55		N.6.1 N.6.2		N.8			N.11
9	N.2	N.3.1 N.3.2				N.6.1 N.6.2 ²		N.8			N.11

¹ Under the provisions of the IMDG Code, as amended, stowage of class 2.3, class 4.3 liquids having a flashpoint less than 23 °C as listed in the IMDG Code and class 5.2 under deck is prohibited.

² When "mechanically-ventilated spaces" are required by the IMDG Code, as amended.

³ Only applicable to dangerous goods having a subsidiary risk class 6.1.

⁴ When "away from sources of heat" is required by the IMDG Code, as amended.

⁵ Only applicable for ships with keel-laying on or after 1 July 1998.

Table 9.7c Requirements for the carriage of dangerous goods in packaged form in open ro-ro spaces

Class	Requirements							
	Fixed pressure water fire-extinguishing system	Water supplies	Water cooling	Sources of ignition	Detection system	Personnel protection	Portable fire-extinguishers	Machinery space boundaries
1.1 to 1.6	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2	N.3.3	N.4 IIA T5, IP65	N.5.2			N.10.3
1.4S	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2			N.5.2	N.8		
2.1	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIC T4, IP55		N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2
2.1 except hydrogen gases	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIB T4, IP55		N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2
2.2	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2				N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2
2.3 flammable	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIB T4, IP55		N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2
2.3 non-flammable	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2				N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2
3 FP < 23 °C	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIB T4, IP55		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
3 23 °C ≤ FP ≤ 60 °C	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2				N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
4.1	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2				N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
4.2	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2				N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
4.3 liquids	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIB T4, IP55 2		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
4.3 solids	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2				N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
5.1	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2				N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2 ¹
5.2	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2				N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2
6.1 liquids FP < 23 °C	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIB T4, IP55		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
6.1 liquids 23 °C ≤ FP ≤ 60 °C	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2				N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
6.1 liquids	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2				N.8		
6.1 solids	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2				N.8		
8 liquids FP < 23 °C	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIB T4, IP55		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
8 liquids 23 °C ≤ FP ≤ 60 °C	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2				N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
8 liquids	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2				N.8		
8 solids	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2				N.8		
9 evolving flammable vapours	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.4 IIB T4, IP55		N.8		
9	N.2.2	N.3.1 N.3.2				N.8		

¹ When "away from sources of heat" is required by the IMDG Code, as amended.
² Applicable to goods having a flashpoint less than 23 °C as listed in the IMDG Code, as amended.

Table 9.7d Requirements for the carriage of dangerous goods in packaged form on the weather deck

Class	Requirements					
	Fixed fire-extinguishing system	Water supplies	Detection system	Personnel protection	Portable fire-extinguishers	Machinery space boundaries
1.1 to 1.6	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2	N.5.2			N.10.3
1.4S	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2	N.5.2			
2.1	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2
2.1 except hydrogen gases	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2
2.2	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2
2.3 flammable	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2
2.3 non-flammable	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2
3 FP < 23 °C	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
3 23 °C ≤ FP ≤ 60 °C	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
4.1	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
4.2	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
4.3 liquids	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
4.3 solids	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
5.1	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2 ¹
5.2	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8		N.10.1 N.10.2
6.1 liquids FP < 23 °C	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
6.1 liquids 23 °C ≤ FP ≤ 60 °C	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
6.1 liquids	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8		
6.1 solids	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8		
8 liquids FP < 23 °C	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
8 liquids 23 °C ≤ FP ≤ 60 °C	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8	N.9	N.10.1 N.10.2
8 liquids	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8		
8 solids	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8		
9 evolving flammable vapours	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8		
9	N.2.3	N.3.1 N.3.2		N.8		

¹ When “away from sources of heat” is required by the IMDG Code, as amended.

O. Quick Flooding System for Ammunition and Weapon Storage Spaces

1. General

1.1 Type of spaces

1.1.1 Flooding systems are to be provided for the following spaces:

- ammunition rooms
- missile silos (ship integrated)
- torpedo rooms
- mine storage rooms

1.1.2 If for missiles a spraying system instead of a flooding systems becomes necessary, adequate connections to the seawater fire main system have to be provided. Details have to be agreed with the Naval Administration.

1.1.3 Spaces for ready use ammunition which are not permanently applied for storage of ammunition have to be provided with a separate spraying system.

1.1.4 Cabinets and lockers for a limited amount of ammunition of little calibre need no spraying connection.

1.2 Documents

See [A.3](#).

1.3 Marking

At the entrances to storage spaces warning boards are to installed. These boards shall clearly announce which types of ammunitions and weapons are allowed for storage. In addition these boards shall emphasize that smoking, the use of electronic radiation equipment, use of flammable liquids and any further activities endangering the safety of ammunition and/or weapons are not permitted.

2. Layout and arrangement

2.1 Layout

Flooding systems shall limit the temperature in the storage space and cool bulkheads, decks and ceilings as well as the ship's shell above the waterline of ammunition and weapons storage rooms against impermissible high temperatures in adjacent rooms.

The flooding of ammunition storage spaces is a special task which has to be provided principally only with agreement of the Naval Administration.

2.2 Arrangement in the ship

2.2.1 Ammunition and weapon storage spaces shall not be arranged adjacent to machinery spaces of category A, spaces for distribution switchboards, battery rooms, galleys and spaces with similar fire risk.

If this is not feasible a cofferdam of at least 600 mm width is to be provided.

All walls, decks and ceilings are to be fire resistant to A 60 class, see [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 20](#).

2.2.2 The entrance to the storage spaces shall only be established via spaces of low explosion risk.

2.2.3 The doors to the storage spaces shall be gastight and fire resistant to A 60 class.

3. Flooding system

3.1 Feeding

3.1.1 If the flooding system is connected to the fire main system, the flooding system of each storage space has to be provided with a main and an auxiliary feeding from the fire main system.

3.1.2 Between the feeding pipes and the entrance to the storage spaces, two remote controlled shut-off valves have to be installed in series. The downstream fitting has to be a non-return valve.

3.1.3 Between the first and second valve a connection with a self closing fitting has to be provided, which serves for checking the tightness of the first valve and for flushing the connections from the fire main system.

3.1.4 For the flooding system approved nozzles to the space have to be used.

3.1.5 Means are to be provided to securely stop the feeding if a sufficient water level is reached.

3.1.6 The time for the complete flooding of each storage room has to be defined by the Naval Administration. The capacity of the flooding system has to be designed accordingly.

3.2 Drainage system

3.2.1 The storage spaces are to be equipped with air pipes of sufficient size.

3.2.2 Storage spaces above the bulkhead deck shall be equipped with drainage pipes and valves for draining flooded spaces over board.

3.2.3 Spaces below the bulkhead deck are to be connected to the ship's bilge system.

3.2.4 The drainage capacity shall be not less than 110 % of the volume that can be produced by the flooding system.

3.2.5 See also [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 19, E.](#)

3.3 Release

3.3.1 The storage spaces have to be equipped with a fire detection and alarm system. The alarm is to be monitored at the central and damage control fire panels.

3.3.2 The release of the flooding system is to be done manually.

3.3.3 The remote control and remote monitoring of the pumps and valves is to be done from centres defined by the Naval Administration.

4. Other equipment

4.1 The atmosphere in the spaces has to be controlled in relation to temperature and humidity. Ventilation has to be provided to keep these parameters within limits to be defined by the Naval Administration.

4.2 The installation of electrical equipment which is not directly necessary for the operation of these spaces is not permitted.

4.3 The necessary electrical equipment in the spaces shall be of certified safe type (degree of protection IP6X and temperature class T5 are recommended).

P. NBC Spraying System

1. General

The NBC spraying system serves for wetting and washing of outward ship surfaces which are accessible as well as surfaces of deck equipment, systems devices and components which may be contaminated by warfare agents. A preventive spraying of these areas shall avoid a settling down of chemical or nuclear warfare agents.

2. Layout

2.1 The NBC spraying system is to be designed to cover all surfaces considered in the spray water calculation simultaneously.

2.2 Adequate scuppers and freeing ports have to ensure an unhindered drainage of the spraying water.

2.3 The specific spray water quantity, shall be at least 0,15 [m³/m²/h].

As the arrangement of the spray nozzles mostly causes some overlapping the dimensioning of the spraying system and the layout of the spray water pumps shall be based on a specific spray water quantity of 0,18 – 0,21 [m³/m²/h] depending on the structure of the surfaces to be sprayed.

2.4 For the calculation of the required spray water quantity the following surfaces have to be considered:

- all open decks
- all outside walls with exception of the hull
- all equipment, devices and radomes with exception of mast tops, antennas and comparable systems within 2 m above the highest deck

2.5 The calculated spray water quantity has to be considered for the layout of the fire pumps according to E.1.

3. Arrangement

3.1 For planning the arrangement of the spraying mains and the feeding of the fire pumps, the requirements defined in E. have to be observed.

3.2 The transfer of the spray water to the higher decks is to be done by fire fighting riser mains installed for compartment autonomy, compare Section 1, H.

3.3 The feeding from the fire fighting riser mains to the spray water distribution lines is to be done separately for each compartment via a remote controlled shut-off valve.

3.4 The pipe system for the spray nozzles at the front of the bridge has to be separated from the other parts of the system. The shut-off valve for controlling this section shall be operated from the bridge.

3.5 For the adjustment of a homogenous spray water distribution valves have to be installed for each section of spraying nozzles.

4. Remote control, remote monitoring

4.1 The release of the spray system is to be done manually.

4.2 The remote control and monitoring of the pumps and valves has to be operated from the panels and control stands where also any damages of the system are to be indicated.

Q. Cooling System for the Reduction of the Infrared Signature

1. General

Where the reduction and/or equalizing of the infrared signature of the naval ships is necessary, cooling by spraying seawater on different parts of the ship's surface is to be provided.

2. Design

2.1 Spray nozzles have to be located mainly at the upper part of the vertical and inclined elements of the ship's outer surface to distribute a curtain of cooling seawater homogeneously over the treated part of the ship's surface.

2.2 The system has to be divided in sectors for different duration and intensity of cooling according to the expected surface temperature. Special attention has to be given to the exit of the exhaust gases of the power plant and the possibility of hiding it thermically.

2.3 The system should be combined with the NBC spraying system according to P. The construction details shall be as defined there.

2.4 The feeding of the system may be provided by the fire pumps as normally fire-fighting and signature reduction will not be executed to full extent at the same time.

2.5 Further details have to be agreed and defined in the building specification between Naval Administration, shipyard and BKL.

3. System control

3.1 The activation of the system shall be done manually from the machinery control centre (MCC) by remote control.

3.2 The fine tuning of the system for the different operating conditions of the naval ship should be done by using the results of an extended temperature measuring program during sea trials and/or a system of sensors on the ship's surface delivering actual temperatures at characteristic positions.

3.3 For assistance of practical operation the use of an individually adopted computer software is recommended.

R. Water Drainage Systems for Fire-Extinguishing, NBC Spraying and other Systems

1. General

Special attention has to be paid to the quantities of water for fire extinguishing in particular at higher decks, which might lead to instability of the ship if no adequate drainage arrangements have been planned.

2. Layout

2.1 The quantity of the spraying water is defined for each space. The layout of the drainage system has to be adjusted to these quantities.

2.2 The quantity of water for fire-fighting has to be based on 25 m³/h for each nozzle. The maximum number of nozzles to be used for each deck and compartment has to be defined in the building specification. The number of the scuppers and drainage pipes shall be one piece for every commenced metres of space or corridor length of a compartment. The minimum number shall be 2 pieces and the section of each drainage scupper/pipe in such a case has to be provided for 100 % of the quantity of water needed for fire fighting.

3. Arrangement

3.1 The location of the drainage pipes has to be chosen, if applicable, diagonally at the fore and aft end of a room or corridor.

The scuppers and pipes shall be readily accessible to facilitate cleaning.

3.2 The water from decks and spaces situated above the weather deck has to be led outboard at about 500 mm above the highest waterline.

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A. General

1. Application of environmental protection measures

1.1 Naval Ships are not obliged by law to meet the requirements of SOLAS 74 and MARPOL 73/78 Conventions as amended, or other international Codes concerning protection of the environment.

Of course Naval Administrations may require more or less limitations according to the local needs and these have to be complied with for an actual project.

In a time with critical condition of the environment in many areas of the world and where often navies have to send their ships to worldwide missions, BKI recommends to include the full range of environmental protection in the design of a naval ship.

2. Environmental Passport

2.1 For the Class Notation **EP** or **EP+** to be assigned, an Environmental Passport will be issued if the technical requirements set out in the following are met. This Passport comprises the "Environmental Passport" Certificate, together with Certificates issued by state organisations and Certificates, statements of compliance and test Certificates issued by BKI or other recognized IACS Classification Societies.

Details explanation regarding requirement of **EP** or **EP+** Class Notations is defined as follows:

2.1.1 EP Notation

Compliance with the applicable requirements of :

- Annexes I, II, III, IV, V, and VI to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, MARPOL 73/78, as amended
- SOLAS 74/88, as amended: Chapter VII "Carriage of dangerous goods, International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001"

2.1.2 EP+ Notation

Compliance with the applicable requirements of EP plus :

- International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004"
- MEPC.269(68), "Guidelines for the Development of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials"
- MEPC.245 (66), "Guidelines on the Method of Calculation of the Energy Efficiency Design Index for New Ships"

2.2 For new buildings an “Interim Environmental Passport” with a validity period of 5 months will be issued by the competent BKI Inspection Office.

2.3 Within the scope of the BKI Environmental Service System, Naval Administrations and/or shipyards and/or system suppliers are given comprehensive advice and support. In close consultation, the type and scope of the environmental protection properties are designed, suitable verification procedures are selected and test and certification procedures are established.

2.4 On special request, BKI will also examine and document in the Environmental Passport other additional environmental protection properties exceeding **B.** to **D.** and which are specified in **E.** to **G.**

2.5 The Environmental Passport and the corresponding Class Notation are valid within the ongoing class period starting from the date of issue of normally 5 years, as an exception for maximum 6 years if required by the Naval Administration and agreed by BKI. In case of **EP** renewal for a further period, the duration of **EP** validity and class period are identical.

2.6 In the event that certain parts of the Environmental Passport lose their validity, the latter will become invalid as a whole and Class Notation **EP** will be retracted. If the necessary surveys and certifications are obtained subsequently, the validity of the Environmental Passport and the Class Notation will be reinstated within the scope of their original validity period.

3. Scope

The full and binding technical requirements are defined in the latest issue of [Guidance for the Environmental Service System for Ships, Offshore Units, Floating Installations And Liftboats \(Pt.7, Vol.F\)](#). In this Section an overview and navy specific subjects will be given.

4. Definitions

4.1 AFS

AFS means International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti Fouling System on Ships.

4.2 Black water

"Black water" is identical to sewage and includes waste water from toilets and urinals, drainage of medical premises and other waste waters mixed with such drainage.

4.3 Global warming potential (GWP)

GWP means global warming potential, and is the ratio of the warming caused by a certain substance to the warming caused by the corresponding mass of carbon dioxide (the GWP of CO₂ is defined to be 1,0). GWP values are calculated over time horizons of 25 resp. 100 resp. 500 years.

4.4 Grey water

"Grey water" is only waste water including drainage from baths, showers, etc. and galley waste water containing food and fat residues, laundry and sink water.

4.5 Hazardous wastes

Hazardous wastes are wastes consisting of substances which are defined as marine pollutants in the international Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code).

4.6 IMDG

IMDG Code means International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code.

4.7 NO_x

NO_x means nitrogen oxides

4.8 SO_x

SO_x means sulphur oxides

4.9 VOC

VOC means volatile organic compound

5. Documents for approval

5.1 Certificates, etc.

Equivalent information shall be submitted to BKI, if the following documents are not issued by BKI:

- All mandatory Certificates according to MARPOL 73/78 and Annexes as amended
- Documentation verifying compliance with MARPOL 73/78 Annexes, as applicable
- list of environmentally relevant equipment and corresponding documents not covered by MARPOL 73/78
- measurement and assessment reports and documentation issued by authorities and by recognized or accredited bodies

5.2 Operational procedures

The following operational procedures shall be submitted, if applicable:

- vapour emission control system, VOC Management Plan
- plans for preventive measures, such as selective catalytic reduction (SCR)
- fuel oil management (SO_x/NO_x emission control)
- arrangement plan and refrigerating piping diagram for cooling of provisions, air conditioning and other duties
- ballast water management plan
- ballast water treatment plan
- garbage management plan

5.3 Additional plans and information

The following additional plans shall be submitted, if applicable:

- details of the ballast tank arrangement and ballast system
- details of the refrigeration system
- details of the fire fighting system
- details of the incinerator system
- details of the sewage system
- detail of the garbage system

- detail of the oily bilge water separating system

6. Reference to further Rules

6.1 BKI Rules

The latest issues of the following BKI Rules have to be considered:

- [Guidance for the Environmental Service System for Ships, Offshore Units, Floating Installations And Liftboats \(Pt.7, Vol.F\).](#)

6.2 National regulations

As far as national regulations existing alongside BKI's Rules define more strict requirements compliance with these regulations of Naval Administration or other National Administrations is not conditional for Class assignment by these Guidelines. National regulations could be required for operation of the naval ship in special local areas.

6.3 International conventions and codes

- **MARPOL 73/78:**
 - amended Annex I "Regulation for the Prevention of Pollution by Oil" according to Resolution MEPC.117(52) and MEPC.141(54)
 - Annex III "Regulation for the Prevention of Pollution by Harmful Substances Carried by Sea in Packed Form"
 - amended Annex IV "Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Sewage from Ships"
 - Annex V "Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Garbage from Ships"
 - Annex VI: Regulations for the Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships
- IMO Resolution MEPC.244(66): "Standard Specification for Shipboard Incinerators"
- IMO Resolution MEPC.141(54): "Regulation 12A – Fuel oil tank protection"
- IMO Resolution MEPC.227(64): "Guidelines on Implementation of Effluent Standards and Performance Tests for Sewage Treatment Plants"
- IMO Resolution MEPC.259(68): "Guidelines for Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems"
- IMO Resolution MEPC.269(68): "Guidelines for the Development of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials"
- MO Resolution MSC/Circ.585: "Standards for Vapour Emission Control Systems"
- IMO Resolution MSC.98(73): "International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code)"
- SOLAS 74/88, Chapter VII "Carriage of dangerous goods"
- International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code)
- Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships
- International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti Fouling Systems on Ships (AFS Convention)

B. Emissions to the Sea

According to [Guidance for the Environmental Service System for Ships, Offshore Units, Floating Installations And Liftboats \(Pt.7, Vol.F\) Sec. 3](#) the following emissions have to be restricted:

1. Oil

1.1 Discharge of untreated oil or oily mixtures from naval ships into the sea is prohibited.

1.2 The following aspects have to be considered:

- oil record books
- Annex I to MARPOL 73/78
- Resolution MEPC.141(54)

1.3 On naval ships equipped with replenishment at sea for fuel and oil all liquid transfer manifolds are to be fitted with spill trays of sufficient volume and a possibility of drainage.

As far as another working area with equipment for liquid handling is to be established on deck, also this area has to be enclosed and drainage is to be provided. The stability of the ship shall not be endangered by affecting normal deck drainage when no liquid handling operations are under way.

2. Bilge water

2.1 The discharge of oily bilge water removed from the machinery space bilges of naval ships is prohibited, unless the oil content does not exceed 15 ppm.

2.2 The following aspects have to be considered:

- bilge water separator
- monitoring, alarm, stopping
- [Section 8, O.4](#) for oily bilge water separating systems
- independent piping system
- holding tanks

3. Dangerous goods

For transportation of dangerous goods in packaged form Annex III of MARPOL 73/78 and the IMDG Code shall be met.

4. Sewage

4.1 Discharge of sewage (black water) into the sea is prohibited.

4.2 The following aspects have to be considered:

- documentation of grey water treatment
- dimensions of shore connections
- details of treatment facilities acc. to [Section 8, T](#)
- examination and test of Sewage Treatment Plant

5. Ballast water

5.1 Discharge of untreated ballast water is prohibited, except for special cases.

5.2 The following aspects have to be considered:

- translocation of non native organisms
- segregated ballast water tanks

- ship specific ballast water management plan
- ballast water treatment plan
- details of treatment plants acc. to [Section 8, P.4](#)

6. Antifouling systems

6.1 Application of biocide free antifouling is recommended.

6.2 The following aspects have to be considered:

- no anti fouling system containing organotin compounds
- no application, re-application, installation

7. Garbage

7.1 Garbage management

The following aspects have to be considered:

- establishing a Garbage Management Plan
- Garbage Record Book
- notification of garbage disposal requirements

7.2 Garbage storage

7.2.1 Naval ships have to be equipped with convenient arrangement of spaces for the storage and treatment of solid waste.

The fire protection of these spaces and plants has to be ensured according to [Section 9, L](#).

7.2.2 Where the arrangement does not allow the installation of a waste compacting or incineration plant and for ships with a sea endurance time below 72 hours, suitable measures to gather and store the solid waste have to be provided.

7.3 Treatment facilities

7.3.1 Garbage preparation

Equipment shall be provided on board for sorting, minimizing and storing the garbage prior to discharge or incineration. The respective procedures for sorting, minimizing and storing shall be incorporated into the Garbage Management Plan.

7.3.2 Garbage compacting plant

Installation, type and performance of a garbage compacting plant have to be defined by the Naval Administration.

The ability to store and pile up the compacted garbage as well as an easy transport on board and a transfer to and from ships or land using pallets, has to be ensured.

7.3.3 Garbage incineration plant

See [C.4](#).

7.3.4 Galley garbage shredding plant

According to the requirements of the Naval Administration a plant for shredding, sacking and hygienic storage of organic garbage and the remainder of meals has to be provided.

7.3.5 Galley waste water

For the treatment of galley waste water see [Section 8, T.2.](#)

7.4 Hazardous wastes

Hazardous wastes are to be collected separately and stored in clearly marked containments. They have to be disposed in due time ashore.

C. Emissions into the Air

According to [Guidance for the Environmental Service System for Ships, Offshore Units, Floating Installations And Liftboats \(Pt.7, Vol.F\) Sec. 3.](#) the following emissions have to be restricted:

1. NO_x emissions from marine diesel engines

1.1 The requirements apply to diesel engines with a power output of more than 130 kW, but do not apply to emergency diesel engines, if applicable and engines in lifeboats.

1.2 Operation of diesel engines is prohibited unless emissions of nitrogen oxides are within certain limits (TIER II of MARPOL 73/78, Annex VI). For higher emissions an exhaust gas cleaning system to reach the limits is required (Equivalent Solution).

1.3 The following aspects have to be considered:

- exhaust gas cleaning systems may become necessary, compare [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec. 3, K](#)
- NO_x Technical Code for testing, survey and certification
- alternative technical solutions
- on board measurements of average weighted
- NO_x emissions
- technical file of diesel engine

2. SO_x emissions from diesel engines

2.1 The sulphur content of fuel oil used on board naval ships is to be reduced in several steps within the next years.

2.2 The following aspects have to be considered:

- emission control zones with even more reduced sulphur content
- use of exhaust gas cleaning systems, see also [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec. 3, K](#)
- fuel oil management
- bunker delivery notes

Note

The emissions of gas turbines are up to now not subject of international Conventions and Codes. Especially for power generation plants which use gas turbines not only to achieve the maximum speed v_{max} , for a relatively short time, but also for cruising speed v_M and/or the generation of electric power (e.g. for the types COGAG, COGOG, IEP, etc. acc. to [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec. 2, B.](#)) emissions of these gas turbines should be considered and discussed with BKI.

3. Vapour emissions from volatile products in bulk

If naval ships (supply ships acting as tankers) are transporting volatile products, such as gasoline or other petroleum products in bulk, they are to be provided with a vapour emission collection and control system approved by BKI or organizations recognized by BKI.

4. Exhaust gas emissions from shipboard incineration

4.1 Incinerators for garbage, oily residues and oily wastes need a type approval of BKI or organizations recognized by BKI.

4.2 The following aspects have to be considered:

- installation, type and performance of plant to be defined by the Naval Administration
- [Guidelines for Ship Operation Installations and Auxiliary Systems \(Pt.9, Vol.6\) Sec. 9, 15, 17](#) to be considered
- for ventilation [Guidance for Ventilation Systems on Board Seagoing Ships \(Pt.1, Vol.A\)](#)
- national and international regulations, if applicable

5. Emissions from refrigeration systems

5.1 The requirements are applicable to refrigeration plants used for provision and supply refrigeration, air conditioning, provision cooling and catering systems on naval ship, they are not applicable to stand-alone refrigeration or air conditioning systems in galleys, pantries, crew accommodation, etc.

5.2 The following aspects are to be considered:

- Refrigeration systems shall be filled with environment friendly refrigerants. GWP of less than 3800 required
- Periodic leak detection procedures shall be established to minimize refrigerant leakage
- leak detection system for continuous monitoring
- Maintenance, servicing and repair work shall be carried out without releasing any substantial quantity of refrigerant
- measures for refrigerant recovery

6. Emissions of fire fighting substances

6.1 Fire fighting systems shall be provided with environment friendly fire fighting substances.

6.2 The following aspects are to be considered:

- use of natural substances recommended
- use of halo carbons is not permitted
- alternative substances are permitted, provided that they have a GWP of less than 4000

D. Ship Recycling

1. An Inventory of Hazardous Materials for naval ships at least for that of remarkable size is to be prepared and certified (Statement of compliance).
2. Hazardous materials listed in Table A of Appendix 1 of the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships and in the related Guidelines for the Development of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials (Res.MEPC 269 (68)) shall not be present on board new ships or in new equipment or materials installed on board existing ships.

Hazardous materials listed in Table A and Table B of the Appendix 1 of the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships are to be identified, quantified and documented according to the Guidelines Res. MEPC 269(68).

E. Advanced Environmental Pollution Prevention Measures

1. General

On request, BKI will also examine and document for the Environmental Passport other additional environmental protection properties of the naval ship exceeding the requirements of B. to D.

Test Certificates, statements of compliance and Certificates of BKI will be included in the Environmental Passport to document the elevated environmental standard of the ship.

2. Biocide free coatings

2.1 Actual minimum requirements

For every naval ship of 400 tons and above which is engaged in international tasks it has to be confirmed by an International Antifouling System Certificate issued by BKI or an organisation recognized by BKI.

2.2 Protection of the environment

In order to reduce the emission of CO₂ to a lower level, the most effective antifouling system approved for use under the AFS Convention shall be applied and maintained in due consideration of the ship's operating profile. Therefore technical advice from the systems' manufacturer shall be obtained to ensure that an appropriate system is applied.

In some countries only biocidal antifouling coatings registered under biocidal product laws can be applied. This shall be complied with, if necessary.

2.3 Advanced strategy

If anti fouling systems are available, which are suitable under consideration of the ship parameters (e.g. planned docking intervals, speed, vessel type, operation area, etc.) and according to the characteristics defined by the producer, the biocide free alternative shall be applied.

If the shell has to be treated with a new procedure, the effectiveness of which is already not proven, the following documentation is to be submitted to BKI for pre checking:

- description of effectiveness
- technical data sheets
- safety data sheets
- remarks for application

Based on a review of the documentation, the time of survey of the shell to check the effectiveness will be determined. If then effectiveness cannot be proven, then the antifouling coating is to be removed and to be replaced by an antifouling coating with proven effectiveness.

3. Particle reduction of exhaust gases

3.1 The exhaust gas cleaning system shall reduce the amount of nitrogen oxides (NO_x), sulphur oxides (SO_x) or particulate matter from the exhaust gases of internal combustion engines, incinerators or auxiliary steam boilers.

3.2 The exhaust gas cleaning system shall be independent for each combustion engine or combustion plant. General requirements on the use of combustible materials and on structural fire protection are to be complied with. Thermal expansion of the system and its mechanical connections to both the ship's structure and the exhaust pipes has to be considered.

3.3 The main operating parameters of the exhaust gas cleaning system have to be monitored and should serve as indicators for possible abnormalities. As a minimum, the following operating parameters shall be monitored:

- gas temperature upstream of the cleaning system
- gas temperature downstream of the cleaning system
- pressure drop across the exhaust gas cleaning system
- engine exhaust gas back pressure
- position of flap valves

3.4 After successful appraisal of the required documents and successful conclusion of the shipboard test in presence of a Surveyor, BKI issues an Approval Certificate.

3.5 For the full range of requirements see [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec. 3,K.](#) defined by the producer, the biocide free alternative.

4. Sewage treatment plant

4.1 If national and/or regional regulations require more stringent values for the main sewage (black water) parameters than specified in MEPC.227(64), then these have to be complied with.

If grey water is added to black water the whole mixture is to be considered as sewage.

4.2 In general the treatment process should contain the following steps:

- filtration and separation of solids
- biological process for oxidation of the organic matter
- clarification and disinfection
- treatment of produced sludge

The aim shall be to reach as far as possible an automatic operation with a minimum of manual adjustments of the treatment procedure to the actual influent.

4.3 The results have to be verified by performance tests according to Resolution MEPC.227 (64) within a type approval by BKI or an organization recognized by BKI.

To enable such tests the treatment plant is to be designed for easy collection of influent and effluent samples. Sampling is to be done in a manner and at a frequency which are representative for effluent quality. The sampling frequency has also to consider the through put time of the sewage in the plant. The

testing has to be performed for a wide variance of volumetric influent input, but at least for minimum, maximum and average capacity.

If test facilities ashore are proposed by the manufacturer, they will be surveyed by BKI and their use for the actual plant has to be approved by BKI.

4.4 Where the sewage treatment plant has been tested ashore, the initial survey shall include installation and commissioning of the plant on board. It has to proven, that the plant works satisfactorily at the trim and heel, as well as vibrations, etc. for ambient conditions expected normal shipboard operation, see [Section 1, D](#).

5. Oil leakage from equipment into sea water

5.1 General

The oil consumption of the following equipment, which might leakage oil to sea water, is to be monitored. The monitoring may be done manually in regular time intervals or automatically.

If malfunctions respectively leakages are noticed, corrective action shall be initiated immediately.

All occurring special corrective actions are to be documented.

5.2 Stern tube seals

The loss of lubricating oil for the stern tubes has to be monitored by a low level alarm at the lube oil tank according to [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec. 5, D.5](#) and [Guidelines for Automation \(Pt.9, Vol.7\) Sec. 9, E](#).

5.2.1 Recognized methods

The following methods are recognized by BKI:

- seawater lubricated tube bearings
- oil lubricated stern seals with special separation measures
- oil lubricated stern tube seals with reduced oil pressure

5.2.2 Other systems

Other systems working on principles different from the examples described above can be examined case by case by BKI on request.

5.2.3 Degradable lubricating oil

The use of biologically degradable lubricating oil can assist to reduce environmental loads. It is seen as a voluntary additional measure, but is no mandatory requirement for the issue of the Environmental Passport.

5.2.4 Type approval

To be accepted by BKI the systems to prevent oil leakage from stern tube seals need type approval by BKI or an organisation recognized by BKI.

5.3 Rudder bearings

In addition to the measures described in [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 12, A.3.](#), an efficient sealing system is to be provided to ensure that oil or grease does not leak from rudder bearings into the seawater. Proposals are to be submitted to BKI for approval.

5.4 Further sources of oil spills

It is to be verified that suitable measures against oil spills are undertaken for:

- controllable pitch propellers
- thruster bearings
- rudder propellers
- podded drives
- stabilizer drive units
- etc.

Relevant documentation for the applied measures are to be submitted to BKI and will be examined case by case by BKI on request.

5.5 Hydraulically operated deck equipment

Hydraulically operated deck equipment like:

- winches
- hoists
- hydraulic topping cylinders of cranes, A-frames, etc.
- equipment for hatch covers
- closing appliances in the ship's shell has to be arranged as far as possible with spill trays of sufficient size underneath

6. Choice of propulsion system

For the judgement of the environmental protection ability of the naval ship also the type of power generation in connection with the propulsion system will be considered.

As far as applicable, the following technologies may be considered:

6.1 Hybrid drive

As hybrid drive a combination of mechanical drive of at least a part of the propulsion system with electric drives for thrusters and all types of auxiliary equipment is to be understood. For such a system electrical power has to be produced by several generator sets as well as by a shaft generator included in the mechanical drive system. Such a multi drive power system has to achieve high flexibility in different modes:

- operating with maximum mechanical and electrical power for propulsion at rated or maximum speed
- operating only with electrical power in slow manoeuvring and dynamic positioning mode, as far as applicable
- only mechanical (alternatively electrical) power in cruising mode at patrol missions

With such flexibility the hybrid drive shall be in the position to optimise fuel efficiency and to reduce emissions into the air.

7. Redundant propulsion

To avoid pollution of oil and chemicals in connection with a manoeuvring accident, permanent functioning of all propulsion and steering systems of the naval ship is important.

According to [Regulations for Redundant Propulsion and Steering Systems \(Pt.1, Vol.XIII\)](#) the level of redundancy for the propulsion and steering systems of the considered type of naval ship is to be stipulated. These Regulations are based on the single failure concept and a distinction is made between the three levels of redundancy RP1 x%, RP2 x% and RP3 x%.

F. Noise

1. Indoor noise

Noise limits for working and living spaces of the crew should be contractually agreed upon shipyard and Naval Administration.

Appropriate indoor noise limits may be agreed with assistance of the BKI acoustic experts base on the BKI [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt. 9, Vol.2\) Sec. 16, B](#). Thereby it is most important that the type and the task of the ship will be considered in each case.

2. Underwater noise

Appropriate underwater radiated noise limits may be agreed in addition with assistance of the BKI acoustic experts to ensure that the ship can successfully maintain specified operational tasks, compare the BKI Guidelines defined in [Section 1](#).

3. BKI assistance

BKI recommends noise prediction analysis in the pre contract or early design stage of the ship to ensure that the specified indoor and / or underwater noise limits can be met.

G. Responsible Environmental Officer

A naval officer should to be nominated as the ship's Responsible Environmental Officer with the following responsibilities:

- being informed about the national and the international rules and regulations including those BKI and Naval Administration concerning environmental protection
- establishing of environmental protection procedures in every day operation of the ship
- survey the implementation of environmental protection procedures
- the accuracy and reliability of necessary data in the environmental records
- training of the crew in implementing the prescribed environmental protection procedures

H. Tests and Trials

1. All systems for environmental protection have as far as possible to be tested already at the manufacturer's works.

2. Systems with mandatory type approval have to comply with [Guidance for The Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use \(Pt.1, Vol.W\)](#).

3. The complete function of the systems on board of the ship at sea including possible interactions between different systems during combined operation is to be tested during the sea trials.

Section 11 Ventilation Systems and NBC Protection

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A. General

1. Scope

1.1 In the following only the requirements for NBC protection are defined. For conventional ventilation of naval ships in [Guidance for Ventilation Systems on Board Seagoing Ships \(Pt.1, Vol.A\)](#) are to be applied.

1.2 The requirements of this Section comprise the requirements for air handling plants to ensure NBC protection (NBC ventilation systems).

If the ship is equipped with a NBC protection plant fulfilling the requirements defined in this Section the Notation **NBC** will be affixed to the Character of Classification, see [Guidelines for Classification and Surveys \(Pt.9, Vol.1\) Sec. 2, C](#).

2. Applicable Rules

2.1 The requirements in the other Sections and Chapters of these Guidelines concerning ventilation plants and elements thereof have to be observed.

2.2 In addition, the generally recognized rules of ventilation technology as well as applicable national and/or international regulations shall be observed, insofar as they are prescribed by the Naval Administration.

3. Documents for approval

The documents listed in [3.1 – 3.7](#) shall be submitted to BKI for approval. The drawings are required to contain all the details necessary to carry out an examination in accordance with the following requirements. To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process they should be submitted in electronic format.

3.1 General information

Description of the ventilation system with details on the ventilation principle and the general arrangement of plants and units. In particular, the following details are required:

- type of ventilation
- required air flow rate per hour, air change rates, air flow rate per person and hour, and the flow rate of decontaminated air
- types of fans
- location of installation for the fans and units
- designations of the fans and units

- details of fire flaps and weathertight closures
- details of duct penetrations
- specification of the ventilated spaces
- damage control zones
- ventilation zones
- smoke elimination concept
- approval information (flexible ducts, fire dampers, duct penetrations)

3.2 Air condition and ventilation plan

Ship's general arrangement plan with schematic overview of the various air handling units, including a legend for the graphic symbols used and details on the air flow rates into or out of various spaces.

3.3 Air balance plan

Representation of the air flow in a ship's general arrangement plan or similar. In addition, this plan shall provide information on the arrangement and dimensioning of the air exchange openings and air overflow openings.

Note

If appropriate, this plan can be combined with the air volume plan.

3.4 Air condition and capacity table

The individual air handling units or fans shall be listed in a table providing the following information:

- designation of the plants (with numbering, etc.)
- connected spaces (with designations)
- delivery flow rate [m³/h]
- total pressures [Pa]
- types and power consumption of the fans or units
- types and outputs of the motors
- rotational speeds [l/min]
- types and outputs of the heaters (preheaters and reheaters) [kW]; type of heating medium
- types and air flow rates of the odour filters
- remarks, e.g. a reference to pole changing motors

3.5 List of individual heating elements

The local heating elements shall be listed in a table, which may be combined with the table according to 3.5 providing the following information:

- location of installation (with room designation)
- number of heating elements
- required heating capacity [kW]
- installed heating capacity [kW]

3.6 List of CO₂ levels in the spaces

For each space within the citadel, the hourly requirements for decontaminated air and the resulting CO₂ level shall be compiled in a plant related table which has to provide the following information:

- delivery rate of the plant
- connected spaces (with designations)
- proportion of decontaminated air supplied by the plant
- supply air per space
- decontaminated air per space
- occupation of each space in each readiness condition
- flow rate of breathing air, permissible maximum CO₂ level and occupancy factor as per F.5
- calculated CO₂ level for each space

4. Tasks of the air condition and ventilating system

4.1 The air handling plant shall ensure air conditions that are within the range required for optimum human performance. Without any limit in duration, it serves to:

- safeguard the breathing air requirement
- ensure that the humidity is within the permissible range
- provide and dissipate heat
- eliminate odours and clean the air
- ensure overpressure within the citadel
- ensure the necessary NBC protection for ships depending on the requirements
- remove gases and smoke in the event of fire, if necessary through transportable units

4.2 As a matter of principle, all spaces in the ship shall be ventilated.

4.3 For all external climatic conditions which the ship is likely to encounter in its intended region of deployment as well as for all readiness conditions, the air handling plant has to provide interior climate conditions which ensure the uninterrupted operational readiness of crew, plants and units.

5. Definitions

5.1 Air ducts

Thin walled piping or ducting (circular or rectangular) used exclusively to conduct air.

5.2 Air lock

Small, gastight space serving as access to the citadel which ensures the maintenance of overpressure inside.

5.3 Air treatment

Air treatment is the treatment of air by heating and cooling, purification, humidification or dehumidification, according to given requirements.

5.4 Air trunks

Parts of the hull which may either themselves be used to conduct air or which contain air ducts as well as other lines (pipes, cables).

5.5 Citadel

Citadel is the entirety of all spaces of a ship included in the collective NBC protection scheme. The citadel is to be so designed that these spaces can, during missions with NBC hazards, be kept at an overpressure relative to the outside atmosphere to preclude entry of hazardous substances from outside.

5.6 Cleansing station

Location with facilities for cleaning and decontamination of personnel and devices which have to enter the citadel. In general, there is an outside and inside cleansing station.

5.7 Control station

Control stations are bridge, radio room, combat information centre (CIC), machinery control centre (MCC), damage control centre (DCC) and flight control centre (FCC) as well as gyro compass and analogous rooms, or locations for the emergency source of power and emergency switchboard or comparable systems are located or where the fire recording or fire control equipment is centralized or where other functions essential to the safe operation of the ship such as propulsion control, public address, stabilisation systems, etc. are located.

5.8 Crew/accommodation spaces

Crew spaces are accommodation spaces allocated for the use of the crew and embarked troops and include cabins, offices, hospitals, sanitary rooms/lavatories, pantries no cooking appliances, mess rooms and similar spaces.

5.9 Damage control zone

Defined in [Section 1, H.3.7](#).

5.10 Decontaminated air

Decontaminated air is air cleaned from NBC substances after passing the NBC protection plant and fed directly to citadel spaces or to air handling, see [Fig. 11.1](#).

5.11 NBC

NBC is the abbreviation for nuclear, biological and chemical hazards for ship and crew in the surrounding environment (atmosphere and/or seawater).

5.12 Operating spaces

Operating spaces are spaces which contain systems or machinery and devices for damage control, electrical installation, propulsion plants, or supply and medical sections. They are named according to their duties.

5.13 Refrigerating machinery spaces

Refrigerating machinery spaces are all spaces in which refrigerating machines are installed. This can also include large machinery spaces, e.g. propulsion engine rooms, power stations, and auxiliary machinery spaces. Refrigerating plants and units should be installed in separate rooms or capsules, alternatively suitable means for the detection of refrigerant leaks and removal are to be provided.

5.14 Sanitary rooms

Sanitary rooms are lavatories, bathrooms, washrooms, shower cubicles, etc.

6. Basic requirements

6.1 Ventilation openings shall be arranged so that no air short circuit is possible. The outdoor air intake openings and discharge air openings are to be protected against the ingress of rain and seawater. The intake of exhaust and firing gases, from funnels, artillery, missiles, etc., is to be excluded.

6.2 In the case of ships for which infrared (IR) protection is to be provided, discharge air openings permitting a direct view of the inside are to be covered by screens against the outdoor air.

7. Environmental and operating conditions

The ventilation plants shall be designed for the specified environmental and operating conditions. For details see F.

8. Allocation according to damage control zones

The ventilation plants for the different ship spaces shall be allocated so that at least the damage control zones are separated from each other in a gastight manner with regard to air handling.

9. Watertight subdivision

9.1 The watertight subdivision of the ship shall be ensured by the appropriate arrangement of closures or by the installation of watertight ventlines.

10. Air treatment

10.1 Air filtering

Air filtering shall be provided for all air conditioning and air handling plants which have to control the pollutant concentrations and keep them within individually specified limits.

10.2 Odour elimination

Suitable air handling units shall be provided to eliminate odours. Noxious or foul smelling air shall be extracted at the place of origin.

10.3 Heating and cooling

The requirements for heating and cooling of spaces are to be defined by the Naval Administration.

10.4 Air conditioning

Air conditioning units shall be used where the air temperature and the relative air humidity has to be kept within prescribed limits.

B. Scope of NBC Protection

1. General requirements

1.1 With regard to the protection against the ingress of NBC warfare agents, the ships shall be protected in accordance with the requirements of the Naval Administration.

1.2 As far as possible, the citadel shall not be penetrated by unprotected spaces.

1.3 The estimation of the required decontaminated air volume depends on the following:

- personnel requirements
- technical and design requirements
- discharge air volumes needed to eliminate foul smelling and/or noxious gases or odorous substances

1.4 Requirements for personnel

The quantity of decontaminated air for the personnel depends on the maximum permissible CO₂ content of the various space categories and on the occupancy factors envisaged for them, see [F.5](#).

1.5 Technical and design requirements

1.5.1 This requirement results from possible and calculable losses by leakage in the ship structure:

- losses by leakage through internal installations, units and plants, e.g. cannons, missile launching equipment, vertical launching system, antenna system
- losses by leakage from e.g. air locks, NBC air locks, handling rooms
- allowances for leaky doors/hatches
- discharge air volumes (mechanical and natural discharge air)

1.5.2 Foul smelling air, noxious gases and odorous substances are eliminated by means of discharge air, the quantity of which has to be replaced by decontaminated air. In this connection the air change rates mentioned in [F.5](#) are to be observed. Furthermore, the discharge air volumes shall be determined for the galley, for the sound absorbing capsule of diesel engines / turbines, for the garbage storage space, for the hospital, for auxiliary machinery spaces with refrigerating machines, etc.

1.5.3 For each damage control zone, the decontaminated air volumes shall be determined from the three criteria defined in [1.5](#), whereby in each case the largest decontaminated air volume is to be applied.

The mandatory determination of the decontaminated air requirement shall be performed as described in [F.5](#). The decontaminated air shall be provided to the spaces by air handling units.

2. Elements of NBC protection

The design of the NBC shelter and citadel shall consist of the following elements:

2.1 Air locks

2.1.1 If NBC protection is active, air locks are normally only to be used for quick leaving of the citadel. The entrance to the citadel via air lock is only permissible if no contamination of the environment has happened up to this time of entry. Otherwise entrance has to take place only via the cleansing station.

2.1.2 The air lock shall be of a simple rectangular form with two doors not less than 1,5 m apart. It has to be enclosed by gastight walls and doors. The doors shall be self closing and may not have any fixing devices.

2.1.3 Measures have to be provided to guarantee that always only one door can be opened at a time, if NBC protection is active.

2.1.4 An alarm is to be provided, which indicates if more than one of the doors is not fully closed.

2.2 Cleansing station

2.2.1 If NBC protection is active, entering of the citadel by contaminated personnel is only permissible via the cleansing station, see [Fig. 11.5](#).

2.2.2 The cleansing station shall have a size, which enables also the transport of wounded personnel on stretchers and with medical equipment into the citadel. It has to be enclosed by gastight walls and doors.

2.2.3 Measures have to be provided to guarantee that always only one door can be opened at a time, if NBC protection is active.

2.2.4 Outside the citadel immediately at the entrance to the cleansing station a shower for a first cleaning of the protection clothes and equipment with not contaminated water is to be provided.

2.2.5 The inside of the cleansing station is to be equipped for:

- changing of protection clothes
- storage of protection clothes in wardrobes
- storage of other clothes in separate wardrobes
- removal and cleaning of respirators
- decontamination of personnel
- entering to the citadel via the lock room
- safe drainage of all liquids in the cleansing station over board

2.3 NBC protection plants

NBC protection plants shall consist of the following elements as a minimum:

- jalousie resp. mist eliminator, water trap
- pre filter
- NBC filter (particle and gas filter)
- connection for NBC alarm device
- non return damper
- flow fan
- measuring device for differential pressure

For a more detailed concept see [Fig. 11.1](#).

2.4 Detection systems

The detection system has to consist of the following elements:

2.4.1 Radioactive detection system

- detector outside the citadel for radiation in the atmosphere
- detector for radiation in the water
- detectors in the citadel (e.g. on bridge, combat information centre, damage control centre machinery control centre, accommodation, sea water entrance)
- display of measuring values in combat information centre and on bridge

2.4.2 Chemical detection system

- detectors outside the citadel for chemical agents in the atmosphere (e.g. starboard and port sides of the ship)
- one detector in the citadel for each damage control zone
- display of measuring values in combat information centre and on bridge

2.4.3 Biological agents detective system

- detectors and display analogous to [2.4.2](#)
- detailed requirements to be agreed between Naval Administration and BKI

2.4.4 Alarms

- Adequate acoustic alarms which allow to differ the kind of danger are to be provided, see also [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.6, Vol.4\) Sec. 9](#)

2.5 NBC spraying system

The NBC spraying system for the outside surfaces of the ship has to be installed in accordance with [Section 9, P.](#)

2.6 Control and monitoring

2.6.1 General guidelines

The control, switching and regulating arrangements for air handling plants shall be structurally and functionally separated from each other according to ventilation zones / damage control zones. Within the corresponding ventilation zone / damage control zone, these arrangements may be grouped structurally.

In the case of ships with only one damage control zone, the grouping of the components shall be with regard to the corresponding ventilation zone.

2.6.2 Electrical control, switching and regulating arrangements

The necessary monitoring and operating positions shall be provided in accordance with [Table 11.4](#). For the construction and selection of electrical installations, the requirements as per [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.6, Vol.4\)](#) shall apply.

2.6.3 Overpressure in citadel

The overpressures in the spaces within the citadel are to be monitored. Pressure indicators for each area are to be provided at the machinery control centre (MCC). Should the overpressure in any one of the areas fall below 0,5 mbar, an audible and visual alarm shall be activated.

2.7 Air condition units

Air condition units shall be provided for spaces where it is necessary to establish environmental conditions specified by the Naval Administration (or in the [Tables 11.1](#) and [11.2](#)). Air condition units consist in general of heating and cooling devices, humidity control devices and filters for dust, particles and odour, etc.

2.8 Air filters

2.8.1 General

Air filters are to be easy to exchange.

2.8.2 Dust filters

The outdoor air and recirculated air is to be cleaned by dust filters. The dust filter casings shall be arranged in the direction of flow at the intake of the air handling units.

Dust filters for NBC protection units, hospital and odour filters shall comply with the standard ISO 16890, ISO ePM₁ ≥ 50% .

2.8.3 Grease trap

Grease traps shall be arranged in galley canopies above or next to the cooking and frying plates.

2.8.4 Pre filters

Pre filters are to be designed realizing a collection efficiency of ISO Coarse according to ISO 16890 or a collection efficiency equivalent to 90 % of particles of 10 µm or greater.

2.8.5 NBC filter

Depending on the operation concept of the ship, suitable filters shall be provided. If the filter inserts are stored on board, the filters shall be mounted near the NBC protection plant and protected against vibration.

.1 Particulate filters

High efficiency particle air filters (HEPA) realizing a collection efficiency H13 according to EN 1822-1 or a collection efficiency of 99,97 % of particles of 0,3 µm or greater.

.2 Gas filters

Activated carbon filters shall be provided to eliminate chemical agents and other gases. A proven standard can be accepted.

2.8.6 Dummies

With regard to dimensions and air resistances, dummies shall correspond to the original filters.

2.8.7 Odour filters

As odour filters activated carbon filters with dust filters complying at least with ISO Coarse as per ISO 16890 shall be provided.

C. Ventilation of Spaces inside the Citadel

1. General

1.1 NBC protection plants shall be fitted with throttle dampers. At the nominal air flow rate, it shall be possible to adjust with these dampers the same filter resistance as for operation with the original filter. In the NBC ventilation duct downstream of each NBC protection plant, a measurement point shall be provided for connecting a measurement unit in order to verify, using a tracer gas method, the tightness of the plant after a filter change.

1.2 The number of NBC protection plants needed shall be so chosen that the overpressure in the citadel specified in 1.6 can be safeguarded. Two adjacent plants shall be provided with a connecting line. In this line, two ventilation flaps shall be installed, one on either side of the compartment bulkhead, at a spacing of at least 0,5 m (normal operation: flap closed; emergency operation: adjacent compartment can be supplied as well). The duct between the flaps shall be constructed to be gas and watertight and with the corresponding wall thickness.

1.3 Within the citadel, discharge air fans shall be so interlocked with the associated NBC protection plants that the discharge air fan is switched off in the event of failure of an NBC protection plant, to ensure that the pressure in the citadel does not fall below the atmospheric level.

1.4 For each damage control zone and each autonomous ventilation zone, at least one NBC protection plant shall be provided. The NBC protection plants shall be decentralized. It shall be possible to operate each damage control zone / compartment autonomously. The supply air inlet openings for the NBC protection plant is to be arranged as high as possible, taking into account the requirements regarding the permissible heeling and trim of the vessel. The plants themselves shall be installed above the main deck and on the outside walls of the superstructures / deckhouses. Ventilation plants shall only provide ventilation for individual compartments. Penetrations of compartment bulkheads above the final waterline according to the damage stability calculations within a damage control zone shall be limited to supply of decontaminated air. They are to be secured with closures which are operable from either side. The same applies for a decontaminated air line connecting two damage control zones / autonomous ventilation zones, whereby in each damage control zone / autonomous ventilation zone a closure is to be arranged at least 1 m from the bulkhead separating the damage control zones / autonomous ventilation zones. The line between the closures shall be of a gas and watertight type.

Compressed air which is used for control and regulation purposes within the citadel shall only be produced by a compressor drawing in air from the citadel. The lines shall be constructed to be gas and watertight with closures if the compressor is not located in an NBC protected operating space.

On ships with NBC protection, connections for fixed and transportable breathing air compressors shall be provided at the decontaminated air line.

To ensure the breathing air requirement on ships designed for permanent NBC protection, an individual regulation of the air volumes is only permissible if the proportion of decontaminated air (decontaminated air volume) per space is kept constant independently of the supply air volume per space.

For the rough estimation of the decontaminated air volume, 45 m³/h of decontaminated air shall be assumed per person (with respect to the ship and considering all leakage losses), whereby the special requirements regarding the permissible CO₂ values shall be observed.

1.5 Subdivision according to damage control zones

The air handling plants of the ship spaces shall be subdivided so that at least the damage control zones are separated from each other in a gastight manner with regard to the air handling (including the associated switching and monitoring devices, as well as the refrigerating plants).

For the supply of decontaminated air and cold water from the adjacent damage control zone / autonomous ventilation zone, a transfer possibility is to be provided. If overlaps and penetrations of the damage control zone / autonomous ventilation zone by decontaminated air lines are necessary, gas and watertight closures shall be provided.

1.6 Ensuring the overpressure

The NBC protection plants shall be so designed that an overpressure of 5 hPa (mbar) in relation to the atmospheric pressure is achieved in all spaces of the citadel. If the machinery spaces are included in the NBC protection scheme, they shall be under overpressure of 4 hPa (mbar), and inside sound absorbing capsules an overpressure of 3 to 3,5 hPa (mbar), shall be maintained in relation to the atmospheric pressure, i.e. the required differential pressure shall be as follows:

- citadel/machinery space: 1,0 hPa/mbar
- machinery space/acoustic capsule: 0,5 - 1,0 hPa/mbar

1.7 Sound absorbing capsules

If NBC protection is stipulated for machinery spaces, a pressure is to be attained in the sound absorbing capsule that is at least 0,5 hPa (0,5 mbar) lower than the pressure of the machinery space.

The sound absorbing capsule shall be so designed that on failure of the capsule cooling, the diesel engine can be operated further with at least half the output and with the capsule opened.

2. Requirements for the ventilation of various spaces

2.1 Air handling units

The air handling units and components needed to maintain the NBC protection are not to be used for areas not under NBC protection. As air inlets and outlets on the upper deck, louvres, grilles, mushroom and discharge hoods, goosenecks, etc. are to be installed with weathertight closures in commercial quality.

Discharge air from sanitary rooms, medical rooms, etc. and from galleys shall be routed outside the ship.

2.2 Crew spaces

2.2.1 Within a citadel, the crew spaces shall be ventilated by air handling plants. The exhaust air of the spaces shall be treated as recirculated air with the aid of dust filters and, if applicable, odour filters, and if necessary cooled or heated, and then returned as supply air to the spaces with the required proportion of decontaminated air as per [F.5](#).

2.2.2 The exhaust air shall escape from the spaces via openings to the corridors or via ducts. Part of the exhaust air is to be drawn in again by the air handling plants, whilst the remainder shall be routed through relief dampers or control dampers as natural supply air for ship operating spaces or sanitary rooms or outside as discharge air (in accordance with the decontaminated air volume). Discharge air fans shall only be provided in a limited number. If discharge air is routed by a fan directly to the outside via a ventline, the outlet opening to the atmosphere shall be provided with a relief flap. The control shall be dependent on the pressure difference between space and atmosphere. The volume flow of discharge air shall have a balanced relationship to the volume flow of decontaminated air.

2.3 Control stations

2.3.1 All control stations in the citadel shall be ventilated by means of air handling plants, see [Fig.11.2](#). If gastight construction of the control stations is planned, each ventilation duct at the entry point into the corresponding control station has to be fitted with gas and watertight ventilation dampers which can be operated from inside the space. As a matter of principle, the CIC, MCC and the bridge (closed part) shall each be ventilated by separate plants, whereby redundancies shall be stipulated by the Naval Administration. If this is not possible, it shall be possible in the event of dense smoke development to cool the gastight space in the recirculating mode. The heat flow to be removed shall be so dimensioned that limited operation can be maintained, i.e. continuation of operation for gastight bulkheads. The proportion of decontaminated air in the supply air shall be determined as per [F.5](#).

2.3.2 In order to allow operation also with an open bridge for ships which can sail with permanent NBC protection, the following items shall be observed during planning, see [Fig 11.3](#):

- gastight sealing of bridge / remaining citadel
- bridge and chart room is to be ventilated by an own ventilation unit with a proportion of decontaminated air which can be set to a fixed value
- an air lock is to be provided
- doors to the air lock shall have a window

The recirculated air shall be treated appropriately, concerning e.g. filtering, cooling, warming.

2.3.3 Control stations and switch compartments located within the citadel are to be enclosed in a gastight manner against engine rooms, machinery spaces or power stations. The decontaminated air should be allowed to escape through relief dampers to the outside (via engine room or machinery space or power stations) or to adjacent corridors etc. via overflow openings. In principle, ventlines and air outlets shall not be arranged behind or above switchboards. Ventlines running above or behind switchboards by way of an exception shall be watertight. Furthermore, the line construction shall ensure that cooling water cannot escape in the event of leakages, and that any condensation water is drained away. On principle, connecting elements for cooling water lines (inlet/return) are not permissible behind and above switchboards.

2.4 Medical rooms

2.4.1 Spaces with medical facilities shall be provided with mechanical ventilation. Ship's hospitals shall be ventilated by their own air handling plant, which shall not be used to supply any other spaces. Moreover, natural air flows from the hospital to other areas of the ship are inadmissible. The supply air shall on principle consist only of outdoor air / decontaminated air. The discharge air is to be extracted directly to the outside via a discharge air fan and relief dampers. It shall be ensured that anaesthetic gases and disinfection agents are removed at a suitable point, see [Fig. 11.4](#).

For the ventilation of rooms with medical facilities, the national requirements for such operating spaces must be observed additionally wherever applicable.

2.4.2 If limitations become necessary in the design of ships for which a permanent NBC protection is intended, e.g. by reduced volume flow of decontaminated air, operation with recirculated air, the relevant approvals shall be obtained from the Naval Administration for the envisaged design. The following shall be observed:

For medical facilities, the proportion of recirculated air shall be extracted via dust filters (special class S) and activated carbon filters. For rooms which are to be used for medical purposes only temporarily, e.g. messrooms during combat, the filter plant can be bypassed during normal operation.

During operation with recirculated air, medical facilities may be ventilated by a limited supply of decontaminated air, see [Fig. 11.4](#).

2.4.3 The necessary volume flows of air and the flow paths shall be approved by the Naval Administration. The proportion of decontaminated air / discharge air for the treatment room has to permit an air change of 4 times per hour, whereby any proportion of recirculated air cannot be taken into account. Ingress of air into the treatment room by natural means shall be excluded.

2.5 Operating spaces

2.5.1 The operating spaces shall be ventilated with recirculated air and a proportion of supply air corresponding to the discharge air proportion. The heat generated shall, depending on requirements, be removed by air coolers operating with seawater or chilled water. At least two air handling plants which work independently from each other shall be provided for each space.

2.5.2 If the operating spaces with combustion engines belong to the citadel, suitable measures, e.g. sound absorbing capsules, shall be taken for diesel engines and gas turbines to prevent the escape of nitrous fumes and/or contaminated gases into the corresponding operating space. The combustion air for diesel engines, gas turbines and boilers shall be drawn in from the outside by means of gastight trunks leading directly to the engines or boilers.

2.5.3 The amount of air needed to maintain the overpressure in the operating spaces shall be routed out of the occupied citadel area into the spaces via relief dampers. For this, a pressure differential is needed, see [C.1.2](#).

2.5.4 The discharge air (resulting from the volume flow of decontaminated air) should be routed to the outside partly via the sound absorbing capsules and partly via the space, in each case via relief dampers. Here the required volume flow of discharge air needed to maintain the differential pressure in the soundabsorbing capsule shall be given priority. Discharge air lines from sound absorbing capsules shall be gastight. If the duct network resistance of the discharge air system results in inadmissible high overpressure in the space or in the capsule when a gas fire extinguishing system is used, additional relief openings shall be provided, which shall be fitted with relief dampers. The maximum overpressure which can arise shall be determined by calculation.

2.5.5 Emergency ventilation for smoke extraction

Downstream of the recirculation ventilators, a remote controlled change over damper with a discharge air duct shall be so arranged that in an emergency the air delivered by the recirculation ventilator can be extracted directly to the outside. The discharge air duct shall be provided with a gas and watertight end damper. Extraction possibilities shall be provided in the lower part of the space. For further details, see [E](#).

2.6 Sanitary rooms

On principle sanitary rooms shall be ventilated.

The exhaust air shall either be routed to the outside as discharge air or, after suitable treatment by air handling units, recirculated into these rooms.

As a result of the underpressure, the supply air will flow into these rooms from the corridors via openings in the walls or doors. These admission openings shall be covered by suitable blinds, so that the rooms are not open to view.

The rooms shall be fitted with heating facilities and/or warming them up to the required temperatures shall be possible by means of connected air handling plants.

2.7 Laundry

The exhaust air shall either be routed to the outside as discharge air or, after suitable treatment by air handling units, recirculated into these rooms.

It is to be ensured that the latent heat is reliably dissipated at all times. A diversity factor shall not be applied.

2.8 NBC cleansing station and air lock

2.8.1 Exhaust air from the citadel has to be blown into the cleansing station for ventilation and purging. After entering the station and closing of the outside door purging shall be done with five complete air changes of the station volume, see [Fig. 11.5](#). For this time automatically an increased ventilation capacity of at least 25 air changes per hour has to be provided.

2.8.2 Exhaust air from the citadel has to be blown into the air lock via a non return damper for ventilation and purging, see [Fig. 11.5](#). After entering the air lock and closing of the outside door purging shall be done with five complete air changes of the lock volume. For this time automatically an increased ventilation capacity of at least 25 air changes per hour has to be provided. The incoming air flows via low located relief dampers to the outside.

2.9 Galleys

The galleys shall be provided with through ventilation. The relationship between direct exhaust air and decontaminated air shall be 3:2, so that the resulting pressure difference (between the galley and the other rooms) ensures the admission of supply air from corridors or adjacent rooms. For this purpose, appropriate admission openings shall be provided.

2.10 Workshops, operating spaces, storerooms and holds for military cargo

2.10.1 Workshops and operating spaces shall be connected to air handling units and supplied with decontaminated air in relation to the number of crew members working there. For these spaces, stationary heating elements may be provided.

Gases, vapours and noxious substances caused by welding work etc. shall be conveyed via discharge air fans directly to the outside by means of fume extractor hoods or similar welding bench facilities. The gas quantities to be discharged shall correspond to the decontaminated air volumes, in order to maintain the required overpressure. If this is not possible, welding facilities with the necessary air handling measures shall be arranged outside the citadel.

2.10.2 Storerooms and material/equipment holds within the citadel are to be supplied with decontaminated air in accordance with the overpressure to be built up. The air treatment for these spaces shall be as deemed necessary.

2.10.3 Ventilation of the cold provision rooms shall only be performed during the out of service condition, namely by:

- supply air, which preferably should be provided by the plant ventilating the galley
- recirculated air, which is delivered by the fans at the evaporator
- exhaust air through the open door to the corridor

2.11 Stowage spaces for explosive, combustible or foul smelling substances

2.11.1 Ammunition rooms

Ammunition rooms shall be ventilated by air handling units, compare [Fig.11.6](#).

The type of ventilation, the temperature to be maintained and, if applicable, the relative air humidity shall on principle be determined on the basis of the requirements for the ammunition to be stowed there. Details shall be stipulated by the Naval Administration.

The exhaust air from several spaces can be included in one recirculated air cycle if it is ensured that only ammunition of the same type is stored in the spaces and no firing gases can enter the ammunition rooms. If this condition is not satisfied, the exhaust air is to be delivered separately to the corresponding ammunition rooms as recirculated air or conveyed directly to the outside via relief dampers. At the point of entry into the ammunition room, the supply air and exhaust air duct shall on principle be given a gas and watertight ventilation damper capable of being operated from either side of the bulkhead or with means of remote control.

2.11.2 Battery rooms and boxes

Battery rooms shall be arranged outside the citadel if possible, see also [E.7](#).

If the battery rooms are situated inside the citadel, the discharge air shall be conveyed by fans directly to the outside via ducts and relief dampers.

2.11.3 Batteries in operating spaces with combustion engines

If the operating spaces are located inside the citadel, it shall be checked whether the volume flow of decontaminated air ensures that no explosive air/hydrogen mixture can occur.

Care is to be taken to ensure that the batteries are located in a sufficient stream of moving air.

2.11.4 Battery rooms outside the operating spaces containing combustion engines

If possible, battery rooms shall be arranged outside the citadel and vented mechanically.

The entrance doors to the installation spaces shall be provided with openings of sufficient area in their lower and upper parts to provide for natural supply of air in the event of failure of the discharge air fans. The fans shall be installed outside the battery rooms. If the battery rooms are situated inside the citadel, the discharge air shall be conveyed by fans directly to the outside via ducts and relief dampers.

2.11.5 Storage spaces for solid waste

Storage spaces for solid waste intended for longterm storage shall be cooled. These spaces shall normally belong to the citadel, shall be gastight against all other spaces and are to have a pressure differential in relation to the citadel. These spaces are not ventilated during the refrigeration period.

If no separate refrigerating machinery space is available, the garbage storage space is ventilated in the out of service condition by:

- supply air, from the air conditioning plant
- recirculated air, which is delivered by the fans at the evaporator/cooler
- exhaust air through the open door to the corridor

If there is a separate refrigerating machinery space, the discharge air fan is switched over and draws in air from the storage space. The supply air flows in from the refrigerating machinery space.

If the solid waste is to be treated or compacted in the storage space, a ventilation for actual demand shall be provided.

2.12 Refrigerating machinery spaces

2.12.1 Refrigerating machinery spaces shall be ventilated with recirculated air. The air flow rates shall be dimensioned with due consideration for the cold or heat demand calculation. The supply air of at least 100 m³/h shall be supplied from adjacent or overlying corridors. An air flow rate of the same magnitude shall be removed continuously via the discharge air duct. It shall be possible to seal off the room to be gastight against its environment.

2.12.2 On the suction side, ducts permitting extraction from near the deck shall be provided. Furthermore, the sensor for a refrigerant warning device shall be arranged on the suction side or within the space itself. A remote controlled change over damper shall be installed on the pressure side, from which a duct has to lead directly to the outside. The mounting of the warning device and damper control together shall be outside the refrigerating machinery space. If the warning device is triggered, the refrigerating machinery space is to be vented through the discharge air duct after the damper has been changed over. An optical warning device for refrigerant leakage shall be provided inside and at the entrance to the refrigerating machinery space.

2.12.3 An air change rate of at least 15 times an hour is to be ensured in the discharge air ventilation mode.

2.13 Hangar area

2.13.1 The hangar area includes workshops, operating spaces, storerooms, the briefing room, ammunition room(s) and, if applicable, the refuelling space, see [Fig. 11.7](#).

All spaces belonging to the hangar area shall be connected to the ventilation plant of the hangar, insofar as they are directly linked to the hangar or accessible from the hangar. If the hangar is compartmentalized, independent ventilation plants shall be provided for each compartment, to which the corresponding spaces shall be connected. For workshops, operating spaces and storerooms, the requirements as per [2.10](#) shall apply, and for ammunition rooms the corresponding requirements as per [2.11.1](#).

2.13.2 The hangar and the spaces connected to the hangar in terms of the ventilation should normally not belong to the citadel because the hangar doors are to be open over a long period of time during normal operation of the aircraft. For this reason the area is to be separated from the main part of the ship as regards ventilation and damage control.

In the case of NBC attack, the ventilation plant of the hangar shall be able to build up an overpressure in the hangar with the doors closed. The gastightness of the hangar door must be given particular attention.

2.13.3 The air handling plants have to meet the following conditions:

- The exhaust air of several compartments (for autonomous compartment ventilation) or of one damage control zone shall be delivered to the hangar by means of relief dampers which are powered by auxiliary drives (e.g. pneumatic, electrical) and controlled by the differential pressure.
- The discharge air shall be extracted via gas and watertight relief dampers which are powered by auxiliary drives and controlled by the differential pressure. The corresponding requirements for the resistance to pressure and the tightness of ventilation dampers on the upper deck shall be observed.
- A discharge air plant shall be provided which is designed according to the incoming air flow rate (from the citadel and/or via the NBC protection plant from outside), taking into account the required overpressure. 60 % of the discharge air volume shall be extracted at a height of max. 0,8 m above deck, and 40 % above $\frac{2}{3}$ of the hangar height.
- The recirculating air plants to be installed in the hangar shall be so dimensioned that, for an outside temperature of -15 °C, a room temperature of 15 °C is attained in the hangar 30 mins after closing the hangar doors. During this time, the air temperature at the outlet of the heat exchangers shall not exceed 60 °C. The arrangement of the heat exchangers is to be such as to ensure that parts of the aircraft or other materials are not heated over 45 °C.

2.14 Machinery spaces

2.14.1 General

The machinery space shall be surrounded by gastight walls and decks. Access into the engine space shall be enabled by air locks. Returning to the citadel during NBC operation shall be enabled via a cleansing station.

2.14.2 Supply of combustion air

The combustion air for Diesel engines, gas turbines and auxiliary boilers shall be supplied either from the machinery space or directly from outside.

When the supply of air is from the machinery space additional demand of air has to be taken into account during the design of the ventilation system.

If the air supply is directly from outside, the following requirements have to be complied with:

- The intake openings are to be located as high as possible and at sheltered locations.
- Combustion air shall be provided via air ducts directly to the engines/consumers.
- Diesel engines shall either be of gastight design or totally encased.
If non encased Diesel engines are fitted, these shall be checked for tightness before use in a NBC environment. An instruction to this end is to be included in the Operations and Equipment Manual.
- Diesel engines shall be provided with automatic overspeed protection which shall also be effective if there are flammable gases or vapours in the combustion air.
- The number of dismountable pipe joints in the combustion air ducts shall be kept to a minimum.
- If the charge air temperature after the turbocharger exceeds 135 °C, a temperature sensor has to be provided with a remote indication and an alarm on the bridge.

2.14.3 Supply of air for machinery space

During NBC operation the engine space shall be provided with air either from the exhaust air lines of the citadel via non return valves or from the NBC protection plant dedicated to the machinery space.

The engine space shall be provided with internal cooling devices eliminating heat radiation from the machinery.

2.14.4 Auxiliary systems

- .1 The number of dismountable pipe joints in the exhaust gas line has to be kept to a minimum.
- .2 The supply of cooling water is to be so designed that the machinery can be cooled without direct intake of sea water (e.g. box cooling or skin cooling) during NBC operation.
- .3 Vent pipes and filling connections of service tanks shall be so designed or arranged that hazardous substances cannot enter the tanks. The drinking water tank vent pipe outlets shall be located inside the citadel.

D. Ventilation of Spaces outside the Citadel

Ventilation requirements for spaces outside the citadel are specified in [Guidance for Ventilation Systems on Board Seagoing Ships \(Pt.1, Vol.A\)](#) and are to be applied also for naval ships.

E. Removal of Smoke / Fire Extinguishing Gas

Adequate gas elimination is achieved when the visibility is so good that the salvage, rescue and damage control work can be carried out successfully.

Attention shall be paid to the following principles:

1. The gas elimination is to be achieved effectively and rapidly within 5 to max. 10 minutes.
2. For effective gas elimination, the corresponding plant circuits or portable fans are to be provided.
3. CIC, MCC, DCC and the closed part of the bridge shall each be ventilated by separate plants.
4. On principle the engine room ventilators shall be so planned and constructed that:
 - Recirculation ventilation plants can work as discharge air plants by switching over a damper. A discharge air duct of corresponding dimensions is required.
 - The extraction of fire extinguishing gas / air mixtures has to be ensured, also from the bilges.

- Possibilities for connection with the corresponding ducts are available for additional portable fans to be set up on the upper deck. For large ships, it may be necessary to route the ducts right down into the bilge area.
 - If possible from the overall design walk in fan rooms shall be provided for machinery spaces. These rooms shall also permit to eliminate fumes from the surrounding areas like workshops, accommodation, etc. through opening of doors and with the machinery space ventilation switched from recirculation to full extracting power. Thus the unaffected machinery spaces will not be involved.
5. It shall be possible to use portable fans to convey air from the outside into the affected areas and to transfer the air again out of these areas. Connections for portable fans to be used for such a pressure ventilation shall be situated near stairwells, if possible with regard to the ship structures.
6. It shall be ensured that the entrances to the affected areas/compartments/decks remain free of fumes to a large extent and the fire fighting and rescue work is not hindered.
7. For rooms with a permanent increased fire risk during normal operation and without external influences like machinery spaces and galleys, fixed smoke gas discharge lines and discharge fans shall be provided. To ensure functional readiness of the fans during a fire, the fans shall be installed at an appropriate distance from the origin of a possible fire.
8. For each damage control zone a separate smoke elimination shall be designed, taking into account the design aspects mentioned in 1 to 7 and the structural aspects of the ship's hull and superstructures.

F. Guide Values for Calculation and Design

1. External climatic conditions

Calculations of the air handling plants shall be based on the external climatic conditions according to [Section 1, D](#), if no other definitions are included in the building specification.

2. Internal climatic conditions, room temperatures

For ship spaces, the following shall apply, if not otherwise defined in the building specification.

2.1 The temperature limits in °C of dry air shall be specified by the Naval Administration. The data defined in [Table 11.1](#) may be used as a guideline.

2.2 The limit temperatures are to be included in the calculations for heat insulation. For the heating and cooling demand calculations, the heat transfer values for the most unfavourable external climatic conditions shall be considered.

3. Climatic ranges

The guideline values for permanently or frequently manned operating spaces or day rooms are defined by the standard for human climatic comfort, i.e. the Corrected Normal Effective Temperature (CNET), see [Table 11.2](#). If the climatic conditions are outside these ranges, only a limited stay is advisable.

Table 11.1 Guidelines for room temperature limits

Room designation	Temperature limits [°C]	
	Lower limit	Upper limit
Ship control stations, permanently manned	21	28 ¹
Ship control stations, not manned	15	35
Accommodation, offices, messes	21	28
Generator and converter rooms	5	45
Gyro compass room	15	40
MCC, DCC, etc.	21	28
Machinery spaces	5 (15 ²)	45 (35 ²)
Machinery workshops, store rooms	15	35
Electronics and precision mechanics work shop	21	28
Ammunition rooms	5	30 ³
Hangars, closed	15	35
Galleys	19	30
Provision rooms (daily and dry provisions)	5	25
Wash rooms/shower rooms	24	-
Toilets	20	-
Hospital	22 (24 ⁴)	28
Medical stores	22	25
Stores for hazardous materials	5	30
Storage space for solid waste	0	12
¹ the requirements of the manufacturers for the control equipment shall be observed ² in spaces and areas where a watch is permanently present ³ depending on type of ammunition, to be defined by the Naval Administration ⁴ in operation rooms, bath rooms		

Table 11.2 Guideline for the parameters of the climatic range required for optimum human climatic comfort

Designation of parameter	Optimum value	Range of comfort	Limits	
			lower	upper
Corrected nominal temperature for sedentary work [°CNET]	21	18-24	16	27
Relative air humidity RH [%]	50	35-6	30	70
Air flow speed for sedentary work	0	≤ 0,1m/s	0	0,2 m/s at 50 % RH

4. Dissipated heat by machines, units and persons

4.1 Sound absorbing capsules

In the case of sound absorbing capsules, the heat dissipated to the room air shall be considered. Heat emissions of units located in control stations such as the units of weapon control systems, computers, radio transmitters, etc. shall be specified by the manufacturers and used for the calculation.

4.2 Lighting and personnel

The heat emitted by lighting in rooms and by personnel is also to be considered.

5. Hourly air flow demand for different spaces

5.1 Design of the ventilation

The ventilation of the citadel is to be so designed that during service in a NBC environment the overpressure never drops below 0,5 mbar relative to the outside atmosphere in any of the spaces.

The following CO₂ concentrations of the air inside the citadel may not be exceeded:

- service spaces and rest rooms 0,15 %
- mess rooms 0,25 %
- workshops 0,50 %

The room temperatures shall comply with [Table 11.1](#).

5.2 Layout of the ventilation system

During service in a hazardous atmosphere, machinery spaces may be ventilated using exhaust from the accommodation and engine enclosures using exhaust from the machinery space.

The direction of flow from the accommodation to the machinery spaces and from the machinery space into the engine enclosure is to be ensured by an appropriate gradation of overpressures.

Following values for overpressures relative to the outside atmosphere may be used for guidance:

- accommodation, work and service spaces: 4 mbar
- engine room: 3 mbar
- engine enclosures: 2 mbar

Openings connecting the accommodation to the machinery spaces shall be kept to a minimum. They are to be provided with adjustable non return valves as well as closures. The closures must close automatically if the engine room CO₂ fire extinguishing system is activated. Manual closure from the accommodation shall also be possible.

The decontaminated air plant has to be designed for a flow rate which ensures an adequate supply of breathing air for the ship's crew.

The decontaminated air quantity may not drop below the following value:

$$SLM = ALM \cdot n \frac{a}{b_2 - b_1} \quad [m^3 / h]$$

ALM = breathing air quantity

- resting 0,50 m³/h/person
- on light work 0,75 m³/h/person
- on heavy work 1,25 m³/h/person

n = number of people on board

a = CO₂ content of air breathed out (4 Vol. %)

b₁ = CO₂ content of outside air (0,03 Vol. %)

b₂ = permissible CO₂ content of the air in the area under design
 – 0,15 % in service spaces and rest rooms

- 0,25 % in mess rooms
- 0,50 % in workshops

5.3 Air change rates

Guidelines for air change rates of the different rooms of the ship are given in Table 11.3. Using these air change rates the required air volume for the relevant room can be determined by considering the gross volume of the room (up to the suspended ceiling) without any subtraction of the volume of fittings and equipment.

Table 11.3 Guidelines for air change rates

Room to be ventilated	Change rates per hour	
	Supply air	Discharge air
Sanitary room	-	12-15
Laundry	10-20	15-20
Drying room	25	30
Stores for hazardous working materials	10	-
Waste incineration room	> 10	-
CO ₂ room	-	15
Closed vehicle decks(see Pt.9, Vol.4, Sec. 15)	> 10	-
Refrigerating machinery space (see C.2.12)	15 (30 ¹)	-

¹ with refrigerants of group 1, see Sec. 12, C.

Table 11.4 Control and monitoring positions for ventilation plants

No.	Ventilation plant Type of control/monitoring device	Location and type of monitoring					Location and type of control				
		MCC		DCC		locally	MCC		DCC		locally
		-	IMCS	-	IMCS		-	IMCS	-	IMCS	
1	supply, discharge and recirculating fans for machinery spaces	F ¹ C	F C	C	F C	-	I O EO ²	I O EO ²	EO ²	I O EO ²	1 ⁷ O ⁷
2	supply, discharge and recirculating fans for other spaces ⁸	F ¹	F ¹ C	C	F ¹ C	-	EO ²	I O EO ²	I O EO ²	I O EO ²	-
3	NBC protection plant	F ³	F ⁴	-	F ⁴	C	-	I O	I O	I O	-
4	indication of excess pressure in the citadel	F ⁵ D ^{6,7}	F ⁵ D ⁵	M	M	M	-	-	-	-	-
5	NBC alarm device	F D	F D	-	F D	-	-	I O	-	I O	-
6	measuring device for differential pressure for prefilter	-	F	-	F	M	-	-	-	-	-
7	hot water boiler, oil firing plant	F ¹ C	F C	F C	F C	F C	EO	I O EO	EO	I O EO	I O

Abbreviations:

IMCS = Integrated Machinery Control System
 F = failure message
 I = switching in
 O = switching off
 C = identification of operation condition
 M = measuring instrument
 D = digital indication
 EO = central emergency shut-off for ships with integrated machinery control (IMCS)

- ¹ collective fault message for fans and heaters for each compartment or damage safety zone for ships without compartment independent ventilation
- ² central emergency shut-off for damage control zone (compartment for IMCS)
- ³ collective fault message for each NBC protection plant, preheater and air quantity control
- ⁴ failure message for each NBC protection plant for plans, preheater and air quantity control
- ⁵ for each compartment or damage control zone for ships without compartment independent ventilation
- ⁶ digital measuring instrument with selection choice
- ⁷ entrance to the machinery space, emergency shut-off not for capsule circulating fan
- ⁸ electrical heater interlocked with fan

G. Sketch for Ventilation Plants

Typical sketch for ventilation plants are shown in Figs. 11.1 to 11.7. The components of these plants are summarized in Table 11.5.

Table 11.5 Components of ventilation plants

No.	Designation	Remarks
5	Protection air unit (NBC)	
6	Protection air unit, door type (NBC)	
7	Air conditioning unit (ACU)	
9	Flow fan	
11	Filter	D =dust, NB = micron, O = odour filter
12	Air heater	
13	Air cooler	
15	Water eliminator	
16	Silencer	Acc. To ISO/DIN 14617-21
17	Ventilation damper	Not gas and water tight
18	Non-return damper	Not gas and water tight
19	Change damper	Not gas and water tight
20	Fire protection damper	Not gas and water tight
22	Ventilation damper, general	Gas and water tight
23	Relief damper	Gas and water tight
24	Air diffuser	
30	Panel air outlet	For supply air
31	Water trap	
32	Pressure wave protection	
33	Jalousie	
35	Air inlet	u = inlet neart to floor, o = inlet neart to ceiling
36	Air outlet	u = inlet neart to floor, o = inlet neart to ceiling
43	Ventilation duct / pipe, general	
44	Ventilation duct / pipe	Gas and water tight
45	Duct / pipe going upwards	
46	Duct / pipe going downwards	
51	Measuring device for differential pressure	
52	Connection for NBC alarm device	
53	Refrigerant warning device	
54	Remote control	
56	Door	Gas and water tight
57	Folding wall and swing door	
58	Shower for cleaning of protection clothes and equipment	Decontaminated water to be provided

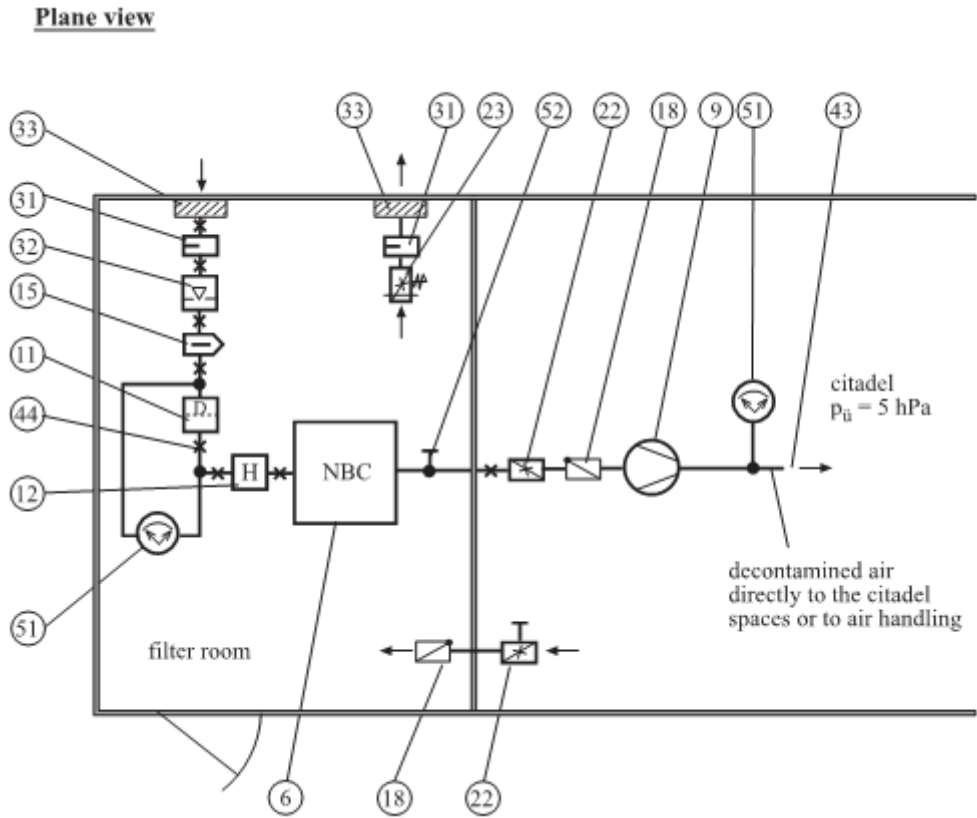


Fig 11.1 NBC protection plan

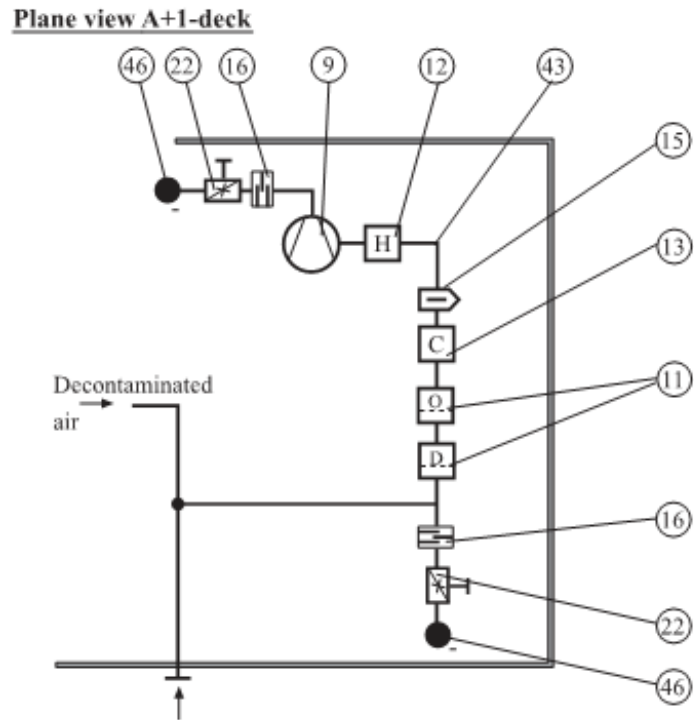


Fig. 11.2 Ventilation of ship control stations

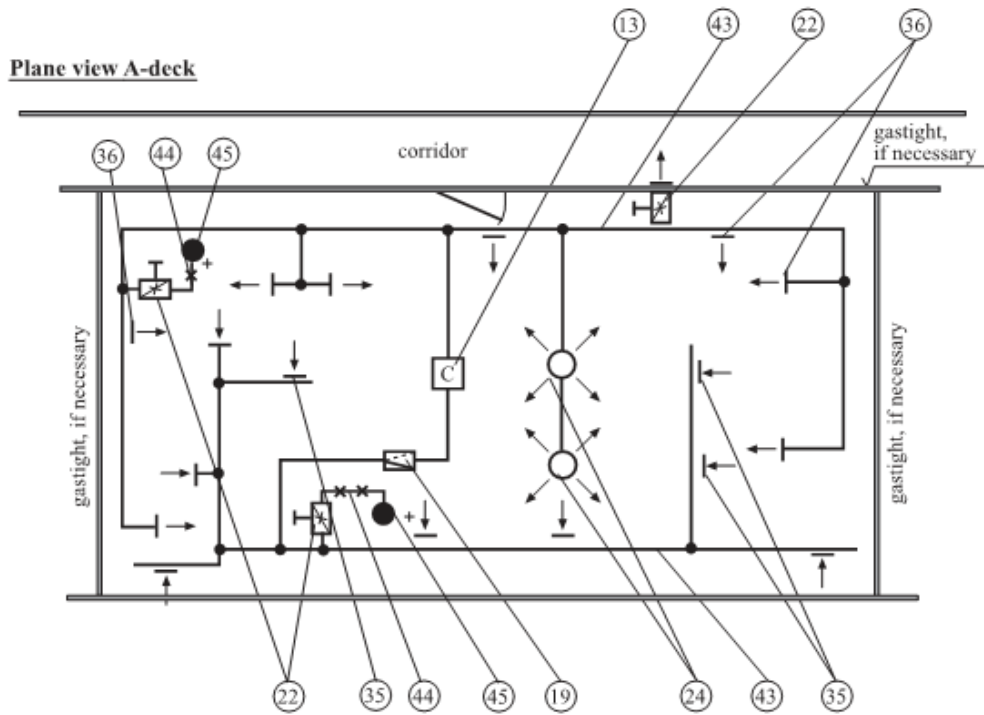


Fig. 11.2 Ventilation of ship control stations (continued)

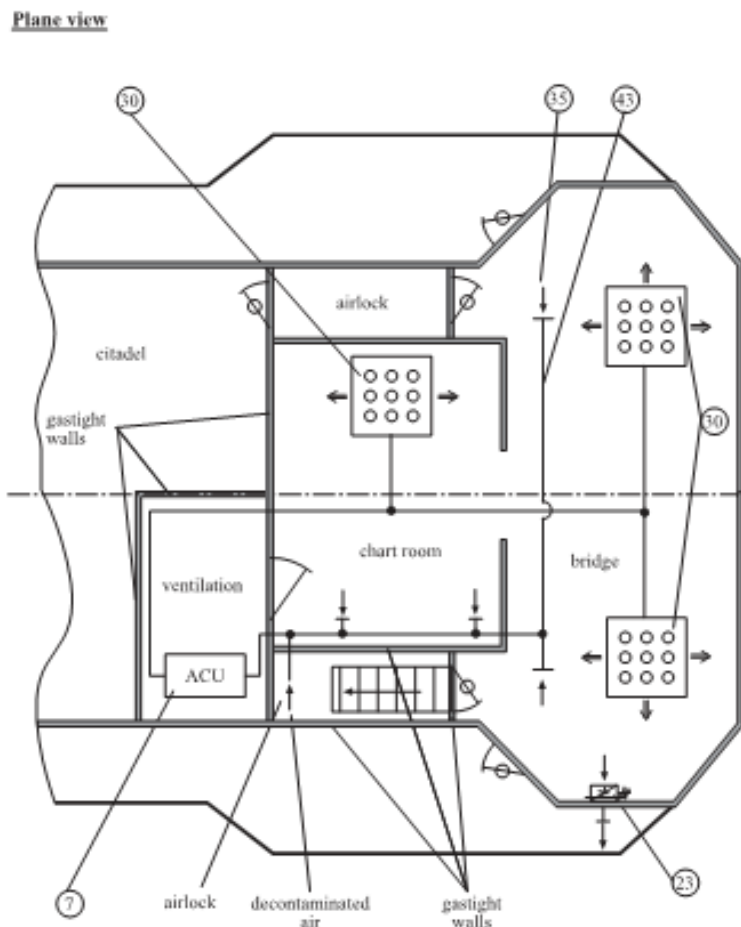


Fig. 11.3 Ventilation of a bridge with NBC protection

Plane view

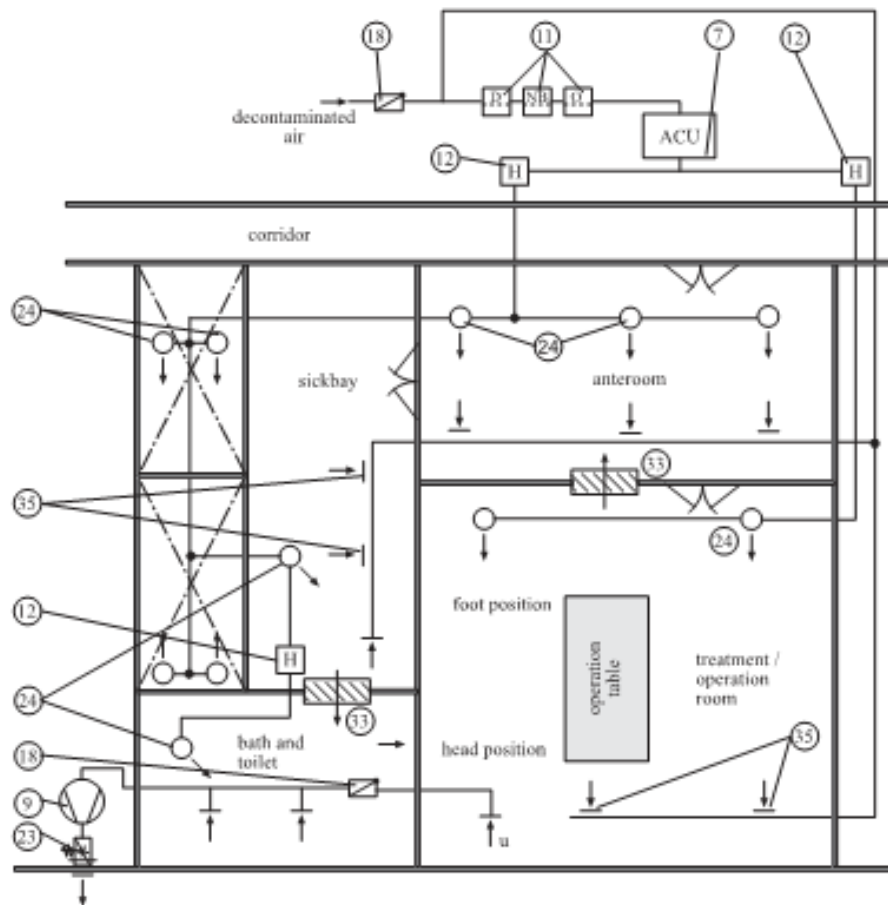


Fig. 11.4 Ventilation of the ship's hospital

Plane view

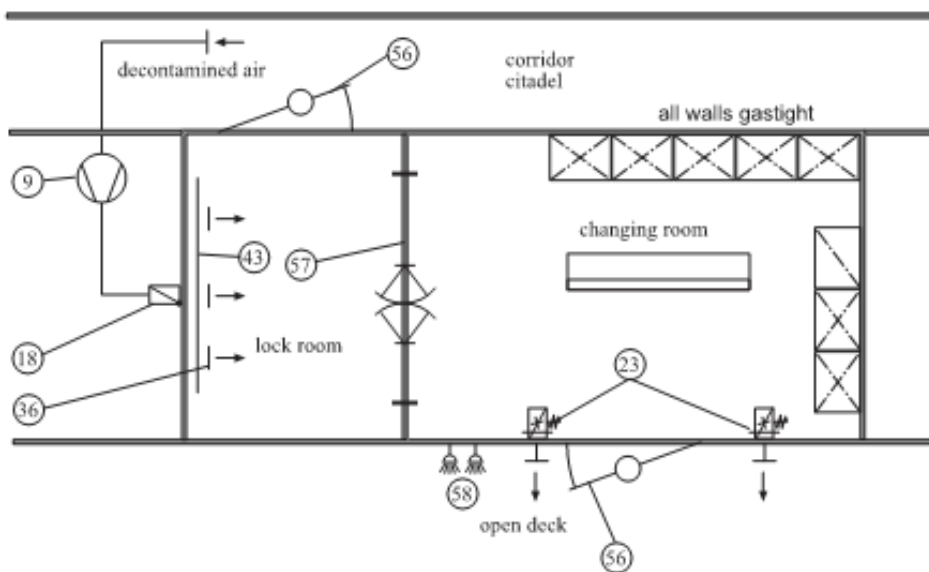


Fig. 11.5 Ventilation of NBC cleansing station

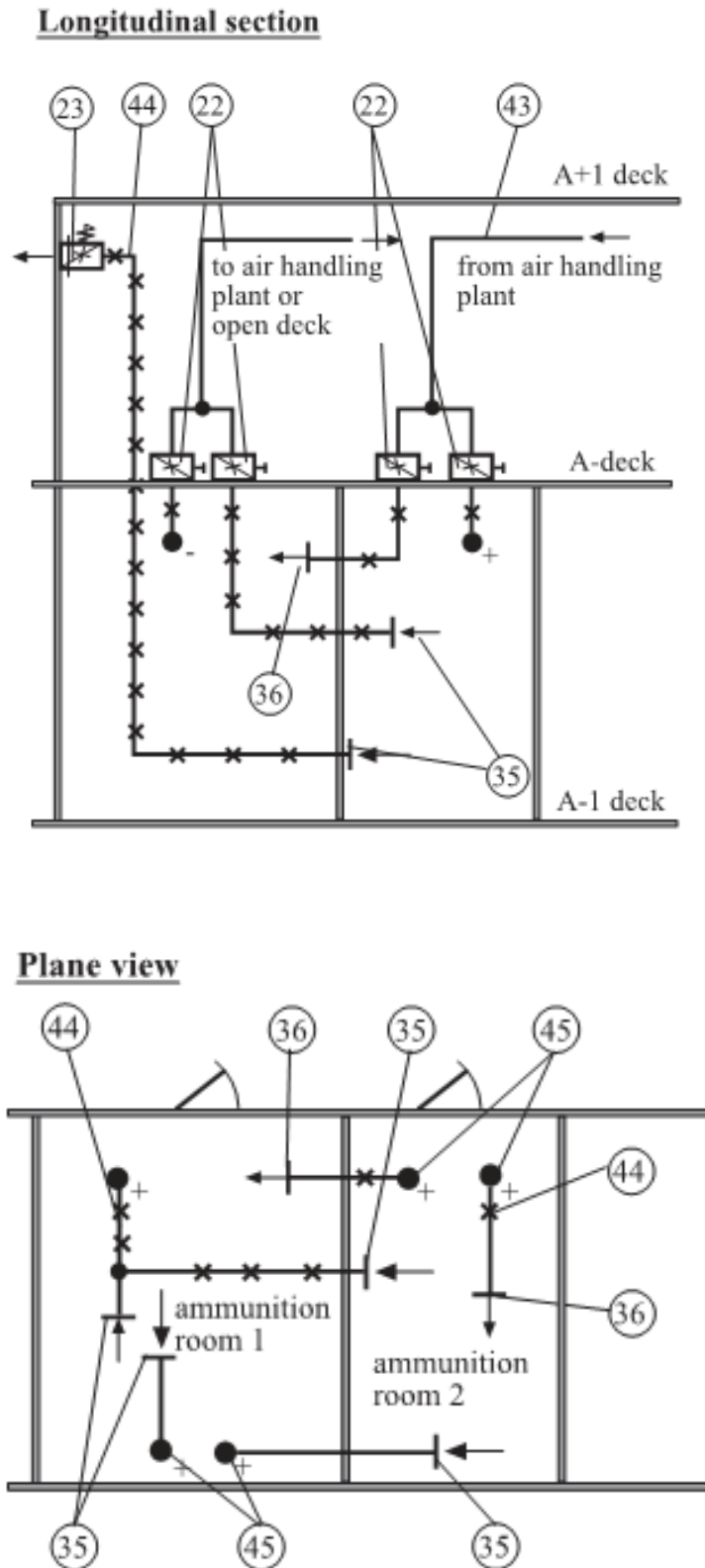


Fig. 11.6 Ventilation of ammunition rooms

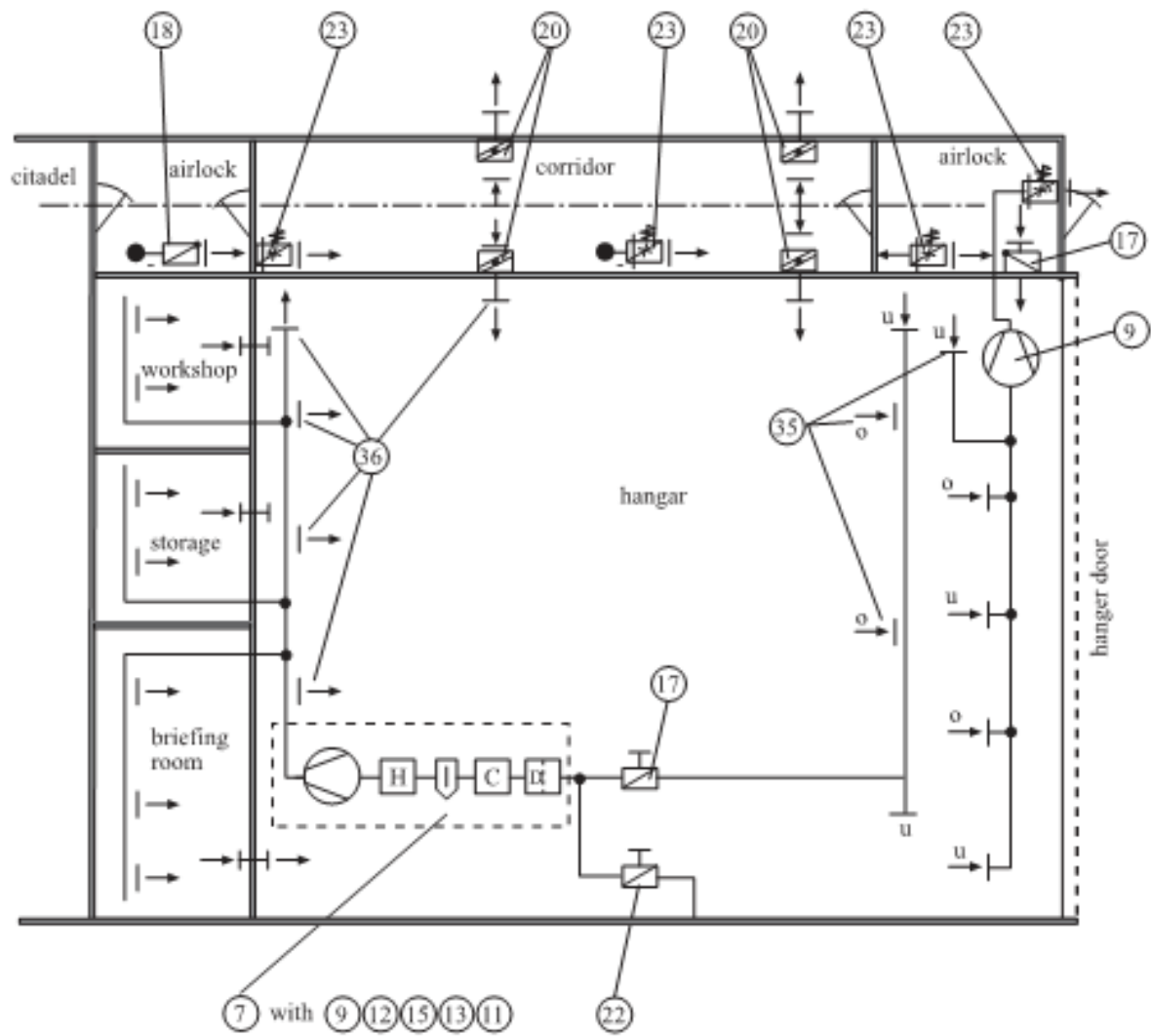


Fig. 11.7 Ventilation of aircraft hangars

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A. General

1. Scope

1.1 These Guidelines apply to refrigerating plants, as well as refrigerators and freezers aboard naval ships.

1.2 BKI reserves the right to modify or amend the present guidelines if deemed necessary in the light of experience, technical progress and special design requirements.

2. Definitions

Within the meaning of these guidelines, refrigerating installations on naval ships are:

- refrigerating installations for the cooling of provisions and cargo in cold rooms
- refrigeration installations for air conditioning of accommodation spaces and technical spaces e.g. for military equipment, computers, sensors, silos, etc.

It is assumed that the refrigerating installations are permanently installed and belong to the ship.

3. Documents for approval

3.1 General

To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process documents should be submitted electronically.

3.2 Scope of documents

The following documents are to be submitted to BKI for approval.

- description of the refrigerating plant concerning application, refrigerating capacity, arrangement and scope of components. For provision refrigerating installations the temperatures of the refrigerated spaces have to be defined
- drawings showing the layout of refrigerant, chilled water and cooling water pipelines with details of the wall thickness and materials of the pipes
- drawings of all pressure vessels and apparatus under pressure together with material specification

- drawings showing the arrangement and equipment of the refrigerated spaces with details of air circulation and space ventilation
- a general arrangement plan of the refrigerating installation with details of the ventilation of the refrigerating machinery spaces
- description of automatic control systems, e.g. for temperatures, pressures, leakage of refrigerant.
- circuit diagram
- component list

4. References to further Rules

4.1 National regulations

National regulations for operation, environmental protection and accident prevention as amended are to be considered, as applicable.

4.2 Other regulations

The rules, guidelines, standards, referred to in this Section have to be applied.

5. Ambient and operation condition

Refrigerating plants and their accessories have to be constructed for the operational and ambient conditions specified for the actual ship, compare also [Section 1, D](#).

B. Design and Construction of Refrigerating Installations

1. General

1.1 Safety against shock and vibration

1.1.1 If Class Notation **SHOCK** shall be assigned to the naval ship, refrigerating plants have to be safe from vibration and to fulfil the requirements of [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 16](#) for design and installation. Plants which would restrict the operability of the naval ship in case of failure have to be shock proof in design and installation. The chosen configuration has to be defined in the building specification. The Naval Administration may accept a proof by calculation instead of a shock test Certificate.

1.1.2 For refrigerating devices such as refrigerators, freezers, etc. in cabins and messes a proof concerning shock safety may be dispensed with.

1.2 Noise reduction

If special requirements for noise reduction are demanded, adequate measures according to state of the art have to be provided.

2. Air conditioning plants

2.1 Distribution of refrigerating capacity

If not specified otherwise at least two refrigerating plants are to be provided for cooling of chilled water for the air conditioning system. These plants have to be located in different damage control areas. For larger naval ships a refrigerating plant has to be provided in each damage control area, where reasonable.

The total refrigerating capacity has to be distributed to at least two separately installed refrigerating sets. For two sets of the same size the refrigerating capacity of each set should be 60 - 70 % of the total capacity required. If three sets of the same size are envisioned the refrigerating capacity of each set shall be abt. 50 % of the total capacity. Different distributions of the refrigerating capacity have to be specially agreed.

The supply of chilled water for the air coolers in the different damage control areas has to be ensured even if any refrigerating set fails. Adequate switching possibilities have to be provided.

2.2 Estimation of cooling load

The estimation of the cooling load for the refrigerating sets has to be based on the external and internal climatic conditions according to [Section 1, D](#) considering energy loss due to pumps and pipelines.

3. Refrigerating plants for provisions and cargo

3.1 For each refrigerating plant for provisions and cargo two condensing units of the same type and size have to be provided. Each of these units has to be dimensioned on its own for the total refrigerating demand. Parallel operation need not to be considered.

3.2 Estimation of cooling load

3.2.1 The estimation of the cooling load for provisions and cargo is to be based on a permissible heat transmission :

$$k \cdot \Delta t \text{ of } 12 - 17 \text{ W/m}^2$$

where :

$$k = \text{coefficient of heat transfer } \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{°C}}$$

$$\Delta t = \text{temperature difference [°C]}$$

For the calculation of the heat transmission the final internal dimensions of the refrigerating spaces have to be used. Additional heat loads caused by lighting, thermal bridges, evaporator fans, defroster equipment, respiration heat of the provisions and opening of the doors to the refrigerating room have to be considered.

Note

For the different refrigerated rooms for provisions the following storage temperatures may be assumed:

- | | |
|--|---------|
| – frozen food stores | – 21 °C |
| – cold stores (meat, fat, sausages) | +1 °C |
| – vegetable and fruits | +4 ° |
| – potato stores (up to 4 months storage) | +9 °C |
| – bread store | +4 °C |
| – mixed provisions | +4 °C |

3.2.2 For the estimation of the cooling load at continuous operation an additional cooling down of provisions according to [Table 12.1](#) shall be considered.

Table 12.1 Additional cooling down of provisions

Provisions to be cooled down	After cooling by [°C]	Cooling down time [h]
Deep frozen provisions	5	36
Cold stores (meat, fat, sausages, etc.)	8	36
Vegetables, fruits	15	48
Potatoes	10	48
Bread	25	48
Mixed provisions	12	48

3.2.3 Refrigerating plants for provisions and cargo have to be dimensioned in steady state for a maximum running time of 18 hours within 24 hours.

C. Refrigerants

1. General

Safety refrigerants of group 1 or class L respectively according to DIN 8960 have to be used. The danger of suffocation by using these refrigerants shall be considered. Type and application of refrigerants shall be agreed upon by the Naval Administration.

2. Working pressures

2.1 For the common refrigerants, the allowable working pressures PB (= design pressures PR) are laid down in [Table 12.2](#) separated for the high and low pressure side.

Table 12.2 Allowable working pressure PB

Refrigerant	PB [bar]	
	High pressure side (HP)	Low-pressure side (LP)
R134a	13,9	10,6
R404A	25,0	19,7
R407A	25,2	19,8
R407B	26,5	20,9
R407C	23,9	18,8
R410A	33,6	26,4

For other refrigerants, the design pressure PR is determined by the pressure at the bubble point at a temperature of 55 °C on the high pressure side and at a temperature of 45 °C on the low pressure side.

2.2 For the purpose of these guidelines, the low pressure side of the plant includes all parts exposed to the evaporation pressure of the refrigerant. However, these parts are also subject to the design pressure for the high pressure side if a switch over of the system, such as for hot gas defrosting, can subject them to high pressure.

Medium pressure vessels of two stage plants are a part of the high pressure side.

3. Storage of reserve supplies of refrigerants

3.1 Reserve supplies of refrigerants may be stored only in steel bottles approved for this purpose.

3.2 Bottles containing refrigerants shall be stored in well ventilated spaces specially prepared for this purpose or in refrigerating machinery spaces.

3.3 On ships where there is no refrigerating machinery space and the refrigerating machinery is installed in the main or auxiliary engine room, the storage bottles immediately required for replenishing the system may be kept in the main or auxiliary engine room if they contain not more than 20 % of the total refrigerant charge.

3.4 Bottles containing refrigerant are to be secured in an upright position and protected against overheating.

D. Refrigerating Machinery Spaces

1. Definition

Refrigerating machinery spaces are spaces separated by bulkheads from other service spaces and which contain refrigerating machinery and the associated equipment.

2. Installation of refrigerating machinery

Refrigerating machinery is to be installed in refrigerating machinery spaces. Deviations there from need the approval of the Naval Administration. Refrigerating machinery is to be arranged with sufficient space for operation, servicing and repair. As far as necessary installation openings and installation aids have to be provided.

Refrigerating machinery spaces are not to be arranged adjacent to crew accommodation.

3. Equipment and accessories

3.1 The doors shall not lead to accommodation or accommodation corridors. The doors shall open up to the outside and have to be of self closing type.

3.2 Provision is to be made for the bilge pumping or drainage of refrigerating machinery spaces.

3.3 Refrigerating machinery spaces have to be monitored in respect of refrigerant concentration in the air. Type tested gas detectors are to be fitted. Concentrations above 50 % of the threshold limit value (TLV) at the working place have to release an alarm.

4. Ventilation

4.1 Refrigerating machinery spaces are to be provided with a suitably arranged forced ventilation system with at least 30 air changes per hour. The exhaust air is to be conveyed into the open air independently of other space ventilation ducting. The inlet ducting shall not be connected to the ventilation system serving the accommodation spaces.

4.2 If refrigerating plants are installed in a space provided for other machinery and equipment, e.g. machinery rooms, fan rooms, the requirement of 30 air changes per hour will become inapplicable under the condition that the level of the complete refrigerant in the form of superheated vapour after a leakage does not exceed 200 mm above the floor. A specific volume for a superheated temperature of + 25 °C room temperature and atmospheric pressure is to be considered.

4.3 Control of fans for refrigerating machinery spaces shall be arranged outside the space.

E. Refrigerant Compressors

1. General

The type of the refrigerant compressors is to be selected in respect of operation reliability, refrigerating capacity, sound requirements as well as the energy demand.

2. Drives for refrigerant compressors

2.1 Where the compressors are electrically driven, the motors and other items of the electrical plant shall comply with the requirements in [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\)](#).

2.2 Other compressor drives, e.g. diesel engines, gas turbines, shall comply with the requirements in [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec. 3 and 4a](#).

3. Equipment

3.1 A well functioning oil return to the compressor is to be ensured. For parallel operation of compressors automatic oil equalizing devices have to be provided.

3.2 Provisions have to be made, e.g. by overpressure safety switches, to stop the compressor drive automatically, should the maximum allowable working pressure be exceeded.

3.3 Compressors are to be equipped with devices such as pressure relief valves, rupture discs, etc., which, if the maximum allowable working pressure is exceeded, will equalize the pressures on the discharge and suction sides. Semi hermetic compressors in automatic installations may be exempted from this requirement, provided that they are protected by overpressure safety switches and can be operated with permanently open shut off valves in such a way that the safety valves fitted to the installation remain effective.

3.4 Refrigerant compressors are to be provided with a monitoring system in accordance with [1.2](#).

3.5 A manufacturer's plate bearing the following information is to be permanently fixed to each refrigerant compressor:

- manufacturer
- type
- year of construction
- allowable working pressure [bar]
- nominal voltage [V], frequency [Hz]
- rated power [kW], amperage [A]
- type of refrigerant and charge [kg]

F. Pressure Vessels and Apparatus under

1. General

Pressure vessels and apparatus under refrigerant pressure shall comply with [Section 16](#).

2. Safety equipment

2.1 Vessels and apparatus with shut off devices, which contain liquid refrigerant are to be equipped with a safety valve. For the construction of safety valves see [1.1.2](#).

2.2 Filters and dryers need not be equipped with safety valves provided that refrigerant inlets and outlets cannot be inadvertently closed at the same time.

3. Refrigerant condensers

3.1 General

3.1.1 Seawater cooled refrigerant condensers shall be of tube type. For each compressor a condenser has to be attached. Type and arrangement of the refrigerant condenser have to enable easy cleaning by ship's own means.

3.1.2 The location for installation has to be kept free from frost.

3.2 Water cooled condensers

3.2.1 Water cooled condensers have to be designed for a cooling water velocity in a range of 1,5 – 2,5 m/s. By suitable measures it has to be ensured that these values are met at each mode of operation for the cooling water supply.

3.2.2 The design of water cooled condensers has to consider pollution of the water side.

3.2.3 Condensers have to be equipped with means for drainage and purging of the water side.

At each cooling water connection a protective tube thermometer has to be provided. Water cooled condensers are to be additionally fitted with a connection for flushing with fresh water.

3.2.4 The connecting pipes at the cooling water side are to be arranged in such a way that the condenser cannot drain off.

3.2.5 Concerning the control of the refrigerant pressure in the condenser see [G.4.2.1](#).

3.3 Air cooled condensers

3.3.1 The use of air cooled condensers has to be restricted to such plants for which the supply of cooling water is only possible with increased effort or where failures during the operation can be expected. The utilization of such condensers shall be limited furthermore to a maximum refrigerating capacity of 50 kW for air conditioning and abt. 10 kW for the cooling of provisions.

3.3.2 A sufficient heat removal at the installation area of air cooled condensers has to be ensured for all operating conditions to be considered, including NBC protection.

4. Refrigerant receivers

4.1 The capacity of refrigerant receivers has to be designed in a way that the total refrigerant charge at the highest summer temperature is not more than 90 % of the receiver capacity.

4.2 Refrigerant receivers have to be equipped with an indicator which directly monitors the liquid level enabling the determination of the highest and lowest refrigerant level.

4.3 The requirement according to [4.2](#) is to be applied analogously for condensers which are additionally designed as refrigerant receivers.

5. Evaporators / air coolers

5.1 General

5.1.1 Evaporators / air coolers are to be made of corrosion resistant material or be protected against corrosion by galvanizing.

5.1.2 If not specified otherwise, the following evaporation methods have to be provided:

- direct evaporation of the refrigerant in an evaporator with forced air circulation for provision and cargo refrigerating systems
- direct evaporation of the refrigerant in a water chiller for the feeding of air cooling systems
- direct evaporation of the refrigerant for systems in refrigerating plants with natural air circulation

5.2 Evaporators for provision and cargo refrigerating plants

5.2.1 Evaporators of deep freezing and refrigerating spaces have to be designed for a temperature difference between evaporation temperature and room temperature of less than 10 °C . The distance between the fins shall not be less than 7 mm.

5.2.2 For fruits and fresh vegetables the evaporators for refrigerating spaces have to be designed for a temperature difference between evaporation temperature and room temperature of less than 8 °C .

5.2.3 Evaporators for refrigerating spaces with temperatures below 4 °C have to be equipped with an electric defrosting heating as well as an additional heating for drip trays and drains. The switching on and off of the defrosting heating must be automatically operated. An impermissible increase of temperatures during the defrosting process has to be avoided by installation of a safety thermostat. Melting water has to be drained off from the refrigerating spaces in the shortest way. For the drainage frost safe siphon traps have to be provided.

5.2.4 The evaporator fans shall have a sufficient air velocity to ensure an even air distribution. Motors are to be protected as three phase type with motor protection switch or full thermistor protection against overloading.

The evaporators are to be arranged in a way that air ducting and air distribution are ensured under all loading conditions.

5.2.5 Heating rods and fan motors have to be easily replaceable.

5.3 Water chiller

5.3.1 For chilled water systems an water chiller has to be attached to each compressor unit.

5.3.2 For the use of additives to chilled water, e.g. antifreeze, attention has to be paid to the material compatibility. The influence on the thermal conductivity by chilled water additives has to be considered for the design of the heat exchange surface.

5.3.3 Water chillers have to be principally equipped with two antifreeze devices which safely avoid the freezing of the cooler. If antifreeze thermostats are used a sensor has to be located at the refrigerant injection of the chiller as well as at the chilled water side, see also [1.2.3](#).

G. Pipes, Valves, Fittings and Pumps

1. Pipelines

1.1 Pipes for refrigerants and chilled water are to be designed in accordance with the guidelines defined in [Section 8](#).

1.2 Pipes for refrigerant and chilled water have to be marked according to the respective flow medium.

1.3 When installing refrigerant pipes, care is to be taken to provide all pipes whose working temperatures are below ambient temperatures with insulation in accordance with [H](#). These pipes are to be protected externally against corrosion. Unless some other kind of corrosion protection has been demonstrated to BKI to be likewise effective, steel pipes are to be galvanized on the outside.

1.4 At points where they are supported or pass through decks or bulkheads, the pipes mentioned in [1.3](#) may not come directly into contact with steel members of the ship's structure.

1.5 Where necessary, refrigerant pipes between compressors and condensers are to be protected against being inadvertently touched.

1.6 Refrigerant pipes, which have to run to other spaces, e.g. evaporators/ air coolers of air conditioning plants, and are leading through corridors and other spaces have to be provided with protection pipes (gas tight, if necessary double shell pipes). The protective pipes shall be open to the refrigerating machinery spaces to enable blow off of the refrigerant.

1.7 Refrigerant pipes have to run as much accessible as possible. Connections of refrigerant pipes have to be restricted to controllable locations.

1.8 Penetrations of pipelines through watertight bulkheads below the bulkhead deck have to be situated as much as possible amidships, but at least at a distance of $0,2 \cdot B$ from the shell.

1.9 All shut off valves at watertight penetrations have to be located in permanently accessible spaces. If in exceptional cases manually operated shut off valves are located in lockable spaces they have to be equipped with remote control for operation at any time.

2. Fittings

2.1 Fittings for refrigerants as well as for chilled water and seawater have to meet the requirements of [Section 8](#).

2.2 Automatic control valves have to be arranged or provided with a by pass to be able to operate the system also manually.

3. Hose assemblies and compensators

Hose assemblies and compensators have to meet the requirements of [Section 8, U](#).

4. Chilled and cooling water supply

4.1 Chilled water pumps

If only one water chiller is provided, at least two independent chilled water pumps have to be arranged for, one of them acting as stand by unit. For several water chillers one chilled water pump is sufficient for each system, assuming that one pump covers the complete cold water demand of the ship.

4.2 Cooling water supply for refrigerant condensers

4.2.1 General

Pipes, valves and fittings must comply with the requirements according to [Section 8](#). Pipelines for seawater have to be manufactured from seawater resistant materials.

A constant condenser pressure has to be ensured by a suitable and automatic control of cooling water. Deviations there from need approval from the Naval Administration.

4.2.2 Cooling water pumps

The requirements defined in [4.1](#) are valid in analogous way.

4.2.3 Stand by cooling water supply

Where the stand by cooling water supply system of the refrigerating installation is connected to the cooling water system of the main propulsion plant, the stand by cooling water pump specified in [4.1](#) may be dispensed with provided that the stand by cooling water pump of the main propulsion plant is capable of the adequate supply of cooling water to the refrigerating installation without adversely affecting the operation of the main propulsion plant.

4.2.4 Suction lines

Each cooling water pump is to be equipped with its own suction line and shall be able to draw from at least two sea chests. Seawater filters are to be fitted and so arranged that they can be cleaned without interrupting the cooling water supply.

4.2.5 Dock operation

By suitable hose connections, measures shall be taken to ensure that, when necessary, the refrigerating installation can also be operated while the ship is docked.

H. Insulation of Pressure Vessels, Apparatus, Pipes, Valves and Fittings

1. All pressure vessels, apparatus, pipes, valves and fittings operating temperatures of which may drop below the ambient temperature at the points where they are installed, are to be provided with cold insulation. Items of the plant which are accommodated in specially insulated refrigerating machinery spaces are exempted from this requirement.
2. Refrigerant and chilled water pipes which pass through uncooled spaces are to be insulated with special care and are to be installed so that they are protected from damage.
3. All air, sounding, thermometer and drain pipes in refrigerated and air cooler spaces are to be adequately insulated.
4. Before being insulated, the items concerned are to be protected against corrosion.
5. Cold insulation is to be at least sufficiently thick to prevent the formation of condensation water on its surface at a maximum relative humidity of 90 %.
6. The insulation is to be free from discontinuities and its final layer has to be given a vapourtight coating.
7. Insulation is to be protected at points which are endangered by mechanical damage.

8. Insulating materials shall not be combustible and have to be approved by the Naval Administration. Not readily ignitable insulating materials may be approved if the basic construction and the cover consist of non combustible materials.

I. Safety and Monitoring Equipment

1. Safety equipment

1.1 Pressure limiting device

1.1.1 Refrigerating plants have to be equipped with pressure limiting devices. Air cooled systems with a filling weight of less than 10 kg are exempted from this requirement.

1.1.2 Pressure limiting devices of refrigerating plants have to be designed and adjusted in a way that an excess of the permissible working pressure by more than 10 % leads to shut down and locking of the refrigerant compressor. Restart shall only be possible after manual reset.

1.2 Over pressure safety devices

1.2.1 Pressure vessels and apparatus which can be separated and which contain liquefied refrigerants are to be equipped with a safety valve. It has to be ensured that safety valves cannot be made ineffective by shut off valves. Shut off valves fitted before safety valves are to be secured in the open position by a cap and are to be fitted with lead sealing.

1.2.2 Safety valves are to be set to the maximum allowable working pressure and to be secured against inadvertently alteration.

1.2.3 Fitting a rupture disc in front of a safety valve is permitted only where, between the rupture disc and the safety valve, no uncontrolled pressure build up can occur which, in the event of a sudden pressure surge, would not allow either the safety valve or the rupture disc to respond.

The space between the rupture disc and the safety valve cone shall therefore be fitted with an alarm pressure gauge or equivalent device. Instead of this a free outlet duct may also be used, provided that it traverses oil filled sight glasses or the like which reveal any leakage through the rupture disc.

A screen for the retention of broken fragments is to be fitted behind the rupture disc.

1.2.4 Where rupture discs are used, it has to be proven that the bursting pressure does not exceed the maximum allowable working pressure. The range of tolerance is 10 %.

Refrigerant which is blown off shall be led directly and safely to the open air.

2. Monitoring equipment

2.1 Low pressure cut out

Refrigerating plants have to be equipped with a low pressure cut out which shut down the compressor in case of low condensing pressure. The use of combined high and low pressure safety cut out is permissible.

2.2 Oil pressure differential switch

Refrigerant compressors with pressure lubrication have to be equipped with oil pressure differential switches which are shutting off and locking the compressor if the preset pressure difference between oil pressure and refrigerant suction pressure falls short. A possibility for manual reset has to be provided.

2.3 Thermostats for frost protection

Water chillers have to be equipped with thermostats, sensors of which are to be arranged near the cooler.

The thermostats have to be adjusted in a way that they trip before the freezing point of the refrigerating medium is reached. Thermostats for frost protection have to be lead sealed after adjusting the set value.

2.4 Flow indicators

In the chilled water circuits flow indicators have to be installed. They have to be interlocked with the control circuit of the refrigerant compressor. The start of the compressor shall only be possible if a chilled water flow is existing. Start delay via a timing relay has to be provided.

2.5 Pressure gauges

2.5.1 Pressure and suction pipelines of the refrigerant compressors and medium pressure vessels as well as the lubricating oil pressure pipeline to the compressor have to be equipped with pressure gauges. For refrigerating plants of more than 100 kW refrigerating capacity pressure gauges have to be installed at the chilled water side before and after the water coolers.

2.5.2 Before each pressure gauge a manually operated shut off valve has to be installed.

2.5.3 Pressure gauges for refrigerants have to be equipped with pressure and temperature scales for the actual type of refrigerant. The maximum allowable working pressure has to be marked with a red line.

2.6 Thermometers

2.6.1 Supply and return pipelines of chilled and seawater circuits have to be equipped with protective tube thermometers.

2.6.2 In each refrigerating space for provisions and cargo thermometers have to be installed at suitable positions. Outside the refrigeration spaces (lobby, passage way) additional remote thermometers have to be arranged which enable a central monitoring of the temperatures in the refrigerating spaces. An alarm is to be initiated in case the desired temperature inside refrigerating spaces is exceeded, see also [2.8](#).

2.7 Sight glasses

Refrigerant pipelines are to be fitted with easily visible sight glasses with humidity indicators.

2.8 Warning systems

2.8.1 Cold stores for provisions and cargo have to be equipped with visual and audible alarms which are initiated at a temperature increase of 6 °C above the set value. The alarm has to be connected to a permanently manned station (MCC).

2.8.2 In refrigerating machinery spaces and at the suction side of the attached air circulating system a refrigerant warning device respectively the sensor thereof has to be installed. In case of refrigerant leakage the warning devices shall initiate a visual warning inside and outside the refrigerating machinery space. This requirement is valid for ships with NBC protection, where the ventilation of the ship in a far extent is provided by recirculated air and a monitoring of the refrigerating machinery spaces is necessary.

For ships without NBC protection refrigerant warning devices are not necessary.

2.9 Lock in alarm

Refrigerating spaces have to be provided with an emergency call system which enables locked in persons to attract attention. It shall be possible to send an emergency call from each refrigerating space to a permanently manned station (MCC).

2.10 Operation and failure indication

2.10.1 If not defined otherwise, failure indicating lamps, signal lamps to show the operational status and, where necessary, measuring instruments have to be provided for the switchboard of each refrigerating plant.

2.10.2 For each refrigerating plant a summary failure indication has to be provided in the machinery control centre (MCC).

2.10.3 Illuminated indicators, switching devices, operating and monitoring positions are to be provided according to [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\) Sec. 9](#).

2.10.4 The functions and operating conditions shall be indicated according to [Tables 12.3](#) and [12.4](#).

Table 12.3 Location of operating devices

Location of operation	
Locally	Damage control centre (DCC)
Switching on and switching off of the plant	Switching on and switching off of the plant Central emergency switching off of the plants of each damage control area (main fire protection zone)

Table 12.4 Control and monitoring of operation

Location of control and monitoring		
Locally	Machinery control centre (MCC)	Damage control centre (DCC)
Failure indicating lamp Signal lamps for indication of the operation status, like defroster heating on/off, operation hour counter, etc.	Collective failure indication for each refrigerating plant Exceeding of threshold values at the different refrigerating spaces	Signal lamps for indication of the operating status

J. Refrigerating Devices

1. General

1.1 The requirements are destined for refrigerating/cooling devices such as the refrigerators, top opening and upright freezers used on board.

1.2 The devices have to be designed to meet the special requirements for operation on board, especially for vibrations.

1.3 Exclusively refrigerators and freezers, refrigerators for medical duties and deep freezing devices which are suitable for operation on board seagoing ships will be approved. Exceptions may be granted for refrigerators for messrooms and cabins.

1.4 Cooling devices are to be lockable. Magnetic catches for refrigerators are not permissible, with the exception of refrigerators in messrooms and cabins, which are to be equipped additionally with a lockable closure.

1.5 Insulating materials for cooling devices are to be non combustible according to DIN 4102, class A or equivalent. Not readily ignitable insulation materials analogous to DIN 4102 class B1 or equivalent may be approved, if protected with a non combustible covering.

1.6 Condensers for cooling devices have to be designed for a maximum ambient temperature of + 43 °C. For the installation of a cooling device the heat leakage into the space of installation has to be considered.

1.7 Unrestricted operation of the cooling devices is to be ensured for maximum inclination of the ship as specified in [Section 1, D](#), unless the definitions in the building specification are decisive.

1.8 For electromagnetic compatibility the requirements of [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\)](#) have to be applied.

1.9 Three phase drive motors are to be protected against overloading by motor protection switches or full thermistor protection.

1.10 Condensers for cooling devices have to be resilient mounted.

Cooling devices have to be connected to bulkheads, walls or decks and, where necessary, to be resiliently mounted.

2. Refrigerators

Horizontal type refrigerators (cooled sideboards) are to be installed below a given working table (table height) or the top of the refrigerator has to be fitted in height, form and design to the adjacent devices. The shipyard has to establish a coordination at an early stage and to inform the different subcontractors.

3. Refrigerators for medical duties

3.1 Refrigerators which are installed in the treatment and auxiliary rooms of the ship's hospital have to be explosion proof. Deviations may be defined in the building specification if no explosive mixtures can be produced in the installation area.

3.2 The refrigerators have to be equipped with a safety lock and a remote thermometer.

3.3 The average temperature in the refrigerator has to be adjustable in the range of + 4 °C ± 1 °C . The evaporator shall be of ice cell type.

3.4 Refrigerators for medical duties are essential consumers and have to be electrically connected to the adequate consumer group (supply from two electrical power stations).

4. Top opening and upright freezers

4.1 Preferably top opening freezers have to be used. Top opening freezers with separate condenser unit are also approved.

4.2 Top opening freezers have to be equipped with remote thermometers.

4.3 The internal temperature of top opening freezers has to be adjustable in the temperature range of –18 °C to –21 °C.

K. Special Tools, Spare Parts

1. Special tools

If special tools have to be used for maintenance and repair of machinery and equipment, which are not part of the standard equipment of a ship, the shipyard and its subcontractors have to define and provide such tools.

2. Spare parts on board

The scope of spare parts and replacement fillings, etc. has to be agreed between Naval Administration and shipyard and is to be specified in the building specification.

L. Pressure and Tightness Tests

1. General

1.1 The testing in presence of a BKI Surveyor has to be done for :

- refrigerant compressors
- pumps for refrigerants, cooling water and chilled water
- vessels and apparatus under refrigerant pressure
- finally installed refrigerating plants and compressor - condenser units

1.2 Tests of electric motors and switchboards see [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\), Sec. 17.](#)

1.3 If additional type testing of compressor - condenser units is contractually agreed, the scope of the testing has to be agreed with BKI.

1.4 Testing of components is generally to be carried out at the manufacturer's works.

1.5 Refrigerant compressors

After completion, refrigerant compressors are to be subjected to a trial run without refrigerant at the manufacturer's works and to the pressure and tightness tests specified in [Table 12.5.](#)

1.6 Pumps

Refrigerant, cooling and chilled water pumps are to be subjected to a hydrostatic pressure test as well as to a hydraulic performance test according to [Guidance for Design, Construction and Testing Pump \(Pt.1, Vol.V\).](#)

1.7 Vessels and apparatus under refrigerant pressure

1.7.1 After completion, pressure vessels and apparatus under refrigerant pressure are to be subjected to the pressure and tightness tests specified below.

1.7.2 As a guidelines, pneumatic tightness tests are to be performed after the hydraulic pressure tests.

Exceptionally, BKI may, on application, waive the hydraulic pressure test provided that a pneumatic pressure test is performed at the test pressure specified for the hydraulic test. National accident prevention regulations are to be complied with.

2. Test pressures

2.1 Components under refrigerant pressure

The test pressures to be used are specified in Table 12.5. According to the refrigerant used, HP is to be substituted by the design pressure on the high pressure side and LP by the design pressure on the lowpressure side in accordance with Table 12.2.

2.2 Components under cooling water or chilled water pressure

The test pressures shown in Table 12.6 are to be applied.

Table 12.5 Test pressures for components under refrigerant pressure

Test	Item to be tested	Test pressure [bar]	
		hydraulic	pneumatic
Prior to installation	Compressor (high pressure side)	1,5 · HP	1 · HP
	Compressor (low pressure side)	1,5 · LP	1 · LP
	Compressors with integrally cast cylinders and crankcase	1,5 · HP	1 · HP
	Motor compressors, assembled	–	1 · HP
	Refrigerant circulating pumps	1,5 · HP	1 · HP
	High pressure vessels and apparatus	1,5 · HP	1 · HP
	Low pressure vessels and apparatus	1,5 · LP	1 · LP
	Refrigerant valves and fittings (except automatic control valves)	1,5 · HP	1 · HP
Prior to start up	Complete installations: High pressure side	–	1 · HP
	Low pressure side	–	1 · LP

¹ Where the low pressure side of the installation (LP) can be subjected to the pressure of the high pressure side (HP) by operational switching, e.g. for defrosting with hot gas, the vessels and equipment involved are to be designed and tested at the pressures prescribed for the high pressure side.

Table 12.6 Test pressure for components under cooling water or chilled water pressure

Test	Item to be tested	Hydraulic test pressure ¹
Prior to installation	Cooling water spaces of machines and equipment, cooling water pumps	1,5 p _{e, perm} , minimum 4 bar
	Vessels and equipment on the pressure side of chilled water pumps, chilled water pumps	1,5 p _{e, perm} , minimum 4 bar
	Vessels and equipment on the suction side of chilled water pumps	1,5 p _{e, perm} , minimum p _{e, perm} + 0,2 bar
Prior to start up	Cooling water lines, valves and fittings	1,5 p _{e, perm} , minimum 4 bar
	Chilled water pipelines, valves and fittings (prior to insulation)	1,5 p _{e, perm} , minimum 4 bar

¹ p_{e, perm} = maximum allowable working pressure [bar]

Section 13 Aircraft Handling Systems

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A. General

1. Scope

1.1 For ships executing flight operations and to which one of the **FO** Class Notations shall be assigned, the main elements of aircraft handling have to be included in the classification procedure. This is also applicable for the handling of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) where the Class Notation **FO (DRONE)** may be assigned, if the requirements defined in **C** are fulfilled.

The overall aspects of such ships are dealt with in the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 23](#).

1.2 The Naval Administration has to define the type of aircraft/vehicle to be flown and up to which seaway condition the aircraft operation shall be possible.

2. Documents for approval

2.1 The following documentation is to be submitted to BKI for approval. The drawings are required to contain all the details necessary to carry out an examination in accordance with the following requirements. To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process they should be submitted in electronic format.

2.2 Helicopter and drone handling

- general arrangement of flight deck including position of control stand for helicopter handling
- general arrangement of the rapid securing device
- general arrangement of the leg fixing of drones, if applicable
- general arrangement of transfer platform for drones, if applicable
- general arrangement of transfer system
- details of the transfer track
- documentation on mechanical, electrical and hydraulic systems
- description of back up measures in case of failure of the main system

2.3 Hangar doors

- general arrangement of the hangar doors and their connection to the hangar structure
- details of door elements including strength calculations
- documentation on mechanical, electrical and hydraulic systems
- description of safety measures

2.4 Aircraft lifts

- general arrangement of the lift embedded in the ship's structure

- drawing of the construction of the lift platform including strength calculations
- drawing of the guiding tracks
- arrangement of railings on the lift platform, at deck and hangar
- details of railing drive
- documentation on mechanical, electrical and hydraulic systems of main lift drive
- further details on request

B. Helicopter Handling Systems

1. Tasks of the handling system

Helicopter handling systems on board of naval ships of limited size, like frigates, destroyers, etc., which have to endure considerable motions in rough seas, have to fulfil the following tasks:

- rapid securing of the helicopter at the landing deck immediately after landing and rapid releasing before starting
- moving the helicopter between the landing deck and the hangar or vice versa
- securing the helicopter at its parking place in the hangar
- transport of heavy weapons, like torpedoes, etc. from the hangar to the landing deck

2. General requirements

The design of the system shall consider the following requirements:

- the loads acting on the system are defined in the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 5, G.3](#). The accelerations at the landing deck can be estimated by using the formulae defined in the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 5, B](#).
- the system shall not create any obstructions on the landing deck or at least in the aiming circle
- the stationary elements of the system shall be concentrated in a separate space or at a convenient place in the hangar, from where also the local control of the system shall be possible
- from a control stand or a portable control console the operator shall be able to overlook the whole handling procedure. All commands to the system including emergency stop are to be given to the system from this control device
- the accuracy of the system is to be especially high in the range of the hangar door

3. Fully automatic systems

Fully automatic systems have to fulfil additionally the following requirements:

- guiding down of the helicopter to the landing position and rapidly anchoring it against slipping and overturning without manual assistance, up to seaway conditions defined by the Naval Administration
- rapid securing of the helicopters with a claw and grid system, a robot arm, etc.
- the surface of the track shall be flush with the deck surface. It is recommended to manufacture the track of stainless steel and to pay special attention to avoid foreign matters getting into it. Therefore it will be of advantage to cover the top slot with a stainless spring steel band. The track has to be drained
- if any element of the system fails, e.g. if wire ropes or chains break, the operation has to stop and the helicopter be secured in its momentary position

- back up means shall be provided for the securing, aligning and travelling of the helicopter in the event of electrical and/or hydraulic failures

4. Manual or half automatic systems

4.1 Manual or half automatic systems are systems where an operating crew on the flight deck is needed. Such systems may also be a combination of a rapid securing device and a wire rope transfer system without rails on the flight deck.

4.2 The following requirements have to be met:

- fail safe mechanical brakes shall be fitted to the winch system to secure the helicopter in case of a power failure
- if deemed appropriate to use the system for increased seaway conditions a five-wire rope system with restraining rails is recommended to reduce deviations from the intended transfer track
- to optimize the coordinated action of the wire ropes, the winch should be computer controlled and the rope tension should consider the ship's motions

Note

If no other information is available the operational limits for the different levels of manual and half automatic systems may be defined as follows:

- manual transfer with lashings and wheel taper keys:
rolling: $\pm 4^\circ$ pitching: $\pm 1^\circ$
- three-wire system:
rolling: $\pm 7^\circ$ pitching: $\pm 2^\circ$
- five-wire system:
rolling: $\pm 10^\circ$ pitching : $\pm 2^\circ$

5. Tests

The handling system will be tested with the biggest helicopter operated, full loaded in the harbour (HAT) and during the trials (SAT) in presence of a Surveyor. All different steps of the handling procedure have to be demonstrated.

C. Special Requirements for Drone Handling

1. The handling requirements depend very much on size and weight of the drone.
2. **Big drones**

For drones of a size near to a light helicopter which are equipped with wheels the handling may be organized as defined in B.

3. **Medium sized drones**

3.1 For other, medium sized drones without wheels it has to be ensured that the drone can be safely transferred from the drone hangar to the starting/landing areas and vice versa.

3.2 Transport platform

3.2.1 For the requirements according to 3.1 it might be favourable to introduce a movable transport platform of reasonable size from where the drone can start and land and which can be transferred with the drone into the hangar, see Fig. 13.1.

3.2.2 The drone has always to be fixed with its legs to the platform and the connection shall only be opened after running warm and immediately before the start. Opening and closing of the leg connection has to be possible for all legs simultaneously.

3.2.3 The transport platform should be equipped with small wheels and permanently be connected to glide bearings within deck slots (or within a guiding construction bolted to the deck, if no occasional helicopter landings are planned on this deck) leading from the open start/landing area to the storage, maintenance and refuelling location in the drone hangar. It will be recommendable to cover such a slot with a stainless spring steel band.

The movement of this platform may be done manually by the crew, but at the locations in the hangar and outside for starting/landing the platform is to be safely locked. If the movement is established mechanically, e.g. by pulling rope and winch or by a rack and pinion system, limit switches and locking devices are to be provided at the end positions of this movement. In case of mechanical drive an emergency operation is to be made possible.

3.2.4 If the platform is designed also as turntable, several useful positions around the circumference are to be locked safely.

4. Small drones

Small drones may be handled manually by several crew members. But also for such drones the storage/maintenance/refuelling location inside the hangar has to be equipped with a safe fixing of the drone to the ship during all its thinkable movements.

5. Other solutions

Other solutions achieving the demonstrated requirements for drone handling in different ways may be presented and have to be agreed by BKI.

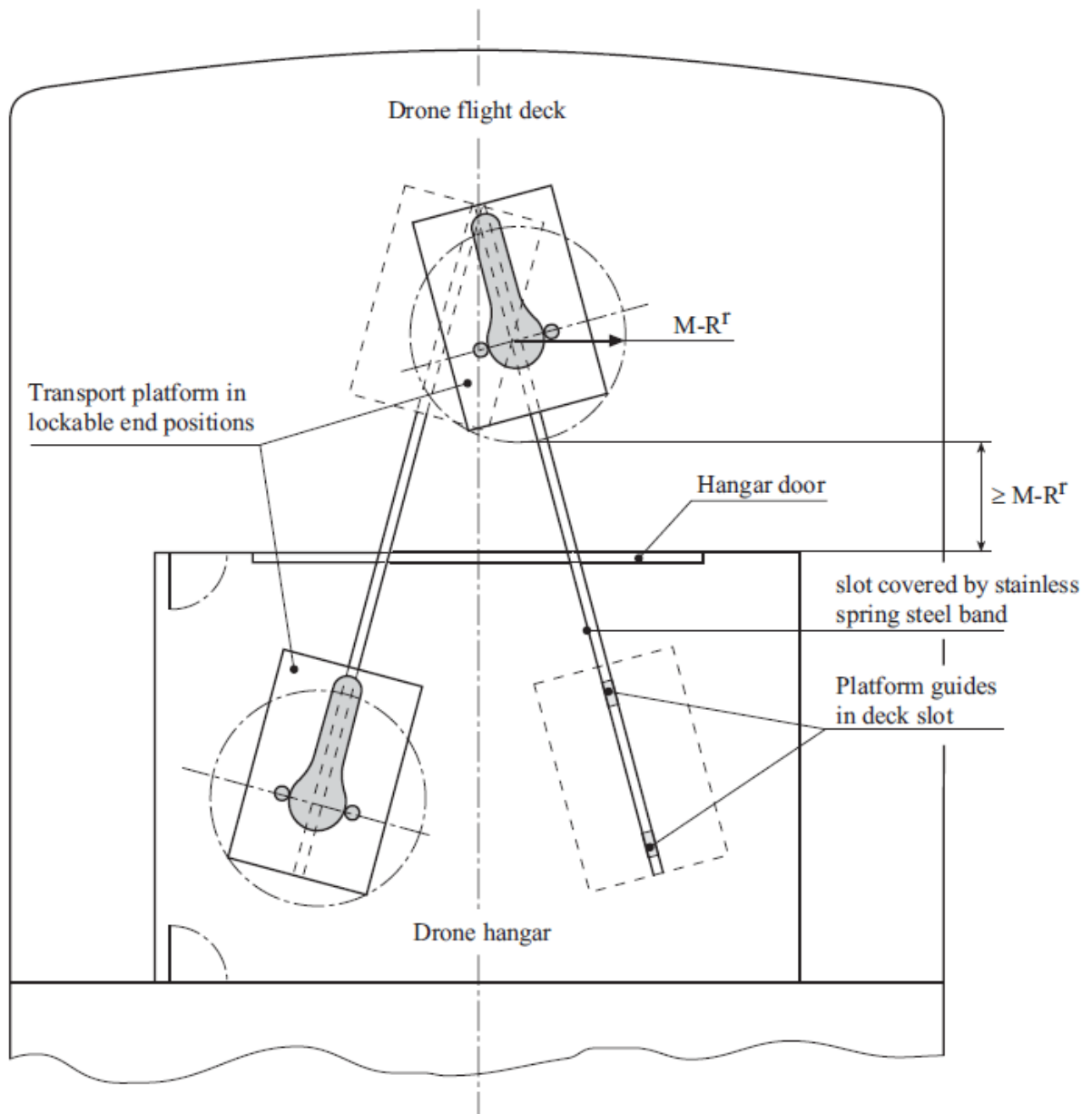


Fig. 13.1 Example with the main characteristics of a safe drone handling

D. Hangar Doors

1. Size of hangar doors

The width of the hangar door shall enable to transfer aircraft according to A.1, at least in wing or rotor folded condition, into the hangar, including at both sides a means of escape of at least 0,6 m. If helicopter handling is not executed by a rail tracked system, compare B, the movement tolerances of the system considered have to be added to this width.

The height of the door has to enable safe aircraft handling and should include a tolerance of 0,3 m as a minimum for the highest aircraft.

2. Door construction

- 2.1 The door shall be able to withstand wind loads as well as forces from green water on deck.
- 2.2 The door shall be weathertight. If the hangar is part of the citadel, the door has to be able to keep the slightly increased pressure inside, compare [Section 11, C](#). In addition, the door should also hinder any light to penetrate from the hangar to the outside .
- 2.3 The door has to be provided with thermal insulation. According to the operation area of the naval ship, a deicing system may be necessary.
- 2.4 A coverable bulleye/ window in suitable height shall be provided. It has to be checked if also an emergency door as a means for escape has to be provided within the hangar door, or if such a door can be arranged in a hangar wall for reaching the open deck.

3. Door drive

- 3.1 For opening and closing the door a main drive and an independent emergency drive have to be provided. When the emergency drive is in operation, the main drive has to be interlocked. The emergency drive may be manually driven. The time limits for opening and closing the door for each drive system are to be defined by the Naval Administration and have to be met.

Note

For normal operation closing or opening should be possible in abt. 1 minute. With the emergency drive closing should be possible in abt. 2 min, opening (even with manual drive) should not take longer than 10 - 15 min.

- 3.2 The control of the door drive has to be possible from outside the hangar as well as from inside. An emergency button has to be provided inside and outside at an easily noticeable position.
- 3.3 If the drive fails, e.g. when wire ropes break, etc. a safety device shall prevent the door from further closing or uncontrolled opening.

E. Flight Deck Lifts

1. The loads with the heaviest aircraft and eventually arising from secondary tasks, like transport of vehicles of embarked troops, as well as the proposed stowage arrangements on the lift platform have to be defined by the Naval Administration. A minimum clearance of 1,0 m all round is recommended.
2. In the raised and locked position the lift platform has to meet the full flight deck design loads. The scantlings and structural arrangements are not to be less as required by the rules for the supporting or surrounding structure of the lift.

Being unlocked during lifting operations the platform is to be designed for the maximum transport weight. The assumed dimensioning loads on the lift platform have to consider the increase due to ship motions (maximum seaway to be defined by the Naval Administration) as well as acceleration or deceleration during the lift movement.

3. When transferring the aircraft to and from the lift, the deflection of the platform edge shall be less than 25 mm. If the lift platform is part of the hangar ceiling the lift clearance between the flight deck opening and the platform skirt shall be minimised and sealed by watertight seals.

Water running from the lift and flight deck into the clearance space around the lift is to be collected and drained over board.

If there is a lift well at the lowest lift position this is to be fitted with suitable drainage.

4. The alignment of the lift to the flight and hangar deck is to be provided by holders to be engaged at the stops. If shock resistance is asked for by the Naval Administration, latches are to be provided at the stops to restrain the platform when stationary.
5. The lift deck shall be equipped with flush fastening pods following a certain lattice image to secure the aircraft during the lifting procedure. The lift shall be equipped with an earthing point for potential equalization of lifted aircraft and equipment.
6. At the deck and hangar boundaries of the lift, as well as on the lift platform itself, raiseable and lowerable railings have to be activated before the lift starts to move. In the lowered position the top part of the railing is to be flush with deck and platform. If a part of the lift is the outer side of the flight deck, a hinged railing with protective network as defined in the [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 23, B.5.4](#) has to be provided at the outer sides.
7. Short time before starting lift movements a visual and/or acoustic warning shall be triggered. The operator shall have an unrestricted view over the whole lift and its boundaries; he shall be able to stop the lift at any position during raising and lowering.
8. Further requirements concerning mechanical, electrical and safety equipment of the lift are defined in [Section 3, E](#).

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Section 14 Hydraulic Systems

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A. General

1. Scope

The requirements contained in this Section apply to hydraulic systems used, such as closing appliances in the ship's shell, bulkheads, hatch covers and hoists. The requirements are to be applied in analogous manner to the ship's other hydraulic systems. For pipes, valves and pumps [Section 8](#) shall be considered in addition, as far as necessary.

2. Documents for approval

The diagram of the hydraulic system together with drawings of the cylinders containing all the data necessary for assessing the system, e.g. operating data, descriptions, materials used, etc., are to be submitted for approval in electronic format, compare [Section 15, A.3](#).

3. Design

For the design of pressure vessels, see [Section 16](#); for the dimensions of pipes and hose assemblies, see [Section 8](#).

4. Materials

4.1 Approved materials

4.1.1 Components fulfilling a major function in the power transmission system shall normally be made of steel or cast steel in accordance with [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#). The use of other materials is subject to special agreement with BKI.

Cylinders are preferably to be made of steel, cast steel or nodular cast iron (with a predominantly ferritic matrix).

4.1.2 Pipes are to be made of seamless or longitudinally welded steel tubes.

4.1.3 The pressure-loaded walls of valves, fittings, pumps, motors, etc. are subject to the requirements of [Section 8, B](#).

4.2 The materials used for pressurized components including the seals are to be suitable for the hydraulic oil in use.

4.3 Testing of materials

The following components are to be tested under supervision of BKI in accordance with [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#) :

- pressure pipes with nominal diameter $DN > 50$, see [Section 8, Table 8.4](#)
- cylinders, where the product of the pressure times the diameter:

$$p_{e,perm} D_i > 20000$$

$p_{e,perm}$ = maximum allowable working pressure [bar]

D_i = inside diameter of tube [mm].

For testing the materials of hydraulic accumulators see [Section 16, B](#).

B. Hydraulic Operating Equipment for Hatch Covers

1. Scope

The following requirements apply to hydraulic power equipment for opening and closing of hatch covers described in [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec.14, D](#).

2. Design and construction

2.1 Hydraulic operating equipment for hatch covers may be served either by one common power station for all hatch covers or by several power stations individually assigned to a single hatch cover. Where a common power station is used, at least two pump units are to be fitted. Where the systems are supplied individually, change-over valves or fittings are required so that operation can be maintained should one pump unit fail.

2.2 Movement of hatch covers is not to be initiated merely by starting the pumps. Special control stations are to be provided for controlling the opening and closing of hatch covers. The controls are to be so designed that, as soon as they are released, movement of the hatch covers stops immediately.

The hatches should normally be visible from the control stations. Should this, in exceptional cases, be impossible, opening and closing of the hatches is to be signalled by an audible alarm. In addition, the control stations are to be equipped with indicators for monitoring the movement of the hatch covers.

At the control stations, the controls governing the opening and closing operations are to be appropriately marked.

2.3 Suitable equipment is to be fitted in or immediately adjacent to each power unit (cylinder or similar) used to operate hatch covers to enable the hatches to be closed slowly in the event of a power failure, e.g. due to a pipe rupture.

3. Pipes

3.1 Pipes are to be installed and secured in such a way as to protect them from damage while enabling them to be properly maintained from outside.

Pipes may be led through tanks in pipe tunnels only. The laying of such pipes through spaces for military supplies is to be restricted to the essential minimum. The piping system is to be fitted with relief valves to limit the pressure to the maximum allowable working pressure.

3.2 The hydraulic fluids are to be suitable for the intended ambient and service temperatures.

3.3 The piping system is to be fitted with filters to maintain the cleanliness of the hydraulic fluid taking into consideration the type and design of the hydraulic systems.

Equipment is to be provided to enable the hydraulic system to be vented.

3.4 The accumulator space of the hydraulic accumulator shall have permanent access to the relief valve of the connected system. The gas chamber of the accumulator may be filled only with inert gases. Gas and operating medium are to be separated by accumulator bags, diaphragms or similar.

3.5 Connection between the hydraulic system used for hatch cover operation and other hydraulic systems is permitted only with the consent of BKI.

3.6 Tanks being part of the hydraulic system are to be fitted with oil level indicators.

3.7 The lowest permissible oil level is to be monitored. Audible and visual alarms are to be provided in the machinery control centre respectively at the machinery space.

4. Hose assemblies

The construction of hose assemblies shall be according to [Section 8, U](#). The requirement that hose assemblies should be of flame-resistant construction may be dispensed with for hose lines in spaces not subject to a fire hazard and in systems not essential to the safety of the ship.

5. Emergency operation

It is recommended that devices be fitted which are independent of the main system and which enable hatch covers to be opened and closed in the event of failure of the main system. Such devices may, for example, take the form of loose rings enabling hatch covers to be moved by, warping winches, crane winches, etc.

C. Hydraulic Equipment for Closing Appliances in the Ship's Shell

1. Scope

The following requirements apply to the power equipment of hydraulically operated closing appliances in the ship's shell such as shell and landing doors which normally are not operated while at sea. For the design and arrangement of the closures, see [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 22, B and C](#).

2. Design and construction

2.1 The movement of shell doors etc. may not be initiated merely by the starting of the pumps at the power station.

2.2 Local control, inaccessible to unauthorized persons, is to be provided for every closing appliance in the ship's shell. As soon as the controls such as push-buttons, levers or similar are released, movement of the appliance has to stop immediately.

2.3 Closing appliances in the ship's shell should normally be visible from the control stations. If the movement cannot be observed, audible alarms are to be arranged. In addition, the control stations are to be equipped with indicators enabling monitoring of the movement.

2.4 Closing appliances in the ship's shell are to be fitted with devices which prevent them from moving into their end positions at excessive speed. Such devices shall not cause the power unit to be switched off.

As far as is required, mechanical means are to be provided for locking closing appliances in the open position.

2.5 Every power unit driving horizontally hinged or vertically operated closing appliances is to be fitted with throttle valves or similar devices to prevent sudden dropping of the closing appliance.

2.6 It is recommended that the driving power be shared between at least two mutually independent pump sets.

3. Pipes, hose assemblies

[B.3](#) and [B.4](#) are to be applied in analogous manner to the pipes and hose lines of hydraulically operated closing appliances in the ship's shell.

D. Hydraulic Equipment for Bulkhead Closures

1. Scope

1.1 The following requirements apply to the power equipment of hydraulically-operated watertight bulkhead doors.

1.2 For details regarding the number, design and arrangement of bulkhead doors, see [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2 \) Sec. 9, B.](#)

2. Design

Bulkhead doors shall be power-driven sliding doors moving horizontally. Other designs require the approval of BKI and the provision of additional safety measures where necessary.

3. Piping

Wherever applicable, the pipes in hydraulic bulkhead closing systems are governed by the Guidelines in [B.3](#), whereby the use of flexible hoses is not permitted.

The hydraulic fluids must be suitable for the intended ambient and service temperatures.

4. Drive unit

4.1 A selector switch with the switch positions "local control" and "close all doors" is to be provided at the central control station on the bridge.

Under normal conditions this switch should be set to "local control".

In the "local control" position, the doors may be locally opened and closed without automatic closure.

In the "close all doors" position, all doors are closed automatically. They may be reopened by means of the local control device but are to close again automatically as soon as the local door controls are released.

It shall not be possible to open the closed doors from the bridge.

4.2 Closed or open bulkhead doors shall not be actuated automatically in the event of a power failure.

4.3 The control system is to be designed in such a way that an individual fault inside the control system, including the piping, does not have any adverse effect on the operation of other bulkhead doors.

4.4 The controls for the power drive are to be located at least 1,6 m above the floor on both sides of the bulkhead close to the door. The controls are to be installed in such a way that a person passing through the door is able to hold both controls in the open position.

The controls are to return to their original position automatically when released.

4.5 The direction of movement of the controls is to be clearly marked and must be the same as the direction of movement of the door.

4.6 Where an individual element fails inside the control system for the power drive, including the piping, but excluding the closing cylinders on the door or similar components, the operational ability of the manually-operated control system is not to be impaired.

4.7 The movement of the power driven bulkhead doors may not be initiated simply by switching on the drive units but only by actuating additional devices.

4.8 The control and monitoring equipment for the drive units is to be housed in the central control station on the bridge, respectively in the damage control centre (DCC).

5. Manual control

5.1 Each door shall have a manual control system which is independent of the power drive.

5.2 The manual control is to be capable of being operated at the door from both sides of the bulkhead.

5.3 The controls are to allow the door to be opened and closed

6. Indicators

Visual indicators to show whether each bulkhead door is fully open or closed are to be installed at the central control station on the bridge.

7. Electrical equipment

For details of electrical equipment, see [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\) Sec. 9, C. and 14.](#)

8. Alarms

Whilst all the doors are being closed from the central control station, an audible alarm is to be sounded at all time they are in motion.

E. Hydraulic Equipment for Hoists

1. Scope

For the purposes of the requirements in [E](#), hoists include hydraulically operated appliances such as lifts, lifting platforms and similar equipment. For the mechanical part, see [Section 3.](#)

2. Design and construction

2.1 Hoists may be supplied either by a combined power station or individually by several power stations for each single lifting appliance.

In case of a combined power supply and of hydraulic drives whose piping system is connected to other hydraulic systems, a second pump unit is to be fitted.

2.2 The movement of hoists shall not be capable of being initiated merely by starting the pumps. The movement of hoists is to be controlled from special operating stations. The controls are to be so arranged that, as soon as they are released, the movement of the hoist ceases immediately.

2.3 Local controls, inaccessible to unauthorized persons, are to be fitted. The movement of hoists should normally be visible from the operating stations. If the movement cannot be observed, audible and/or visual warning devices are to be fitted. In addition, the operating stations are to be equipped with indicators for monitoring the movement of the hoist.

2.4 Devices are to be fitted which prevent the hoist from reaching its end position at excessive speed. These devices are not to cause the power unit to be switched off. As far as necessary, mechanical means are to be provided for locking the hoist in its end positions.

If the locking devices cannot be observed from the operating station, a visual indicator is to be installed at the operating station to show the locking status.

2.5 [B.2.3](#) is to be applied in analogous manner to those devices which, if the power unit fails or a pipe ruptures, ensure that the hoist is slowly lowered.

3. Pipes, hose assemblies

[B.3](#) and [B.4](#) apply in analogous manner to the pipes and hose lines of hydraulically operated hoists.

F. Tests and Trials

1. Tests in the manufacturer's factory (FAT)

1.1 Testing of power units

The power units are required to undergo testing on a test bed. Manufacturer Test Reports¹ for this testing are to be presented at the final inspection of the hydraulic system.

1.2 Pressure and tightness tests

Pressure components are to undergo a pressure test. The test pressure is:

$$p_p = 1,5 p_{e,perm} \text{ [bar]}$$

$p_{e,perm}$ = maximum allowable working pressure [bar] or the pressure at which the relief valves open. However, for working pressures above 200 bar the test pressure need not exceed $p + 100$ bar.

For pressure testing of pipes, their valves and fittings, see [Section 8, B.4, U.5. and U.6.](#)

Tightness tests are to be performed on components to which this is appropriate at the discretion of the Surveyor.

2. Shipboard trials (SAT)

After installation on board, the equipment is to undergo an operational test.

The operational test of watertight doors has to include the emergency operating system and determination of the closing times.

¹ See [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\) Sec. 1-3](#)

G. Hydraulic Equipment for Stabilizers

See [Section 2, H](#).

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Section 15 Auxiliary Steam Boilers

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A. General

1. Scope

1.1 For the purpose of these requirements, the term "steam boiler" includes all closed vessels and piping systems used for:

- generating steam at a pressure above atmospheric pressure (steam generators – the generated steam is to be used in a system outside of the steam generators)
- raising the temperature of water above the boiling point corresponding to atmospheric pressure (hot water generators, discharge temperature > 120 °C) – the generated hot water is to be used in a system outside of the hot water generators

The term "steam boiler" also includes any equipment directly connected to the aforementioned vessels or piping systems in which the steam is superheated or cooled, external drums, the circulating lines and the casings of circulating pumps serving forced-circulation boilers.

1.2 Steam generators as defined in 1.1 are subject to the requirements set out in B to F, and for hot water generators additionally the requirements set out in G apply.

Flue gas economizers are subject to the requirements set out in H. In respect of materials, manufacture and design, the requirements specified in B, C and D apply as appropriate.

1.3 For hot water generators with a permissible discharge temperature of not more than 120 °C and all systems incorporating steam or hot water generators which are heated solely by steam or hot liquids Section 16 applies regarding materials, design calculations and manufacturing principles. For equipment and testing G applies.

2. Other Rules

2.1 Other applicable Rules

In addition the BKI Rules and Guidelines defined in the following have to be applied analogously.

Section 17 for oil burners and oil firing systems

Section 8, A to D, E and F for pipes valves and pumps

Guidelines for Electrical Installations (Pt. 9, Vol.4) for electrical equipment items

Guidelines for Automation (Pt. 9, Vol.7) for automated machinery systems (OT)

Rules for Materials (Pt. 1, Vol.V) for the materials of steam boilers

[Rules for Welding \(Pt. 1, Vol.VI\)](#) for the manufacturing of steam boilers

[Guidance for the Approvals and Type Approval of Material and Equipment for Marine Use \(Pt.1, Vol.W\)](#) for components requiring type approval

2.2 Other requirements

As regards their construction, equipment and operation, steam boiler plants are also required to comply with the applicable national regulations.

3. Documents for approval

3.1 Drawings of all boiler parts subject to pressure, such as drums, headers, tubes, manholes and inspection covers, etc., are to be submitted to BKI for approval. The drawings are required to contain all the details necessary to carry out an examination in accordance with the following requirements. To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process they should be submitted in electronic format.

- drawings of all boiler parts subject to pressure, such as shell, drums, headers, tube arrangements, manholes and inspection covers, etc.
- drawings of the expansion vessel and other pressure vessels for hot water generating plants
- circuit diagrams of the electrical control system, respectively monitoring and safety devices with limiting values
- equipment and functional diagram with description of the steam boiler plant

3.2 These drawings shall contain all the data

necessary for strength calculations and design assessment, such as maximum allowable working pressures, heating surfaces, lowest water level, allowable steam production, steam conditions, superheated steam temperatures, as well as materials to be used and full details of welds.

3.3 Further the documents shall contain information concerning the equipment of the steam boiler as well as a description of the boiler plant with the essential boiler data, information about the installation location in relation to the longitudinal axis of the ship and data about feeding and oil firing equipment.

4. Definitions

4.1 Steam boiler walls

Steam boiler walls are the walls of the steam and water spaces located between the boiler isolating devices. The bodies of these isolating devices are part of the boiler walls.

4.2 Maximum allowable working pressure

The maximum allowable working pressure PB is the approved steam pressure in bar (gauge pressure) in the saturated steam space prior to entry into the super heater. In once through forced flow boilers, the maximum allowable working pressure is the pressure at the super heater outlet or, in the case of continuous flow boilers without a super heater, the steam pressure at the steam generator outlet.

4.3 Heating surface

The heating surface is that part of the boiler walls through which heat is supplied to the system, i.e.:

- the area [m²] measured on the side exposed to fire or exhaust gas
- in the case of electrical heating, the equivalent heating surface

$$T = \frac{P \cdot 860}{18000} \quad [\text{m}^2]$$

P = electric power [kW]

4.4 Allowable steam output

The allowable steam output is the maximum quantity of steam which can be produced continuously by the steam generator operating under the design steam conditions.

5. Lowest water level - highest flue - dropping time

5.1 The lowest water level (LWL) has to be located at least 150 mm above the highest flue also when the ship heels 4° to either side.

The highest flue (HF) shall remain wetted even when the ship is at the static heeling angles laid down in [Section 1, D., Table 1.1.](#)

The height of the water level is crucial to the response of the low water level limiters.

5.2 The "dropping time" is the time taken by the water level under condition of interrupted feed and allowable steam production, to drop from the lowest water level to the level of the highest flue.

$$T = \frac{60 \cdot V}{D \cdot v'} \quad [\text{min}]$$

T = dropping time

V = volume of water in steam boiler between the lowest water level and the highest flue [m³]

D = allowable steam output [kg/h]

v' = specific volume of water at saturation temperature [m³/kg]

The lowest water level is to be set so that the dropping time is not less than 5 minutes.

5.3 The highest flue (HF)

- is the highest point on the side of the heating surface which is in contact with the water and which is exposed to flame radiation and
- is to be defined by the boiler manufacturer in such a way that, after shut-down of the burner from full-load condition or reduction of the heat supply from the engine, the flue gas temperature or exhaust gas temperature respectively is reduced to a value below 400 °C at the level of the highest flue. This shall be achieved before, under the condition of interrupted feed water supply, the water level has dropped from the lowest water level to a 50 mm above HF

The highest flue on water tube boilers with an upper steam drum is the top edge of the highest gravity tubes.

5.4 The requirements relating to the highest flue do not apply to

- water tube boiler risers up to an outer diameter of 102 mm
- once-through forced flow boilers
- super heaters
- flues and exhaust gas heated parts in which the temperature of the heating gases does not exceed 400 °C at maximum continuous power

5.5 The heat accumulated in furnaces and other heated boiler parts may not lead to any undue lowering of the water level due to subsequent evaporation when the firing system is switched off.

This requirement to an inadmissible lowering of the water level is met for example, if it has been demonstrated by calculation or trial that, after shut-down of the burner from full-load condition or reduction of the heat supply from the engine, the flue gas temperature or exhaust gas temperature respectively is reduced to a value below 400 °C at the level of the highest flue. This shall be achieved before, under the condition of interrupted feed water supply, the water level has dropped from the lowest water level to a 50 mm above HF.

The water level indicators have to be arranged in such a way that the distance 50 mm above HF could be identified.

5.6 The lowest specified water level is to be indicated permanently on the boiler shell by means of a water level pointer. The location of the pointer is to be included in the documentation for the operator. Reference plates are to be attached additionally beside or behind the water level gauges pointing at the lowest water level.

6. Manual operation

6.1 For steam boilers which are operated automatically means for operation and supervision are to be provided which allow a manual operation with the following minimum requirements by using an additional control level:

6.1.1 At boilers with a defined highest flue at their heating surface (e.g. oil fired steam boilers and exhaust gas boilers with temperature of the exhaust gas > 400 °C) at least the water level limiters and at hot water generators the temperature limiters have to remain active.

6.1.2 Exhaust gas boilers with temperatures of the exhaust gas < 400 °C may be operated without water level limiters.

6.1.3 The monitoring of the oil content of the condensate or of the ingress of foreign matters into the feeding water may not lead to a shut down of the feeding pumps during manual operation.

6.1.4 The safety equipment not required for manual operation may only be deactivated by means of a key operated switch. The actuation of the key-operated switch is to be indicated.

6.1.5 For detailed requirements in respect of manual operation of the firing system see [Section 17](#).

6.2 Manual operation demands constant and direct supervision of the system.

7. Hot water generators

7.1 Once through hot water generators are generators where the allowable working temperature can be exceeded when the circulating pumps of the system are stopped.

7.2 Circulating hot water generators guarantee the water flow through the generator by using a separate circulating pump or by natural flow.

B. Materials

1. General requirements

Materials for steam boilers have to satisfy special technical requirements, i.e. during manufacturing their workability and good weldability will be needed, for the subsequent operation of the boiler particularly high temperature strength has to be ensured.

2. Approved materials

If the materials defined in [Table 15.1](#) are used, the requirements specified in [1.](#) are recognized as having been complied with.

For materials which are not defined in this Table manufacturers have to proof suitability for steam boilers and adequate mechanical properties of the chosen material to BKI.

3. Material testing

3.1 The materials of boiler parts subject to pressure, including flue gas economizer tubes, are to be tested under supervision of BKI in accordance with the [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#) (see [Table 15.1](#)). For these materials an A-Type Certificate¹ is to be issued.

3.2 Material testing under supervision of BKI may be waived in the case of:

- small boiler parts made of unalloyed steels, such as stay bolts, stays of ≤ 100 mm diameter, reinforcing plates, hand hole and manhole closures, forged flanges up to a nominal diameter DN 150 and branch pipes up to DN 150
- smoke tubes (tubes subject to external pressure) The properties of these materials are to be attested by Manufacturer Inspection Certificates¹

3.3 If the design temperature is 450 °C or higher or the design pressure is 32 bar or higher pipes shall be non-destructive tested in accordance with [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\) Sec. 5, C.4.7](#).

3.4 Special agreements may be made regarding the testing of unalloyed steels to recognized standards.

3.5 The materials of valves and fittings are to be tested under supervision of BKI in accordance with the data specified in [Table 15.2](#) for allowable working pressure PB and nominal diameters DN. For these materials an A-Type Certificate¹ needs to be issued.

3.6 Parts not subject to material testing, such as external supports, lifting brackets, pedestals, etc. are to be designed for the intended purpose and must be made of suitable materials.

¹ See [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#)

Table 15.1 Approved materials

Materials and products form	Limits of application	Material grades in accordance with the Rules for Materials (Pt.1, Vol. V)
Steel plates and steel strips	–	Plates and strips of high-temperature steels according to, Section 4, E
Steel pipes	–	Seamless and welded pipes and ferritic steels according to, Section 5, B and C
Forgings and formed parts: a) drums, headers and similar hollow components without longitudinal seam b) covers, flanges, nozzles, end plates	–	Forgings for boilers, vessels and pipelines according to, Section 6, E Formed and pressed parts according to Section 9, A and B
Nuts and bolts	–	Fasteners according to, Section 9, C High-temperature bolts according to DIN 17 240
	t ≤ 300 °C PR ≤ 40 bar ≤ M 30	DIN 267, Parts 3 and 4 or equivalent standards
Steel castings	–	Cast steel for boilers, pressure vessels and pipelines according to, Section 7, D
	t ≤ 300 °C	Also GS 38 and GS 45 to DIN 1681 and GS 16 Mn5 and GS 20 Mn5 acc. to DIN 17 182
Nodular cast iron	t ≤ 300 °C PR ≤ 40 bar for valves and fittings DN ≤ 175	Nodular cast iron according to, Section 8, B
Lamellar (grey) cast iron: a) Boiler parts (only for unheated surfaces) b) Valves and fittings (except valves subject to dynamic stress)	t ≤ 200 °C PR ≤ 10 bar ≤ 200 mm diameter t ≤ 200 °C PR ≤ 10 bar DN ≤ 175	Grey cast iron according to, Section 8, C
Valves and fittings of cast copper alloys	t ≤ 225 °C PR ≤ 25 bar	Cast copper alloys according to, Section 11, B
t = design temperature PR = design pressure DN = nominal diameter		

Table 15.2 Testing of materials for valves and fittings

Type of material ¹	Service temperature [°C]	Testing required for: PB [bar], DN [mm]
Steel, cast steel	> 300	DN > 50
Steel, cast steel, nodular cast iron	≤ 300	PB · DN > 2500 ² or DN > 250
Copper alloys	≤ 225	PB · DN > 1500 ²
¹ no test is required for grey cast iron ² testing may be dispensed with if DN is ≤ 50 mm DN = nominal diameter		

C. Principles Applicable to Manufacture

1. Manufacturing processes applied to boiler materials

Materials are to be checked for defects during the manufacturing process. Care is to be taken to ensure that different materials cannot be confused. During the course of manufacture care is likewise required to ensure that marks and inspection stamps on the materials remain intact or are transferred in accordance with regulations.

Steam boiler parts whose microstructure has been adversely affected by hot or cold forming are to be subjected to heat treatment in accordance with [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\) Sec. 9, A.](#)

2. Welding

2.1 Boilers are to be manufactured by welding.

2.2 All manufacturers who want to perform welding duties for steam boilers have to be approved by BKI. The approval has to be applied for by the works with information and documentation according to Rules for General Requirements, [Rules for Welding \(Pt.1, Vol.VI\)](#) in due time before start of the welding activities.

2.3 Valid are the [Rules for Welding \(Pt.1, Vol.VI\)](#) especially Welding in the Various Fields of Application, [Section 1.](#)

3. Tube expansion

Tube holes shall be carefully drilled and deburred. Sharp edges are to be chamfered. Tube holes should be as close as possible to the radial direction, particularly in the case of small wall thicknesses.

Tube ends to be expanded are to be cleaned and checked for size and possible defects. Where necessary, tube ends are to be annealed before being expanded.

Smoke tubes with welded connection between tube and tube plate at the entry of the second path shall be roller expanded before and after welding.

4. Stays, stay tubes and stay bolts

4.1 Stays, stay tubes and stay bolts are to be so arranged that they are not subjected to undue bending or shear forces.

Stress concentrations at changes in cross-section, in threads and at welds are to be minimized by suitable component geometry.

4.2 Stays and stay bolts are to be welded preferably by full penetration. Possible stresses due to vibration of long stays have to be considered.

4.3 Stays are to be drilled at both ends in such a way that the holes extend at least 25 mm into the water or steam space. Where the ends have been upset, the continuous shank must be drilled to a distance of at least 25 mm.

4.4 Wherever possible, the angle formed by gusset stays and the longitudinal axis of the boiler shall not exceed 30°. Stress concentrations at the welds of gusset stays are to be minimized by suitable component geometry. Welds are to be executed as full penetration welds. In fire tube boilers, gusset stays are to be located at least 200 mm from the fire tube.

4.5 Where flat surfaces exposed to flames are stiffened by stay bolts, the distance between centres of these bolts shall not exceed 200 mm.

5. Stiffeners, straps and lifting eyes

5.1 Where flat end surfaces are stiffened by profile sections or ribs, the latter shall transmit their load directly, i.e. without welded on straps, to the boiler shell.

5.2 Doubling plates may not be fitted at parts under pressure subject to flame radiation.

Where necessary to protect the walls of the boiler, strengthening plates are to be fitted below supports and lifting brackets.

6. Welding of flat unrimmed ends to boiler shells

Flat unrimmed ends (disc ends) on shell boilers are only permitted as socket-welded ends with a shell projection of ≥ 15 mm, see Fig. 15.14. The end/shell wall thickness ratio s_B/s_M shall not be greater than 1,8. The end is to be welded to the shell by a full penetration weld.

7. Nozzles and flanges

Nozzles and flanges are to be of rugged design and properly, preferably welded by full penetration to the shell. The wall thickness of nozzles has to be sufficiently large to safely withstand additional external loads. The wall thickness of welded-in nozzles shall be appropriate to the wall thickness of the part into which they are welded.

Welding neck flanges are to be made of forged material with favourable grain orientation.

8. Cleaning and inspection openings, cut outs and covers

8.1 Steam boilers are to be provided with openings through which the internal space can be cleaned and inspected. Especially critical and high-stressed welds, parts subjected to flame radiation and areas of varying water level shall be sufficiently accessible for inspection. Boiler vessels with an inside diameter of more than 1200 mm, and those measuring over 800 mm in diameter and 2000 mm in length are to be provided with means of access. Parts inside drums shall not obstruct inner inspection or are to be capable of being removed.

8.2 Inspection and access openings are required to have the following minimum dimensions:

Manholes	300 × 400 mm or 400 mm diameter; where the annular height is > 150 mm the opening shall be 320 × 420 mm
Head holes	220 × 320 mm or 320 mm diameter
Hand holes	90 × 120 mm
Sight holes	diameter of at least 50 mm; they should, however, be provided only where the design of the equipment makes a hand hole impracticable

8.3 The edges of manholes and other openings, e. g. for domes, are to be effectively reinforced if the plate has been inadmissible weakened by the cut outs. The edges of openings closed with covers are to be reinforced by flanging or by welding on edge stiffeners.

8.4 Cover plates, manhole frames and crossbars must be made of ductile material (not grey or malleable cast iron). Grey cast iron (at least GG-20) may be used for hand hole cover crossbars of headers and sectional headers, provided that the crossbars are not located in the heating gas flow. Unless metal packing are used, cover plates must be provided on the external side with a rim or spigot to prevent the packing from being forced out. The gap between this rim or spigot and the edge of the opening is to be

uniform around the periphery and may not exceed 2 mm for boilers with a working pressure of less than 32 bar, or 1 mm where the pressure is 32 bar or over. The height of the rim or spigot is to be at least 5 mm greater than the thickness of the packing.

8.5 Only continuous rings may be used as packing. The materials used shall be suitable for the given operating conditions.

9. Boiler drums, shell sections, headers and fire tubes

For welding of boiler drums, shell sections, headers and fire tubes see [Rules for Welding \(Pt.1, Vol.VI\) Sec. 13](#).

D. Design Calculations

1. Design Principles

1.1 Range of applicability of design formula

1.1.1 The following strength calculations represent the minimum requirements for normal operating conditions with mainly static loading. Separate allowance must be made for additional forces and moments of significant magnitude.

1.1.2 The wall thicknesses arrived at by applying the formulae are the minimal required. The undersize tolerances permitted in [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#) are to be added to the calculated values.

1.2 Design pressure PR (Formula symbol: p_c)

1.2.1 The design pressure is to be at least the maximum allowable working pressure. Additional allowance is to be made for static pressures of more than 0,5 bar.

1.2.2 In designing once through forced flow boilers, the pressure to be applied is the maximum working pressure anticipated in main boiler sections at maximum allowable continuous load.

1.2.3 The design pressure applicable to the superheated steam lines from the boiler is the maximum working pressure which safety valves prevent from being exceeded.

1.2.4 In the case of boiler parts which are subject in operation to both internal and external pressure, e. g. attemperators in boiler drums, the design may be based on the differential pressure, provided that it is certain that in service both pressures will invariably occur simultaneously. However, the design pressure of these parts is to be at least 17 bar. The design is also required to take account of the loads imposed during the hydrostatic pressure test.

1.3 Design temperature t

Strength calculations are based on the temperature at the centre of the wall thickness of the component in question. The design temperature is made up of the reference temperature and a temperature addition in accordance with [Table 15.3](#). The minimum value is to be taken as 250 °C.

Table 15.3 Addition for design temperatures

Reference Temperature	Addition		
	Unheated Parts	Heated parts, heated mainly by	
		contact	radiation
Saturation temperature at PB	0 °C	25 °C	50 °C
Super heated steam temperature	15 °C ¹	35 °C	50 °C

¹ the temperature allowance may be reduced to 7 °C provided that special measures are taken to ensure that the design temperature cannot be exceeded.

1.4 Allowable stress

The design of structural components is to be based on the allowable stress σ_{perm} [N/mm²]. In each case, the minimum value deduced from the following relations is applicable:

1.4.1 Rolled and forged steels

Design temperature ≤ 350 °C:

$$\frac{R_{m,20^\circ}}{2,7}, \frac{R_{eH,t}}{1,6}$$

$R_{m,20^\circ}$ = guaranteed minimum tensile strength at room temperature [Nmm²]

$R_{eH,t}$ = guaranteed yield point or minimum 2 % proof stress at design temperature t [N/mm²]

Design temperature > 350 °C:

$$\frac{R_{m,100000,t}}{1,5}$$

$R_{m,100000,t}$ = mean creep strength after 100000 h of operation at design temperature t [N/mm²]

$$\frac{R_{eH,t}}{1,6}$$

$R_{eH,t}$ = guaranteed yield point or minimum 0,2 % proof stress at design temperature t [N/mm²]

1.4.2 Cast materials

a) Cast steel: $\frac{R_{m,20^\circ}}{3,2}, \frac{R_{eH,t}}{2,0}, \frac{R_{m,100000,t}}{2,0}$

b) Nodular cast iron: $\frac{R_{m,20^\circ}}{4,8}, \frac{R_{eH,t}}{3,0}$

c) Grey cast iron: $\frac{R_{m,20^\circ}}{11}$

1.4.3 Special arrangements may be agreed for high-ductility austenitic steels.

1.4.4 In the case of cylinder shells with cut outs and in contact with water, a nominal stress of 170 N/mm² shall not be exceeded in view of the protective magnetite layer.

1.4.5 Mechanical characteristics are to be taken from [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#) or from the standards specified therein.

1.5 Allowance for corrosion and wear

The allowance for corrosion and wear is to be $c = 1$ mm. For plate thicknesses of 30 mm and over and for stainless materials, this allowance may be dispensed with.

1.6 Special cases

Where boiler parts cannot be designed in accordance with the following requirements, the dimensions are to be designed following a Standard recognized by BKI, e.g. EN 12952, EN 12953 or equivalent. In individual cases the dimensions can also be determined by tests, e.g. by strain measurements.

2. Cylindrical shells under internal pressure

2.1 Scope

The following design requirements apply to drums, shell rings and headers up to a diameter ratio D_a/D_i of up to 1,7. Diameter ratios of up to $D_a/D_i = 2$ may be permitted provided that the wall thickness is ≤ 80 mm.

2.2 Symbols

P_c	=	design pressure [bar]
S	=	wall thickness [mm]
D_i	=	inside diameter [mm]
D_a	=	outside diameter [mm]
c	=	allowance for corrosion and wear [mm]
d	=	diameter of opening or cut out [mm]
		hole diameter for expanded tubes and for expanded and seal-welded tubes, see a and b in Fig. 15.1
		inside tube diameter for welded-in pipe nipples and sockets, see Fig. 15.1, c
t, t_e, t_u	=	pitch of tube holes (measured at centre of wall thickness for circumferential direction) [mm]
v	=	weakening factor [-]
		for welds: weld factor
		for holes drilled in the shell: the ratio of the weakened to the unweakened plate section
σ_{perm}	=	allowable stress [N/mm ²], see 1.4
S_A	=	necessary wall thickness at edge of opening or cut out [mm]
S_S	=	wall thickness of branch pipe [mm]

- b = supporting length of parent component [mm]
- ℓ = width of ligament between two branch pipes [mm]
- ℓ_s = supporting length of branch pipe [mm]
- ℓ'_s = internal projection of branch pipe [mm]
- A_p = area subject to pressure [mm²]
- A_σ = supporting cross-sectional area [mm²]

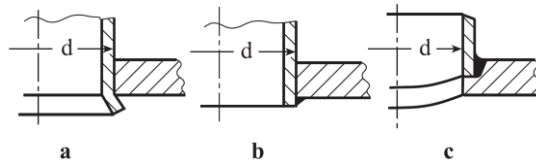


Fig. 15.1 Hole diameters for different tube types

2.3 Calculation

2.3.1 The necessary wall thickness s is given by the expression:

$$s = \frac{D_a \cdot p_c}{20 \cdot \sigma_{perm} \cdot v + p_c} + c \quad [1]$$

2.3.2 In the case of heated drums and headers with a maximum allowable working pressure of more than 25 bar, special attention is to be given to thermal stresses. For heated drums not located in the first pass (gas temperature up to 1000 °C max.), special certification in respect of thermal stresses may be waived subject to the following provisions: Wall thickness up to 30 mm and adequate cooling of the walls by virtue of close tube arrangement.

The description "close tube arrangement" is applicable if the ligament perpendicular to the direction of gas flow and parallel to the direction of gas flow does not exceed 50 mm and 100 mm respectively.

2.3.3 Weakening factor v

The weakening factor v is defined in Table 15.4 and in Fig. 15.27.

Table 15.4 Weakening factor v

Construction	Weakening factor v	
Seamless shell rings and drums	1,0	
Shell rings and drums with longitudinal weld	Weld factor see Rules for Welding (Pt.1, Vol.VI)	
Rows of holes 1 in:		
Longitudinal direction	$\frac{t_\ell \cdot d}{t_\ell}$	
Circumferential direction	$2 \cdot \frac{t_u \cdot d}{t_u}$	
¹ The value of v for rows of holes may not be made greater than 1.0 in the calculation. For staggered pitches, see Fig. 15.27. Refer also Figures 15.1 a – c in 22.		

2.3.4 Weakening effects due to cut outs or individual branch pipes are to be taken into account by compensation of areas in accordance with the expression:

$$\frac{p_c}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{A_p}{A_\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \leq \sigma_{perm} \quad [2]$$

The area under pressure A_p and the supporting cross sectional area A_σ are defined in Fig. 15.2.

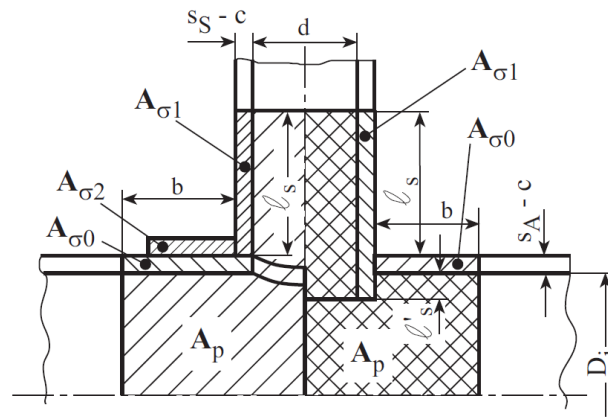


Fig. 15.2 Definition of areas A_p and A_σ

The values of the effective lengths may not exceed:

for the parent component

$$b = \sqrt{(D_i + s_A - c) \cdot (s_A - c)}$$

for the branch pipe

$$\ell_s = 1,25 \sqrt{(d + s_s - c) \cdot (s_s - c)}$$

Where a branch projects into the interior, the value introduced into the calculation as having a supporting function may not exceed $\ell'_s \leq 0,5 \cdot \ell_s$.

Where materials with different mechanical strengths are used for the parent component and the branch or reinforcing plate, this fact is to be taken into account in the calculation. However, the allowable stress in the reinforcement may not be assumed greater than that for the parent material in the calculation.

Disk-shaped reinforcements are to be fitted on the outside and should not be thicker than the actual parent component thickness. This thickness is the maximum which may be allowed for the calculation and the width of the reinforcement shall be more than three times the actual wall thickness.

The wall thickness of the branch pipe should not be more than twice the required wall thickness at the edge of the cut out.

Cut outs exert a mutual effect, if the ligament is

$$\ell \leq 2 \sqrt{(D_i + s_A - c) \cdot (s_A - c)}$$

The corresponding area of compensation is then as shown in Fig. 15.3.

For cut outs which exert a mutual effect the reinforcement by internal branch pipe projections or reinforcement plates has also to be taken into account.

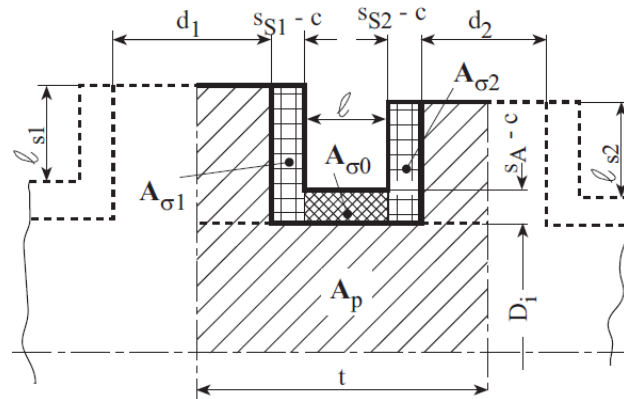


Fig. 15.3 Mutual effect on openings

2.4 Minimum allowable wall thickness

For welded and seamless shell rings the minimum allowable wall thickness is 5 mm. For non-ferrous metals, stainless steels as well as cylinder diameters up to 200 mm, smaller wall thicknesses may be permitted. The wall thickness of drums into which tubes are expanded is to be such as to provide a cylindrical expansion length of at least 16 mm.

3. Cylindrical shells and tubes with an outside diameter of more than 200 mm subject to external pressure

3.1 Scope

The following requirements apply to the design of plain and corrugated cylindrical shells with an outside diameter of more than 200 mm which are subjected to external pressure. These will be designated in the following as fire tubes if they are exposed to flame radiation.

3.2 Symbols

A	=	greatest deviation from cylindrical shape [mm], see Fig. 15.5
B	=	thickness of stiffening ring [mm]
c	=	allowance for corrosion and wear [mm]
d	=	mean diameter of plain tube [mm]
d_a	=	outside diameter of plain tube [mm]
d_i	=	minimum inside diameter of corrugated fire tube [mm]
E_t	=	modulus of elasticity at design temperature [N/mm ²]
H	=	height of stiffening ring [mm]
l	=	length of tube or distance between two effective stiffeners [mm]
p_c	=	design pressure [bar]
s	=	wall thickness [mm]
S_k	=	safety factor against elastic buckling [-]
u	=	out-of-roundness of tube [%]
v	=	transverse elongation factor
	=	0,3 for steel

σ_{perm} = allowable stress [N/mm²]

3.3 Design calculations

3.3.1 Cylindrical shells and plain fire tubes

Calculation of resistance to plastic deformation:

$$p_c \leq 10 \cdot \sigma_{perm} \cdot \frac{2 \cdot (s - c)}{d} \cdot \frac{1 + 0.1 \cdot \frac{d}{\ell}}{1 + 0.03 \cdot \frac{d}{s - c} \cdot \frac{u}{1 + 5 \cdot \frac{d}{\ell}}} \quad [3]$$

Calculation of resistance to elastic buckling:

$$p_c \leq 20 \cdot \frac{E_t}{S_k} \cdot \left\{ \frac{\frac{s - c}{d_a}}{\left(n^2 - 1 \right) \cdot \left[1 + \left(\frac{n}{Z} \right)^2 \right]^2} + \frac{\left(\frac{s - c}{d_a} \right)^3}{3 \cdot (1 - \nu^2)} \cdot \left[n^2 - 1 + \frac{2 \cdot n^2 - 1 - \nu}{1 + \left(\frac{n}{Z} \right)^2} \right] \right\} \quad [4]$$

Where $Z = \frac{\pi \cdot d_a}{2 \cdot \ell}$

And $n \geq 2$

$N > Z$

n (integer) is to be chosen as to reduce p_c to its minimum value. n represents the number of buckled folds occurring round the periphery in the event of failure. n can be estimated by applying the following approximation formula:

$$n = 1,63 \cdot \sqrt[4]{\left(\frac{d_a}{\ell} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{d_a}{s - c}}$$

3.3.2 In the case of corrugated tubes of Fox and Morrison types, the required wall thickness s is given by the expression:

$$s = \frac{p_c}{20} \cdot \frac{d_i}{\sigma_{perm}} + 1 \quad [\text{mm}] \quad [5]$$

3.4 Allowable stress

Contrary to 1.4, the values for the allowable stress σ_{perm} [N/mm²] of heating surfaces used in the calculations are to be as follows:

- Plain fire tubes, horizontal $\frac{R_{eH,t}}{2,5}$
- Plain fire tubes, vertical $\frac{R_{eH,t}}{2,0}$

- Corrugated fire tubes $\frac{R_{eH,t}}{2,8}$
- Tubes heated by exhaust gases with a temperature > 400 °C $\frac{R_{eH,t}}{2,0}$

3.5 Design temperature

Contrary to 1.3, the design temperature to be used for fire tubes and heated components is shown in Table 15.5.

Table 15.5 Design temperatures for heated components under external pressure

For tubes exposed to fire: plain tubes $t [^{\circ}\text{C}] = \text{saturation temperature} + 4 \cdot s + 30 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ corrugated tubes $t [^{\circ}\text{C}] = \text{saturation tubes temperature} + 3 \cdot s + 30 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	but at least 250 °C
For tubes heated by exhaust gases: $t [^{\circ}\text{C}] = \text{saturation temperature} + 2 \cdot s + 15 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	

3.6 Stiffening

3.6.1 Apart from the fire tube and firebox endplates, the types of structure shown in Fig. 15.4 can also be regarded as providing effective stiffening

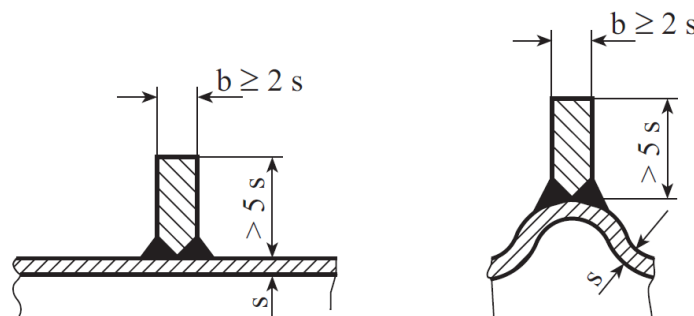


Fig. 15.4 Types of structure for stiffening

3.6.2 For fire tubes which consist of a plain tube and a corrugated tube for the calculation of the plain tube 1,5 times of the length of the plain part has to be used.

3.6.3 The plain portion of corrugated fire tubes need not be separately calculated provided that its stressed length, measured from the middle of the endplate attachment to the beginning of the first corrugation, does not exceed 250 mm.

3.7 Safety factor S_k

A safety factor S_k of 3,0 is to be used in the calculation of resistance to elastic buckling. This value is applicable where the out-of-roundness is 1,5 % or less. Where the out-of-roundness is more than 1,5 % and up to 2 %, the safety factor S_k to be applied is 4,0.

3.8 Modulus of elasticity

Table 15.6 shows the modulus of elasticity for steel in relation to the design temperature.

3.9 Allowance for corrosion and wear

An allowance of 1 mm for corrosion and wear is to be added to the wall thickness s . In the case of corrugated tubes, s is the wall thickness of the finished tube.

Table 15.6 Values for the modulus of elasticity

Design temperature [°C]	E_t^1 [N/mm ²]
20	206000
250	186400
300	181500
400	171700
500	161900
600	152100

¹ intermediate values should be interpolated

3.10 Minimum allowable wall thickness and maximum wall thickness

The wall thickness of plain fire tubes shall be at least 7 mm, that of corrugated fire tubes at least 10 mm. For small boilers, non-ferrous metals and stainless steels, smaller wall thicknesses are allowable. The maximum wall thickness may not exceed 20 mm. Tubes which are heated by flue gases < 1000 °C may have a maximum wall thickness of up to 30 mm.

3.11 Maximum unstiffened length

For fire tubes, the length ℓ between two stiffeners may not exceed $6 \cdot d$. The greatest unsupported length shall not exceed 6 m or, in the first pass from the front endplate, 5 m. Stiffening of the type shown in Fig. 15.4 are to be avoided in the flame zone, i.e. up to approximately $2 \cdot d$ behind the lining.

3.12 Out of roundness

The out-of-roundness [%], i.e.

$$u = \frac{2 \cdot (d_{\max} - d_{\min})}{d_{\max} + d_{\min}} \cdot 100$$

of new plain tubes is to be given the value $u = 1,5$ % in the design formula.

In the case of used fire tubes, the out of roundness is to be determined by measurements of the diameters according to Fig. 15.5, i.e.

$$u = \frac{4 \cdot a}{d} \cdot 100$$

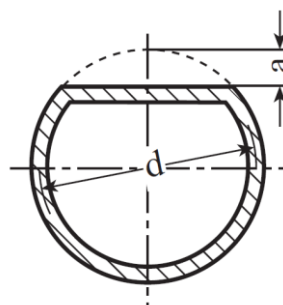


Fig. 15.5 Determination of out-of-roundness

3.13 Fire tube spacing

The clear distance between the fire tube and boiler shell at the closest point shall be at least 100 mm. The distance between any two fire tubes shall be at least 120 mm.

4. Dished endplates under internal and external pressure

4.1 Scope

4.1.1 The following rules apply to the design of unstayed dished endplates under internal or external pressure, see Fig. 15.6. The following requirements are to be complied with:

The radius R of the dished end may not exceed the outside endplate diameter D_a , and the knuckle radius r may not be less than $0,1 \cdot D_a$.

The height H may not be less than $0,18 \cdot D_a$.

The height of the cylindrical portion, with the exception of hemispherical endplates, shall be $3,5 \cdot s$, s being taken as the thickness of the unpierced plate even if the endplate is provided with a manhole. The height of the cylindrical portion need not, however, exceed the values shown in Table 15.7.

Table 15.7 Height h of cylindrical portion

Wall thickness s [mm]	h [mm]
$s \leq 50$	150
$50 < s \leq 80$	120
$80 < s \leq 100$	100
$100 < s \leq 120$	75
$s > 120$	50

4.1.2 These rules also apply to welded dished endplates. Due account is to be taken of the weakening factor of the weld, see 4.5.

4.2 Symbols

p_c	=	design pressure [bar]
s	=	wall thickness of endplate [mm]
D_a	=	outside diameter of endplate [mm]
H	=	height of endplate curvature [mm]
R	=	inside radius of dished end [mm]
H	=	height of cylindrical portion [mm]

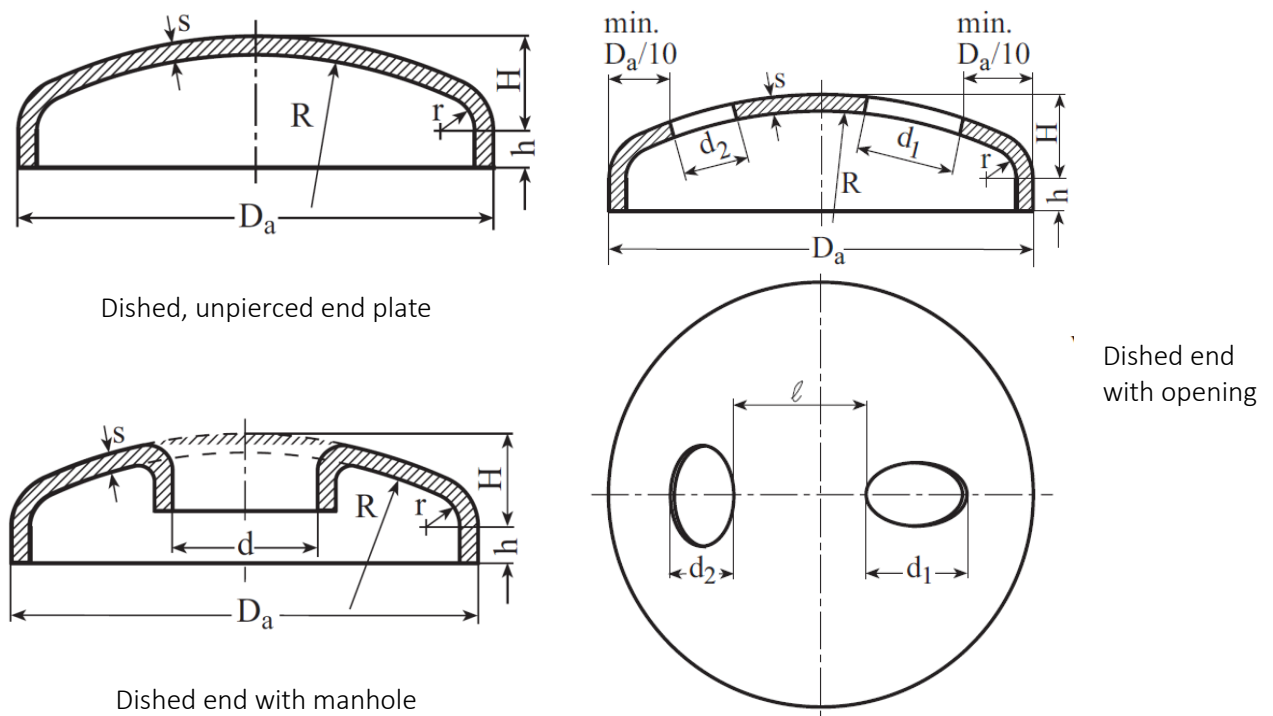


Fig. 15.6 Parameters for unstayed dished end plates

D	=	diameter of opening measured along a line passing through the centres of the endplate and the opening. In the case of openings concentric with the endplate, the maximum opening diameter [mm].
σ_{perm}	=	allowable stress, see 1.4 [N/mm ²]
B	=	coefficient of stress in knuckle [-]
β_o	=	coefficient of stress in spherical section [-]
v	=	weakening factor [-]
c	=	allowance for corrosion and wear [mm]
E_t	=	modulus of elasticity at design temperature [N/mm ²]
s_A	=	necessary wall thickness at edge of opening [mm]
s_s	=	wall thickness of branch pipe [mm]
b	=	supporting length of parent component [mm]
ℓ	=	width of ligament between two branch pipes [mm]
ℓ_s	=	supporting length of branch pipe [mm]
ℓ'_s	=	internal projection of branch pipe [mm]
A_p	=	area subject to pressure [mm ²]
A_σ	=	supporting cross-sectional area [mm ²]
S_k	=	safety factor against elastic buckling [-]
S'_k	=	safety factor against elastic buckling at test pressure [-]

4.3 Design calculation for internal pressure

4.3.1 The necessary wall thickness is given by the expression:

$$s = \frac{D_a \cdot p_c \cdot \beta}{40 \cdot \sigma_{perm} \cdot v} + c \quad [6]$$

The as built wall thickness of the cylindrical portion is to be at least equal to the required wall thickness of a cylindrical shell without weakening.

4.3.2 Design coefficients β and β_0

The design coefficients are shown in Fig. 15.7 in relation to the ratio H/D_a and considering parameters $d/\sqrt{D_a \cdot s}$ and s/D_a .

For dished ends of usual shapes, the height H can be determined as follows:

Shallow dished end ($R = D_a$):

$$H \approx 0,1935 \cdot D_a + 0,55 \cdot s$$

Deep dished end, ellipsoidal shape ($R = 0,8 D_a$):

$$H \approx 0,255 \cdot D_a + 0,36 \cdot s$$

The values β for unpierced endplates also apply to dished ends with openings whose edges are located inside the spherical section and whose maximum opening diameter is $d \leq 4 \cdot s$, or whose edges are adequately reinforced. The width of the ligament between two adjacent, non-reinforced openings is to be at least equal to the sum of the opening radii measured along the line connecting the centres of the openings. Where the width of the ligament is less than that defined, the wall thickness is to be dimensioned as though no ligament were present, or the edges of the openings are to be adequately reinforced.

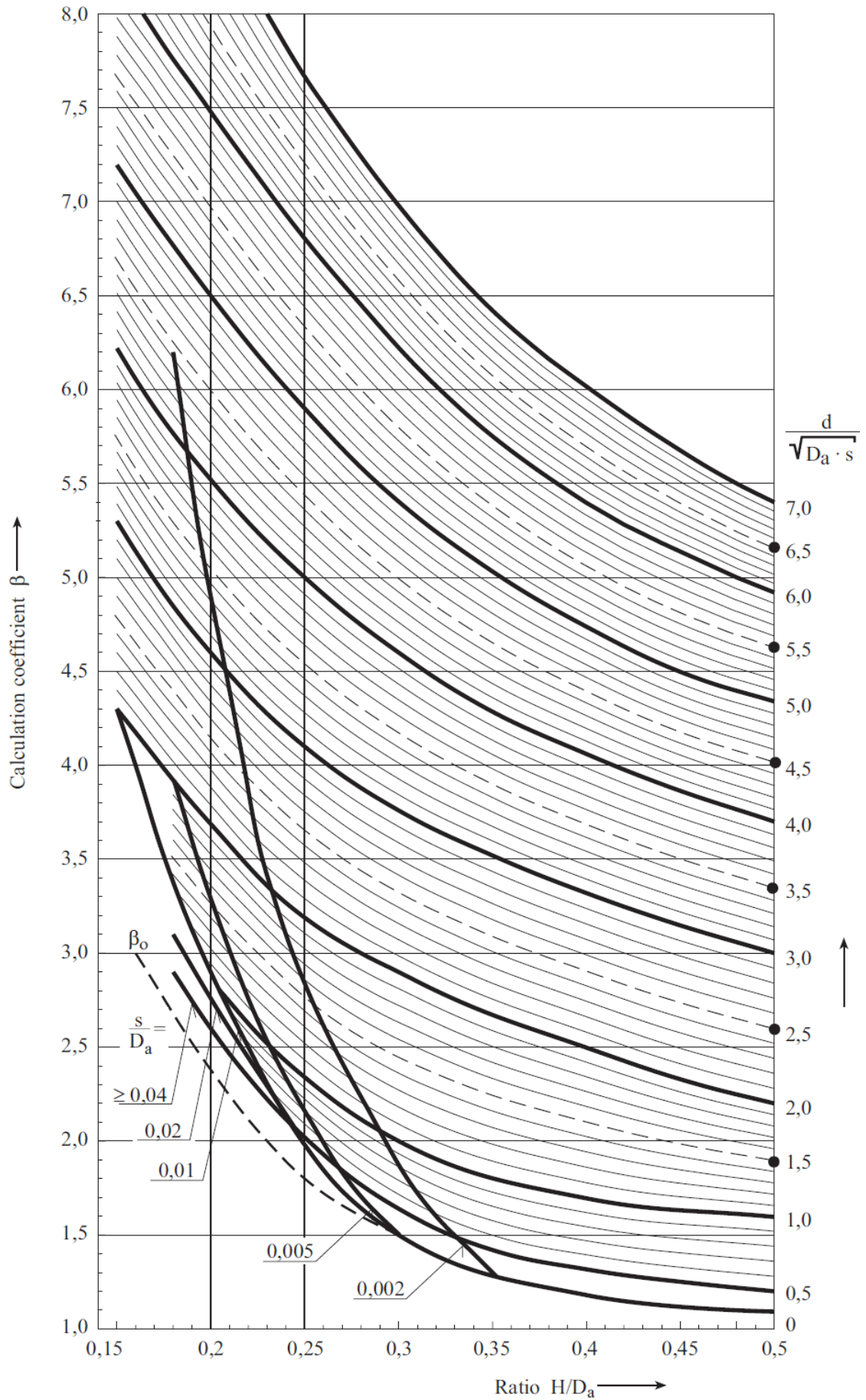


Fig. 15.7 Values of coefficient β for the design of dished ends

4.3.3 Reinforcement of openings in the spherical section

Openings in the spherical section are deemed to be adequately reinforced if the following expression relating to the relevant areas is satisfied.

$$\frac{p_c}{10} \cdot \left[\frac{A_p}{A_\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \right] \leq \sigma_{perm} \quad [7]$$

The area under pressure A_p and the supporting crosssectional area A_σ are shown in Fig. 15.8.

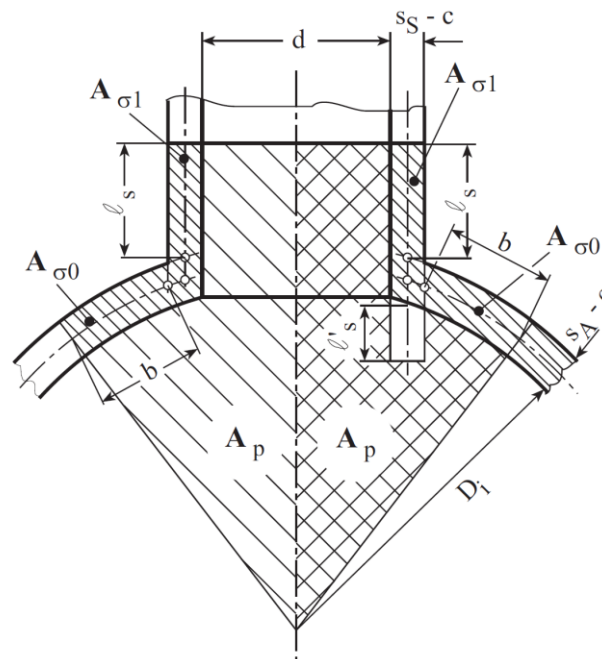


Fig. 15.8 Openings in dished end plates (Areas A_p and A_σ)

For calculation of reinforcements and supporting lengths the formulae and prerequisites in 2.3.4 are applicable.

The relationship between respective areas of cut outs exerting a mutual effect is shown in Fig. 15.9.

The edge of disk-shaped reinforcements may not extend beyond $0,8 \cdot D_a$.

In the case of tubular reinforcements, the following wall thickness ratio is applicable:

$$\frac{s_s - c}{s_A - c} \leq 2$$

4.4 Design calculation for external pressure

4.4.1 The same formulae are to be applied to dished endplates under external pressure as to those subject to internal pressure. However, the safety factor used to determine the allowable stress in accordance with 1.4.1 is to be increased by 20 %.

4.4.2 A check is also required to determine whether the spherical section of the endplate is safe against elastic buckling.

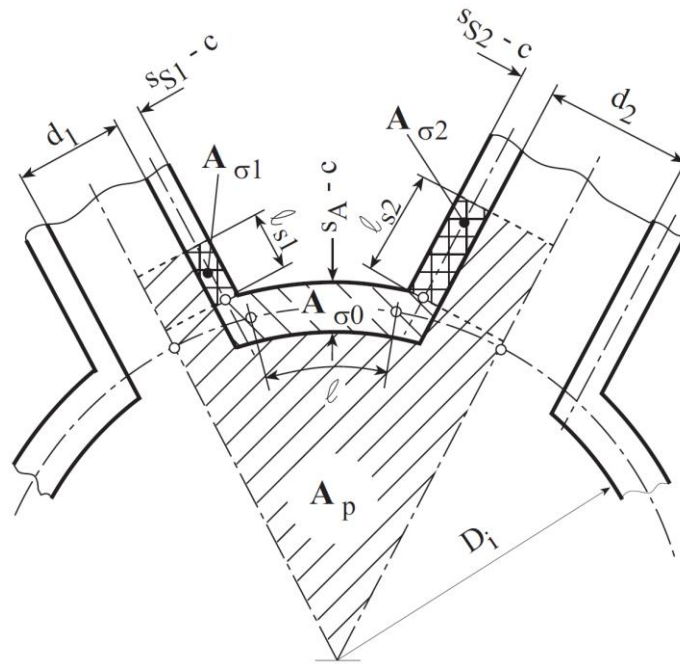


Fig. 15.9 Mutual effect of openings

The following relationship is to be applied:

$$p_c \leq 3,66 \cdot \frac{E_t}{S_k} \cdot \left(\frac{s-c}{R} \right)^2 \quad [8]$$

The modulus of elasticity E_t for steel can be taken according to Table 15.6.

The safety coefficient S_k against elastic buckling and the required safety coefficient S_k' at the test pressure are shown in Table 15.8.

Table 15.8 Safety coefficients against elastic buckling

$\frac{s-c}{R}$	S_k^1	$S_k'^1$
0,001	5,5	4,0
0,003	4,0	2,9
0,005	3,7	2,7
0,01	3,5	2,6
0,1	3,0	2,2

¹ intermediate values should be interpolated

4.5 Weakening factor

The weakening factor can be taken from Table 15.4 in 2.3.3. Apart from this, with welded dished ends except for hemispherical ends - a value of $v = 1$ may be applied irrespective of the scope of the test, provided that the welded seam impinges on the area within the apex defined by $0,6 \cdot D_a$, see Fig. 15.10.

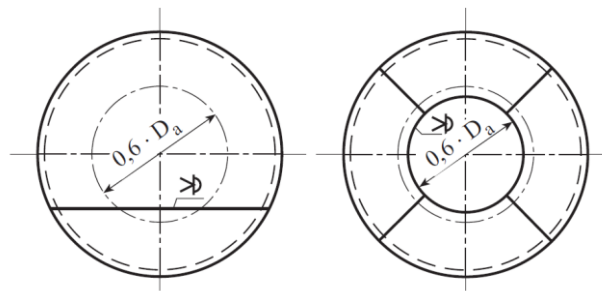


Fig. 15.10 Arrangement of welding seams within the apex area

4.6 Minimum allowable wall thickness

The minimum allowable wall thickness for welding neck endplates is 5 mm. Smaller minimum wall thicknesses are allowed for non-ferrous metals and stainless steels.

5. Flat surfaces

5.1 Scope

The following rules apply to stayed and unstayed flat, flanged endplates and to flat surfaces which are simply supported, bolted, or welded at their periphery and which are subjected to internal or external pressure.

5.2 Symbols

p_c	=	design pressure [bar]
s	=	wall thickness [mm]
s_1	=	wall thickness in a stress relieving groove [mm]
s_2	=	wall thickness of a cylindrical or square header at the connection to a flat endplate with a stress relieving groove [mm]
D_b	=	inside diameter of a flat, flanged endplate or design diameter of an opening to be provided with means of closure [mm]
D_1, D_2	=	diameter of annular plates [mm]
D_e	=	bolt-hole circle diameter of a plate subject additionally to a bending moment [mm]
d_e	=	diameter of the largest circle which can be described on a flat plate inside at least three anchorage points [mm]
d_a	=	outside diameter of expanded tubes [mm]
a, b	=	clear supporting or design widths of rectangular or elliptical plates, b always designating the shorter side or axis [mm]
t_1, t_2	=	pitch of uniformly spaced stays or stay bolts [mm]
e_1, e_2	=	distances between centres of non-uniformly spaced stays and stay bolts [mm]
f	=	cross-sectional area of ligament [mm ²]
r_k	=	inner corner radius of a flange, or radius of a stress relieving groove [mm]
h	=	height of the cylindrical portion of a flanged endplate or inner depth of a flat, welding neck endplate respectively [mm]

- C = design coefficient [-]
 y = ratio coefficient [-]
 σ_{perm} = allowable stress (see 1.4) [N/mm²]
 c = addition for corrosion and wear [mm]

5.3 Design calculation of un stayed surfaces

5.3.1 Flat, circular, flanged unpierced endplates are shown in Fig. 15.11.

The required wall thickness s is given by the expression:

$$s = C \cdot (D_b - r_k) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{P_c}{10 \cdot \sigma_{perm}}} + c \quad [9]$$

The height of the cylindrical portion h shall be at least $3.5 \cdot s$.

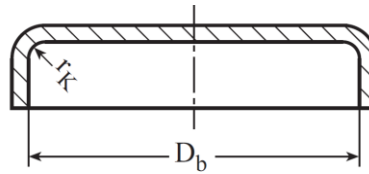


Fig. 15.11 Flat, circular flanged endplates

5.3.2 Circular plates

The types of circular endplates to be used are shown in Fig. 15.12 to 15.14.

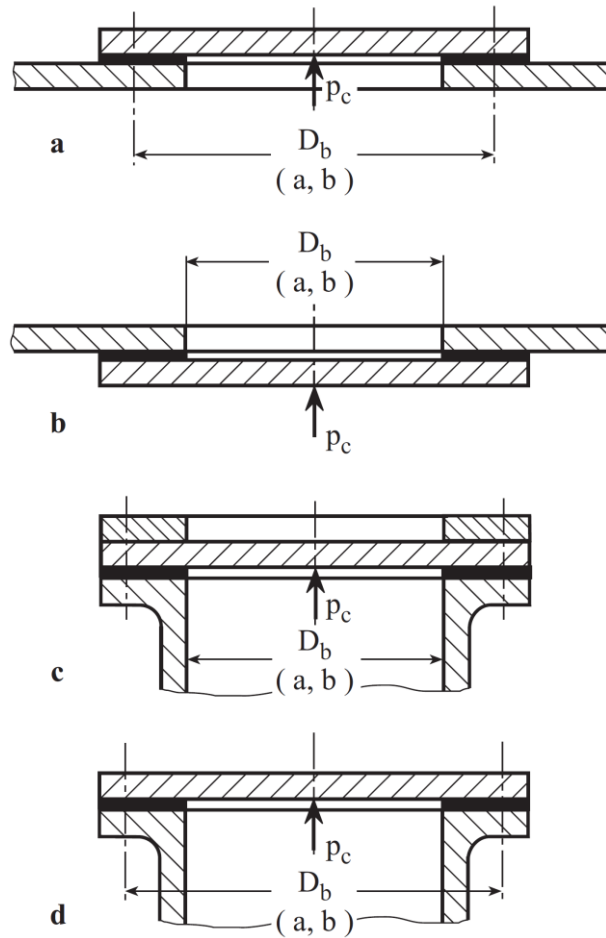


Fig. 15.12 Circular plates with flat sealing

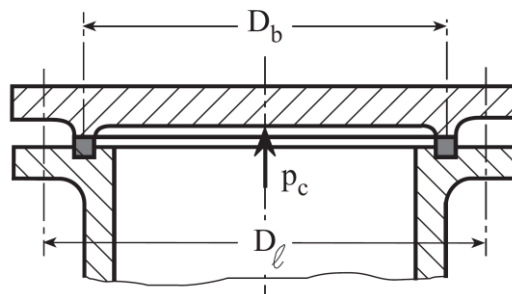


Fig. 15.13 Circular plate with sealing ring

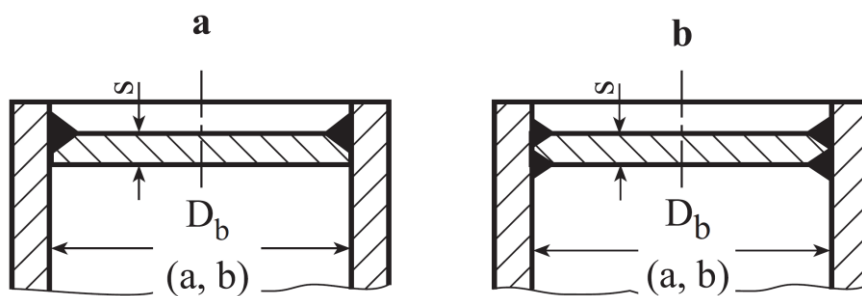


Fig. 15.14 Circular welded-in endplates

The required wall thickness s is given by the expression:

$$s = C \cdot D_b \cdot \sqrt{\frac{P_c}{10 \cdot \sigma_{perm}}} + c \quad [10]$$

5.3.3 Rectangular and elliptical plates

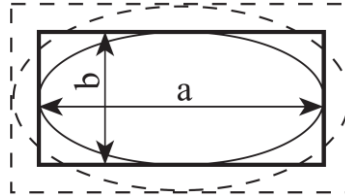


Fig. 15.15 Parameters of rectangular and elliptical plates

Longitudinal and transverse sections are analogous to Fig. 15.12.

The required wall thickness s is given by the expression:

$$s = C \cdot b \cdot y \cdot \sqrt{\frac{P_c}{10 \cdot \sigma_{perm}}} + c \quad [11]$$

5.3.4 Welding neck endplates

For welding-neck endplates of headers additional requirements are to be found in 5.5.2.

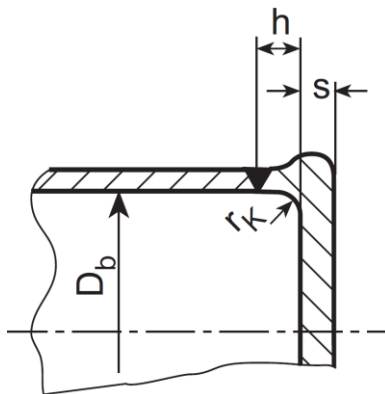


Fig. 15.16 Welding-neck endplates

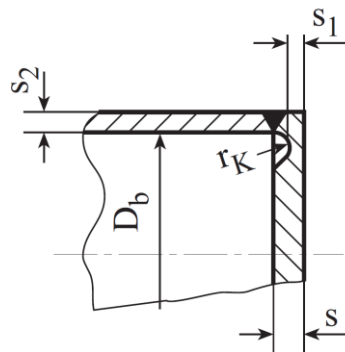


Fig. 15.17 Welding-neck endplates with relieving groove

The thickness of the plate s is determined by applying formula (10) or (11) as appropriate.

In the case of endplates with a stress relieving groove, provision has to be made for the effective relieving of the welded seams. The wall thickness s_1 in the stress relieving groove must therefore satisfy the following conditions, cf. Fig.15.17:

For round endplates: $s_1 \leq 0,77 \cdot s_2$

For rectangular endplates: $s_1 \leq 0,55 \cdot s_2$

Here s_2 represents the wall thickness of the cylindrical or rectangular header [mm]. In addition, provision has to be made to ensure that shear forces occurring in the cross section of the groove can be safely absorbed.

It is therefore necessary that the following is fulfilled:

for round endplates:
$$s_1 = \frac{p_c}{10} \cdot \left(\frac{D_b}{2} - r_k \right) \cdot \frac{1,3}{\sigma_{perm}} \quad [12]$$

for rectangular endplates
$$s_1 \geq \frac{p_c}{10} \cdot \frac{a \cdot b}{a + b} \cdot \frac{1,3}{\sigma_{perm}} \quad [13]$$

The radius r_k shall be at least $0,2 \cdot s$ and not less than 5 mm. The wall thickness s_1 is to be at least 5 mm.

Where welding-neck endplates in accordance with Fig. 15.16 or Fig. 15.17 are manufactured from plates, the area of the connection to the shell is to be tested for laminations, e.g. by ultrasonic inspection.

5.4 Design calculation of stayed surfaces

5.4.1 Flat surfaces uniformly braced

For flat surfaces which are uniformly braced by stay bolts, circular stays or stay tubes, cf. Fig. 15.18.

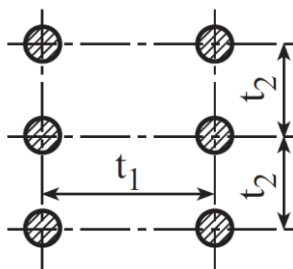


Fig. 15.18 Uniformly braced plates

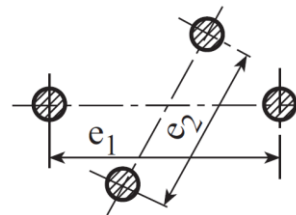


Fig. 15.19 Non-uniformly braced plates

The required wall thickness s inside the stayed areas is given by the expression:

$$s = C \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p_c \cdot (t_1^2 + t_2^2)}{10 \cdot \sigma_{perm}}} + c \quad [14]$$

5.4.2 Flat plates non-uniformly braced

For flat plates which are non-uniformly braced by stay bolts, circular stays and stay tubes, cf. Fig. 15.19. The required wall thickness s inside the stayed areas is given by the expression:

$$s = C \cdot \frac{e_1 + e_2}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p_c}{10 \cdot \sigma_{perm}}} + c \quad [15]$$

5.4.3 Flat plates braced by gusset stays

For flat plates which are braced by gusset stays, supports or other means and for flat plates between arrays of stays and tubes, cf. Fig. 15.20.

The design calculation is to be based on the diameter d_e of a circle, or on the length of the shorter side b of a rectangle which can be inscribed in the free unstiffened area, the least favourable position from the point of view of stress being decisive in each case.

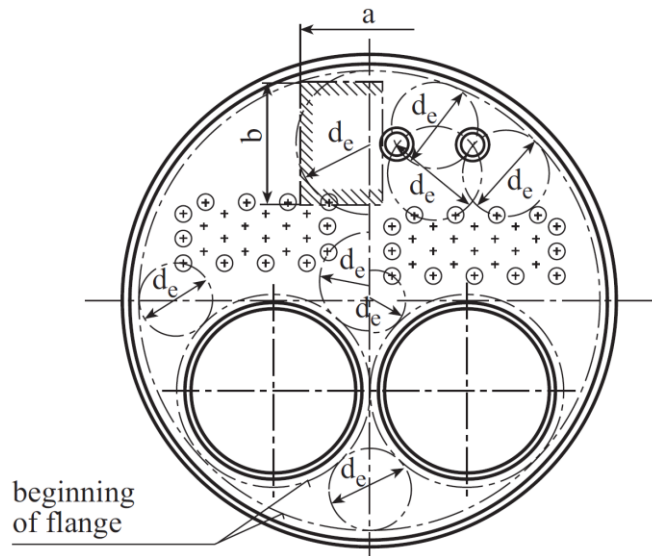


Fig. 15.20 Flat end plates braced by stays or other means

The required wall thickness s is given by the expression:

$$s = C \cdot d_e \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p_c}{10 \cdot \sigma_{perm}}} + c \quad [16]$$

Or

$$s = C \cdot b \cdot y \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p_c}{10 \cdot \sigma_{perm}}} + c \quad [17]$$

The higher of the values determined by the formulae is applicable.

5.4.4 Flat annular plates with central longitudinal staying

Flat annular plates with central longitudinal staying are shown in Fig. 15.21.

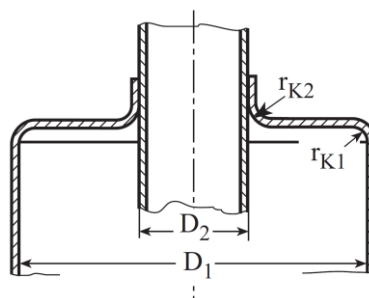


Fig. 15.21 Flat annular plates with central longitudinal staying

The required wall thickness s is given by the expression:

$$s = 0,25 \cdot (D_1 - D_2 - r_{K1} - r_{K2}) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p_c}{10 \cdot \sigma_{perm}}} + c \quad [18]$$

5.5 Requirements for flanges

5.5.1 For application of the above formulae to flanged endplates and to flanges as a means of staying the corner radii r_K of flanges should have minimum values according to Table 15.9.

In addition, the flange radii r_K shall be equal to at least 1,3 times the wall thickness, see Figs. 15.11 and 15.21.

5.5.2 Welding neck endplates without groove

In the case of welding-neck endplates without a stress relieving groove for headers, the flange radius shall be $r_K \geq 1/3 \cdot s$, subject to a minimum of 8 mm, and the inside depth of the endplate is to be $h \geq s$, s for endplates with openings being the thickness of an unpierced endplate of the same dimensions, see Fig. 15.16.

Table 15.9 Minimum corner radii of flanges

Outside diameter of endplate [mm]	Corner radius r_K of flanges [mm]
$D_a \leq 500$	30
$500 < D_a \leq 1400$	35
$1400 < D_a \leq 1600$	40
$1600 < D_a \leq 1900$	45
$D_a > 1900$	50

5.6 Allowable stress and design temperature

5.6.1 The allowable stress for unheated flat surfaces is to be determined according to 1.4.

5.6.2 For flat surfaces heated by radiation, flue or exhaust gases the design temperature shall be defined according to Table 15.5. In this case the allowable stress is to be determined by $R_{eH,t}/2,0$.

5.7 Ratio coefficient γ

The ratio coefficient γ takes account of the increase in stress, as compared with round plates, as a function of the ratio b/a of the sides of unstayed, rectangular and elliptical plates and of the rectangles inscribed in the free, unstayed areas of stayed, flat surfaces, see Fig. 15.15 and Table 15.10.

Table 15.10 Values of ratio coefficient γ

Shape	Ratio b/a^1				
	1,0	0,75	0,5	0,25	$\leq 0,1$
Rectangle	1,10	1,26	1,40	1,52	1,56
Ellipse	1,00	1,15	1,30	–	–

¹ intermediate values are to be interpolated linearly

5.8 Calculation coefficient C

The coefficient C takes account of the type of support, the edge connection and the type of stiffening. The value of C to be used in the calculation is shown in Tables 15.11 and 15.12.

Table 15.11 Values of coefficient C for unstayed flat surfaces

Type of endplate or cover	C
Flat, forged endplates or endplates with machined recesses for headers or flat, flanged endplates	0,35
Encased plates tightly supported and bolted at their circumference	
Inserted, flat plates welded on both sides	
Welding-neck endplates with stress relieving groove	0,40
Loosely supported plates, such as manhole covers; for closing appliances, in addition to the working pressure allowance is also to be made for the additional force which can be exerted when the bolts are tightened (the permitted loading of the bolt or bolts distributed over the cover area).	0,45
Inserted, flat plates welded on one side	
Plates which are bolted at their circumference and are thereby subjected to an additional bending moment according to the ratio: $D_e/D_b = 1,0$ $= 1,1$ $= 1,2$ $= 1,3$ Intermediate values are to be interpolated linearly.	0,45 0,50 0,55 0,60

Table 15.12 Values of coefficient C for stayed surfaces

Type of stiffening and/or stays	C
Boiler shell, header or combustion chamber wall, stay plate or tube area.	0,35
Stay bolts in arrays with maximum stay bolt centre distance of 200 mm.	0,40
Round stays and tubes outside tube arrays irrespective of whether they are welded-in, bolted or expanded.	0,45

Where different values of C are applicable to parts of a plate due to different kinds of stiffening according to [Table 15.12](#) the coefficient C is to be determined by the arithmetical mean value of the different stiffening.

5.9 Minimum ligament with expanded tubes

The minimum ligament width depends on the expansion technique used. The cross-section f of the ligament between two tube holes for expanded tubes should be for:

steel $f = 15 + 3,4 \cdot d_a$ [mm²]

copper $f = 25 + 9,5 \cdot d_a$ [mm²]

5.10 Minimum and maximum wall thickness

5.10.1 With expanded tubes, the minimum plate thickness is 12 mm. Concerning safeguards against the dislodging of expanded tubes, see [6.3.3](#).

5.10.2 The wall thickness of flat endplates should not exceed 30 mm in the heated area.

5.11 Reinforcement of openings

When calculating the thickness special allowance is to be made for cut outs, branches, etc. in flat surfaces which lead to undue weakening of the plate. The dimension of the flat surface with cut out is to be calculated following a Standard recognized by BKI, e.g. EN 12953 or equivalent.

6. Stays, stay bolts and stay tubes

6.1 Scope

The following requirements apply to longitudinal stays, stay bolts, stay tubes, gusset stays and stiffening girders and are subject to the requirements set out in 5., see Fig. 15.22 to Fig. 15.24.

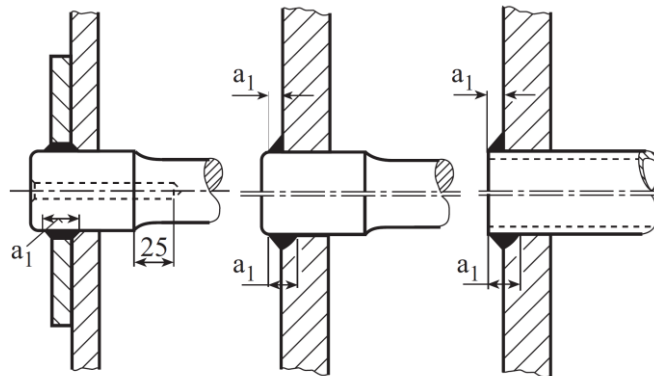


Fig. 15.22

Fig. 15.23

Fig. 15.24

Parameters for welding of stays, stay bolts and stay tubes

6.2 Symbols

a_1	=	weld height in direction of load [mm] according Fig. 15.22 to 15.24
A_1	=	calculated required cross-sectional area of stays, stay bolts and stay tubes [mm ²]
A_2	=	supported area of expanded tubes [mm ²]
A_p	=	plate area supported by one stay, stay bolt or stay tube [mm ²]
d_a	=	outside diameter of stay, stay bolt or stay tube [mm]
d_i	=	inside diameter of stay tube [mm]
F	=	load on a stay, stay bolt or stay tube [N]
ℓ_o	=	length of expanded section of tube [mm]
p_c	=	design pressure [bar]
σ_{perm}	=	allowable stress [N/mm ²]

6.3 Calculation

6.3.1 The supporting action of other boiler parts may be taken into consideration when calculating the size of stays, stay tubes and stay bolts. For flat end plates the loads up to half distance can be assumed as to be supported by the directly adjacent boiler shell.

Where the boundary areas of flanged endplates are concerned, calculation of the plate area A_p is to be based on the flat surface extending to the beginning of the endplate flange.

6.3.2 For stays, stay bolts or stay tubes, the necessary cross-sectional area is given by:

$$A_1 = \frac{F}{\sigma_{perm}} \quad [\text{mm}^2] \quad (19)$$

6.3.3 Where expanded tubes are used, a sufficient safety margin is additionally to be applied to prevent the tubes from being pulled out of the tube plate. Such a safety margin is deemed to be achieved if the permissible load on the supporting area does not exceed the values specified in Table 15.13.

For the purpose of the calculation, the supporting area is given by the expression:

$$A_2 = (d_a - d_i) \cdot \ell_o \quad [\text{mm}^2]$$

subject to a maximum of:

$$A_2 = 0,1 \cdot d_a \cdot \ell_o \quad [\text{mm}^2]$$

Table 15.13 Loading of expanded tube connections

Type of expanded connection	Permissible load on supporting area [N/mm ²]
plain	$\frac{F}{A_2} \leq 150$
with groove	$\frac{F}{A_2} \leq 300$
with flange	$\frac{F}{A_2} \leq 400$

For calculating the supporting area, the length of the expanded section of tube (ℓ_o) may not be taken larger than 40 mm.

6.3.4 Where longitudinal stays, stay tubes or stay bolts are welded in, the cross-section of the weld subject to shear shall be at least 1,25 times the required bolt or stay tube cross section:

$$d_a \cdot \pi \cdot a_1 \geq 1,25 \cdot A_1 \quad (20)$$

6.3.5 Shape and calculation of gusset stays shall be carried out following a Standard recognized by BKI, e.g. EN 12953 or equivalent, but the allowable stress and adjacent parts shall be calculated according to B and D.

6.4 Allowable stress

The allowable stress is to be determined in accordance with 1.4.1. Deviating from this, however, a value of $\frac{R_{eH,t}}{1,8}$ is to be applied in the area of the weld for stays, stay tubes and stay bolts made of rolled and forged steels.

6.5 Allowances for wall thickness

For the calculation of the necessary cross-section of stays, stay tubes and stay bolts according to formula (19) the allowance for corrosion and wear is to be considered.

7. Tubes for boilers and super heaters

7.1 Scope

The design calculation applies to tubes under internal pressure and, up to an outside tube diameter of 200 mm, also to tubes subject to external pressure.

7.2 Symbols

p_c	=	design pressure [bar]
s	=	wall thickness [mm]
d_a	=	outside diameter of tube [mm]
σ_{perm}	=	allowable stress [N/mm ²]
v	=	weld factor of longitudinally welded tubes [–]

7.3 Calculation of wall thickness

The necessary wall thickness s is given by the expression:

$$s = \frac{d_a \cdot p_c}{20 \cdot \sigma_{perm} \cdot v + p_c} \quad [21]$$

7.4 Design temperature t

The design temperature is to be determined in accordance with 1.3.

In the case of once-through forced flow boilers, the calculation of the tube wall thicknesses is to be based on the maximum temperature of the expected medium passing through in the individual main sections of the boiler under operating conditions plus the necessary added temperature allowances.

7.5 Allowable stress

The allowable stress is to be determined in accordance with 1.4.1.

For tubes subject to external pressure, a value of $\frac{R_{eH,t}}{2,0}$ is to be applied.

7.6 Weld factor v

For longitudinally welded tubes, the value of v to be applied shall correspond to the approval test.

7.7 Wall thickness allowances

In the case of tubes subject to severe mechanical or chemical attack, an appropriate wall thickness allowance shall be agreed which shall be added to the wall thickness calculated by applying formula (21). The permissible minus tolerance on the wall thickness (see 1.1.2) need only be taken into consideration for tubes the outside diameter of which exceeds 76,1 mm.

7.8 Maximum wall thickness of boiler tubes

The wall thickness of intensely heated boiler tubes, e.g. where the temperature of the heating gas exceeds 800 °C, shall not be greater than 6,3 mm. This requirement may be dispensed with in special cases, e.g. for super heater support tubes.

8. Plain rectangular tubes and sectional headers

8.1 Symbols

p_c	=	design pressure [bar]
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s	=	wall thickness [mm]
2 · m	=	clear width of the rectangular tube parallel to the wall in question [mm], see Fig. 15.25
2 · n	=	clear width of the rectangular tube perpendicular to the wall in question [mm], see Fig. 15.25
Z	=	value according to formula (23) [mm ²]
a	=	distance of relevant line of holes from centre line of side [mm]
t	=	pitch of holes [mm]
d	=	hole diameter [mm]
v	=	weakening factor for rows of holes under tensile stress [-]
v'	=	weakening factor for rows of holes under bending stress [-]
r	=	inner radius at corners [mm]
σ _{perm}	=	allowable stress [N/mm ²]

8.2 Design calculation

8.2.1 The wall thickness is to be calculated for the centre of the side and for the ligaments between the holes. The maximum calculated wall thickness shall govern the wall thickness of the entire rectangular tube.

The following method of calculation is based on the assumption that the tube connection stubs have been properly mounted, so that the wall is adequately stiffened.

8.2.2 The required wall thickness is given by the expression:

$$s = \frac{p_c \cdot n}{20 \cdot \sigma_{perm} \cdot v} + \sqrt{\frac{4,5 \cdot Z \cdot p_c}{10 \cdot \sigma_{perm} \cdot v'}} \quad [22]$$

If there are several different rows of holes, the necessary wall thickness is to be determined for each row.

8.2.3 Z is calculated by applying the formula

$$Z = \left| \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{m^3 + n^2}{m + n} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot (m^2 - a^2) \right| \quad [23]$$

8.3 Weakening factor v

8.3.1 If there is only one row of holes, or if there are several parallel rows not staggered in relation to each other, the weakening factors v and v' are to be determined as follows:

$$v = \frac{t - d}{t}$$

$$v' = v = \frac{t - d}{t} \quad \text{for holes where } d < 0,6 \cdot m$$

$$v' = \frac{t - 0,6 \cdot m}{t} \quad \text{for holes where } d \geq 0,6 \cdot m$$

8.3.2 In determining the values of v and v' for elliptical holes, d is to be taken as the clear width of the holes in the longitudinal direction of the rectangular tube. However, for the purpose of deciding which formula is to be used for determining v' , the value of d in the expressions $d \geq 0,6 \cdot m$ and $d < 0,6 \cdot m$ is to be the inner diameter of the hole perpendicular to the longitudinal axis.

8.3.3 In calculating the weakening factor for staggered rows of holes, t is to be substituted in the formula by t_1 for the oblique ligaments, Fig. 15.25.

8.3.4 For oblique ligaments, Z is calculated by applying the formula:

$$Z = \left[\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{m^3 + n^3}{m + n} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot (m^2 - a^2) \right] \cdot \cos \alpha$$

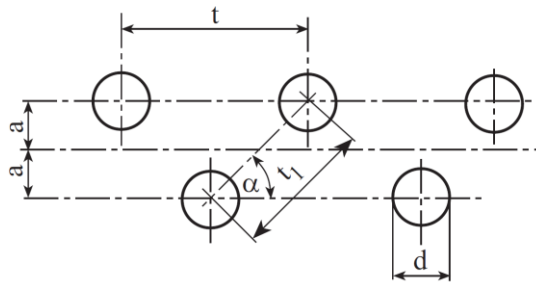


Fig. 15.25 Arrangement of staggered rows of holes

8.4 Stress at corners

In order to avoid undue stresses at corners, the following conditions are to be satisfied: $r \geq 1/2 \cdot s$, subject to a minimum of:

- 3 mm for rectangular tubes with a clear width of up to 50 mm.
- 8 mm for rectangular tubes with a clear width of 80 mm or over.

Intermediate values are to be interpolated linearly. The radius shall be governed by the arithmetical mean value of the nominal wall thicknesses on both sides of the corner. The wall thickness at corners may not be less than the wall thickness determined by applying formula (22).

8.5 Minimum wall thickness and ligament width

8.5.1 The minimum wall thickness with expanded tubes shall be 14 mm.

8.5.2 The width of a ligament between two openings or tube holes may not be less than $1/4$ of the distance between the tube centres.

9. Straps and girders

9.1 Scope

The following requirements apply to steel girders used for stiffening of flat plates.

9.2 General

The supporting girders are to be properly welded to the combustion chamber crown continuously. They are to be arranged in such a way that the welds can be competently executed and the circulation of water is not obstructed.

9.3 Symbols

p_c	=	design pressure [bar]
F	=	load carried by one girder [N]
e	=	distance between centre lines of girders [mm]
ℓ	=	free length between girder supports [mm]
b	=	thickness of girder [mm]
h	=	height of girder [mm]
W	=	section modulus of one girder [mm ³]
M	=	bending moment acting on girder at given load [Nmm]
z	=	coefficient for section modulus [-]
σ_{perm}	=	allowable stress, see 1.4 [N/mm ²]

9.4. Calculation

9.4.1 The unsupported girder shown in Fig. 15.26 is to be treated as a self-supported beam of length ℓ . The support afforded by the plate material may also be taken into consideration.

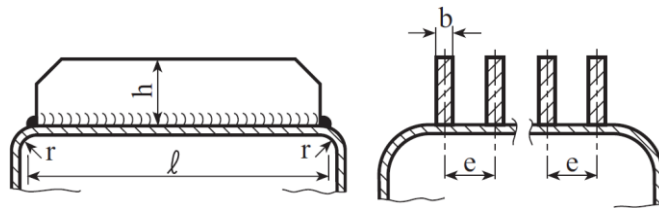


Fig. 15.26 Arrangement of unsupported girders

9.4.2 The required section modulus of a girder is given by:

$$W = \frac{M_{max}}{1,3 \cdot \sigma_{perm} \cdot z} \leq \frac{b \cdot h^2}{6} \quad [mm^3] \quad [24]$$

The coefficient z for the section modulus takes account of the increase in the section modulus due to the flat plate forming part of the ceiling plate. It may in general be taken as $z = 5/3$.

For the height h , a value not exceeding $8 \cdot b$ is to be inserted in the formula.

9.4.3 The maximum bending moment is given by the expression:

$$M_{max} = \frac{F \cdot \ell}{8} \quad [Nmm] \quad [25]$$

$$F = \frac{p_c}{10} \cdot \ell \cdot e \quad [N] \quad [26]$$

10. Bolts

10.1 Scope

The following requirements relate to bolts which, as force-transmitting connecting elements, are subjected to tensile stresses due to the internal pressure. Normal operating conditions are assumed.

10.2 General

Where standard pipe flanges are used, the strength requirements for the flanges are considered to be satisfied if these flanges comply with a Standard recognized by BKI, e.g. EN 1092-1 or equivalent and conform to the specifications contained therein in respect of the materials used. The maximum allowable working pressure and the service temperature and the materials of the screws have been selected in accordance to EN 1515-1 and EN 1515-2.

Bolts with a shank diameter of less than 10 mm are not allowed.

Bolts may not be located in the path of heating gases.

At least 4 bolts are to be used for a connection.

To achieve small sealing forces, the jointing material should be made as narrow as possible.

Necked-down bolts should be used for elastic bolted connections, particularly where the bolts are highly stressed, or are exposed to service temperatures of over 300 °C, or have to withstand internal pressures > 40 bar.

All bolts bigger than metric size M 30 are to be necked-down bolts.

Necked-down bolts are bolts with a shank diameter $d_s = 0,9 \cdot d_k$ (d_k being the root diameter). The connection with necked-down bolts is to be designed in accordance to a Standard recognized by BKI, e.g. DIN 2510 or equivalent. In the calculation special allowance is to be made for shank diameters $< 0,9 \cdot d_k$.

10.3 Symbols

p_c	=	design pressure [bar]
p'	=	test pressure [bar]
F_S	=	total load on bolted connection in service [N]
F'_S	=	total load on bolted connection at test pressure [N]
F_{S_0}	=	total load on bolted connection in assembled condition with no pressure exerted [N]
F_B	=	load imposed on bolted connection by the working pressure [N]
F_D	=	force to close seal under service conditions [N]
F_{D_0}	=	force to close seal in assembled condition [N]
F_Z	=	additional force due to stresses in connected piping [N]
D_b	=	mean jointing or bolt pitch circle diameter [mm]
d_i	=	inside diameter of connected pipe [mm]
d_s	=	shank diameter of a necked-down bolt [mm]
d_k	=	root diameter of thread [mm]
n	=	number of bolts forming connection [-]

σ_{perm}	=	allowable stress [N/mm ²]
Φ	=	surface finish coefficient [–]
c	=	additional allowance [mm]
k_1	=	sealing factor for service condition [mm]
k_o	=	sealing factor for assembled condition [mm]
K_D	=	sealing material deformation factor [N/mm ²]

10.4 Design calculation

10.4.1 Bolted joints are to be designed for the following load conditions:

- service conditions (design pressure p_c and design temperature t),
- load at test pressure (test pressure p' , $t = 20$ °C) and
- assembled condition at zero pressure ($p = 0$ bar, $t = 20$ °C)

10.4.2 The necessary root diameter of a bolt in a bolted joint comprising n bolts is given by:

$$d_k = \sqrt{\frac{4 \cdot F_s}{\pi \cdot \sigma_{perm} \cdot \Phi \cdot n}} + c \text{ [mm]} \quad [27]$$

10.4.3 The total load on a bolted joint is to be calculated as follows:

a) for service conditions

$$F_s = F_B + F_D + F_Z \quad [N] \quad [28]$$

$$F_B = \frac{D_b^2 \cdot \pi \cdot p_c}{4 \cdot 10} \quad [N] \quad [29]$$

$$F_D = D_b \cdot \pi \cdot k_1 \cdot \frac{p_c}{10} \cdot 1,2 \quad [N] \quad [30]$$

Where the arrangement of bolts deviates widely from the circular, due allowance is to be made for the special stresses occurring.

The additional force F_Z is to be calculated due to the load condition of connected piping. F_Z is 0 in the case of bolted joints with no connected pipes. Where connecting pipes are installed in a normal manner and the service temperatures are < 400 °C, F_Z may be determined, as an approximation, by applying the expression:

$$F_Z \approx \frac{d_i^2 \cdot \pi \cdot p_c}{4 \cdot 10} \quad [N]$$

b) for the test pressure:

$$F_s' = \frac{p'}{p_c} \cdot \left(F_B + \frac{F_D}{1,2} \right) + F_Z \quad [N] \quad [31]$$

For calculating the root diameter of the thread, F_s is to be substituted by F_s' in formula (27).

c) for the zero pressure, assembled condition:

$$F_{S_0} = F_{D_0} + F_Z \quad [N] \quad [32]$$

$$F_{D_0} = D_b \cdot \pi \cdot k_o \cdot K_D \quad [N] \quad [33]$$

For calculating the root diameter of the thread, F_S is to be substituted by F_{S_0} in formula (27).

In the zero-pressure, assembled condition, the force F_{D_0} is to be exerted on the bolts during assembly to effect an intimate union with the jointing material and to close the gap at the flange bearing surfaces.

If the force exerted on the assembly F_{D_0} is greater than F_S , it may be replaced by the following, where malleable jointing materials with or without metal elements are used:

$$F_{D_0} = 0,2 \cdot F_{D_0} + 0,8 \cdot \sqrt{F_S \cdot F_{D_0}} \quad [N] \quad [34]$$

Factors k_o , k_1 and K_D depend on the type, design and shape of the joint and the kind of fluid. The relevant values are shown in the [Tables 15.14](#) and [15.15](#).

Table 15.14 Gasket factors

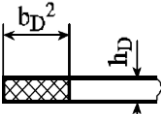
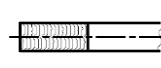
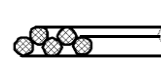
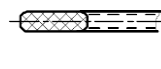
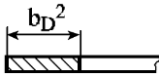
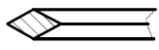
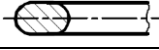
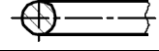
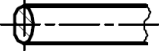
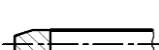
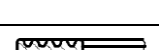
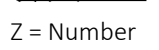
Gasket type	Shape	Description	Material	Gasket factor ¹					
				for liquids			for gases and vapours		
				Assembly ²		Service	Assembly ²		Service
				k_o [mm]	$k_o \cdot K_D$ [N/mm]	k_1 [mm]	k_o [mm]	$k_o \cdot K_D$ [N/mm]	k_1 [mm]
Soft gaskets		Flat gaskets acc. to DIN EN 1514	Impregnated sealing material	-	20 b _D	b _D	-	-	-
			Rubber	-	b _D	0,5 b _D	-	2 b _D	0,5 b _D
			Teflon	-	20 b _D	1,1 b _D	-	25 b _D	1,1 b _D
			It ⁴	-	15 b _D	b _D	-	$200 \sqrt{\frac{b_D^3}{h_D}}$	1,3 b _D
Combined metal and soft		Spirally wound gasket	Unalloyed steel	-	15 b _D	b _D	-	50 b _D	1,3 b _D
			Al	-	8 b _D	0,6 b _D	-	30 b _D	0,6 b _D
		Corrugated gasket	Cu, Ms	-	9 b _D	0,6 b _D	-	35 b _D	0,7 b _D
			Mild steel	-	10 b _D	0,6 b _D	-	45 b _D	1,0 b _D
			Al	-	10 b _D	b _D	-	50 b _D	1,4 b _D
		Metal-sheated gasket	Cu, Ms	-	20 b _D	b _D	-	60 b _D	1,6 b _D
			Mild steel	-	40 b _D	b _D	-	70 b _D	1,8 b _D

Table 15.14 Gasket factors (continued)

Gasket type	Shape	Description	Material	Gasket factor ¹					
				for liquids			for gases and vapours		
				Assembly ²		Service	Assembly ²		Service
				k_o	$k_o \cdot K_D$	k_1	k_o	$k_o \cdot K_D$	k_1
	[mm]	[N/mm]	[mm]	[mm]	[N/mm]	[mm]			
Metal gaskets		Flat gasket acc. to DIN EN 1514	-	0,8 b_D	-	$b_D + 5$	b_D	-	$b_D + 5$
		Diamond gasket	-	0,8	-	5	1	-	5
		Oval gasket	-	1,6	-	6	2	-	6
		Round gasket	-	1,2	-	6	1,5	-	6
		Ring gasket	-	1,6	-	6	2	-	6
		U-shaped gasket to DIN2696	-	1,6	-	6	2	-	6
	 Z = Number of teeth	Corrugated gasket to DIN 2697	-	$0,4 \sqrt{Z}$	-	$9+0,2 \cdot Z$	$0,5 \sqrt{Z}$	-	$9+0,2 \cdot Z$
		Membrane welded gasket to DIN 2695	-	0	-	0	0	-	0

¹ applicable to flat, machined, sound, sealing surfaces
² where k_o cannot be specified the product $k_o \cdot K_D$ is given here
³ a gastight grade is assumed
⁴ non asbestos compressed joining material

Table 15.15 Deformation factor K_D

Materials	Deformation factor K_D [N/mm ²]
aluminium, soft	92
copper, soft	185
soft iron	343
steel. St 35	392
alloy steel, 13CrMo44	441
austenitic steel	491
Note At room temperature K_D is to be substituted by the deformation resistance at 10 % compression or alternatively by the tensile strength R_m .	

10.4.4 The bolt design is to be based on the greatest root diameter of the thread determined in accordance with the three load conditions specified in 10.4.1.

10.5 Design temperature t

The design temperatures of the bolts depend on the type of joint and the insulation. In the absence of special proof as to temperature, the following design temperatures are to be applied for medium temperatures above 120 °C:

Loose flange + loose flange

medium temperature – 30 °C

Fixed flange + loose flange medium temperature – 25 °C
 Fixed flange + fixed flange medium temperature – 15 °C

The temperature reductions allow for the drop in temperature at insulated, bolted connections. For non insulated bolted joints, a further temperature reduction is not permitted because of the higher thermal stresses imposed on the entire bolted joint.

10.6 Allowable stress

The values of the allowable stress σ_{perm} are shown in Table 15.16.

Table 15.16 Allowable stress σ_{perm}

Condition	Condition for neckeddown bolts	for fullshank bolts
Service condition	$\frac{R_{eH,t}}{1,5}$	$\frac{R_{eH,t}}{1,6}$
Test pressure and zero-pressure assembled condition	$\frac{R_{eH,20}}{1,1}$	$\frac{R_{eH,20}}{1,2}$

10.7 Quality coefficient ϕ

10.7.1 Full-shank bolts are required to have a surface finish of at least grade mg to DIN EN ISO 898. Necked-down bolts are to be machined all over.

10.7.2 In the case of unmachined, plane-parallel bearing surfaces, $\phi = 0,75$. Where the bearing surfaces of the mating parts are machined, a value of $\phi = 1,0$ may be used. Bearing surfaces which are not plane parallel, e. g. on angle sections, are not permitted.

10.8 Allowance c

The additional allowance c shall be as shown in Table 15.17.

Table 15.17 Additional allowance c

Condition	c [mm]
For service condition: up to M 24	3
M 27 up to M 45	$5 - 0,1 \cdot d_k$
M 48 and over	1
for test pressure	0
for assembled condition	0

E. Equipment and Installation

1. General

1.1 The following requirements apply to steam boilers which are not permanently and directly supervised during operation. Note is also to be taken of the official regulations of the Naval Administration, where appropriate.

1.2 In the case of steam boilers which are monitored constantly and directly during operation, some easing of the following requirements may be permitted, while maintaining the operational safety of the vessel.

1.3 In the case of steam boilers which have a maximum water volume of 150 litres, a maximum allowable working pressure of 10 bar and where the product of water volume and maximum allowable working pressure is less than 500(bar x liters), an easing of the following requirements may be permitted.

1.4 With regard to the electrical installation and equipment also [Guidelines for Automations \(Pt.9, Vol.7\)](#) have to be observed.

The equipment of steam boilers is to be suitable for the use on steam boilers and ships.

2. Safety valves

2.1 Any steam generator which has its own steam space is to be equipped with at least two type approved, spring-loaded safety valves. At least one safety valve is to be set to respond if the maximum allowable working pressure is exceeded.

In combination, the safety valves are to be capable of discharging the maximum quantity of steam which can be produced by the steam boiler during continuous operation without the maximum allowable working pressure being exceeded by more than 10 %.

2.2 Each steam generator which has a shut-off but which does not have its own steam space is to have at least one type approved, spring-loaded safety valve fitted at its outlet. At least one safety valve is to be set to respond if the maximum allowable working pressure is exceeded. The safety valve or safety valves are to be designed so that the maximum quantity of steam which can be produced by the steam boiler during continuous operation can be discharged without the maximum allowable working pressure being exceeded by more than 10 %.

2.2.1 Steam generators with a great water space which are exhaust gas heated and can be shut-off having a heating surface up to 50 m² are to be equipped with one, with a heating surface above 50 m² with at least two, suitable type-approved, spring loaded safety valves. The safety valve resp. the safety valves have to be so designed that their activation is also guaranteed with compact sediments between spindle and bushing. Otherwise their design may be established in a way that compact sediments in the valve and between spindle and bushing are avoided (e.g. bellow valves).

2.2.2 As far as steam generators with a great water space which are exhaust gas heated and can be shutoff are not equipped with safety valves according to [2.2.1](#), a burst disc is to be provided in addition to the existing safety valves. This disc shall exhaust the maximum quantity of steam produced during continuous operation. The activation pressure of the burst disc shall not exceed 1,25 times the maximum allowable working pressure.

2.3 External steam drums are to be fitted with at least two type-approved, spring-loaded safety valves. At least one safety valve is to be set to respond if the maximum allowable working pressure is exceeded. In combination, the safety valves shall be capable of discharging the maximum quantity of steam which can be produced in continuous operation by all connected steam generators without the maximum allowable working pressure of the steam drum being exceeded by more than 10 %.

2.4 Each hot water generator is to be equipped with at least two type approved, spring-loaded safety valves. At least one safety valve is to be set to respond if the maximum allowable working pressure is exceeded.

For the size of the safety valves steam blow-off at saturated steam condition corresponding to the set pressure of the safety valves has to be supposed also for safety valves which are normally under water pressure. In combination, the safety valves are to be capable of discharging the maximum quantity of steam which corresponds to the allowable heating power of the hot water generator during continuous operation without the maximum allowable working pressure being exceeded by more than 10 %.

2.5 The closing pressure of the safety valves shall be no more than 10 % below the response pressure.

2.6 The minimum flow diameter of the safety valves shall be at least 15 mm.

2.7 Servo controlled safety valves are permitted wherever they are reliably operated without any external energy source.

2.8 The safety valves are to be fitted to the saturated steam part or, in the case of steam boilers which do not have their own steam space, to the highest point of the boiler or in the immediate vicinity respectively. At hot water generators the safety valves could also be arranged at the discharge line in the immediate vicinity of the generator. At once-through hot water generators the safety valves are to be located in the immediate vicinity of the connection of the discharge line to the generator.

2.9 In the case of steam generators which are fitted with super heaters with no shut-off capability, one safety valve is to be located at the discharge from the super heater. The safety valve at the super heater discharge has to be designed for at least 25 % of the necessary exhaust capacity.

Super heaters with shut-off capability are to be fitted with at least one safety valve designed for the full steam capacity of the superheater.

When designing the capacity of safety valves, allowance is to be made for the increase in the volume of steam caused by superheating.

2.10 Steam may not be supplied to the safety valves through pipes in which water may collect.

2.11 Safety valves are to be easily accessible and capable of being released safely during operation.

2.12 Safety valves are to be designed so that no binding or jamming of moving parts is possible even when heated to different temperatures. Seals which may prevent the operation of the safety valve due to frictional forces are not permitted.

2.13 Safety valves are to be set in such a way as to prevent unauthorized alteration.

2.14 Pipes or valve housings are to have a drain facility, which has no shut off capability fitted at the lowest point on the blow off side.

2.15 Combined blow off lines from several safety valves may not unduly impair the blow-off capability. The discharging mediums are to be drained away safely.

3. Water level indicators

3.1 Steam generators which have their own steam space are to be fitted with two devices giving a direct reading of the water level.

3.2 Steam generators which have their own steam space heated by exhaust gases and where the temperature does not exceed 400 °C, are to be fitted with at least one device giving a direct reading of the water level.

3.3 External steam drums of boilers which do not have their own steam space are to be fitted with two devices giving a direct reading of the water level.

3.4 In place of water level indicators, once through forced flow boilers are to be fitted with two mutually independent devices which trip an alarm as soon as water flow shortage is detected. An automatic device to shut down the oil burner may be provided in place of the second warning device.

3.5 Hot water generators are to be equipped with a test cock at the highest point of the generator or in the immediate vicinity.

3.5.1 Additionally a water level indicator shall be provided. This water level indicator is to be located at the hot water generator or at the discharge line.

3.5.2 This water level indicator at the generator can be dispensed with in hot water generation plants with membrane expansion vessel if a low pressure limiter is installed (at the membrane expansion vessel or in the system) which trips in case the water level falls below the specified lowest water level in the membrane expansion vessel.

3.5.3 A low flow limiter is to be installed at once through hot water generators instead of the water level indicator (see 8.8.5).

3.6 Cylindrical glass water level gauges are not permitted.

3.7 The water level indicators are to be fitted so that a reading of the water level is possible when the ship is heeling and during the motion of the ship when it is at sea. The limit for the lower visual range shall be at least 30 mm above the highest flue, but at least 30 mm below the lowest water level. The lowest water level may not be above the centre of the visual range. The water level indicators have to be well illuminated and visible from the boiler control station resp. from the station for control of the water level.

3.8 The connection pipes between steam generator and water level indicators are to have an inner diameter of at least 20 mm. They shall be run in such away that there are no sharp bends in order to avoid water and steam traps, and have to be protected from the effects of the heated gases and against cooling.

Where water level indicators are linked by means of common connection lines or where the connection pipes on the water side are longer than 750 mm, the connection pipes on the water side must have an inner diameter of at least 40 mm.

3.9 Water level indicators are to be connected to the water and steam space of the boiler by means of easily accessible, simple to control and quick-acting shut-off devices.

3.10 The devices used for blowing through the water level indicators are to be designed so that they are safe to operate and so that blow-through can be monitored. The discharging media are to be drained away safely.

3.11 Remote water level indicators and display equipment of a suitable type to give an indirect reading may be allowed as additional display devices.

3.12 The cocks and valves of the water level indicators which cannot be directly reached by hand from floor plates or a control platform are to have a control facility using pull rods or chain pulls.

4. Pressure indicators

4.1 At least one pressure gauge directly connected to the steam space is to be fitted on each boiler. The maximum allowable working pressure is to be marked on the dial by means of a permanent and easily visible red mark. The indicating range of the pressure gauge shall include the testing pressure.

4.2 At least one additional pressure indicator having a sensor independent from the pressure gauge has to be located at the machinery control centre or at some other appropriate site.

4.3 Where several steam boilers are incorporated on one ship, the pressure spaces of which are linked together, one pressure gauge is sufficient at the machinery control centre or at some other suitable location, in addition to the pressure gauges on each boiler.

4.4 The pipe to the pressure gauge shall have a water trap and is to be of a blow-off type. A connection for a test gauge is to be installed close to the pressure gauge. In the case of pressure gauges

which are at a lower position the test connection has to be provided close to the pressure gauge and also close to the connection piece of the pressure gauge pipe.

4.5 Pressure gauges are to be protected against radiant heat and must be well illuminated.

5. Temperature indicators

5.1 A temperature indicator is to be fitted to the flue gas outlet of fired steam boilers.

5.2 Temperature indicator are to be fitted to the exhaust gas inlet and outlet of steam boilers heated by exhaust gas.

5.3 Temperature indicators are to be fitted at the outlets from super heaters or super heater sections, at the inlet and outlet of attemperators, and also at the outlet of once-through forced flow boilers, where this is necessary to assess the behaviour of the materials used.

5.4 Temperature indicators are to be installed in the discharge and return line of each hot water generator in such a way that they indicate the actual outlet and inlet temperature.

5.5 The maximum allowable temperature is to be marked at the indicator.

6. Regulating devices (controllers)

6.1 With the exception of boilers which are heated by exhaust gas, steam boilers are to be operated with rapid control, automatic oil burners. The control facility is to be capable of safely controlling the scope of potential load changes so that the steam pressure and the temperature of the steam stay within safe limits and the supply of feed water is guaranteed.

6.2 Steam pressure shall be automatically regulated by controlling the supply of heat. The steam pressure of boilers heated by exhaust gas may also be regulated by condensing the excess steam.

6.3 In the case of steam generators which have a specified minimum water level, the water level is to be regulated automatically by controlling the supply of feed water.

6.4 In case of forced circulation steam generators whose heating surface consists of a coiled pipe, and in case of once through forced steam generators, the supply of feed water may be regulated as a function of fuel supply.

7. Monitoring devices (alarms)

7.1 The proof of the suitability of alarm transmitters for e.g. pressure, water level, temperature and flow for the use at steam boilers and on ships is to be demonstrated by a type approval examination according to the requirements of BKI Rules listed in [A.2.1](#).

7.2 A warning device is to be fitted which is tripped when the specified maximum water level is exceeded.

7.3 In exhaust gas heated steam generators, a warning device is to be fitted which is tripped before the maximum allowable working pressure is reached.

7.4 In exhaust gas heated steam generators with a specified minimum water level, a warning device is to be fitted which is tripped when the water falls below this level.

7.5 Exhaust gas boilers with finned tubes are to have a temperature monitor fitted in the exhaust gas pipe which trips an alarm in the event of fire, see [Guidelines for Automations \(Pt.9, Vol.7\)](#).

7.6 Where there is a possibility of oil or grease getting into the steam, condensate or hot water system, a suitable automatic and continuously operating unit is to be installed which trips an alarm and cuts off the feed water supply or the circulation resp. if the concentration at which boiler operation is put at risk is exceeded. The control device for oil resp. grease ingress may be waived for a dual circulation system.

7.7 Where there is a possibility of acid, lye or seawater getting into the steam, condensate or hot water system, a suitable automatic and continuously operating unit is to be installed which trips an alarm and cuts off the feed water supply or the circulation resp. if the concentration at which boiler operation is put at risk is exceeded. The control device for acid, lye or seawater ingress may be waived for a dual circulation system.

7.8 It shall be possible to carry out function testing of the monitoring devices must be possible, even during operation, if an equivalent degree of safety is not attained by self monitoring of the equipment.

7.9 The monitoring devices have to trip visual and audible fault warnings in the boiler room or in the machinery control centre or any other suitable site. See [Guidelines for Automations \(Pt.9, Vol.7\)](#).

8. Safety devices (limiters)

8.1 The proof of the suitability of limiters for e.g. pressure, water level, temperature and flow for the use at steam boilers and on ships is to be demonstrated by a type approval examination according to the requirements of BKI Rules listed in [A.2.1](#).

8.2 Fired steam generators are to be equipped with a reliable pressure limiter which cuts out and interlocks the firing system before the maximum allowable working pressure is reached.

8.3 In steam generators where a highest flue is specified at the heating surface, two reliable, mutually independent water level limiters have to respond to cut out and interlock the firing system when the water falls below the specified minimum water level.

The water level limiter must also be independent of the water level control devices.

8.4 The receptacles for water level limiters located outside the boiler are to be connected to the steam boiler by means of lines which have a minimum inner diameter of 20 mm. Shut-off devices in these lines shall have a nominal diameter of at least 20 mm and have to indicate their open or closed position. Where water level limiters are connected by means of common connection lines, the connection pipes on the water side are to have an inner diameter of at least 40 mm.

Operation of the oil burner may only be possible when the shut-off devices are open or else, after closure, the shut-off devices are reopening automatically and in a reliable manner.

Water level limiter receptacles which are located outside the boiler are to be designed in such a way that a compulsory and periodic blow-through of the receptacles and lines is carried out.

8.5 In the case of forced-circulation steam generators with a specified lowest water level, two reliable, mutually independent safety devices are to be fitted in addition to the requisite water level limiters, which will cut out and interlock the oil burner in the event of any unacceptable reduction in water circulation.

8.6 In the case of forced-circulation steam generators where the heating surface consists of a single coil and of once-through forced steam generators, two reliable, mutually independent safety devices are to be fitted in place of the water level limiters in order to provide secure means of preventing any excessive heating of the heating surfaces by cutting out and interlocking the oil burner.

8.7 In steam boilers with super heaters, a temperature limiter is to be fitted which cuts out and interlocks the oil burner if the allowable superheated steam temperature is exceeded. In the case of boiler parts which carry superheated steam and which have been designed to long-term resistance values, one temperature recording device is adequate.

8.8 Hot water generators are to be equipped with the following safety equipment:

8.8.1 A pressure limiter, which shuts-down and interlocks the oil burner in case the maximum allowable working pressure is exceeded (high pressure limiter), shall be provided at each hot water generator with membrane expansion vessel. It has to be defined for each special plant if apart from shutting-down the oil burner the circulating pumps have to be shut down also.

8.8.2 A pressure limiter, which shuts-down and interlocks the oil burner in case the system pressure falls below the system related minimum pressure (low pressure limiter), shall be provided in systems with external pressure generation.

8.8.3 A water level limiter, which shuts-down and interlocks the oil burner and the circulating pumps in case the water level falls below the allowable lowest level, shall be provided at the hot water generator. This water level limiter is to be installed at the hot water generator or at the discharge line.

The installation of the low water level limiter can be dispensed with for systems with membrane expansion vessel in case a low pressure limiter is set to a value that trips in case the water level at the membrane expansion vessel falls below the lowest specified level.

8.8.4 At hot water generators with natural circulation the low water level limiter has to be replaced by a low flow limiter in case the temperature limiter or low water level limiter could not switch-off the oil burner as early as to prevent unacceptable evaporation.

8.8.5 At once through hot water generators a low flow limiter has to be installed instead of the low water level limiter, which shuts-down and interlocks the oil burner in case the water flow is reduced below the specified lowest value.

8.8.6 Each hot water generator is to be equipped with a temperature limiter. The place of installation of the sensor of the temperature limiter shall be so that in every case the highest temperature at the hot water generator will be detected under all operating conditions, even when the circulating pumps are stopped. An immersion pipe has to be provided close to the sensor of the temperature limiter for checking the set temperature.

8.9 The safety devices have to trip visual and audible alarms at the steam boiler control panel.

8.10 The electrical devices associated with the limiters are to be designed in accordance with the closed-circuit principle so that, even in the event of a power failure, the limiters will cut out and interlock the systems unless an equivalent degree of safety is achieved by other means.

8.11 To reduce the effects due to sea conditions, water level limiters can be fitted with a delay function provided that this does not cause a dangerous drop in the water level.

8.12 The electrical interlocking of the firing system following tripping by the safety devices is only be cancelled out at the firing system control panel itself.

8.13 If an equivalent degree of safety cannot be achieved by self-monitoring of the equipment, the functional testing of the safety shall be practical even during operation. In this case, the operational testing of water level limiters shall be possible without the surface of the water dropping below the lowest water level.

8.14 For details of additional requirements relating to once-through forced flow boilers, see 3.4.

9. Feed and circulation devices

9.1 For details of boiler feed and circulation devices, see [Section 8, F](#). The following requirements are also to be noted:

9.2 The feed devices are to be fitted to the steam boiler in such a way that it cannot be drained lower than to a level of 50 mm above the highest flue when the non-return valve is not tight.

9.3 The feed water is to be fed into the steam generator in such a way as to prevent damage occurring to the boiler walls and to heated surfaces.

9.4 A proper treatment and adequate monitoring of the feed and boiler water are to be carried out.

9.5 At hot water generators the discharge line has to be arranged at the highest point of the generator.

9.6 In the hot water return line leading to the generator a check-valve has to be installed. This check valve can be dispensed with if the return line is connected to the generator at least 50 mm above the highest flue.

10. Shut off devices

10.1 Each steam boiler shall be capable of being shut off from all connected pipes. The shut off devices are to be installed as close as possible to the boiler walls and are to be operated without risk.

10.2 Where several steam boilers which have different maximum allowable working pressures deliver their steam or hot water respectively into common lines, it has to be ensured that the maximum working pressure allowable for each boiler cannot be exceeded in any of the boilers.

10.3 Where several boilers are connected by common pipes and the shut-off devices for steam, feed and drain lines are welded to the steam boilers, for safety reasons during internal inspection, two shut-off devices in series which are to be protected against unauthorised operation are each to be fitted with an interposed venting device.

10.4 For plants consisting of steam generators without own steam space, which are using an oil fired steam generator or a steam drum for steam separation, the shut-off devices in the circulation lines are to be sealed in the open position.

10.5 The shut off devices in the discharge and return line at the hot water generator are to be sealed in open position.

11. Scum removal, sludge removal, drain, venting and sampling devices

11.1 Steam boilers and external steam drums are to be fitted with devices to allow them to be drained, vented and sludge to be removed. Where necessary, boilers are to be fitted with a scum removal device.

11.2 Drain devices and their connections are to be protected against effects of the heating gases and capable of being operated without risk. Self-closing sludge removal valves shall be lockable when closed or alternatively an additional shut-off device is to be fitted in the pipe.

11.3 Where the scum removal, sludge removal or drain lines from several boilers are combined, a non return valve is to be fitted in the individual boiler lines.

11.4 The scum removal, sludge removal or drain lines, plus valves and fittings, are to be designed to allow for the maximum allowable working pressure of the boiler.

11.5 With the exception of once-through forced flow steam generators, devices for taking samples from the water contained in the steam generator boiler are to be fitted to steam generator.

11.6 Scum removal, sludge removal, drain and sampling devices are to be capable of safe operation. The media being discharged are to be drained away safely.

12. Name plate

12.1 A name plate is to be permanently affixed to each steam boiler, displaying the following information:

- manufacturer's name and address
- serial number and year of construction
- maximum allowable working pressure [bar]
- allowable steam production [kg/h] or [t/h] for steam generators
- maximum allowable temperature of superheated steam in °C provided that the steam generator is fitted with a super-heater with no shutoff capability
- maximum allowable discharge temperature [°C] for hot water generators
- maximum allowable heating power [kW or MW] for hot water generators

12.2 The name plate is to be permanently attached to the largest part of the boiler or to the boiler frame so that it is visible.

13. Valves and fittings

13.1 Materials

Valves and fittings for boilers are to be made of ductile materials as specified in [Table 15.1](#) and all their components shall be able to withstand the loads imposed in operation, in particular thermal loads and possible stresses due to vibration. Grey cast iron may be used within the limits specified in [Table 15.1](#), but may not be employed for valves and fittings which are subjected to dynamic loads, e.g. safety valves and blow off valves.

Testing of materials for valves and fittings is to be carried out as specified in [Table 15.2](#).

13.2 Type of design

Care is to be taken to ensure that the bodies of shut-off gate valves cannot be subjected to unduly high pressure due to heating of the enclosed water. Valves with screw-on bonnets are to be safeguarded to prevent unintentional loosening of the bonnet.

13.3. Pressure and tightness tests

13.3.1 All valves and fittings are to be subjected to a hydrostatic pressure test at 1,5 times the nominal pressure before they are fitted. Valves and fittings for which no nominal pressure has been specified are to be tested at twice the maximum allowable working pressure. In this case, the safety factor in respect of the 20 °C yield strength value may not fall below 1,1.

13.3.2 The sealing efficiency of the closed valve is to be tested at the nominal pressure or at 1,1 times the working pressure, as applicable.

Valves and fittings made of castings and subject to operating temperatures over 300 °C are required to undergo one of the following tightness tests:

- tightness test with air (test pressure approximately 0,1 x maximum allowable working pressure; maximum 2 bar)
- tightness test with saturated or superheated steam (test pressure shall not exceed the maximum allowable working pressure)
- A tightness test may be dispensed with if the pressure test is performed with petroleum or other liquid displaying similar properties.

13.3.3 Safety valves are to be subjected to a test of the set pressure. After the test the tightness of the seat is to be checked at a pressure 0.8 times the set pressure. The setting is to be secured against unauthorized alteration.

13.3.4 Pressure test and tightness test of valves and fittings and the test of the set pressure of safety valves shall be carried out in the presence of the BKI Surveyor.

14. Installation of steam boilers

14.1 Mounting

Boilers are to be installed in the ship with care and have to be secured to ensure that they cannot be displaced by any of the circumstances arising when the ship is at sea. Means are to be provided to accommodate the thermal expansion of the boiler in service. Boilers and their seatings are to be easily accessible from all sides or shall be easily made accessible.

14.2 Fire precautions

For fire precautions see [Section 9](#).

F. Testing of Steam Boilers

1. Constructional test

After completion, steam boilers are to undergo a constructional test.

The constructional test includes verification that the steam boiler agrees with the approved drawing and is of satisfactory construction. For this purpose, all parts of the boiler are to be accessible to allow adequate inspection. If necessary, the constructional test is to be performed at separate stages of manufacture. The following documents are to be presented: material test certificates covering the materials used, reports on the non-destructive testing of welds and, where applicable, the results of tests of workmanship and proof of the heat treatment applied.

2. Hydrostatic pressure tests

2.1 A hydrostatic pressure test is to be carried out on the boiler before refractory, insulation and casing are fitted. Where only some of the component parts are sufficiently accessible to allow proper visual inspection, the hydrostatic pressure test may be performed in stages. Boiler surfaces have to withstand the test pressure without leaking or suffering permanent deformation.

2.2 The test pressure is generally required to be 1,5 times the maximum allowable working pressure, see A.4.2 In case the maximum allowable working pressure is less than 2 bar the test pressure has to be at least 1 bar higher than the maximum allowable working pressure.

Hot water generators are to be subjected to a minimum test pressure of 4 bar.

2.3 In case of once through forced flow boilers, the test pressure has to be at least 1,1 times the water inlet pressure when operating at the maximum allowable working pressure and maximum steam output. In the event of danger that parts of the boiler might be subjected to stresses exceeding 90 % of the yield strength, the hydrostatic test may be performed in separate sections. The maximum allowable working pressure is then deemed to be the pressure for which the particular part of the boiler has been designed.

2.4 For steam boiler parts subject to internal and external pressures which invariably occur simultaneously in service, the test pressure depends on the differential pressure. In these circumstances, however, the test pressure should at least be equal to 1,5 times the design pressure specified in [D.1.2.4](#).

3. Acceptance test after installation on board

3.1 Functional test of the safety relevant equipment

The function of the safety relevant equipment is to be tested, as far as possible, at the not heated, pressureless steam boiler.

3.2 Test of safety valves

3.2.1 The actuation pressure of the safety valves is to be proven by a blow-off test or the adjustment Certificate of the manufacturer is to be presented for the sealed valve.

3.2.2 The sufficient blow off performance of the safety valves has to be proven by a blow off test. For steam boilers heated with exhaust gas the blow off test is to be performed at 100 % MCR (maximum continuous rating).

For combined steam boilers and combined steam boiler plants with oil fired steam boiler and exhaust gas boiler without own steam space, it has to be guaranteed, that the maximum allowable working pressure is not exceeded by more than 10 % for 100 % oil burner performance and the above mentioned conditions for operation of the exhaust gas boiler.

3.3 Functional test

The complete equipment of the steam boiler, including control and monitoring devices, are to be subjected to a functional test.

4. Constructional check, hydrostatic pressure test and acceptance test shall be carried out by or in the presence of the BKI Surveyor.

G. Hot Water Generation Plants

1. General

1.1 The materials, design calculations and manufacturing principles for hot water generators which are heated by steam or hot liquids are subject to the requirements in [Section 16](#).

1.2 For hot water generation plants forced circulation is to be used. Plants with natural circulation are not allowed.

1.3 Hot water generation plants are to be designed with external pressure generation (e.g. with membrane expansion vessel or expansion vessel with nitrogen blanket without membrane). Plants open to the atmosphere or with internal pressure generation are not allowed.

1.4 The pressure generation has to be carried out in a way as to prevent a steam generation critical for the safety of the plant.

1.5 Each hot water generation plant shall have a sufficient volume for expansion, to accommodate the increase of volume of the water from the hot water generation plant and the heat consuming system resulting from the change of temperature. The expansion vessel and the connecting lines shall be protected against freezing.

2. Pre pressurized expansion vessel

2.1 A low water level limiter is to be provided at the expansion vessel which shuts-down and interlocks the oil burner and the circulating pumps in case the water level falls below the allowable minimum.

2.2 Shut off devices in the connecting lines between system and expansion vessel are to be sealed in open position.

2.3 Hot water generation plants with membrane expansion vessel.

2.3.1 The installation of the low water level limiter (see 2.1) at the membrane expansion vessel can be dispensed with in case the low pressure limiter of the plant is actuated at a value when the water level falls below the allowable minimum level.

2.3.2 A possibility for checking the correct filling pressure of the gas space shall be provided at the prepressurized membrane expansion vessels.

2.3.3 A safety valve and a pressure indication shall be provided at membrane expansion vessels where the gas pressure of the blanket is controlled by a pressure regulator.

2.4 Hot water generation plants with expansion vessel with nitrogen blanket without membrane.

2.4.1 The lowest water level (LWL) at the expansion vessel shall be at least 50 mm above the top edge of the pipe connecting the expansion vessel with the system.

2.4.2 Each pressurized expansion vessel shall be equipped with a pressure indication.

2.4.3 Each pressurized expansion vessel shall be equipped with a safety valve which is set to a pressure below the set-pressure of the safety valves at the hot water generator. For the dimensioning of the safety valve it is sufficient to consider the power of the largest hot water generator in the plant. Additional heating appliances are to be considered if necessary.

2.4.4 The water level shall be controlled by a water level regulator, if it is necessary to drain or to feed water to the expansion vessel resulting from the change of the water volume of the system. In case of too high or too low water level an alarm shall be tripped.

2.4.5 In case of a water level above the highest water level specified for the plant the oil burner and the feed water supply shall be shut off and interlocked. This trip can be actuated by the sensor of the water level controller.

3. Feed water supply

3.1 Each hot water generation plant shall be equipped with at least one feed water supply.

3.2 The flow of the feed water supply shall be such that the loss of water in the whole system can be compensated.

3.3 The feed water supply shall be able to feed the required flow to the generator at 1.1 times the maximum allowable working pressure.

4. Circulating pumps

4.1 Hot water generation plants are to be equipped with at least two circulating pumps. A common stand-by pump is sufficient for hot water generating plants, if this pump can be connected to any hot water generator of the plant.

4.2 An alarm shall be tripped in case of a breakdown of one circulating pump. An alarm shall be tripped and a shutdown and interlock of oil burner at the oil fired hot water generator shall be carried out if the flow falls below the specified minimum value.

H. Flue Gas Economizers

1. Definition

Flue gas economizers are preheaters arranged in the flue gas duct of boilers used for preheating of feed water without any steam being produced in service. They can be disconnected from the water side of the boiler.

The surfaces of the preheater comprise the water space walls located between the shut-off devices plus the casings of the latter. Drawing water from the economizer is only permissible if the boiler feed system is specially designed for this purpose.

2. Materials

See under [B](#).

3. Calculation

The formulae given under [D](#) are to be applied in the calculation. The design pressure is to be at least the maximum allowable working pressure of the economizer.

The design temperature is the maximum feed water temperature plus 25 °C for plain tube economizers and plus 35 °C for finned tube economizers.

The feed water temperature at the economizer outlet shall be 20 °C below the saturation temperature corresponding to the working pressure of the boiler.

4. Equipment

4.1 Pressure gauges

The inlet side of each economizer is to be provided with a pressure gauge as well as with a connection for a test pressure gauge. The maximum allowable working pressure of the economizer is to be marked by a red line on the scale of the pressure gauge.

4.2 Safety valve

Each economizer is to be equipped with a spring loaded safety valve with an inside diameter of at least 15 mm which is to be set that it starts to blow off if the maximum allowable working pressure is exceeded.

The safety valve is to be designed that, even if shut-off devices between the economizer and the boiler are closed, the maximum allowable working pressure of the economizer is not exceeded by more than 10 %.

4.3 Temperature indicating device

Each economizer is to be equipped with one temperature indicating device. The permissible outlet temperature of the feed water is to be marked in red on the temperature meter.

4.4 Shut off devices

Each economizer is to be equipped with shut off devices at the feed water inlet and outlet. The boiler feed valve may be regarded as one of these shut off devices.

4.5 Discharge and venting equipment

Each economizer is to be provided with means of drainage and with vents for all points where air may gather enabling it to be satisfactorily vented even when in operation.

4.6 Means for preventing the formation of steam in economizers

Suitable equipment is to be fitted to prevent steam from being generated in the economizer, e.g. when the steam supply is suddenly stopped. This may take the form of a circulating line from the economizer to a feed water tank to enable the economizer to be cooled, or of a by-pass enabling the economizer to be completely isolated from the flue gas flow.

5. Name plate

A name plate giving the following details is to be fitted to every economizer:

- manufacturer's name and address
- serial number and year of manufacture
- maximum allowable working pressure of economizer in bar

6. Tests

Before they are installed, finished economizers are to be subjected at the manufacturer's works to a constructional check and a hydrostatic pressure test at 1,5 times the maximum allowable working pressure in the presence of a BKI Surveyor.

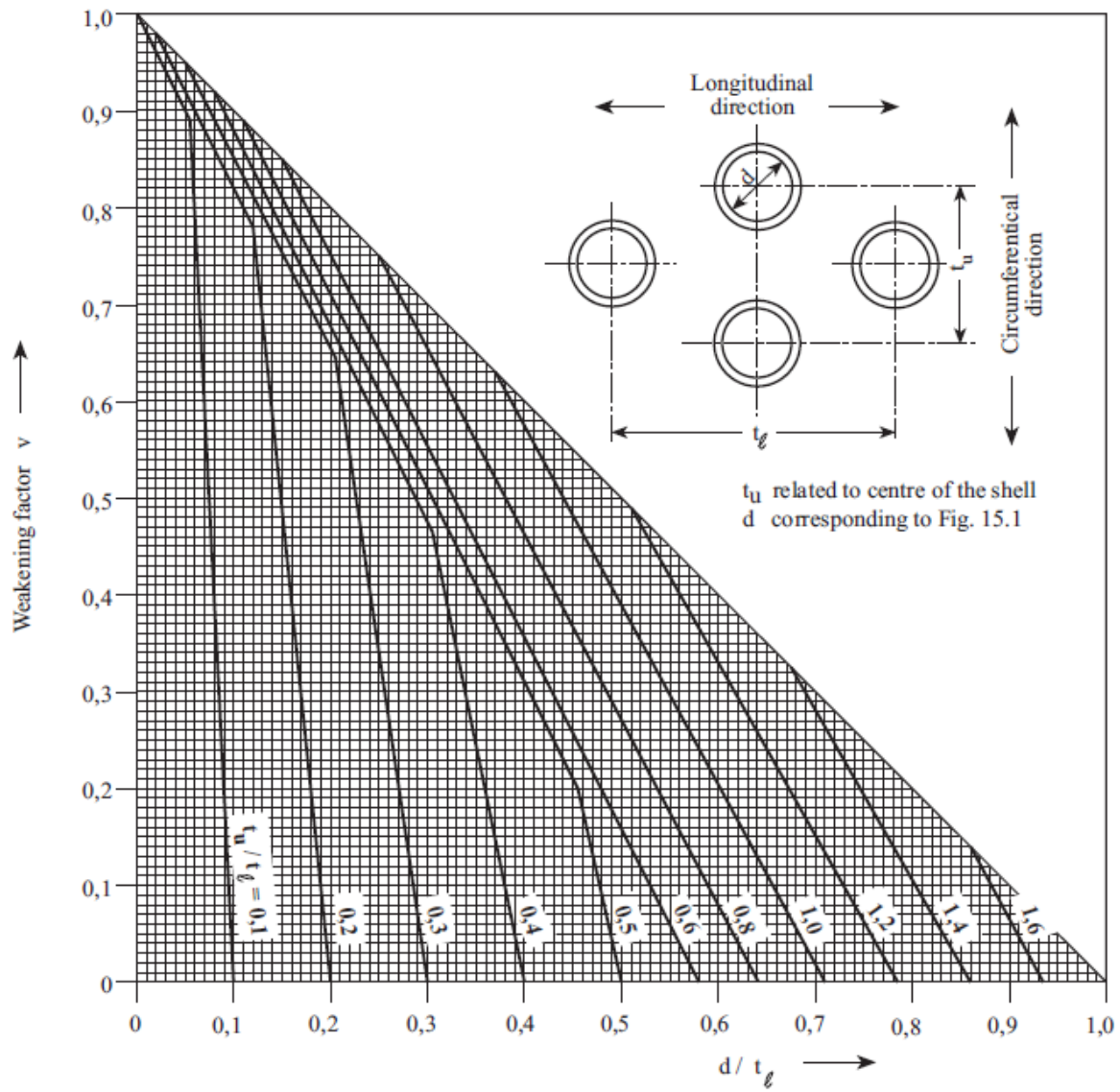


Fig. 15.27 Weakening factor v for cylindrical shells with symmetrically staggered rows of holes

Section 16 Pressure Vessels and Heat Exchangers

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A. General

1. Scope

1.1 The following requirements apply to Pressure vessels (gauge or vacuum pressure) for the operation of the main propulsion plant and its auxiliary machinery. They also apply to vessels and equipment necessary for the operation of the ship and to independent containers if these are subjected to internal or external pressure in service.

Gas cylinders are subject to the requirements in G.

1.2 The Guidelines do not apply to pressure vessels with:

- a maximum allowable working pressure of up to 1 bar gauge and with a total capacity, without deducting the volume of internal fittings, of not more than 1000 l
- a maximum allowable working pressure of up to 0,5 bar gauge
- a capacity of $\leq 0,5$ l

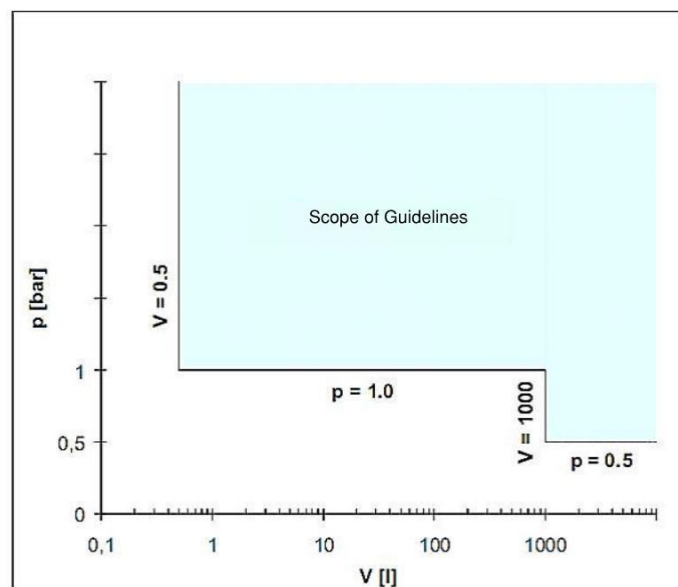


Fig. 16.1 Scope of Guidelines for pressure vessels and heat exchangers

1.3 Ship's service pressure vessels manufactured to recognized standards, e.g. pressure vessels for the water supply system, calorifiers and charge air coolers, are not subject to these requirements with respect to their wall thickness or the materials used. In the case of charge air coolers an examination of the drawings can be dispensed with.

1.4 In the case of hydrophore tanks with a maximum allowable working pressure of up to 7 bar gauge and a maximum working temperature of 100 °C an examination of the drawings can be dispensed with.

1.5 For warm water generators with a outlet temperature of max. 120 °C, which are heated by solid, liquid or gaseous fuels or by exhaust gases, the drawing approval can be dispensed with if the generators are manufactured according to a recognized Standard or Directive. The stresses coming from the installation onboard ships have to be considered.

Warm water generators used for accommodation and sanitary water heating only are not covered by these Rules.

1.6 The pressure vessels and equipment mentioned in 1.2 and 1.3 are to be presented to the BKI Surveyor for final inspection (constructional test) and to be subjected to a hydrostatic pressure test in accordance with F.1 in his presence. For materials Manufacturer Test Reports¹ are to be presented.

1.7 Hot water generators with outlet temperatures above 120 °C which are heated by liquid fuels, by exhaust gases or electrically, as well as economizers heated by flue gas are subject to Section 15.

For reservoirs in hydraulic systems, see also Section 14.

For charge air coolers see the [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec. 3](#), an examination of the drawings can be dispensed with.

For heat exchangers of cooling systems for electrical machinery an examination of the drawings can be dispensed with, further requirements see the [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\) Sec. 14](#).

For filters additionally the [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec 3, G.3](#) (diesel engines) as well as [Section 8, G.2](#) (fuel oil systems), [G.4](#) (lubrication oil systems) and [G.5](#) (seawater cooling systems) are to be applied.

Pressure vessels and heat exchangers intended for the use in ballast, bilge, sewage or fresh water systems are also subject of these Guidelines.

1.8 Pressure vessels and heat exchangers produced in series may be approved, tested, certified and type approval According to [Guidance for Approval and type Approval of Material and Equipment for Marine Use \(Pt.1, Vol.W\)](#)

2. Documents for approval

The drawings and documents are to be submitted to BKI for approval. The drawings are required to contain all the details necessary to carry out an examination in accordance with the following requirements. To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process they should be submitted in electronic format. In specific cases and following prior agreement with BKI they can also be submitted in paper form in triplicate.

The following details, in particular, are to be specified:

- intended use, substance to be contained in the vessel
- maximum allowable working pressures and temperatures, volumes of the individual spaces, secondary loads, if necessary
- design details of the pressurized parts
- materials to be used, welding details, heat treatment

¹ See [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\) Sec. 1, H](#).

The validity of the drawing approval is restricted to five years and can be extended after expiration upon request for another five years provided that the product continues to conform to the current rules, having undergone no changes with regard to its characteristics or construction.

On request it can be certified separately, that the design of the pressure vessel or heat exchanger meets the specified requirements (Design Approval Certificate).

B. Materials

1. General requirements

1.1 The materials of parts subject to pressure are to be suitable for the intended use Materials for vessels related to pressure vessel classes I and II according to [Table 16.1](#) and comply with the [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#).

1.2 Parts such as gussets, girders, lugs, brackets etc. welded directly to pressure vessel walls are to be made of material compatible with that of the wall and of guaranteed weldability.

1.3 Welded structures of pressure vessel class I and II according to [Table 16.1](#) are also subject to the [Rules for Welding \(Pt.1, Vol.VI\)](#).

1.4 For corrosion protection, see [C.7](#).

2. Classes

2.1 According to operating conditions, vessels are to be classed in accordance with [Table 16.1](#).

2.2 Pressure vessels filled partly with liquids and partly with air or gases or which are blown out by air or gases, such as pressure tanks in drinking water or sanitary systems and reservoirs, are to be classified as pressure vessels containing air or gas.

3. Approved materials

The materials specified in [Table 16.2](#) are to be used for the classes stated in [2](#).

Table 16.1 Pressure vessel classes

Operating medium	Design pressure PR [bar] Design Temperature t [°C]		
	I	II	III
Refrigerants	Group 2 ¹	Group 1 ¹	–
Steam, Compressed air, gases	PR > 16 or t > 300	PR ≤ 16 and t ≤ 300	PR ≤ 7 and t ≤ 170
Liquid fuels	PR > 16 or t > 150	PR ≤ 16 and t ≤ 150	PR ≤ 7 and t ≤ 60
Water and oils	PR > 40 or t > 300	PR ≤ 40 and t ≤ 300	PR ≤ 16 and t ≤ 200

¹ see [Section 12, C.1](#)

Table 16.2 Approved materials

Materials semi-finished materials components		Grades of material in accordance with Rules for Materials (Pt.1, Vol.V)			
		Pressure vessel class			
		I	II	III	
Rolled and forged steel	Steel plate, shapes and bars	Plates for boilers and pressure vessels acc. to Section 4, E			
		Low-temperature steels acc. to Section 1, F			
		Stainless steels acc. to Section 1, G			
		Specially killed steels acc. to, Section 4, A, (with testing of each rolled plate)	General structural steel acc. to Section 4, B	Shipbuilding steel acc. to, Section 4, B	
	Pipes	Seamless and welded ferritic steel pipes acc. to, Section 5, C and D			
		Low-temperature steel pipes acc. to, Section 5, D for design temperatures			
		Stainless steel pipes acc. to, Section 5, E			
	Forgings	Forgings acc. to, Section 6, E			
		Low-temperature steel forgings acc. to, Section 6, F for design temperatures			
		-	Forgings for general plant engineering acc. to, Section 6, B		
	Bolts and nuts	Bolts for general plant engineering acc. to recognized standards, e.g. DIN 267 or ISO 898			
		High-temperature steels for design temperatures > 300 °C			
		Low-temperature steels for design temperatures below – 10 °C			
	Castings	Cast steel	Steel castings for boilers, pressure vessels and pipelines acc. to, Section 7, D		
			High-temperature steel castings for design temperatures > 300 °C.		
Low-temperature steel castings acc. to, Section 7, E for design temperatures below –10 °C					
-			Steel castings for plant engineering acc. to Section 7, B		
Nodular cast iron		Nodular cast iron acc. to, Section 8, B Ferritic grades only Ordinary qualities up to 300 °C Special qualities up to 350 °C			
Grey cast iron	-	At least grade with a minimum tensile strength of 200 N/mm ² acc. to, Section 8, C. Not permitted for vessels in thermal oil systems			
Non-ferrous metals	Pipes and castings of copper and copper alloys	Copper alloys acc. to, Section 11 within the following limits: copper-nickel alloys up to 300 °C high-temperature bronzes up to 260 °C others up to 200 °C			
	Plate, pipes and castings of aluminium alloys	Aluminium alloys acc. to, Section 10 within the following limits: design temperature up to 200 °C only with the special agreement of BKI			

4. Testing of Materials

4.1 Tests in accordance with Rules for Materials (Pt.1, Vol.V) and Welding (Pt.1, Vol.VI) or in accordance with another Standard recognized by BKI are prescribed for materials belonging to pressure vessel class I used for:

- all parts subject to pressure with the exception of small parts such as welded pads, reinforcing discs, branch pieces and flanges of nominal diameter ≤ DN 50 mm, and forged or rolled steel valve heads for compressed air receivers

- forged flanges for service temperatures $> 300\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and for service temperatures $\leq 300\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ if the characteristic product of $\text{PB} [\text{bar}]$ and $\text{DN} [\text{mm}]$ is > 2500 or the nominal diameter is $> \text{DN } 250$
- bolts of size M 30 (30 mm diameter metric thread) and above made of steel with a tensile strength of more than 500 N/mm^2 and alloyed or heat-treated steel bolts larger than of size M 16
- nuts of size M 30 and above made of steel with a tensile strength of more than 600 N/mm^2
- bodies of valves and fittings, see [Section 8, B](#)

The results of the material tests are to be proven by BKI Material Certificates.

4.2 For pressure vessel class II parts subject to mandatory testing, proof of material quality may take the form of Manufacturer Inspection Certificates¹ provided that the test results certified therein comply with [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#) and [Welding \(Pt.1, Vol.VI\)](#).

Manufacturer Inspection Certificates may also be recognized for series-manufactured class I vessel components made of unalloyed steels, e.g. hand- and manhole covers, and for forged flanges and branch pipes where the characteristic product $\text{PB} [\text{bar}] \cdot \text{DN} [\text{mm}] \leq 2500$ and the nominal diameter $\text{DN} \leq 250\text{ mm}$ for service temperatures $\leq 300\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

4.3 For all parts not subject to testing of materials by BKI, alternative proof of the characteristics of the material is to be provided, e.g. by a Manufacturer Test Report¹.

C. Manufacturing Principles

1. Manufacturing processes applied to materials

Manufacturing processes shall be suitable with the materials concerned.

Materials whose grain structure has been adversely affected by hot or cold forming are to undergo heat treatment in accordance with the [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\) Sec. 9, A](#).

2. Welding

The workmanship of welding, the approval of welding shops and the qualifying examination of welders are governed by the [Rules for Welding \(Pt.1, Vol.VI\) Sec 14](#).

3. End plates

3.1 The flanges of dished ends may not be unduly hindered in their movement by any kind of fixtures, e.g. fastening plates or stiffeners. Supporting legs may only be attached to dished ends which have been adequately dimensioned for this purpose.

3.2 Where covers or ends are secured by hinged bolts, the latter are to be safeguarded against slipping off.

Table 16.3 Requirements to pressure vessel classes

Requirements	PV Class I	PV Class II	PV Class III
Design / Drawing Approval	required	required	required, exceptions see A.1
Welding Shop Approval, see Rules for Welding (Pt.1, Vol.VI)	required	required	-
Welding Procedure Test, see Rules for Welding (Pt.1, Vol.VI)	required	required	-
Testing of Materials / Test Certificates	BKI Material Certificates, see B.4.1	Manufacturer Inspection Certificates, see B.4.2	Manufacturer Test Report, see B.4.3
BKI approved material manufacturer	required	required	-
Constructional check, see F. 1.1	required	required	required
Hydraulic pressure test, see F. 1.1	required	required	required
Non destructive testing, see Rules Welding (Pt.1, Vol.VI), Section 10	required	required	required
	for welding seams radiographic examination depends on weld factor v		

4. Branch pipes

The wall thickness of branch pipes must be dimensioned as to enable additional external stresses to be safely absorbed. The wall thickness of welded-in branch pipes should be appropriate to the wall thickness of the part into which they are welded. The walls must be effectively welded together.

For the attachment of piping, pipe connections in accordance with [Section 8](#) are to be provided.

5. Tube plates

Tube holes are to be carefully drilled and deburred. Bearing in mind the tube-expansion procedure and the combination of materials involved, the ligament width shall be such as to ensure proper expanding process and sufficient tube anchorage. The expanded length should not be less than 12 mm.

6. Compensation for expansion

The design of vessels and equipment has to take account of possible thermal expansion, e.g. between shell and bundle of heating tubes.

7. Corrosion protection

Vessels and equipment exposed to accelerated corrosion owing to the medium which they contain, e.g. warm seawater, are to be protected in a suitable manner.

8. Cleaning and inspection openings

8.1 Vessels and equipment are to be provided with inspection and access openings which should be as large as possible and conveniently located. The minimum dimensions are as follows:

Manholes	300 × 400 mm or 400 mm diameter
	where the annular height is > 150 mm the opening measure shall be 320 x 420 mm
Head holes	220 × 320 mm or 320 mm diameter
Hand holes	90 × 120 mm

Sight holes are required to have a diameter of at least 50 mm; they should, however, be provided only when the design of the equipment makes a hand hole impracticable.

In order to provide access with auxiliary or protective devices, a manhole diameter of at least 600 mm is generally required. The diameter may be reduced to 500 mm where the pipe socket height to be transversed does not exceed 250 mm.

Vessels over 2,0 m in length are to have inspection openings at least at both ends or shall contain a manhole.

Pressure vessels with an inside diameter of more than 800 mm are to be equipped at least with one manhole.

8.2 Manhole openings are to be designed and sited in such a way that the vessels are accessible without undue difficulty. The edges of inspection and access openings are to be stiffened where they could be deformed by tightening the cover-retaining bolts or crossbars.

Special inspection and access openings are not necessary where internal inspection can be carried out by removing or dismantling parts.

8.3 Inspection openings may be dispensed with where experience has proven the unlikelihood of corrosion or deposits, e.g. in steam jackets.

Where vessels and equipment contain dangerous substances, e.g. liquefied or toxic gases, the covers of inspection and access openings shall not be secured by crossbars but by bolted blind flanges.

9. Identification and marking

Each pressure vessel is to be provided with a plate or permanent inscription indicating the manufacturer, the serial number, the year of manufacture, the capacity, the maximum allowable working pressure and, in case of service temperatures of more than 50 °C or less than –10 °C, the maximum allowable service temperature of the pressurized parts. On smaller items of equipment an indication of the maximum allowable working pressure is sufficient.

D. Design Calculations

1. Principles

1.1 The parts subject to pressure of pressure vessels and equipment subject to pressure are to be designed, as far as applicable, by the formulae for steam boilers, [Section 15](#), and otherwise in accordance with the general rules of engineering practice². The calculations are to be based on the details specified in [1.2](#) to [1.7](#).

1.2 Design pressure PR (Formula symbol: p_c)

1.2.1 The design pressure is generally the maximum allowable working pressure (gauge) PB. In determining the maximum allowable working pressure, due attention is to be given to hydrostatic pressures if these cause the loads on the walls to be increased by 5 % or more.

1.2.2 In the case of feed water preheaters located on the delivery side of the boiler feed pump, the maximum allowable working pressure PB is the maximum delivery pressure of the pump.

² The TRB/AD (Regulations of the Working Party on Pressure Vessels) constitute, for example, such rules of engineering practice

1.2.3 For external pressures, the calculation is to be based on a vacuum of 1 bar or on the external pressure at which the vacuum safety valves are actuated. In the event of simultaneous positive pressure externally and vacuum internally, or vice versa, the calculation is to assume an external or, respectively, internal pressure increased by 1 bar.

1.3 Allowable stress

The dimensions of components are governed by the allowable stress σ_{perm} [N/mm²]. The smallest value determined from the following expressions is to be applied in this case:

1.3.1 Rolled and forged steels

For design temperatures up to 350 °C:

$$\sigma_{perm} = \min \left(\frac{R_{m,20^\circ}}{2,7}, \frac{R_{eH,20^\circ}}{1,7}, \frac{R_{eH}}{1,6} \right)$$

$R_{m,20^\circ}$ = guaranteed minimum tensile strength [N/mm²] at room temperature, may be dispensed with in the case of recognized fine-grained steels with $R_{eH} \leq 360$ [N/mm²]

$R_{eH,20^\circ}$ = guaranteed yield strength or minimum value of the 0,2 % proof stress³ at room temperature [N/mm²]

$R_{eH,t}$ = guaranteed yield strength or minimum value of the 0,2 % proof stress⁴ at design temperatures above 50 °C [N/mm²]

For design temperature above 350 °C

$$\sigma_{perm} = \frac{R_{m,100000,t}}{1,5}$$

$$\sigma_{perm} = \frac{R_{eH,t}}{1,6}$$

$R_{m,100000,t}$ = average breaking strength after 100000 h of operation at design temperature t [N/mm²]

$R_{eH,t}$ = guaranteed yield strength or minimum value of the 0,2 % proof stress³ at design temperatures above 50 °C [N/mm²]

1.3.2 Cast materials

cast steel:
$$\sigma_{perm} = \min \left(\frac{R_{m,20^\circ}}{3,2}, \frac{R_{eH,t}}{2,0}, \frac{R_{m,100000,t}}{2,0} \right)$$

nodular cast iron:
$$\sigma_{perm} = \min \left(\frac{R_{m,20^\circ}}{4,8}, \frac{R_{eH,t}}{3,0} \right)$$

grey cast iron:
$$\sigma_{perm} = \frac{R_{m,20^\circ}}{11}$$

³ 1 % proof stress in case of austenitic steel

1.3.2 Non-ferrous metals

– copper and copper wrought alloys:
$$\sigma_{pem} = \frac{R_{m,t}}{4,0}$$

– aluminium and aluminium wrought alloys:
$$\sigma_{pem} = \frac{R_{m,t}}{4,0}$$

$R_{m,t}$ = guaranteed minimum tensile strength at design temperatures above 50 °C [N/mm²]

With non-ferrous metals supplied in varying degrees of hardness it should be noted that heating, e.g. at soldering or welding, can cause a reduction in strength. In these cases, calculations are to be based on the strength in the soft-annealed condition.

1.4 Design temperature

1.4.1 The design temperature to be applied is generally the maximum temperature of the medium to be contained.

1.4.2 Where heating is provided by firing, exhaust gases or electrical means, [Section 15, Table 15.3](#) is to be applied as appropriate. Where electrical heating is used, [Table 15.3](#) applies only to directly heated surfaces.

1.4.3 With service temperatures below 20 °C, a design temperature of at least 20 °C is to be used in calculations.

1.5 Weakening factor

For the weakening factors v , see [Section 15, Table 15.4](#).

1.6 Allowance for corrosion and wear

The allowance for corrosion and wear is generally $c = 1$ mm. It may be dispensed with in the case of plate thickness of 30 mm or more, stainless steels and other corrosion resistant materials.

1.7 Minimum wall thickness

1.7.1 The wall thickness of the shells and end plates should generally not be less than 3 mm.

1.7.2 Where the walls of vessels are made from pipes or corrosion resistant materials or for vessels and equipment of class III, a minimum wall thickness of 2 mm can be allowed, provided that the walls are not subjected to external forces.

1.8 Other rules applicable for design

Where walls, or parts of walls, cannot be calculated by applying the formulae given in [Section 15](#) or in accordance with the general rules of engineering practice, other methods e.g. bursting pressure tests according to recognized standards or numerical methods (FE Analysis) are to be used to demonstrate that the allowable stresses are not exceeded.

1.9 Shock calculation

If the Class Notation **SHOCK** shall be assigned, BKI is prepared to carry out on request additional appropriate shock calculations for pressure vessels and heat exchangers.

E. Equipment and Installation

1. Shut off devices

Shut off devices are to be fitted in pressure lines as close as possible to the pressure vessel. Where several pressure vessels are grouped together, it is not necessary that each vessel should be capable of being shut off individually and means need only be provided for shutting off the group. In general, not more than three vessels should be grouped together. Starting air receivers and other pressure vessels which are opened under service conditions are to be capable of being shut-off individually. Devices incorporated in piping, e.g. water and oil separators, do not require shut off devices.

2. Pressure gauges

2.1 Each pressure vessel which can be shut off and every group of vessels with a shut off device is to be equipped with a pressure gauge, also capable of being shut off. The measuring range and calibration must extend to the test pressure with a red mark to indicate the maximum allowable working pressure.

2.2 Equipment need only be fitted with pressure gauges when this is necessary for its operation.

3. Safety equipment

3.1 Each pressure vessel which can be shut-off or every group of vessels with a shut-off device must be equipped with a spring loaded safety valve which cannot be shut-off and which closes again reliably after blow off.

Appliances for controlling pressure and temperature are no substitute for relief valves.

3.2 Safety valves are to be designed and set in such a way that the max. allowable working pressure cannot be exceeded by more than 10 %. Means shall be provided to prevent the unauthorized alteration of the safety valve setting. Valve cones are to be capable of being lifted at all times.

3.3 Means of drainage which cannot be shut off are to be provided at the lowest point on the discharge side of safety valves for gases, steam and vapours. Facilities shall be provided for the safe disposal of hazardous gases, vapours or liquids discharging from safety valves.

3.4 Steam filled spaces are to be fitted with a safety valve if the steam pressure inside them is liable to exceed the maximum allowable working pressure. If vacuum will occur by e.g. condensation, an appropriate safety device is necessary.

3.5 Heated spaces which can be shut-off on both the inlet and the outlet side are to be fitted with a safety valve which will prevent an inadmissible pressure increase should the contents of the space undergo dangerous thermal expansion or the heating elements fail.

3.6 Pressure water tanks are to be fitted with a safety valve on the water side. A safety valve on the air side may be dispensed with if the air pressure supplied to the tank cannot exceed its maximum allowable working pressure.

3.7 Calorifiers are to be fitted with a safety valve at the cold water inlet.

3.8 Rupture discs are permitted only with the consent of BKI in applications where their use is specially justified. They are to be so designed that the maximum allowable working pressure cannot be exceeded by more than 10 %.

Rupture discs are to be provided with a guard to catch the fragments of the rupture element and must be protected against damage from outside. The fragments of the rupture element shall not be capable of reducing the necessary section of the discharge aperture.

3.9 Pressure relief devices can be dispensed with in the case of accumulators in pneumatic and hydraulic control and regulating systems provided that the pressure which can be supplied to these accumulators cannot exceed the maximum allowable working pressure and that the pressure volume product is $PB [\text{bar}] \cdot V [\ell] \leq 200$.

3.10 Electrically heated equipment has to be equipped with a temperature limiter besides of a temperature controller.

3.11 Oil fired warm water generators are to be equipped with limiters for temperature and pressure above a specified threshold. Additionally a low water level limiter, a limiter for minimum pressure or a low flow limiter is to be provided. The actuation of the limiters shall shut down and interlock the oil burner. Warm water generators heated by exhaust gases are to be equipped with the corresponding alarms.

3.12 The equipment on pressure vessels has to be suitable for the use on ships. The limiters for e.g. pressure, temperature and flow are safety devices and have to be type approved and have to be provided with appropriate type approval certificates. For safety valves the requirements of [Guidance for Approval and type Approval of Material and Equipment for Marine Use \(Pt.1, Vol.W\)](#) have to be fulfilled.

4. Liquid level indicators and feed equipment for heated pressure vessels

4.1 Heated pressure vessels in which a fall of the liquid level can result in unacceptably high temperatures in the vessel walls are to be fitted with a device for indicating the level of the liquid.

4.2 Pressure vessels with a fixed minimum liquid level are to be fitted with feed equipment of adequate size.

4.3 Warm water generating plants are to be designed as closed systems with external pressure generation and membrane expansion vessel. Water shall be circulated by forced circulation.

5. Sight glasses

Sight glasses in surfaces subject to pressure are allowed only if they are necessary for the operation of the plant and other means of observation cannot be provided. They shall not be larger than necessary and should preferably be round. Sight glasses are to be protected against mechanical damage, e.g. by wire mesh. With combustible, explosive or poisonous media, sight glasses shall be fitted with closable covers.

6. Draining and venting

6.1 Pressure vessels and equipment are to be capable of being depressurized and completely emptied or drained. Particular attention is to be given to the adequate drainage facilities of compressed air vessels.

6.2 Suitable connections for the execution of hydraulic pressure tests and a vent at the uppermost point are to be provided.

7. Installation

7.1 When installing and fastening pressure vessels on board ship care is to be taken to ensure that the loads due to content and structural weight of the vessel, to movements of the ship and vibrations cannot give rise to any excessive stress increases in the vessel's surfaces. Walls in the region of supports and brackets are to be fitted with reinforcing plates. The corners of the plates have to be rounded adequately to avoid increased welding stress. Exceptions have to be agreed with BKI.

7.2 Pressure vessels and equipment are to be installed in such a way as to provide for practicable all-round visual inspection and to facilitate the execution of periodic tests. Where necessary, ladders or step irons are to be fitted inside vessels.

7.3 Wherever possible, horizontally fastened compressed air receivers shall be installed at an angle and parallel to the centre line of the ship. The angle shall be at least 10 ° (with the valve head at the top). Where vessels are installed athwartships, the angle shall be greater, compare [Section 1, D](#).

7.4 Where necessary, compressed air receivers are to be marked on the outside to indicate that they can be installed on board ship in the position necessary for complete venting and drainage.

7.5 Support considering shock loads If a naval ship is designed to withstand shock loads and Class Notation **SHOCK** is assigned, additional requirements for the support of pressure vessels in accordance with [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt. 9, Vol. 2\) Sec 16, D](#) have to be fulfilled.

F. Tests

1. Pressure tests

1.1 After completion, pressure vessels and heat exchangers have to undergo constructional checks and hydrostatic pressure tests. No permanent deformation of the walls may result from these tests.

During the hydrostatic pressure test, the stresses specified in the following may not be exceeded:

for materials with a definite yield stress: $\frac{R_{eH,20^\circ}}{1,1}$

for materials without a definite yield stress: $\frac{R_{m,20^\circ}}{2,0}$

1.2 The test pressure PP for pressure vessels and heat exchangers is generally 1,5 times the maximum allowable working pressure PB, subject to a minimum of PB + 1 bar respectively 1,5 times of the design pressure PR if this is higher than PB.

In the case of pressure vessels and equipment which are only subjected to pressure below atmospheric pressure, the test pressure shall at least match the working pressure. Alternatively a pressure test can be carried out with a pressure which is 2 bar in excess of the atmospheric pressure.

1.3 All pressure vessels and equipment located in the fuel oil pressure lines of oil firing equipment for boilers are to be tested on the oil side with a test pressure of 1,5 times the maximum allowable working pressure, subject to a minimum of 5 bar. On the steam side the test is to be performed as specified in [1.2](#).

1.4 Pressure vessels in water supply systems which correspond to Standard DIN 4810 are to be tested at pressures of 5,2 bar, 7,8 bar or 13,0 bar as specified in the Standard.

1.5 Air coolers, are to be tested on the water side at 1,5 times the maximum allowable working pressure PB, subject to a minimum of 4 bar.

1.6 Warm water generators are to be subjected to a test pressure in accordance with the Standard or Directive applied, but at least with 1,3 times the maximum allowable working pressure.

1.7 Pressure tests with media other than water may be agreed to in special cases.

2. Tightness tests

For vessels and equipment containing dangerous substances, BKI reserve the right to call for a special test of gas tightness.

3. Testing after installation on board

Following installation on board ship, a check is carried out on the fittings of vessels and equipment and on the arrangement and setting of safety appliances, and operating tests are performed wherever necessary.

G. Gas Cylinders

1. General

1.1 For the purposes of these requirements, gas cylinders are bottles with a capacity of not more than 150 l with an outside diameter of ≤ 420 mm and a length of ≤ 2000 mm which are charged with gases in special filling stations and are thereafter brought on board ship where the pressurized gases are used, see also [Section 9](#).

1.2 These Guidelines are not valid for gas cylinders with

- a maximum allowable working pressure of maximum 0,5 bar, or
- a capacity $\leq 0,5$ l

1.3 These Guidelines are only valid in a limited range for gas cylinders with

- a maximum allowable working pressure of maximum 200 bar and
- a capacity $> 0,5$ l and < 4 l

For these gas cylinders a drawing approval can be waived. The tests according to [5.2 – 5.5](#) and the marking according to [7](#) respectively a possible recognition according to [8](#) are to be performed.

2. Approval procedure

2.1 Documentation

Drawings with definition of the planned form of stamp are to be submitted to BKI. To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process they shall be submitted in electronic format.

2.2 Materials

2.2.1 Details of the raw materials to be used (range of chemical analysis, name of manufacturer, scope of necessary characteristics and form of proof) are to be submitted.

2.2.2 Details of the scheduled heat treatment are to be submitted.

2.2.3 Details of the designated material properties (yield point, tensile strength, impact strength, fracture strain) of the finished product are to be submitted.

3. Manufacture

3.1 Gas cylinders are to be manufactured by established methods using suitable materials and have to be designed that they are well able to withstand the expected loads.

The following variants are to be distinguished:

- seamless gas cylinders made of steel
- welded gas cylinders made of steel

All other variants are subject to special approval by BKI Head Office.

3.2 The manufacturing process for seamless gas cylinders is to be approved by BKI.

3.3 Gas cylinders with the basic body made by welding are for the aforementioned requirements also subject of this Section.

4. Design calculation

4.1 Definitions

p_c	=	design pressure (specified test pressure) [bar]
s	=	wall thickness [mm]
D_a	=	outside diameter of gas cylinder [mm]
R_{eH}	=	guaranteed upper yield stress [N/mm ²]
$R_{p0,2}$	=	guaranteed 0,2 % proof stress [N/mm ²]
R_m	=	guaranteed minimum tensile strength [N/mm ²]
R_e	=	yield stress needed as comparative value for the determination of R [N/mm ²] either $R_e = R_{eH}$ or $R_e = R_{p0,2}$
R	=	in each case the smaller of the following two values [N/mm ²]: 1) R_e 2) – 0,75 R_m for normalized or normalized and tempered cylinders – 0,90 R_m for quenched and tempered cylinders
σ_{perm}	=	allowable stress [N/mm ²] = $\frac{R}{4/3}$
B	=	design coefficient for dished ends [–], see Section 15, D.4
V	=	weakening factor [–], see Section 15, D.2
c	=	corrosion allowance [mm] = 1 mm, if required

4.2 Test pressure

The specified test pressure for CO₂ bottles with a filling factor of 0,66 kg/l is 250 bar gauge. For other gases, the test pressure may be agreed with BKI. If not agreed otherwise the test pressure is to be at least 1,5 times the maximum allowable working pressure $p_{e,perm}$.

4.3 Cylindrical surfaces

$$s = \frac{D_a \cdot p_c}{20 \cdot \sigma_{perm} \cdot v + p_c} + c$$

4.4 Dished ends to outside

$$s = \frac{D_a \cdot p_c \cdot \beta}{20 \cdot \sigma_{perm}} + c$$

4.5 Spherical ends

$$s = \frac{D_a \cdot p_c}{40 \cdot \sigma_{perm} \cdot v + p_c} + c$$

4.6 Ends dished to inside

The conditions applicable to dished ends are shown in the Fig. 16.2.

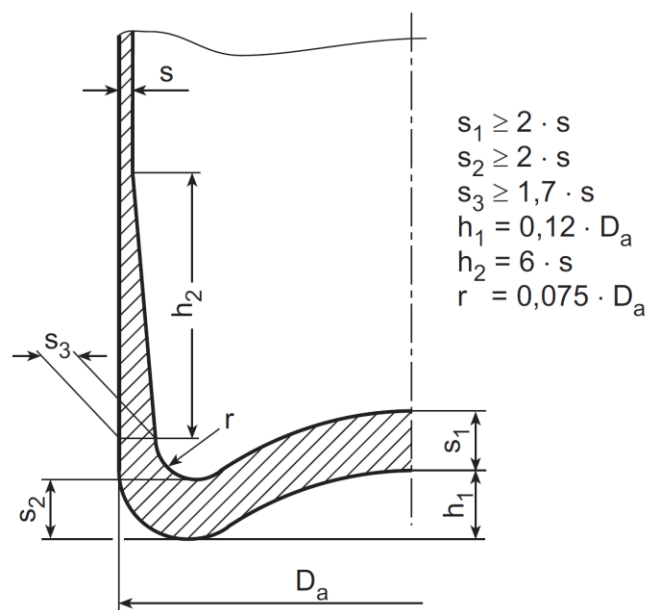


Fig. 16.2 Conditions at dished ends of gas cylinders

4.7 Alternative calculation

Alternatively a calculation according to EN 1964-1 or ISO 9809-1 may be performed, provided that the results are at least equivalent.

5. Testing of gas cylinders

5.1 Approval procedure

BKI may approve according to the following procedures:

5.1.1 Single test in lots

After approval of the documentation by BKI Head Office, the required tests according to 5.3 to 5.5 are to be performed.

The facilitations according to 5.5.3 are not to be applied.

5.1.2 Type approval and single test in lots

After approval of the documentation by BKI Head Office, the first production series serves to test the specimens according to 5.3 to 5.5. Afterwards for each production lot the required tests according to 5.3 to 5.5 are to be performed.

The facilitations according to 5.5.3 may apply.

5.1.3 Type approval and test arrangement

After approval of the documentation by BKI Head Office, the manufacturer may make special arrangements with BKI concerning the tests for approval.

5.2 Sampling

5.2.1 Normalized cylinders

Two sample cylinders from each 400 originating from each melt and each heat treatment are to be taken.

5.2.2 Quenched and tempered cylinders

Two sample cylinders from each 200 out from each melt and from each heat treatment are to be taken.

5.3 Testing on all gas cylinders

5.3.1 For all gas cylinders submitted for testing a hydrostatic pressure test with a test pressure according to 4.2 is to be performed.

5.3.2 All gas cylinders submitted for testing are subjected to a final visual inspection. The gas cylinders have to meet the requirements defined in the documentation for approval.

As far as an inspection by BKI is to be provided, a check of the weight and volumetric capacity as well as of the stamped marking is to be performed for 10 % of the gas cylinders by Surveyor.

5.3.3 The manufacturer has to establish the volumetric capacity and weight of each cylinder.

5.3.4 Cylinders which have been quenched and tempered are to be subjected by the manufacturer to 100 % hardness testing. As far as not otherwise agreed, the hardness values evaluated for one test lot according to 5.2 shall not be differing by more than 55 HB.

5.4 Testing on the first sample cylinder

5.4.1 From the first sample cylinder according to 5.2 one longitudinal tensile test specimen, three transverse bending test specimens and a set of ISO V-type notched bar impact test specimens are to be taken in longitudinal or transverse direction. The notched bar impact test specimens are to be tested at - 20 °C. The average impact work shall be at least 35 J.

5.4.2 The cylindrical wall thickness of the first sample cylinder is to be measured in transverse planes at three levels (neck, middle and base) and the end plate is to be sawn through and the thickness measured.

5.4.3 At the first sample cylinder examination of the inner surface of the neck and bottom portions to detect possible manufacturing defects.

5.5 Testing on the second sample cylinder

5.5.1 The second sample cylinder is subjected to a bursting test according to 5.5.2.

5.5.2 Bursting test

.1 Test bottles intended to be subjected to a bursting test are to be clearly identified as to the lot from which they have been taken.

.2 The required bursting pressure has to be at least 1,8 times the test pressure p_p .

.3 The hydrostatic bursting test is to be carried out in two subsequent stages, by means of a testing device enabling the pressure to be continuously increased up to bursting of the cylinders and the pressure curve to be recorded as a function of time. The test must be carried out at room temperature.

.4 During the first stage, the pressure has to continuously increase, up to the value at which plastic deformation starts; the pressure increase shall not exceed 5 bar/sec.

Once the point of plastic deformation has been reached (second stage), the pump capacity shall not exceed twice the capacity of the first stage; it has then to be kept constant until the cylinder bursts.

.5 The appearance of the fracture has to be evaluated. It shall not be brittle and no breaking pieces are to be detached.

5.5.3 For lots of less than 400 pieces of normalized cylinders respectively for lots of less than 200 quenched and tempered cylinders the bursting pressure is waived for every second lot.

5.6 Presence of Surveyor

As far as not agreed otherwise (see 5.1.3) the presence of Surveyor is required for the tests according to 5.3.1, 5.3.2, 5.4 and 5.5.2.

6. The manufacturer has to establish the volumetric capacity and weight of each cylinder.

7. Marking and identification

Each gas cylinder is to be marked with the following:

- name or trade name of the manufacturer
- serial number
- type of gas
- design strength value [N/mm²]
- capacity [l]
- test pressure [bar]
- empty weight [kg]
- date of test
- test stamp

8. Recognition of equivalent tests

8.1 Recognition for single tests in lots

8.1.1 If the approval of the documents respectively the type approval of an institution recognized by BKI is submitted, already manufactured gas cylinders checked by single test in lots may be recognized by BKI.

8.1.2 Herewith the complete documentation including manufacturing records is to be made available to BKI Head Office and has to be evaluated with positive result.

8.1.3 The gas cylinders are to be subjected to an external check and a survey for conformity with the documentation.

8.2 Recognition for tests with own responsibility

For gas cylinders which have been manufactured under the manufacturer's own responsibility on the basis of an approval by an institution outside BKI, an approval procedure according to [5.1.1](#) has to be performed.

Section 17 Oil Burner and Oil Firing Equipment

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A. General

1. Scope

1.1 The following requirements apply to fully automatic and semi-automatic oil burners and oil firing equipment that are to be used for burning of liquid fuels according to [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt. 9, Vol. 3\) Sec. 1, F](#) installed on auxiliary steam boilers and hot water generators in the following referred to as boilers.

1.2 Where oil burners and oil firing equipment are to be used for burning of different liquid fuels or fuels divergent to [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt. 9, Vol. 3\) Sec. 1, F](#) as e.g. low sulphur distillate oils (LSDO), the necessary measures are to be agreed with the Head Office of BKI in each single case.

2. Applicable Rules

The following Rules and Guidelines are to be applied analogously:

Section 15	for auxiliary steam boilers and hot water generators
Section 16	for pressure vessels
Section 8, A to D, Q and R	for pumps, pipelines, valves and fittings
Section 9	for fire detection and fire extinguishing equipment
Guidelines for Electrical Installations (Pt.9, Vol.4)	for electrical installations
Guidelines for Automation (Pt.9, Vol.7)	for automated machinery systems (OT)
Guidance for The Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use (Pt.1, Vol.W)	for components requiring type approval

3. Documents for approval

To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process the documents should be submitted in electronic format.

The following drawings and documents are to be submitted to BKI for approval. The drawings are required to contain all the details necessary to carry out an examination in accordance with the following requirements:

- general drawings of the oil burner

- piping and equipment diagram of the burner including part list
- description of function
- electrical diagrams
- list of equipment regarding electrical control and safety
- Confirmation by the manufacturer that the oil burner and the oil firing equipment are suitable for the fuels intended to be used.

4. Approved fuels

For approved fuels see the [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec. 1, F.](#)

5. Boiler equipment and burner arrangement

5.1 Oil burners are to be designed, fitted and adjusted in such a manner as to prevent flames from causing damage to the boiler surfaces or tubes which border the combustion space. Boiler parts which might otherwise suffer damage are to be protected by refractory lining.

The firing system shall be arranged as to prevent flames from blowing back into the boiler or engine room and allow unburned fuel to be safely drained.

5.2 Observation openings are to be provided at suitable points on the boiler or burner through which the ignition flame, the main flame and the lining can be observed.

5.3 Fuel leaking from potential leak points is to be safely collected in oil tight trays and drained away, see [Section 9, B.5.](#)

6. Simultaneous operation of oil firing equipment and internal combustion machinery

The operation of oil firing equipment in spaces containing other plants with a high air consumption, e.g. internal combustion engines or air compressors, are not to be impaired by variations of the atmospheric pressure.

B. Requirements regarding Oil Firing Equipment

1. General

1.1 Boilers without permanent and direct supervision are to be operated with automatic firing systems.

1.2 Oil firing equipment with electrically operated components is also to be capable of being shut down by emergency switches located at the operating panel and from a position outside the space in which the equipment is installed. In analogous manner, means are to be provided for a remote shut-down of steam-operated fuel oil service pumps.

1.3 Oil firing equipment including the oil burner used with different fuel oils with regard to chemical composition and physical properties are to be equipped or are to be able to be operated in a manner that any change-over to another fuel oil ensures in any case a safe automatic operation.

1.4 Manual operation

1.4.1 For oil burners at boilers, which are operated automatically, means for operation and supervision are to be provided which allow a manual operation with the following minimum requirements by using an additional control level.

1.4.2 Flame monitoring shall remain active.

1.4.3 The safety equipment not required for manual operation may only be set out of function by means of a key-operated switch. The actuation of the key operated switch is to be indicated.

1.4.4 Manual operation requires constant and direct supervision of the system.

2. Equipment of the heat generators and burner arrangement

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3. Simultaneous operation of oil burners and

internal combustion machinery The operation of oil burners in spaces containing other plants with high air consumption, e.g. internal combustion engines or air compressors, is not to be impaired by variations in the air pressure.

4. Pumps, pipelines, valves and fittings

4.1 By means of a hand-operated quick-closing device mounted at the fuel oil manifold, it shall be possible to isolate the fuel supply to the burners from the pressurized fuel lines. Depending on design and method of operation, a quick-closing device may also be required directly in front of each burner.

C. Requirements to Oil Burners

1. Safety equipment

1.1 The correct sequence of safety functions when the burner is started up or shut-down is to be ensured by means of a burner control box.

1.2 Two automatic quick-closing devices are to be provided at the fuel oil supply line to the burner.

For the fuel oil supply line to the ignition burner one automatic shut-off device will be sufficient, if the fuel oil pump is switched-off after ignition of the burner.

1.3 In an emergency it shall be possible to close the automatic quick-closing device from the boiler control platform and - where applicable - from the machinery control centre.

1.4 The automatic quick-closing devices shall not release the oil supply to the burner during start up and has to interrupt the oil supply during operation (automatic restart possible), if one of the following faults occur:

- a) – failure of the required pressure of the atomizing medium (steam and compressed air atomizers)

- failure of the oil pressure needed for atomization (oil pressure atomizers)¹
- exceeding of the maximum allowable pressure in the return line (burner with return line)
- insufficient rotary speed of spinning cup or primary air pressure too low (rotary atomizers)
- b) failure of combustion air supply¹
- c) failure of control power supply
- d) failure of induced-draught fan or insufficient opening of exhaust gas register
- e) burner not in operating position

1.5 The fuel oil supply has to be interrupted by closing the automatic quick-closing devices and interlocked by means of the burner control box, if

- a flame does not develop within the safety period following start-up, see 1.7
- the flame is extinguished during operation and an attempt to restart the burner within the safety period is unsuccessful, see 1.7
- limit switches are actuated

1.6 If burners are equipped with return lines, these lines have also to be provided with an automatic quick-closing device. The device in the return line may be dispensed with if the return line is not under pressure and no oil is able to flow back when the burner is shut down.

1.7 Every burner is to be equipped with a safety device for flame monitoring suitable for the particular fuel oil (spectral range of the burner flame is to be observed) in use. This appliance has to comply with the following safety periods² on burner start-up or when the flame is extinguished in operation:

- on start-up 5 seconds
- in operation 1 second

Where this is justified, longer safety periods may be permitted for burners with an oil throughput of up to 30 kg/h. Measures are to be taken to ensure that the safety period for the main flame is not prolonged by the action of the igniters (e.g. ignition burners).

1.8 The equipment in the oil firing system has to be suitable for the use in oil firing systems and on ships. The proof of the suitability of the limiters and alarm transmitters for e.g. burner control box, flame monitoring device, automatic quick-closing device is to be demonstrated by a type approval examination according to the requirements of Rules listed in A.2.

1.9 The tripping of the safety and monitoring devices has to be indicated by visual and audible alarms at the control panel of the boiler.

1.10 The electrical interlocking of the firing system following tripping by the safety and monitoring devices is only to be cancelled out at the control panel of the boiler or of the firing system respectively.

¹ Where there are no oil or air supply monitoring devices or spring-loaded fast closing device in the pump, the above requirements are considered to have been met if there is a motor-fan-pump assembly in the case of a single shaft motor output or a fan-motor-oil pump assembly in the case of a double ended shaft motor output. In the latter case, there shall be a positive coupling between the motor and the fan.

² The safety period is the maximum permitted time during which fuel oil may be supplied to the combustion space in the absence of a flame.

2. Design and construction of burners

2.1 The type and design of the burner³ and its atomizing and air turbulence equipment shall ensure virtually complete combustion.

2.2 Equipment used, especially pumps and shut off devices, shall be suitable for the particular application and the fuels in use.

2.3 Oil burners are to be so designed and constructed that personnel cannot be endangered by moving parts. This applies particularly to blower intake openings. The latter are also to be protected to prevent the entry of drip water.

2.4 The high-voltage ignition system shall be automatically disconnected when the oil burner is retracted or pivoted out of the operating position. A catch is to be provided to hold the burner in the swung out position.

2.5 Where dampers or similar devices are fitted in the air supply duct, care is to be taken to ensure that air for purging the combustion chamber is always available unless the oil supply is necessarily interrupted.

2.6 Where an installation comprises several burners supplied with combustion air by a common fan, each burner is to be fitted with a shut-off device (e.g. a flap). Means are to be provided for retaining the shut-off device in position and its position is to be indicated.

2.7 Every burner is to be equipped with an igniter. The ignition is to be initiated immediately after purging. In the case of low-capacity burners of monoblock type (permanently coupled oil pump and fan) ignition may begin with start-up of the burner unless the latter is located in the roof of the chamber.

2.8 Where burners are blown through after shutdown, provision is to be made for the safe ignition of the residual oil ejected.

3. Purging of combustion chamber and flues, exhaust gas ducting

3.1 The combustion chamber and flues are to be adequately purged with air prior to every burner start-up. A warning sign is to be mounted to this effect.

3.2 A threefold renewal of the total air volume of the combustion chamber and the flue gas ducts up to the funnel inlet is considered sufficient. Normally purging shall be performed with the total flow of combustion air for at least 15 seconds. It shall, however, in any case be performed with at least 50 % of the volume of combustion air needed for the maximum heating power of the firing system.

3.3 Bends and dead corners in the exhaust gas ducts are to be avoided.

³ For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions apply:

Fully automatic oil burners

are burners equipped with automatic igniters, automatic flame monitors and automatic controls so that the ignition, flame monitoring and burner start-up and shut-down are effected as a function of the controlled variable without the intervention of operating personnel.

Semi - automatic oil burners

are burners equipped with automatic igniters, automatic flame monitors and automatic controls. Burner start-up is initiated manually. Shut-down may be initiated manually. Burner shutdown is not followed by automatic re-ignition.

Manually operated oil burners

are burners where every ignition sequence is initiated and carried out by hand. The burner is automatically monitored and shut down by the flame monitor and by limiters where required by the safety system. Re-starting can only be carried out directly at the burner and by hand.

Dampers in uptakes and funnels should be avoided. Any damper which may be fitted is to be so installed that no oil supply is possible when the cross section of the purge line is reduced below a certain minimum value. The position of the damper shall be indicated at the boiler control platform.

3.4 Where dampers or similar devices are fitted in the air supply duct, care has to be taken to ensure that air for purging the combustion chamber is always available unless the oil supply is necessarily interrupted.

3.5 Where an induced-draught fan is fitted, an interlocking system shall prevent start-up of the firing equipment before the fan has started. A corresponding interlocking system is also to be provided for any flaps which may be fitted to the funnel opening.

4. Electrical equipment

Electrical controls, safety appliances and their types of enclosure shall comply with the [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\)](#) and [Guidelines for Automation \(Pt.9, Vol.7\)](#).

High voltage igniters have to be sufficiently safe against unauthorized operation.

5. Marking

The following information shall be stated on a durable manufacturer's name plate attached to the burner:

- manufacturer's name plate
- type and size
- serial number
- year of manufacture
- min./max. oil flow
- fuel oils to be used
- degree of protection

D. Testing

1. Test at the manufacturer's shop

For burners of boilers the following examinations have to be performed at the manufacturer's shop and documented by a BKI approval Certificate:

- visual inspection and completeness check
- pressure test of the burner
- insulation resistance test
- high voltage test
- functional test of the safety related equipment

2. Tests on board

2.1 After installation a pressure and tightness test of the fuel system including fittings has to be performed, see [Section 8, B.4](#).

2.2 The system including the switchboard installed at the boiler on board the ship has to be function tested as follows, especially the required purging time has to be identified and manual operation has to be demonstrated:

- completeness check for the required components of the equipment
- functional test of all safety relevant equipment
- functional test of the burner control box
- identification of maximum and minimum burner power
- identification of flame stability on start-up, at maximum and at minimum burner power under consideration of combustion chamber pressure. Unspecified pressure changes are not permitted
- proof regarding required purging of flues and safety times
- in case the oil burner is operated with different fuel oils the proper change-over to another fuel oil quality and especially the safe operation of the flame monitoring, the quick closing devices and the preheater, if existing, are to be checked

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Section 18 Diving Systems and Systems for Breathing Gases

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A. General Rules and Instructions

1. General

1.1 The requirements defined in this Section are to be applied for diving systems and systems for production, bottling and storage of breathing gases which will be classified by BKI and for which the Class Notation **DI** will be affixed to the Character of Classification, see also [Guidelines for Classification and Surveys \(Pt.9, Vol.1\) Sec. 2, C.](#)

1.2 International conventions and codes

Diving systems conforming to these guidelines also comply with the requirements according to :

- Code of Safety for Diving Systems (DS Code)

1.3 Designs differing from these guidelines may be permitted provided their suitability has been verified by BKI and they have been recognized as equivalent. For such differing designs BKI is entitled to require the submission of additional documentation and the performance of special tests.

1.4 National regulations existing besides the BKI Rules are unaffected.

2. Definitions

2.1 Breathing gases/breathing gas mixtures

Breathing gases / breathing gas mixtures are all gases and gas mixtures which are used during diving missions resp. during use of breathing apparatus.

2.2 Bottles / gas cylinders

Bottles/gas cylinders are pressure vessels for storage and transport of breathing gases under pressure.

2.3 Bottling plant

Bottling plants are used for filling pressure vessels for breathing gases. This plant includes the complete equipment necessary to fill the bottles. The plant begins immediately behind the closing valve at the pipeline for the gas to be bottled or at the suction socket of the transfer system.

2.4 Nitrox

Nitrox is a breathing gas mixture, compressed air and oxygen with an oxygen content of at least 22 %.

2.5 Heliox

Heliox is a breathing gas mixture consisting of helium and oxygen.

2.6 Trimix

Trimix is a breathing gas mixture consisting of helium, nitrogen and oxygen with an oxygen content below 21 Vol. %.

2.7 For further definitions see [Code of Safety for Diving Systems \(DS Code\) Chapter 1.3](#).

3. Documents for approval

3.1 To facilitate a smooth and efficient approval process the documents should be submitted in electronic format.

3.2 The drawings shall contain all the data necessary to check the design and the loading of the equipment. Wherever necessary, calculations relating to components and descriptions of the system are to be submitted.

3.3 The following documents are to be submitted:

- piping diagrams, block diagrams and descriptions are to be furnished for the entire gas supply system and/or bottling plant
- description of compressors and compressor drives including longitudinal and transverse sectional drawings of the compressors
- drawings of pressure vessels and apparatus giving full details for appraising the safety of the equipment
- description of proposed cleaning procedure for breathing gas system
- details of the gas analysis, including an equipment list

Approvals of other institutions may be taken into consideration.

4. Marking

4.1 Permanently installed gas bottles, gas containers and gas piping systems are, in addition, to be marked with a permanent colour code in accordance with [Table 18.1](#) and with the chemical symbol designating the type of gas concerned. The marking of gas bottles has to be visible from the valve side.

Systems for other media are also to be marked in suitable way.

The distances of the markings are to be chosen for pipe systems according to function and safety.

Table 18.1 Marking of gas systems

Type of gas	Chemical symbol	Colour code
Oxygen	O ₂	white
Nitrogen	N ₂	black
Air	–	white and black
Helium	He	brown
Oxygen/Helium mixed gas	Heliox	white and brown
Oxygen/Nitrogen mixed gas	Nitrox	white and brown
Oxygen/Helium/Nitrogen mixed gas	Trimix	black, white and brown
Note : <i>Designation and marking of gas systems for special purposes is to be agreed with BKI.</i>		

4.2 Manometers for oxygen and/or nitrox have to be marked as free of oil and grease.

B. Principles for the Design and Construction of Diving Systems

1. General principles

1.1 Bottling plants are to be constructed and operated in a way that the operating, control and maintenance personnel or other persons in the proximity of the plant are not endangered.

1.2 Pipe connections between pressured air bottling plants for the production of breathing gases and other compressed air systems on board are only to be established with special approval of BKI and under consideration of additional protection measures.

1.3 Pipelines carrying gas or oxygen under high pressure shall not be routed through accommodation spaces, engine rooms or similar compartments.

1.4 Pipelines for mixed gases containing more than 25 % oxygen are to be treated as pure oxygen lines. For special requirements see [10](#).

1.5 Filling pipes and intermediate or coupling pieces of filling pipes are to be suitable to be released of pressure without danger.

1.6 Filling connections are to be constructed or marked in a way that confusion of the gases to be filled is safely avoided and a correct connection can be established.

1.7 At the gas draw off position the bottling plant has to be equipped with a manometer which shows the supply pressure.

2. Pressure vessels and apparatus

Pressure vessels and apparatus under pressure are to be designed and manufactured according to the requirements of [Section 16](#).

3. Compressors

3.1 The compressors are to be suitable for an operation on board of seagoing ships and are to be operable under the actual operating and ambient conditions of the naval ship.

3.2 Compressors are to be designed for the required delivery rates, types of gas and delivery pressures.

3.3 Compressors are to be so designed that no lubricating oil can penetrate the gas circuit.

3.4 Compressors are to be so installed that no harmful gases and oil vapours can be sucked.

3.5 Oxygen compressors are to be installed in separate spaces with adequate ventilation, see [C.1.3](#).

3.6 Compressors are to be equipped with adequately designed suction filters, coolers and water separators.

3.7 The breathing air produced by compressors has to meet the requirements of EN 12021. National regulations remain unaffected from hereby.

3.8 Each compressor stage is to be equipped with a pressure relief valve or rupture disc, neither of which can be disabled. This safety device shall be designed and set in such a way that the specified pressure in the compressor stage concerned cannot be exceeded by more than 10 %. The setting is to be safeguarded against unauthorized alteration. If rupture discs are used, it is to be secured that no gas escapes uncontrolled from the gas stock.

3.9 Each compressor stage is to be provided with a suitable pressure gauge indicating clearly the final pressure of that stage.

3.10 Where a compressor stage comprises more than one cylinder and each cylinder can be closed off individually, a pressure relief valve and a pressure gauge is to be provided for each cylinder.

3.11 Cooling liquid systems with a shut off device are to be so designed that the specified coolant pressure cannot be exceeded.

3.12 Dry running reciprocating compressors are to be equipped at each stage with a device which activates a warning signal and shuts down the drive motor if the final compression temperature stated in the operating instructions is exceeded.

3.13 Diaphragm type compressors are to be equipped at each stage with a diaphragm rupture indicator which shuts down the compressor as soon as damage occurs to the drive or compressor diaphragm.

3.14 Marking

A manufacturer's data plate containing the following details is to be permanently fixed to each compressor:

- type designation
- manufacturer's name
- serial number
- year of manufacture
- nominal capacity [m³/h]
- compression end pressure [bar]
- revolutions per minute
- power demand [kW]

4. Piping systems

4.1 Piping systems are to be constructed and manufactured on the basis of standards generally used in shipbuilding.

As far as it is not defined in detail in the following, pipelines of bottling plants have to fulfil the requirements of [Section 8, A, B, C and D](#).

4.2 Expansion in piping systems is to be compensated by pipe bends or compensators. Attention is to be given to the suitable location of fixed points.

4.3 Means are to be provided for the complete evacuation, drainage and venting of pipelines.

4.4 Pipelines which may be subjected in service to pressures higher than the design pressure are to be fitted with overpressure protection.

4.5 The use of hoses is to be restricted to a minimum and only short lengths are permitted to be installed.

5. Pipe connections

5.1 Wherever possible, pipes should be joined by full penetration butt welds.

5.2 Screwed pipe connections may only be made using bite joints approved by BKI.

5.3 Flanged connections may be used provided that the flanges and flange bolts conform to a recognized standard.

6. Valves and fittings

6.1 Shut off devices shall conform to a recognized standard. Valves with screw down bonnets or spindles are to be protected against unintentional unscrewing of the bonnet.

6.2 Manually operated shut off devices are to be closed by turning in the clockwise direction.

6.3 Hose fittings are to be made of corrosion resistant material and are to be so designed that they cannot be disconnected accidentally.

7. Materials

7.1 Materials are to be suitable for the proposed application and shall conform to [Rules for Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.V\)](#) and [Rules for Non-metallic Materials \(Pt.1, Vol.XIV\)](#).

7.2 Welds are to conform to [Rules for Welding \(Pt.1, Vol.VI\) Section 15](#).

7.3 Materials for breathing gas systems shall not emit any poisonous or flammable products.

7.4 In oxygen systems, only those materials may be used which are approved for use with oxygen and which are suitable for the proposed operating conditions.

8. Electrical installation

The electrical installation has to meet the requirements of [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\)](#) and [Guidelines for Automations \(Pt.9, Vol.7\)](#).

Systems for breathing gases are to be provided with a sufficient compensation of electrical potential.

9. Control and monitoring

Bottling plants for breathing gases have to be operated and monitored manually.

10. Additional requirements for breathing gas systems for nitrox and oxygen

10.1 Piping systems for mixed gases containing more than 25 % oxygen are to be treated as pure oxygen lines. For such systems the following special requirements are to be considered:

10.2 All components and materials included in the system are to be suitable for oxygen in relation to their type and application and are to be carefully cleaned and degreased before putting into operation.

10.3 Fittings for oxygen are to be constructed to avoid a burn off or are to be so arranged or protected that the personnel cannot be hurt in case of a burn off.

10.4 For oxygen armatures and fittings only lubricants are allowed which are approved for the actual operating conditions.

10.5 Manometers for oxygen and/or Nitrox are to be marked as free of oil and grease.

10.6 In piping systems containing oxygen only spindle valves are permissible. As emergency shutoff quick-closing valves, like e.g. ball valves, may be provided at a suitable location, if these are adequately marked and secured against unintentional activation.

10.7 Spindle valves for oxygen have to be constructed for a nominal diameter above 15 mm and operating pressures of more than 40 bar in a way that the spindle thread is outside of the gas space.

10.8 Wherever possible, the pressure in oxygen lines is to be reduced at the gas storage facility to a pressure which is still compatible with an adequate gas supply to the diving system.

10.9 Oxygen pipes are to be routed separately from oil pipes. Pipelines carrying oxygen under high pressure shall not be routed through accommodation spaces, engine rooms or similar compartments.

10.10 For oxygen lines with operating pressures above 40 bar high alloyed Cr-Ni-steels with a content of Cr and Ni of together at least 22 % or Cr-Si-steels with a Cr content of at least 22 % are to be used.

10.11 Connection pieces for oxygen are to be designed to avoid burnout or are to be so arranged resp. to be protected that the personnel cannot be injured in case of burnout.

10.12 Sealing materials which contain flammable elements and which come into contact with gases under pressure and oxygen influence may only be approved for connection parts if their suitability for pressures, temperature and type of mounting is proven.

10.13 Hoses are to be suitable for oxygen.

C. Fire Protection and Safety

1. Arrangement of systems for breathing gases

1.1 Production and bottling plants for breathing gases are not to be installed in areas where internal combustion engines or boilers are operated.

1.2 Production and bottling plants for breathing gases have to be installed with sufficient space for operation, maintenance and cleaning, for escape and safety routes as well as for fire fighting.

1.3 Closed spaces for bottling plants are to be provided with a mechanical ventilation of at least 8 air changes per hour. The air shall be sucked from an area which is not endangered by explosion.

1.4 On ships with NBC protection the ventilation of the space where the production and bottling plant for breathing gases is installed has to be fed from a fresh air duct provided with a NBC filter.

1.5 Floor drainage has to be avoided.

1.6 Compressed gas from pressure release and safety devices has to be carried off safely.

2. Gas storage

2.1 The breathing gases have to be stored in a fixed gas storage or at a suitable place for gas cylinders.

2.2 Oxygen gas cylinders are to be stored at well ventilated locations, preferably in suitable cabinets at the open deck and shall not be stored near combustible materials.

2.3 Spaces in which oxygen is stored is to be separated from the adjoining spaces by bulkheads and decks of a type with 60 minutes fire resistance and shall be arranged to facilitate speedy exit in case of danger. Spaces where oxygen can penetrate are to be equipped with an oxygen monitoring device. The oxygen sensor has to be installed near the floor. As an alternative a monitored suction of the space air may be provided near the floor.

3. Fire detection system

3.1 Spaces where breathing gas systems for oxygen and/ or nitrox are installed have to be provided with fire detection and alarm devices.

3.2 Fire detection systems including central fire detection station, fire detectors and wiring of the detection loops require the approval of BKI.

3.3 Fire detection systems are to be so constructed that any fault, as e.g. supply failure, short circuit or wire breakage in the detection loops, or the removal of a detector from its base, triggers a visual and audible signal at the fire detection station in the central control position.

3.4 For the design and arrangement of fire detection and alarm systems [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\)](#) and [Guidelines for Automation \(Pt.9, Vol.7\)](#) are to be observed.

4. Fire extinguishing

Interior spaces containing equipment subject to this Section or parts thereof are to be equipped in addition to the normal fire-fighting systems of the naval ship with approved manual fire extinguishers. One of the portable fire extinguishers shall in every case be situated close to the entrance to the space concerned.

D. Tests and Trials

1. General

Systems for breathing gases are subject to constructional and material tests as well as to pressure and tightness tests and trials. As a minimum requirement, this shall include verification of compliance with the approved documents, inspection of workmanship, the verification of materials and checking of dimensional tolerances. All the tests prescribed in the following paragraphs are to be performed and documented, wherever applicable. About the presence of Surveyors at these tests and trials BKI will decide in each individual case.

2. Pressure vessels and apparatus

Vessels and apparatuses under pressure are to be checked and tested according to [Section 16](#).

3. Compressors

3.1 Compressor components subjected to pressure are to undergo a hydraulic pressure test at a test pressure equal to 1,5 times the delivery pressure of the compressor stage concerned.

3.2 On completion, compressors are to be subjected to a tightness test at their maximum working pressure. In addition, a performance test is to be carried out in which the final moisture content and any possible contamination of the compressed gas are to be determined. The control, monitoring and safety devices are to be checked.

3.3 Compressor plants have to undergo a functional test after their completion, which has to include a check of the control, monitoring and safety equipment.

4. Pipes and fittings

4.1 After completion of the system, but before insulation and painting all pipes and fittings have to undergo a pressure test with 1,5 times the maximum allowable working pressure PB.

4.2 Pipes and fittings for breathing gases and oxygen have to be cleaned and subjected to a purity test before putting into operation and have to undergo a cleanness test.

4.3 For fittings in oxygen and/or nitrox lines the oxygen suitability has to be proven.

4.4 All safety devices in piping systems are to be examined.

5. Hose assemblies

5.1 The bursting pressure of each hose type has to be proven to BKI, whereby for gases at least 5 times the maximum allowable working pressure PB has to be endured.

5.2 All hose lines including end fittings are to be subjected to 1,5 times (metallic hose lines) resp. 2 times (non metallic hose lines) the maximum allowable working pressure at the same time using the original media (as far as possible) and an eventual pressure decrease because of leakage is to be checked.

6. Electrical equipment

6.1 Electrical machines, components, cables and lines are to be tested in the manufacturer's works and after installation on board in accordance with [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\) Sec. 6, G and Sec. 17](#)).

6.2 The equalization of electrical potential has to be examined.

Section 19 Arrangements and Equipment for Operation in Ice

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A. General

1. Scope

1.1 The requirements of this Section apply to naval ships which are intended for operation in ice-covered waters or areas where a risk of icing exists at a minimum anticipated air temperature defined by the Naval Administration.

1.2 The design targets for such an operation of naval ships are:

- minimization of accretion of ice and its effects
- minimization of operation disturbances by low temperatures and ice
- minimization of the effects of the accretion of ice like for example, no shutters should be fitted in the freeing ports; and
- to be equipped with such means for removing ice as the Naval Administration may require; for example, electrical and pneumatic devices, and/or special tools such as axes or wooden clubs for removing ice from bulwarks, rails and superstructures

1.3 This section is based on an integrated approach to all relevant aspects of such an operation to ensure that all machinery and deck systems are capable of functioning effectively and provide adequate levels of safety in normal operations, but also in accident and emergency situations.

2. References to other aspects of operation in ice

2.1 Class Notation ES

For hull and machinery of naval ships strengthened for navigation in drift ice in the mouth of rivers and in coastal regions the Class Notation **ES** may be assigned, provided that [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 13](#) and [Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\) Sec. 9](#) are satisfied.

2.2 Class Notations ES1 to ES4

The requirements for ice classes **ES1**, **ES2**, **ES3** and **ES4** for hull and machinery are equivalent to the relevant Finnish-Swedish ice classes IC, IB, IA and IA super and are defined in [Rules for Hull Structures \(Pt.1, Vol.II\), Sec. 15](#) and [Rules for Machinery Installations \(Pt.1, Vol.III\) Sec. 13](#).

2.3 Measures for conditions of navigation in ice, different from the conditions relevant for [1](#) and [2.1](#) to [2.2](#) may be agreed with BKI case by case.

3. Documents for approval

The following design documentation shall be submitted considering the general requirements defined in [Section 1, C](#) :

- arrangement of equipment for preventing of icing and de-icing for:
 - ship arrangement and equipment
 - machinery equipment
 - fire safety
 - electrical installations
 - electrical single line diagrams for all heating circuits including required power consumption
 - arrangement and fixing of heating cables for the equipment concerned
 - piping and pumping scheme for heating fluids
 - arrangement of heating piping for the equipment concerned
 - piping schemes and details of installation of hydraulic power pack for hydraulic systems exposed to very low temperature
 - piping scheme and details of compressor for compressed air systems exposed to very low temperatures
 - details of protection of control consoles
 - definition of basic power supply and redundant power supply for essential equipment and equipment for life-saving
 - details of switchboard for central control of all measures defined above
 - list of hand tools for ice removal and arrangements of their storage near the locations for their use
- Operating and Training Manual
- Test Program

4. Rules and regulations to be considered

The latest issue of the following Rules and regulations has to be considered:

4.1 BKI Rules

- [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\)](#)
- [Guidelines for Propulsion Plants \(Pt.9, Vol.3\)](#)
- [Guidelines for Electrical Installations \(Pt.9, Vol.4\)](#)

4.2 Other regulations

- IMO Resolution A.1024(26): Guidelines for Ships Operating in Polar Waters
- Ships Operating in Polar Waters Transport Canada TP 14335 E: Winter Navigation on the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence

5. Classification, notations

Naval ships fulfilling the additional requirements for operation at very low temperatures in accordance with [B](#) to [G](#) of this Section, as far as applicable, may be assigned the Notation **ICEOPS**.

6. Special environmental conditions

6.1 Causes for accumulation of ice on the decks, superstructures and equipment of naval ships can be:

- wash of the sea
- spray of the sea
- condensation of humidity existing in the air on the cold vessel surfaces

The first two possibilities of icing are to be considered up to a height of 20 m above waterline. In higher areas only the third possibility is to be considered.

6.2 Allowance for ice accretion

For ice accretion the following icing allowances should be made:

6.2.1 30 kg/m² on exposed weather decks and gangways.

6.2.2 7,5 kg/m² for projected lateral area of each side of the ship above the water plane.

6.2.3 the projected lateral area of discontinuous surfaces of rail, sundry booms, spars (except masts) and rigging of ships and the projected lateral area of other small objects should be computed by increasing the total projected area of continuous surfaces by 5 % and the static moments of this area by 10 %.

6.3 Guidance relating to ice accretion

In the application of the above standards the following icing areas should apply:

6.3.1 the area north of latitude 65° 30' N, between longitude 28° W and the west coast of Iceland; north of the north coast of Iceland; north of the rhumb line running from latitude 66° N, longitude 15° W to latitude 73° 30' N, longitude 15° E, north of latitude 73° 30' N between longitude 15° E and 35° E, and east of longitude 35° E, as well as north of latitude 56° N in the Baltic Sea;

6.3.2 the area north of latitude 43° N bounded in the west by the North American coast and the east by the rhumb line running from latitude 43° N, longitude 48° W to latitude 63° N, longitude 28° W and thence along longitude 28° W;

6.3.3 all sea areas north of the North American Continent, west of the areas defined in [6.3.1](#) and [6.3.2](#);

6.3.4 the Bering and Okhotsk Seas and the Tartary Strait during the icing season; and

6.3.5 south of latitude 60° S.

For ships operating in areas where ice accretion may be expected:

6.3.6 within the areas defined in [6.3.1](#), [6.3.3](#), [6.3.4](#) and [6.3.5](#) known to having icing conditions significantly different from those described in [6.2](#), ice accretion requirements of 0,5 to 2 times the required allowance may be applied; and

6.3.7 within the area defined in [6.3.2](#), where ice accretion in excess of twice the allowance required by [6.2](#) may be expected, more severe requirements than those given in [6.2](#) may be applied.

General guidance relating to ice accreditation should be given to the Captain in the form of instructions to the Captain in the stability booklet.

6.4 National standards for icing where environmental conditions are considered to warrant a higher standard than those recommended above, are to be applied.

B. Navigation

1. Intact and damage stability

1.1 For any ship operating in areas where ice accretion is likely to occur, adversely affecting a ship's stability, icing allowances should be included in the analysis of conditions of loading. For the requirements for intact and damage stability see [Guidelines for Hull Structures and Ship Equipment \(Pt.9, Vol.2\) Sec. 2](#).

2. Navigational equipment

2.1 Navigational equipment is only partly subject to Classification.

2.2 Magnetic compasses situated on the open deck or bridge wings, etc. are to be protected by a cover from ice.

C. Ship Arrangement and Equipment

1. Navigation bridge

1.1 A completely closed navigation bridge is to be arranged. Effective heating of the complete bridge and adjoining spaces is to be provided.

1.2 The windows of the navigation bridge shall be provided with suitable means of de-icing to allow for an unimpaired 360° vision.

Effective measures to clear melted ice, freezing rain, snow mist and sea spray from outside of the windows are to be installed. The mechanisms of these measures are to be protected from freezing or ice accumulation.

1.3 Humidity in the air inside the bridge from the heating system shall be avoided in order to prevent window fogging and icing from the inner side. It shall be possible to clear accumulated condensation at the inner side of the windows.

2. Accommodation

2.1 All personnel accommodation shall be designed and arranged to protect the crew and all other persons on board from unfavourable environmental conditions and minimize risk of injury during normal operations including ice transiting or ice breaking and emergency conditions.

2.2 All personnel accommodation, service spaces and equipment installed in them shall be designed so that each person making proper use of them will not suffer injury during normal open water operations, designed ice transiting modes of operation and emergency manoeuvring conditions.

2.3 Galley facilities shall be provided with grab rails projecting from the front on cooking equipment for use by the crew during ice operations. Equipment such as deep fat fryers shall be located in a position suitably separated from hot plates or other hot surfaces. Such appliances are also to be secured to the deck or other fixed structure and provided with an oil tight lid or closure to prevent splashing or spillage during ice operations.

2.4 Near the exits of the superstructure to the open deck rooms for storing and dressing with cold weather clothing are to be arranged. There shall also be the possibility to dry wet clothing after outside use.

3. Escape measures

3.1 All means of escape from accommodation or interior working spaces shall not be rendered inoperable by ice accretion or by malfunction due to low external air temperatures.

3.2 All escape routes shall be dimensioned not to hinder passage of persons wearing suitable polar clothing.

3.3 Escape routes shall be designed to minimize the distance between their exit to an open deck and the survival equipment to which they lead.

4. Accessibility of deck

4.1 All parts of the decks where equipment is situated which cannot be remote controlled and has therefore to be operated locally have to be reached by the crew under icing conditions. This has to be accomplished by one of the following measures:

- removable covers on the access path
- heating of the access path
- tunnel from the lower deck
- installation of deck machinery one deck below the main upper deck
- other suitable means

4.2 For naval support ships provided with a large cargo deck, it has to be ensured that proper handling of military cargo is also possible under icing conditions.

5. Anchoring arrangements

5.1 Anchoring systems shall be provided with an independent means of securing the anchor so that the anchor cable can be disconnected for use as an emergency towing bridle.

5.2 The hawse pipes are to be adequately heated to be ice free if the anchor has to be dropped. For the hawse pipe washing line alternatively complete drainage or continuous heating is to be provided.

5.3 The freezing of fluids, like hydraulic oil and lubricants, has to be avoided. This shall be achieved by the use of fluids suitable for low temperature operation and heating arrangements where appropriate.

6. Towing arrangements

6.1 Towing arrangements shall facilitate connection and release of a tow line and provide bollards, fairleads and other components suitable for the size of ship on which they are fitted.

7. Life-saving

7.1 Life-saving appliances

7.1.1 Lifeboats, rescue boats and life rafts shall be kept in protected places to avoid malfunction caused by ice accretion. Their launching appliances are to be protected or electrically heated to guarantee functioning in due time. An ice removal mallet shall be provided and stored in the vicinity of the lifeboats and life rafts for regular removal of remaining ice accretion.

7.1.2 To enable starting of the engines of life and rescue boats and to achieve a habitable temperature inside, connections for electrical heating are to be provided at their storage locations.

7.2 Life-saving equipment

This equipment is not subject to Classification, but it is recommended to consider the following aspects:

7.2.1 Life-saving equipment, when stored in an exposed position, shall be of a type that is rated to perform its design function at the minimum anticipated air temperature.

7.2.2 Lifeboats

The following requirements are to be considered:

- all lifeboats shall be either of the partially or totally enclosed type to provide adequate shelter from the anticipated operating environment
- the capacity of lifeboats shall be evaluated with regard to operability, accessibility, seating capacity and overall space, considering the needs of personnel wearing clothing suitable for the minimum anticipated air temperature
- an icing removal mallet stored in the vicinity of the lifeboat shall be used to remove regularly ice accretion from the life boats
- all lifeboat engines shall be equipped with means to ensure that they will start readily when required at the minimum anticipated operating temperature; to the cooling water system an adequate amount of anti-freezing compound has to be added
- the lifeboat engine fuel oil shall be suitable for operation in the minimum anticipated operating temperature
- drinking water shall be stored in containers that allow for expansion due to freezing

7.2.3 Liferafts

The following requirements are to be considered:

- the ship shall keep in a warm space in the vicinity of the life rafts manual inflation pumps that are proven to be effective in the anticipated air temperatures
- air or other proven cold temperature gas shall be used for the inflation of life-saving equipment according to their environmental conditions of operation

7.2.4 Survival kits

Personal and group survival kits shall be provided for the crew and all other persons aboard. For detailed requirements refer to IMO Resolution A.1024 (26), Chapter 11.

D. Machinery Equipment

1. General

1.1 Machinery and systems outside the superstructures shall be designed so that personnel exposure to very low temperatures and other environmental hazards during normal operations including routine maintenance is minimized.

1.2 Machinery shall be protected from the harmful effects of ingestion or accumulation of ice or snow. Where continuous operation is necessary, means shall be provided to purge the system of accumulated ice or snow.

1.3 Basic tools for removing ice shall be made available for all elements of machinery equipment. Such tools may be electrical and pneumatic devices and/or special tools such as axes or wooden clubs, etc.

2. Materials

2.1 Materials used in machinery and systems shall be suitable for operation in the environment which prevails at their location. In particular, machinery or systems which are essential for preventing pollution or for safe operation of the ship when:

- located outside and above the waterline in any operation condition, or
- in unheated locations inside shall not be susceptible to brittle fracture within the range of operating conditions

2.2 Essential machinery and equipment required for the safe operation of the ship or systems required for preventing pollution, located within spaces which, upon failure of the primary heating system, could be subject to outside ambient temperatures shall be:

- provided with an independent source of heat, and
- fabricated from materials that will not be susceptible to brittle fracture under anticipated loads and temperatures

3. Provisions for inlets of seawater

3.1 General

The inlet of seawater has to be ensured under all operating conditions for the following tasks:

- cooling of all machinery installations
- feeding of at least one of the fire pumps
- ballast operations, if required

3.2 Ships with Class Notations ES1 to ES4

For ships with Class Notations **ES1** to **ES4** the following requirements have to be complied with, see also [Rules for Machinery Installations \(Pt.1, Vol.III\) Sec. 11, I.2](#):

3.2.1 For one of the two required sea chests the sea inlet is to be located as near as possible to centreline and as far aft as possible. The seawater discharge line of the entire engine plant is to be connected to the top of the sea chest.

3.2.2 The sea chest is to be arranged as follows:

- In calculating the volume of the sea chest the following value is to be applied as a guide:
- about 1 m³ for every 750 kW of the ship's engine output including the output of auxiliary engines.
- The sea chest is to be of sufficient height to allow ice to accumulate above the inlet pipe.
- The free area of the strum holes is to be not less than four times the sectional area of the seawater inlet pipe.

3.2.3 As an alternative two smaller sea chests of a design as specified in 3.2.2 may be arranged.

3.2.4 All discharge valves are to be so arranged that the discharge of water at any draught will not be obstructed by ice.

3.2.5 Where necessary, a steam connection or a heating coil is to be arranged for de-icing and thawing the sea chests.

3.2.6 Additionally, cooling water supply to the engine plant may be arranged from ballast tanks with circulating cooling. This system does not replace the requirements stated in 3.2.2.

3.2.7 Ballast water tanks which are arranged above the ballast load line are to be equipped with means to prevent the water from freezing, see [Rules for Hull Structures \(Pt.1, Vol.II\) Sec. 15, A.2.3.](#)

3.2.8 Drinking water tanks located at the ship's side above the ballast waterline are to be provided with means for tank heating to prevent freezing.

3.3 Use of ballast water

3.3.1 For relatively short time the water of ballast tanks may be applied for cooling tasks. In this operation mode water is drawn from a ballast tank by ballast pump and pushed through the regular engine cooling system.

Because of the cooling effect of the ship's shell, the use of double bottom tanks would be preferable.

3.3.2 Another task for ballast tank water could be the temporary back flushing of the strainers, one by one.

4. Tanks

4.1 Efficient means are to be provided to prevent freezing in fore and aft peak tanks, wing tanks, ballast tanks located above the water line and any other tanks where found necessary.

4.2 Fresh water, ballast, fuel and lube oil tanks shall be carefully located and fitted with heating facilities. The tank heating is to be so designed that the fuel and lubricating oil remains capable of being pumped under all ambient conditions.

For ballast tanks an air bubble system may be used to prevent freezing in a higher temperature range.

4.3 Heating facilities may be needed also for further tanks (e.g. tanks for sludge, leakage, bilge water, sewage, etc.), depending on location and media.

4.4 A temperature control is to be provided to protect the tank content against overheating.

5. Piping systems

5.1 General

Vent pipes, intake and discharge pipes and associated systems shall be designed to prevent blockage due to freezing or ice and snow accumulation. The top of vent pipes is to be located as far as possible in protected areas of the superstructure.

5.2 Pipes endangered by freezing

The following measures are to be provided alternatively or in addition for exposed pipes with fluids endangered by freezing.

5.2.1 Drainage

Shut-off of the exposed part of the piping system immediately after use is to be established by valves situated in spaces with temperature above 0° C. The drainage of the exposed part shall then be possible by a drain valve at the lowest part of the pipe. To keep the line completely dry after use, a connection for blowing the pipe through with air may be required in special cases.

Sounding air pipes of ballast tanks shall be emptied of water.

5.2.2 Heating

Electric trace heating of the exposed part of the piping system is to be provided.

5.2.3 Insulation

The trace heating according to 5.2.2 requires an adequate insulation of the exposed part of the piping system. The design of the insulation has to consider the minimum anticipated air temperature. The outer side of the insulation is to be protected against damage as far as necessary.

An adequate insulation of the exposed part of the piping system is also to be provided if already heated liquid is circulating in the piping system e.g. for bringing heating energy to other parts of the equipment which are endangered by icing.

5.3 Pipes for other fluids

Additional heating of lubrication oil may also be needed for equipment located in machinery spaces.

5.4 Hydraulic systems

Hydraulic oil of a type suitable for the minimum anticipated operating temperature should be used and if this is not sufficient also possibilities for heating are to be installed.

Hydraulic power packs are to be installed in enclosed, heated spaces.

Exposed control stands for remote control of hydraulically driven equipment shall be equipped with removable covers and heating of at least the control valves.

5.5 Compressed air system

5.5.1 The compressed air shall be dried to avoid condensation and ice building in exposed parts of the piping system.

5.5.2 Compressors are to be installed in enclosed heated spaces. The air intake has to be protected against ice and snow.

5.6 Pumps

Pumps have to be installed in spaces where a climate suitable for their functioning can be established.

5.7 Deck tunnel

For ships which are equipped with extensive piping, valves and accessories on the upper deck, it is recommended to concentrate this equipment in a tunnel on deck, which is isolated and the temperatures can be brought to above zero.

6. Ventilation

6.1 Closing apparatus for ventilation inlets and outlets shall be designed and located to protect them from ice and snow accumulation that could interfere with the effective closure of such systems.

6.2 The air intakes for machinery and accommodation ventilation are to be located on both sides of the ship. The air intakes are to be sufficient for safe operation of the ship in heavy weather respectively in ice storm conditions.

6.3 Accommodation and ventilation air intakes shall be provided with means of heating.

6.4 The temperature of combustion air is to be suitable for the operation of the machinery. Direct ducting to the engines with own heating facilities shall be considered.

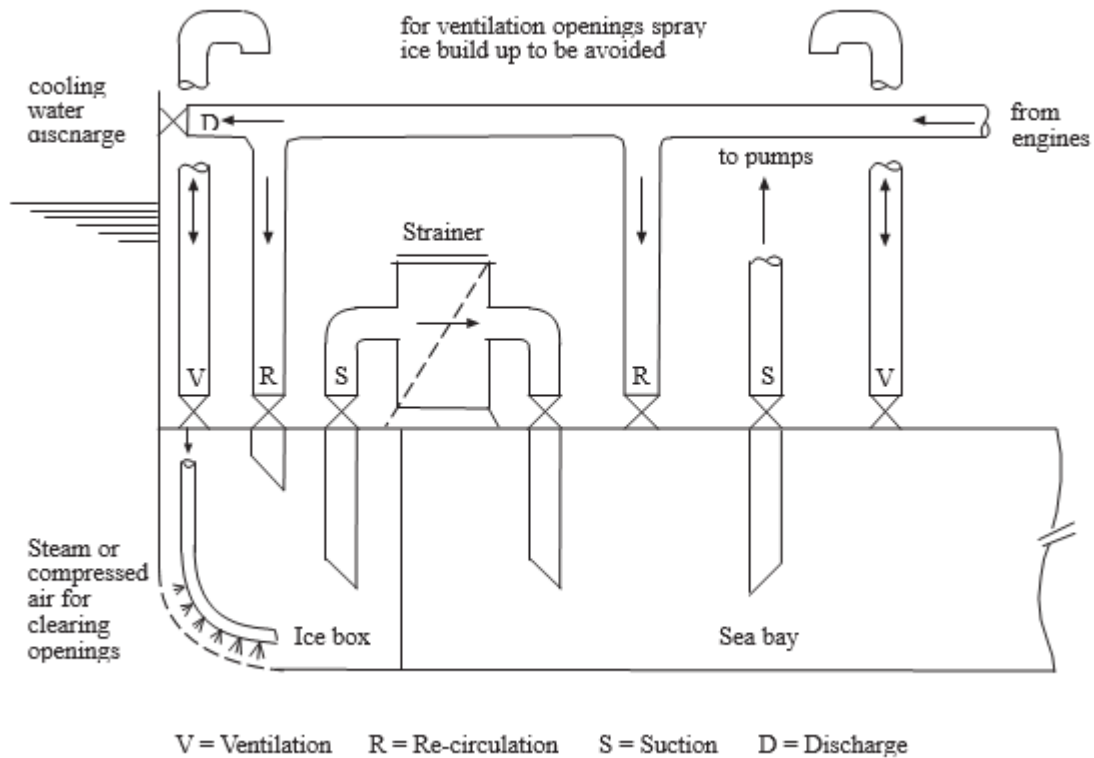


Fig. 19.1 Suggested arrangement of seawater inlet system (IMO suggested arrangement)

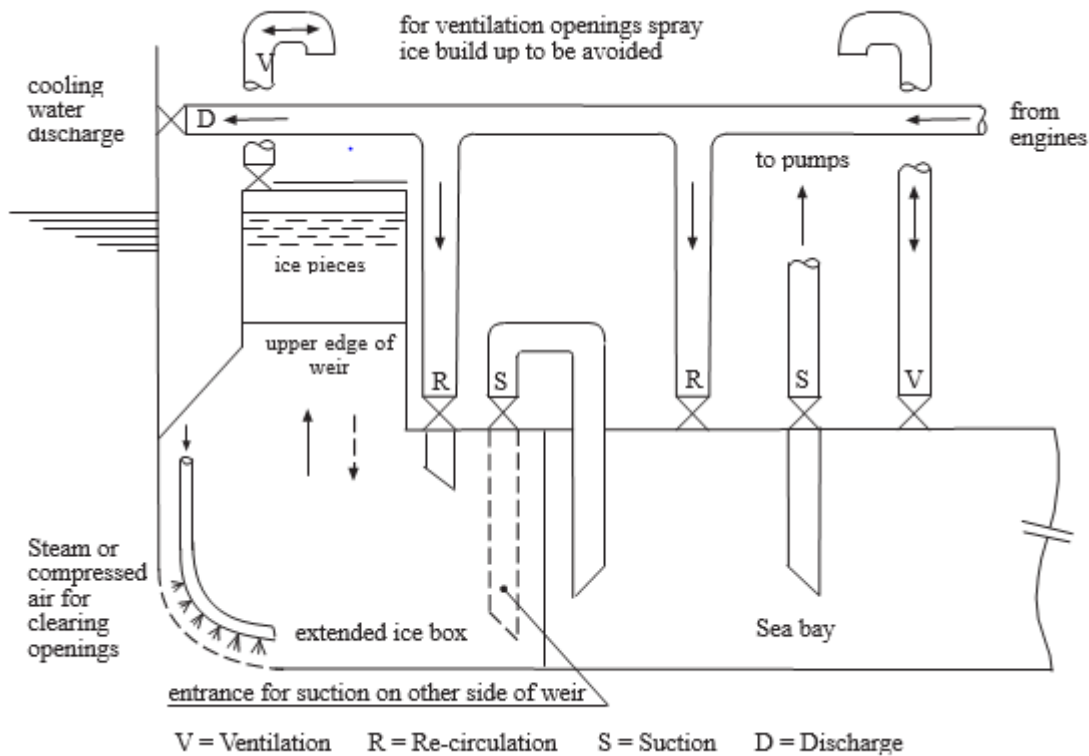


Fig. 19.2 Arrangement of extended sea box with weir (reference is made to TP 14335 E)

7. Deck machinery

7.1 The winches on deck are to be situated in an - at least partly - protected area or are to be protected from icing by suitable covers not hindering routine operations in combination with heating of critical elements.

7.2 For all types of deck machinery the freezing of operating fluids, like hydraulic and lubricating oil has to be avoided by thermal insulation and adequate heating of the systems.

7.3 Control consoles for machinery on open deck have to be located in a heated space of adequate size or have to be protected by movable covers in combination with heating of critical elements.

7.4 A sheltered place for the pilot ladder is to be provided to avoid ice cover before use.

7.5 Bins and covered stowing racks are to be provided for all lashing material on deck, as far as practicable.

7.6 For lashings on deck no manila ropes shall be used as it becomes stiff and impossible to handle. Polypropylene or other synthetic ropes are better suited for use at low temperatures.

The storage drums for mooring ropes shall be provided with strong canvas covers.

7.7 The whistle drive on the mast is to be securely protected (if practicable by canvas covers).

8. Deck cranes

8.1 All elements for deck cranes are to be equipped with coverings not restricting crane movements. Fixed protection covers have to be provided especially for winches, drums, cylinders, etc.

8.2 On critical motion elements ice removers are to be provided, ice formation on wire sheaves is to be avoided by mechanical measures.

8.3 Electrical heating is to be installed for gear boxes, electric cabinets and junction boxes or other critical elements with the aim to avoid moisture because of temperature changes in the enclosed air volume. For oil reservoirs de-humidifiers are to be provided.

Hydraulic pipelines are to be isolated and heated. Continuous circulation of the warmed-up oil should be considered.

8.4 Only oils suitable for the minimum anticipated operating temperatures are to be used.

8.5 If deck cranes are not remote controlled but are provided with a driver's cabin, a habitable working climate in the cabin has to be established during operation times by heating and also the windows have to allow a clear view to the working area, compare measures defined in [F.3.3](#).

A safe access to the cabin is to be secured by e.g. open grating solutions.

9. Waste disposal

9.1 Contaminated liquids

Contaminated liquids, like dirty ballast water, tank washings, oil and purifier sludge, black water shall be safely stored on board until they can be discharged ashore.

If bilge water is discharged through a bilge water separator, a lower rate of contamination than 15 ppm may be required in ice operating regions. Therefore measures to allow repeated flow through the separator before finally discharging are to be provided. See also [Section 10, B.2](#) and [Section 8, T](#).

9.2 Garbage

According to national regulations discharge of domestic garbage is forbidden in most ice operating regions. Garbage has to be stored completely on board or can be separated in non-burnable or burnable elements. The latter part may be burned in an approved incinerator on board. See also [Section 10, B.6](#).

10. Machinery rooms

All machinery rooms, like main engine room, steering gear compartment, pump rooms, bow thruster room, emergency fire pump room (if applicable), CO₂ storage rooms and other fire-fighting rooms, etc. are to be insulated against cold.

An adequate heating system is to be provided to keep the temperature in the room above 0 °C even if the machinery is out of operation.

E. Fire Safety

1. Fire extinguishing

1.1 Fire extinguishing systems shall be designed and located so that they are not made inaccessible by ice and snow accumulation or low temperature such that:

- equipment, appliances, systems and extinguishing agents shall be protected from freezing at minimum temperature for the intended voyage
- precautions shall be taken to prevent nozzles, piping and valves of any fire extinguishing system from becoming clogged by impurities, corrosion or ice build-up
- exhaust gas outlets and pressure vacuum arrangements shall be protected from ice built-up that could interfere with effective operation

1.2 Water or foam extinguishers shall not be located in any position that is exposed to freezing temperatures. These locations shall be provided with extinguishers capable of operation under such conditions.

2. Fire pumps and associated equipment

2.1 A suction from the de-iced seawater cooling system is to be provided for at least one of the fire pumps, see [D.3](#). Where a fixed fire extinguishing system situated in a space separate from the compartment containing the main fire pumps utilizes its own independent sea suction, this sea suction shall be capable of being cleared of accumulations of slush ice.

2.2 For fire mains the following additional measures may be applied:

- filling with a fluid of low freezing point (e.g. mixture of glycol and water)
- allowing the fire main to flow continuously over board (only operable for relatively short time because of build-up of ice at overflow points)

2.3 Fire pumps including emergency fire pumps shall be installed in heated compartments and in any event shall be adequately protected from freezing for the minimum temperature for the intended voyage.

2.4 Isolating valves shall be accessible and if located in exposed positions shall not be subject to icing from freezing spray. The fire main shall be so arranged that external sections can be isolated and draining devices shall be provided.

2.5 Hydrants shall be positioned or designed to remain operable under all anticipated temperatures. Ice accumulation and freezing shall be taken into account.

2.6 All hydrants shall be equipped with an efficient two-handed valve handle.

3. Protection against ice build-up

Components of the fire fighting system which may be exposed to icing that could interfere with the proper functioning of that component shall be adequately protected.

4. Fire fighters' outfits

At least two spaces have to be arranged to store the fire fighters' outfits in warm condition as widely separated as practical.

F. Electrical Installations

1. General

1.1 The selection, layout and arrangement of all electrical installations shall be such as to ensure fault-less continuous operation in ice. The provision may not be effected of emergency heat and power by interference in the electrical system.

1.2 Precautions shall be taken to minimize risk of supplies to essential and emergency services being interrupted by the inadvertent or accidental opening of switches or circuit breakers due to vibrations or accelerations during ice breaking operations.

1.3 Emergency power batteries, including those stored in deck boxes shall be secured in a position where excessive movement is prevented during ice-transiting operations and explosive gas ventilation is not restricted by the accumulation of ice or snow.

1.4 Control systems based on computers and other electronic hardware installations necessary for the proper functioning of essential equipment should be designed for redundancy and resistance to vibration, dampness and low humidity.

2. Communication

2.1 The public address system and the general emergency alarm system have to be audible over the loudest ambient noise level occurring during ice transiting, ice breaking or ramming.

2.2 Emergency power for communications equipment provided by battery is to be provided with a means whereby the batteries are protected from extreme low temperatures.

3. Electric heating

3.1 Objects

Electrical heating may become necessary for e.g.:

- railings
- gangways, stairways
- windows of the navigating bridge or other control stands
- necessary accessible working deck areas
- helicopter deck

- door frames
- electric motors of drives in the open
- switch boxes in the open
- ventilation openings for essential ventilation
- crane cabins
- lighting
- searchlights
- life and rescue boat storage locations and passenger ways leading to them

3.2 Cables

An effective heat transfer from the heating cables to the equipment is to be ensured.

The heating system has to be divided into different electrical circuits. Each circuit shall be protected against short circuit and overload. An earth fault protection with 30 mA RCD is strongly recommended.

A periodical insulation test should be carried out according to the manufacturer's instruction, preferable with an automatic device. Occurrence of failures is to be alarmed.

Cables running on the open are to be protected by steel pipes or covers to enable manual ice removal. These covers are to be equipped for drainage.

3.3 Windows

Windows at the bridge and other control positions are to be fitted with suitable means for de-icing sufficient to provide unimpaired forward and astern vision.

The windows shall also be fitted with an efficient means of clearing melted ice, freezing rain, snow mist and spray from outside and accumulated condensation from inside. A mechanical means to clear moisture from the outside face of a window shall have operating mechanisms protected from freezing or the accumulation of ice that would impair effective operation.

3.4 Electric power

The electric power for all types of heating the different parts of the equipment has to be included in the overall power balance of the ship. The different applications of continuous heating of essential and safety relevant equipment or only temporary heating e.g. for de-icing before performing a service duty, have to be considered in this balance.

The electric power actually needed for heating shall be indicated in a separate part of the central switchboard. The heating shall be divided into several circuits. Active circuits shall be indicated by a signal lamp. The circuits supplying essential equipment and life-saving appliances are to be connected additionally to a second source of electrical power.

4. Emergency power batteries

Emergency power batteries including the reserve source of energy for the radio installation, including those stored in deck boxes, shall be secured in a position where excessive movement is prevented during ice-transiting operations and explosive gas ventilation is not restricted by the accumulation of ice and snow.

5. Searchlights

Naval ships shall be equipped with the necessary number of suitable search lights which shall be controllable from the bridge and/or other control positions. The searchlights shall be installed to provide, as far as practicable, all-round illumination suitable for performing the intended tasks and also for docking, astern manoeuvres or emergency towing.

The searchlights shall be fitted with an adequate means of de-icing to ensure proper directional movement.

6. Lighting

6.1 All working places on the deck of the ship have to be provided with adequate lighting for a safe execution of the naval tasks. This shall be able to withstand also the danger of icing, e.g. by heating as far as necessary in addition to the energy developed by the lamps themselves. Special attention is to be paid to the cargo or anchor transport and handling deck.

6.2 For lighting of the accommodation the use of full-spectrum lighting should be considered to reduce the influence of the dark winter season in polar regions on the crew.

7. Controls

Control systems based on computers and other electronic hardware installations necessary for the proper functioning of essential equipment shall be designed for redundancy and resistance to vibration, dampness and low humidity.

G. Tests and Trials

1. Operating manual

The basis for performing tests and trials should be established by an Operating and Training Manual.

The manual shall contain the following information:

- normal operation including operating imitations of the ship and essential systems in anticipated ice conditions and temperatures
- risk management taking into account the results of any risk or failure analysis report developed during the ship's history and its design limits and redundancy features
- training covering all aspects of ship operation under very low temperatures

Further details are defined in IMO Resolution A.1024 (26), Chapter 13.

2. Testing

The reliable functioning of all systems and measures described above for operation in ice-covered waters at a minimum anticipated air temperature has to be verified during the initial tests on board. The test program has to be agreed with BKI.

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Section 20 Spare Parts

A.	General	20-1
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A. General

1. In order to be able to restore engine operation and manoeuvring capacity to the ship in the event of damage at sea, spare parts for the main drive and the essential equipment, see [Section 1, B.2](#), are to be carried on board every ship, together with the necessary tools.

These Rules are considered to be complied with if the range of spare parts corresponds to the Tables given below allowing for the extent of the installed systems and components in question at the time of commissioning.

2. Depending on the design and arrangement of the engine plant, the intended service and mission of the ship, and also the manufacturer's recommendations, a different volume of spare parts may be agreed between the Naval Administration and BKI.

Where the volume of spare parts is based on special arrangements between the Naval Administration and BKI, relevant technical documentation is to be provided.

A list of the relevant spare parts is to be carried on board.

3. In the case of propulsion systems and essential equipment, which are not included in the following Tables, the requisite range of spare parts is to be established in each individual case between Naval Administration, shipyard and BKI.

4. The list of spare parts specified in this Section are applicable to the ships for unrestricted services. All other ships are to be agreed between the Naval Administration and BKI.

B. Volume of Spare Parts

The volume of spare parts in accordance with the following Tables are the minimum recommended spare parts for each type of application.

1. Air compressors for essential services

For air compressors for essential services, see [Section 6](#). The volume of spare parts is defined in [Table 20.1](#).

2. Pumps

For pumps, see [Section 8](#). The volume of spare parts is defined in [Table 20.2](#).

3. Hydraulic systems

For hydraulic systems, like controllable pitch propeller systems, steering gears, windlasses, hatch cover operating systems, closing appliances in the ship's shell, watertight door closing systems, hoists, see [Section 14](#). The volume of spare parts is defined in [Table 20.3](#).

4. Auxiliary steam boilers

For auxiliary steam boilers, see [Section 15](#). The volume of spare parts is defined in [Table 20.4](#).

5. Other spare parts

For other spare parts for essential auxiliary systems the volume is defined in [Table 20.5](#).

Table 20.1 Spare parts for air compressors for essential services

Spare parts	Number recommended
Piston rings of each type and size fitted for one piston	1 set
Suction and delivery valves complete of each size and type	1 set
Note <i>For spare parts for refrigerant compressors, see also Section 12, K</i>	

Table 20.2 Spare parts for pumps

Item	Spare parts	Number recommended
Piston pumps	Valve with seats and springs of each size fitted	1 set
	Piston rings of each type and size for one Piston pumps piston	1 set
	Bearing of each type and size	1
Centrifugal pumps	Rotor sealings of each type and size	1
Gear and screw type pumps	Bearings of each type and size	1
	Rotor sealings of each type and size	1
Note <i>Where, for a system, a stand-by pump of sufficient capacity is available, the spare parts may be dispensed with.</i>		

Table 20.3 Spare parts for hydraulic systems

Spare parts	Number recommended
Pressure hoses and flexible pipes, at least one of each size	20 %
Seals, gaskets	1 set
Note <i>For seals, this requirement is applicable only to the extent that these parts can be changed with the means available on board. Where a hydraulic system comprises two mutually independent sub-systems, spare parts need to be supplied for one sub-system only.</i>	

Table 20.4 Spare parts for auxiliary steam boilers

Spare parts	Number recommended
Safety valve or disc/spring combination respectively of each type	1
Tube plugs for each dimension of boiler and superheater tubes of each boiler	2 %
Glasses and gaskets for water level gauges of each boiler	1 set
Gaskets for inspection openings	1 set
Expandable parts of each firing plant consisting of burner, fuel supply, blowers, ignition facility, flame safeguard	1 set
Note <i>For carrying out maintenance and repair work, a sufficient number of suitable tools and special tools according to the size of the machinery installation must be available on board.</i>	

Table 20.5 Spare parts for essential auxiliary systems

Spare parts	Number recommended
Safety valve or cone and spring of each type for pressure vessels	1
Hoses and compensators	20 %
Tubes of condensers	2 %
Tubes for intercooler of air ejector	10 %
Note <i>For carrying out maintenance and repair work, a sufficient number of suitable tools and special tools according to the size of the machinery installation is to be available on board.</i>	

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