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Foreword

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the structure, performance, inspection and testing of heading control systems to be installed on board craft operating under the following conditions:

- a) *speed exceeding 30 kn and up to 70 kn;*
- b) *maximum rate of turn 20°/s;*
- c) *normal range of operation between 70°N and 70°S should, as required by chapter 13 of the HSC Code, comply with the minimum performance requirements specified in these standards.*

This International Standard applies to the heading control systems which enable a craft to *keep a preset heading with minimum operation of the craft's steering gear, within limits related to the craft's manoeuvrability in conjunction with their sources of heading information.*

This International Standard assumes the use of a conventional arrangement. Where other arrangements are provided, the requirements of this standard should apply insofar as they are applicable, and appropriate justification provided where deviation from the requirements is necessary.

The heading control systems *should, within a speed range of up to 30 knots, comply with resolution A.342(IX), and within a speed range of 30 knots to 70 knots should comply with the requirements of this resolution.*

NOTE 1 All requirements that are extracted from the recommendations of IMO Resolutions [Resolution A.822(19) on performance standards for automatic steering aids for high-speed craft, A.694(17) and A.342(IX)] are printed in italics.

NOTE 2 The heading control system was previously called “automatic steering aids (automatic pilot)”.

NOTE 3 Resolution A.342(IX) represents Resolution A.342(IX) as amended by MSC.64(67), Annex 3.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 694, *Ships and marine technology — Positioning of magnetic compasses in ships*

ISO 16328, *Ships and marine technology — Gyro-compasses for high-speed craft*

IEC 60945, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems — General requirements — Methods of testing and required test results*

IEC 61162 (all parts), *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems — Digital interfaces*

IMO Resolution A.694(17), *General requirements for shipborne radio equipment forming part of the global maritime distress and safety system (GMDSS) and for electronic navigational aids*

IMO Resolution A.822(19), *Performance standards for automatic steering aids (automatic pilots) for high-speed craft*

IMO Resolution MSC.64(67), Annex 3:1997, Amendment to resolution A.342(IX), *Performance standards for heading control systems*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 heading
horizontal direction in which a craft actually points or heads at any instant, expressed in degrees from a reference direction, usually from 000° at the reference direction clockwise through 360°, where 360° becomes identical with 000°

3.2 preset heading
horizontal direction in which a craft is steered or intended to be steered, expressed as the angular direction with respect to north (true/magnetic), from 000° clockwise through 360°, where 360° becomes identical with 000°

3.3 manual steering
method of controlling the steering gear manually

EXAMPLE Using a steering wheel
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3.4 automatic steering
method of controlling the steering gear automatically to enable a craft to keep, or change to, a preset heading by processing the heading information obtained from a heading source, such as a gyro-compass or transmitting magnetic compass, etc.

3.5 change-over device
device for changing-over from automatic to manual steering and vice versa

3.6 automatic-steering device
device which controls automatic steering

3.7 proportional rudder adjustment
adjustment of a component of the total rudder command in proportion to an instantaneous value of the difference between the preset heading and actual heading

3.8 derivative rudder adjustment
counter rudder adjustment
adjustment of a component of the total rudder command which acts to control the rate of turn of the craft

3.9**integral rudder adjustment**

adjustment of a component of the total rudder command which is in proportion to the integral value of the heading deviation

3.10**weather adjustment**

adjustment which minimizes unnecessary steering motion against yawing caused by waves, swells and wind

3.11**adjustment control**

device which changes the characteristics of an automatic steering device, including proportional rudder adjustment, derivative rudder adjustment, integral rudder adjustment and weather adjustment

3.12**operational device**

switch, key, knob, etc. which is used for operating a heading control system

3.13**heading-signal processor**

unit which processes the heading signal generated by a gyro-compass, magnetic compass, etc., and adapts it before its use by the heading control system

3.14**override function**

intentional fast change-over from automatic to temporary manual control

3.15**conning position**

place on the bridge with a commanding view providing the necessary information and equipment for the conning officer to carry out his functions

3.16**turn-rate control**

method of controlling the rudder of a vessel to perform turns with a preset rate of turn

3.17**turning radius control**

method of controlling the rate of turn of a vessel to perform turns with a preset turning radius

4 Performance**4.1 General**

4.1.1 *The heading control system shall be capable of adapting manually or automatically to different steering characteristics of the craft under various speed, weather and loading conditions, and provide reliable operation under prevailing environment and normal operational conditions.*

4.1.2 *The heading control system shall be connected to the gyro-compass if a gyro-compass is provided. Otherwise it shall be electronically connected to the magnetic compass.*

4.1.3 *A qualitative description of the effects of the heading control system errors due to high speed, accelerations, heading changes, sea state, etc., and a qualitative description of corresponding errors in other navigation system, shall be provided to the user. This information shall be provided by the manufacturer.*

4.1.4 *Heading control systems shall conform to the environmental requirements of IEC 60945 for equipment categories protected from the weather.*

4.2 Constituents

A heading control system shall be composed, as a minimum, of the following components (see Figure 1):

- a) heading-signal processor (including an indicator of the heading);
- b) operational control for preset heading;
- c) operational controls for adjustments;
- d) automatic steering devices;
- e) change-over device (with steering-mode indicator) which is not required to be an integrated part of the heading control system;
- f) alarm signalling facilities compliant with the requirements of this International Standard;
- g) indicators for steering mode and heading source in use.

4.3 Functional requirements

4.3.1 Introduction

The following requirements shall be fulfilled.

4.3.2 Change-over from automatic to manual steering and vice versa

4.3.2.1 *Change-over from automatic to manual steering and vice-versa shall be possible at any position of the rudder and shall be activated by one manual control within 3 seconds.*

4.3.2.2 *Change-over from automatic to manual steering shall be possible under any conditions, including any failure in the heading control system.*

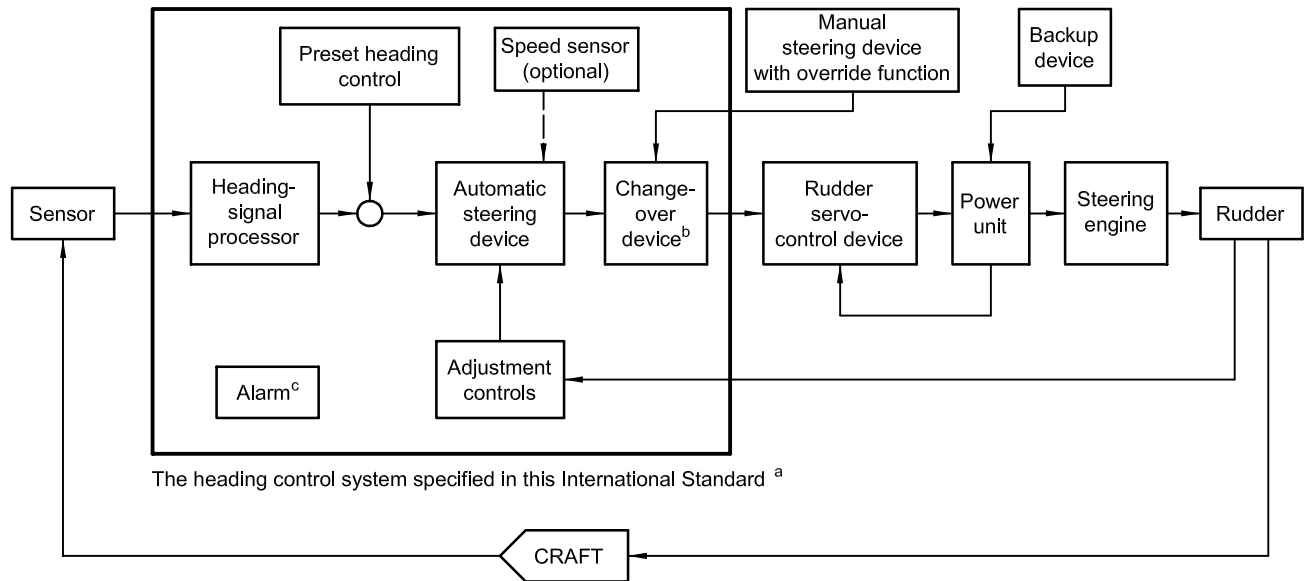
4.3.2.3 *When changing-over from manual to automatic steering, the heading control system (automatic pilot) shall take over the actual heading as the preset heading.*

4.3.2.4 *Change-over from manual steering with override function to automatic steering shall not be possible without an intended action of the craft's personnel.*

4.3.2.5 *Change-over devices shall be located close to each other in the immediate vicinity of the position at which the equipment is normally operated.*

4.3.2.6 *Adequate indication shall be provided to show which method of steering is in operation at a particular moment. This indicator shall be fitted near the change-over devices.*

4.3.2.7 *The installation shall include manual steering with an override function.*



^a The portion enclosed by the thick line shows the constituent devices of a heading control system which are specified in this International Standard.

^b The change-over device is not required to be an integrated part of the heading control systems.

^c Alarm indicating devices may be external units.

Figure 1 — Typical block diagram for heading control systems
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4.3.3 Operational controls including adjustment controls

4.3.3.1 All operational controls shall permit normal adjustments to be easily performed and shall be easy to identify from the position at which the equipment is normally operated. Controls not required for normal operation shall not be readily accessible.

4.3.3.2 The heading control system shall be provided with automatic and manually operated controls for operational use to adjust the system to the craft's steering performance to take account of the effects of changing weather. The heading control systems may be provided with automatic or manually operated controls for operational use to adjust the system to the craft's steering performance to take account of changing speed and loading conditions.

4.3.3.3 Adequate illumination shall be provided in the equipment or in the craft to enable identification of controls and facilitate reading of indicators at all times. Means shall be provided for dimming the output of any equipment light source which is capable of interfering with navigation.

4.3.3.4 The heading control system shall be designed in such a way as to ensure altering the preset heading to starboard by turning the heading setting control clockwise or tilting it to the right-hand side. Turning the control counterclockwise or tilting it to the left shall effect a similar alteration to port. Normal alterations of heading shall be possible by one adjustment only of the preset heading control. Requirements shall be made by means of the design and the construction of the preset heading control to preclude unintended alteration of heading.

4.3.3.5 When changing heading, the clockwise (right-hand side) or counterclockwise (left-hand side) direction of preset heading adjustment shall determine the craft's turning direction.

4.3.3.6 Where remote control stations are provided, facilities for the delegation of control to the remote station and unconditional return of control shall be incorporated in the master station.

4.3.3.7 Except for the preset heading setting control, the actuation of any other control shall not significantly affect the heading of the craft.

4.3.3.8 Additional controls at remote positions shall comply with the provisions of this standard.

4.3.4 Rudder angle limitation

Means shall be incorporated in the equipment to enable adjustable rudder angle limitation in the automatic mode of operation. Means shall also be available to indicate when the angle of limitation has been commanded or reached. When other means of directional control are used, the requirements of this subclause shall appropriately apply.

4.3.5 Permitted yaw

Means shall be incorporated to prevent unnecessary activation of the rudder due to normal yaw motion.

4.3.6 Heading indication accuracy

If there is a heading indication, it shall not deviate from the heading sensor by more than 0,5°.

4.3.7 Preset heading

Any alteration of preset heading shall not be possible without intended action of the craft's personnel.

4.3.8 Performing turns

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4.3.8.1 Basic requirement

The heading control system shall be able to perform turns within the turning capability of the craft based either on a preset rate of turn or a preset turning radius.

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4.3.8.2 Preset rate of turn

If the heading control system is provided with the function to perform turns with a preset rate of turn, the accuracy of the rate of turn after becoming constant in a turn, shall be within $\pm 10\%$ of its preset value or 3°/min, whichever is the greater, with the craft's normal load condition and in a calm sea which is sufficiently broad and deep to be able to manoeuvre without disturbing the craft's manoeuvrability.

NOTE It is noted that there are some cases where it is not possible to turn at the preset rate, even if steered at the maximum rudder angle, due to the effects of weather, sea state or craft's manoeuvrability.

4.3.8.3 Preset turning radius

If the heading control system is provided with the function to perform turns with a preset turning radius, the accuracy of the radius, after becoming constant in a turn, shall be calculated using the data in 4.3.8.2.

NOTE There are some cases where it is not possible to turn at the preset turning radius, even if steered at the maximum rudder angle, due to the effects of weather, sea state or craft's manoeuvrability.

4.3.9 Limiting of overshoot

The heading control system shall include a counter rudder-angle adjustment control or similar system to allow the change to a preset heading without significant overshoot.

4.3.10 Power supply

4.3.10.1 A heading control system shall be capable of normal operation when its power supply varies as specified in IEC 60945.

4.3.10.2 *If provision is made for operating equipment from more than one source of electrical energy, arrangements for rapidly changing from one source to the other shall be provided but not necessarily incorporated in the equipment.* Means shall be provided to retain the current heading during alteration of the power source.

4.3.11 Alarms and signalling facilities

4.3.11.1 General

The alarm signalling facilities shall be fitted near the conning position and easily accessible.

4.3.11.2 Failure or reduction in power

An alarm both audible with mute function and visual shall be provided in order to indicate failure or a reduction in the power supply to the heading control system or heading monitor, which would affect the safe operation of the equipment. The alarm signalling facilities are not required to be an integrated part of the heading control system.

4.3.11.3 System failure

An alarm which is both audible with mute function and visual shall be provided in order to indicate any malfunction of the heading control system which would affect the safe operation of the equipment.

NOTE The term "heading control system" is shown schematically in Figure 1.

4.3.11.4 Off-heading alarm

An off-heading alarm, both audible with mute function and visual shall be provided when the actual heading information deviates from the preset heading beyond a preset limit. The preset limit shall be set within a minimum range of 5° to 15°.

NOTE 1 Off-heading is a situation where the craft has deviated from the preset heading.

NOTE 2 The "preset limit" specified in these provisions means an alarm threshold.

4.3.11.5 Heading monitor

If the craft is required to carry two independent compasses, a heading monitor shall be provided to monitor the actual heading information from independent heading sources. The heading monitor is not required to be an integrated part of the heading control system. An alarm both audible with mute function and visual shall be provided when the heading information in use deviates from the second heading source beyond a preset limit. The preset limit shall be set within a minimum range of 5° to 15°.

NOTE The "preset limit" specified in these provisions means an alarm threshold.

4.3.11.6 Indication of heading source

A clear indication of the heading source in use shall be provided.