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Vocabulary for geometry of propellers

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Part 1: Vocabulary for geometry of propellers

Scope

This part of ISO 3715 gives terms and definitions for screw propellers used in the propulsion plants of ships and other vessels (such as mobile offshore drilling units) that are self-propelled or propulsion-assisted.

The definitions are valid only for the hydrodynamically effective part of the propeller. No definitions are given for the mechanical construction of the hub.

Vocabulary for hydraulically operated controllable-pitch propeller plants is given in ISO 3715-2.

Normative reference

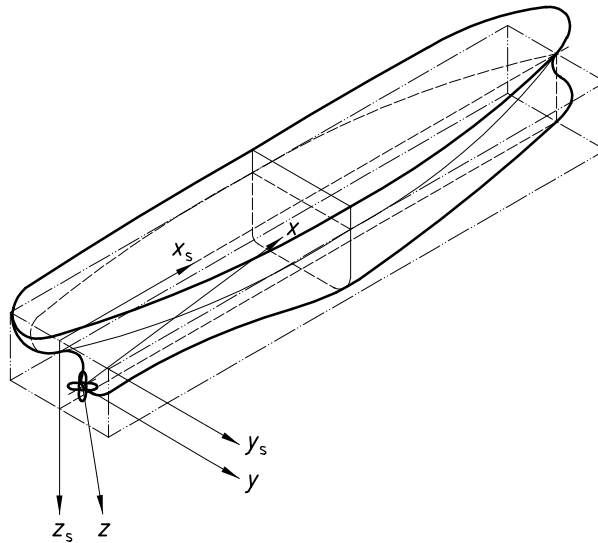
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ISO 3715-2, *Ships and marine technology — Propulsion plants for ships — Part 2: Vocabulary for controllable-pitch propeller plants*

Systems of coordinates

System of rectangular coordinates for definition of propeller position at hull (see Figure 1).

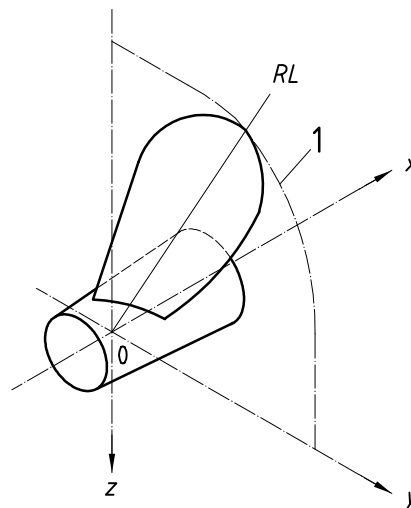


NOTE Coordinates of the ship given in this figure are marked with subscript s [deviating from the International Towing Tank Conference (ITTC), agreement].

Figure 1 — Rectangular coordinates for definition of propeller position at hull
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System of rectangular coordinates for definition of propeller geometry (see Figure 2).

This system of coordinates is not in agreement with that of the ship in general.



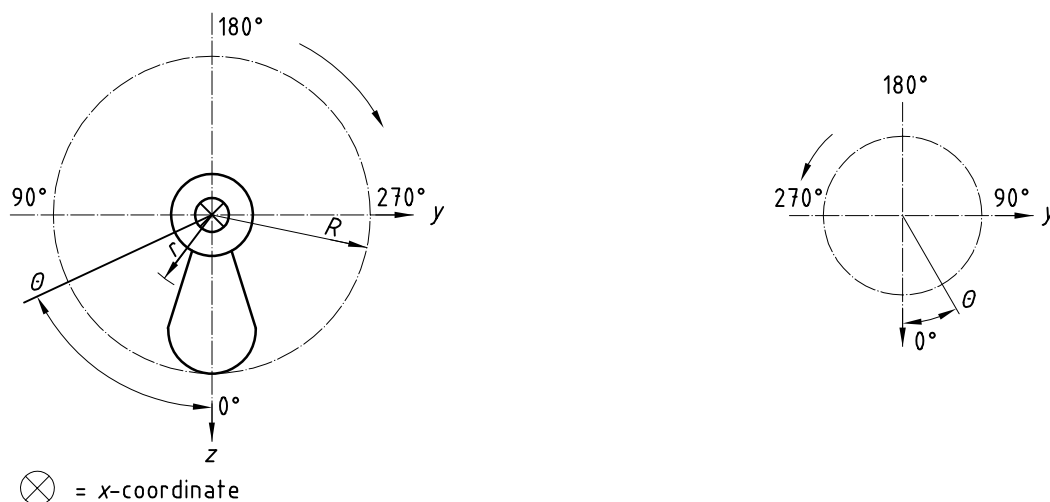
Key

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|---|------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Limit of propeller disc area | y | Direction to starboard |
| 0 | Origin of coordinates | z | Direction perpendicular to x- and y-coordinates |
| x | Direction of shaft centre | RL | Reference line (see 6.4) |

NOTE This system of coordinates is valid independently of the direction of rotation of the propeller.

Figure 2 — Rectangular coordinates for definition of propeller geometry

System of cylindrical coordinates for definition of propeller geometry (see Figure 3)



a) Going ahead with a right-handed propeller

b) Going ahead with a left-handed propeller

Key

- Θ Angular coordinate of the system of cylindrical coordinates
- r Radial coordinate of the system of cylindrical coordinates
- x Coordinate perpendicular to the r-plane and identical to the x-coordinate as defined in Figure 2
- R Radius of propeller

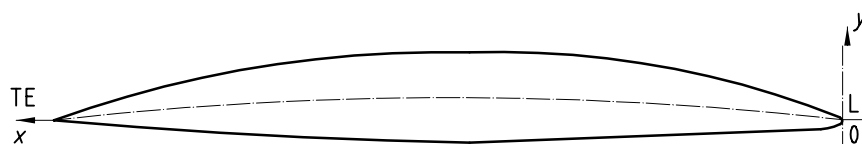
NOTE This system of coordinates is used, for example, to define the geometry of propeller blades.

Left-handed propellers are drawn in general as being right-handed

$\bar{r} = \frac{r}{R}$ = dimensionless radius.

Figure 3 — Cylindrical coordinates for definition of propeller geometry

System of rectangular coordinates for definition of cylindrical blade sections (see Figure 4 and 6)



Key

- TE Trailing edge
- LE Leading edge

Figure 4 — Rectangular coordinates for definition of cylindrical blade section

Terms and definitions

1 screw propeller

1.1 propeller radius

R [General]

RP [Computer]

largest vertical distance of the extreme point of a blade (i.e. blade tip) related to the x -coordinate of the system according to Figure 2

NOTE For propellers with mounted blades and controllable-pitch propellers, this definition is valid for design pitch.

1.2 propeller diameter

D [General]

DP [Computer]

diameter of the circle passed by the extreme point of a blade whilst turning around the x -coordinate

$$D = 2R$$

NOTE For propellers with mounted blades and controllable-pitch propellers, this definition is valid for design pitch.

1.3 number of blades

Z [General]

Z [Computer]

number of blades fitted around the x -coordinate or on the hub

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1.4 disc area

A_O [General]

AO [Computer]

disc area calculated by means of the propeller diameter

$$A_O = D^2 \frac{\pi}{4}$$

NOTE See Figure 3.

1.5 area ratio

1.5.1 developed area ratio

A_D/A_O [General]

ADR [Computer]

developed area of all blades related to the propeller disc area

1.5.2 expanded area ratio

A_E/A_O [General]

AER [Computer]

expanded area of all blades related to the propeller disc area

NOTE For blade areas see 6.1.

1.6**centre of gravity of propeller**

defined by a measure in x -direction; the mass of propeller cap is not considered for monoblock propellers

NOTE See Figure 5.

1.7**propeller plane**

plane of a propeller realized by y - and z -coordinates

NOTE For y - z plane, see Figure 2.

1.8**direction of rotation, right-handed**

(according to a right-hand thread) when going ahead the propeller moves in the upper point from left to right (seen from aft)

1.9**direction of rotation, left-handed**

(according to a left-hand thread) when going ahead the propeller moves in the upper part from right to left (seen from aft)

2**hub**

part of the propeller the blades are fitted to (fixed or removable), also forming the connection to the propellers shaft and, in the case of controllable pitch propellers, the housing of the mechanism to adjust the blades

NOTE The propeller cap is normally not part of the hub.

2.1**hub diameter**

d_h [General]

DH [Computer]

diameter of the hub in the propeller plane

NOTE See Figure 5.

2.2**fore diameter of hub**

d_{hf} [General]

DHF [Computer]

fore diameter of the hub, not considering any shoulder

NOTE See Figure 5.

2.3**after diameter of hub**

d_{ha} [General]

DHA [Computer]

after diameter of the hub, not considering any shoulder

NOTE See Figure 5.

2.4**hub length**

l_h [General]

LH [Computer]

length of the hub, any shoulder aft and fore included

NOTE See Figure 5.

2.5
after length of hub

l_{ha} [General]

LHA [Computer]

length of the hub taken from propeller plane to aft end of the hub including aft shoulder

NOTE See Figure 5.

2.6
fore length of hub

l_{hf} [General]

LHF [Computer]

length of the hub taken from propeller plane to fore end of the hub including fore shoulder

2.7
hub diameter ratio

d_h/D [General]

DHR [Computer]

relation of hub diameter to propeller diameter

3
blade

part of a propeller beginning at the contour of the hub and ending at the blade tip

NOTE In the case of controllable-pitch propellers and propellers with mounted blades, all parts for bearing and fitting the blades to the hub and being fixed to the blade belong to the blades.

3.1
blade tip

utmost part of a blade, positioned at the propeller radius R

NOTE In special cases, the blade tip is represented by a cylindrical section at the propeller radius R .

3.2
blade root

zone of transition of blade to hub

3.3
leading edge

LE [General and computer]

blade edge directed to the inflow under normal operating conditions starting from the blade root and ending at the blade tip

3.4
trailing edge

TE [General and computer]

blade edge opposite to the inflow under normal operating conditions starting from the blade root and ending at the blade tip

3.5
shape of edges

shape of the fore and aft part of a cylindrical section e.g. rounded, sharpened

NOTE Examples of shapes: anti-singing edge, edge with rounded nose.

3.6**suction side
back**

SS [General and computer]

blade side, directed to the inflow whilst ship is going ahead

NOTE It is the upper side of a cylindrical profile section (see Figure 6).

3.7**pressure side
face**

PS [General and computer]

blade side opposite the suction side (see Figure 6)

3.8**blade outline**

shape of blade

3.9**centre of gravity of blade**

mass centre of blade

NOTE It is defined by its coordinate values in the coordinate system according to Figure 2 (see also Figure 8 for information).

**4
cylindrical blade section**developed penetration area of a cylinder coaxial related to the x -coordinate of a propeller with a propeller blade

NOTE See Figure 6.

4.1**mean line of blade section**

ML [General]

connecting line of the centre of contact circles within a cylindrical profile section between suction and pressure side

NOTE See Figure 6.

4.2**camber** f [General]

F [Computer]

maximum value of the y -coordinate or f is equal to maximum y -value of the mean line

NOTE See Figure 6.

4.3**chord length** c [General]

C [Computer]

developed length of a cylindrical profile section from the leading edge to the trailing edge

NOTE See Figure 6.

4.4**leading part of chord length** c_{LE} [General]

CLE [Computer]

developed length of a cylindrical profile section taken from the leading edge to the reference line related to the x -coordinate of the cylindrical section

NOTE See system of coordinates in Figure 4; see also Figure 8 for information.