



Standard Specification for Sliding Watertight Door Assemblies¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the design, manufacture, and testing of sliding watertight door assemblies intended to ensure the watertight integrity of personnel access openings in watertight bulkheads.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

A36/A36M Specification for Carbon Structural Steel
F1197 Specification for Sliding Watertight Door Control Systems

2.2 Military Specification:

MIL-S-901 Shock Test, H.I. (High Impact); Shipboard Machinery, Equipment and Systems, Requirements for³

2.3 American Bureau of Shipping:

Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels⁴

2.4 Code of Federal Regulations:⁵

Title 46, Part 159.010, Independent Laboratory: Acceptance, Listing and Termination
Title 46, Part 163.001, Doors, Watertight, Sliding (and Door Controls), for Merchant Vessels (through the 1991 edition)

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, <http://www.dodssp.daps.mil>.

⁴ Available from American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), ABS Plaza, 16855 Northchase Dr., Houston, TX 77060, <http://www.eagle.org>.

⁵ Available from U.S. Government Printing Office Superintendent of Documents, 732 N. Capitol St., NW, Mail Stop: SDE, Washington, DC 20401, <http://www.access.gpo.gov>.

2.5 International Maritime Organization (IMO):

International Code for the Application of Fire Test Procedures (FTP)⁶

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *door assembly*—a door panel and its associated panel stiffening.

3.1.2 *frame assembly*—a rigid frame designed to be attached to a watertight bulkhead. The guide tracks necessary to ensure proper door and frame alignment are also included as part of the frame assembly.

3.1.3 *horizontal sliding watertight door*—a sliding watertight door that opens and closes with a horizontal movement.

3.1.4 *opening hand*—the direction in which a horizontal sliding watertight door opens. A left-hand opening door opens to the left when viewed from the side of the bulkhead on which the door assembly is located. A right-hand opening door opens to the right when viewed from the side of the bulkhead on which the door assembly is located.

3.1.5 *pressure head*—the pressure which a sliding watertight door assembly is designed to withstand. For a door located below the bulkhead deck, it is equivalent to the pressure exerted by a column of water the height of which is equal to the vertical distance from the bulkhead deck to the door sill in its installed location. For a door located above the bulkhead deck, it is equivalent to the pressure exerted by the maximum head of water for its location, as determined in the damage stability calculations.

3.1.6 *sliding watertight door assembly*—a steel door assembly and a steel frame assembly fitted with a replaceable interface between the two that ensures watertightness between door and frame at the design pressure head.

3.1.7 *vertical sliding watertight door*—a sliding watertight door that opens and closes with a vertical movement.

4. Classification

4.1 Sliding watertight doors consist of four types:

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4.1.1 *Type IA*—Horizontal doors that conform to the sizes specified in **Table 1** as illustrated in **Fig. 1**.

4.1.2 *Type IB*—Vertical doors that conform to the sizes specified in **Table 2** as illustrated in **Fig. 2**.

4.1.3 *Type IIA*—Horizontal doors that conform generally to the requirements of this specification, but that necessitate special requirements as indicated in **Section 5**.

4.1.4 *Type IIB*—Vertical doors that conform generally to the requirements of this specification, but that necessitate special requirements as indicated in **Section 5**.

4.2 Watertight doors consist of three classes:

NOTE 1—These classifications are in agreement with those defined and accepted by the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), regulatory bodies, and classification societies.

4.2.1 *Class 1*—Doors that are hinged and dogged. This specification is not applicable to this class of door.

4.2.2 *Class 2*—Sliding doors that are operable both locally and remotely by hand gear.

4.2.3 *Class 3*—Sliding doors that are operable both locally and remotely by hand and by power.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 The following shall be specified when ordering:

- 5.1.1 Quantity,
- 5.1.2 Type,
- 5.1.3 Class,
- 5.1.4 Size,
- 5.1.5 Opening hand,
- 5.1.6 Door and frame material,
- 5.1.7 Pressure head (if other than standard),
- 5.1.8 Supplementary requirements (if any),
- 5.1.9 Additional requirements as contracted by the manufacturer and purchaser, and
- 5.1.10 ASTM specification designation.

6. Design

6.1 Sliding watertight door assemblies shall be designed to maintain watertightness within the limits set forth in this specification. Doors shall be designed to open and close within the limitations specified in **Specification F1197**.

6.2 Assemblies shall be of substantial and rigid construction to ensure that doors can be closed under a static head equivalent to a water height of at least 1 m above the sill on the centerline of the door.

6.3 There shall be a replaceable interface between the door and frame assemblies, such as a brass rubbing strip or resilient gasket, to ensure watertightness between door and frame at the design pressure head.

TABLE 1 Type IA Door Dimensions

Size	Door Size	A, in. ^A	B, in.	C, in.	D, in.	E, in.	F, in.
1	2 ft. 2 in. by 5 ft. 6 in.	26	66	64	76	17	78
2	2 ft. 6 in. by 5 ft. 0 in.	30	60	72	84	16	72
3	2 ft. 6 in. by 6 ft. 0 in.	30	72	72	84	18	84
4	3 ft. 0 in. by 5 ft. 6 in.	36	66	84	96	18	78

^A1 in. = 25.4 mm.

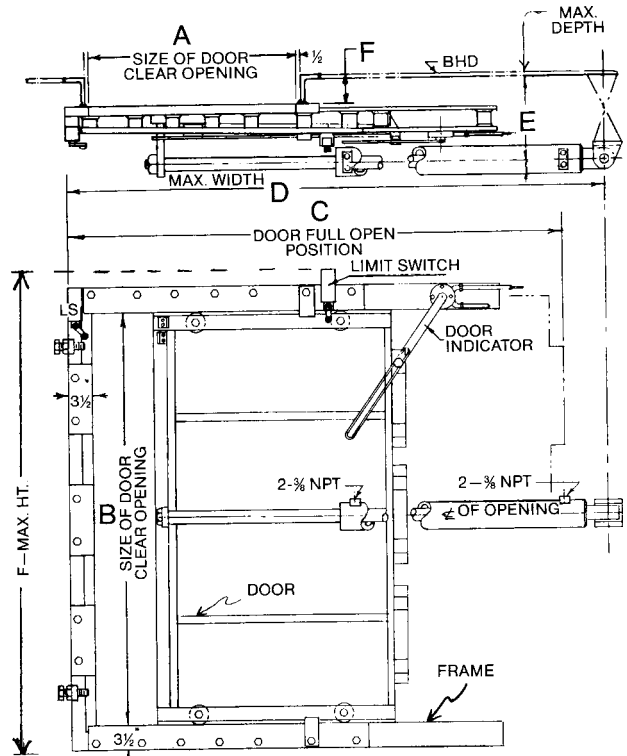


FIG. 1 Type IA Door and Frame

TABLE 2 Type IB Door Dimensions

Size	Door Size	A, in. ^A	B, in.	C, in.	D, in.	E, in.
1	2 ft. 2 in. by 5 ft. 6 in.	26	66	142	155	17
2	2 ft. 6 in. by 5 ft. 0 in.	30	60	130	143	16
3	2 ft. 6 in. by 6 ft. 0 in.	30	72	154	167	18
4	3 ft. 0 in. by 5 ft. 6 in.	36	66	142	155	18

^A1 in. = 25.4 mm.

6.3.1 The replaceable interface may be incorporated into the door assembly, the frame assembly, or both.

6.3.2 Assemblies shall be designed and constructed so as to be capable of preventing the passage of smoke and flame to the end of the 1-h standard fire test described by IMO FTP. When specified by the purchaser, assemblies shall also be insulated to prevent the transfer of heat to at least the same degree as the adjacent bulkhead. A fire test is not required if the assembly design incorporates details that have been demonstrated such as by a fire test on a similar door with smaller dimensions, to prevent the passage of smoke and flame. Also, a separate pressure test to determine continued watertightness after the standard fire test is not required.

6.3.3 Assemblies shall be designed in such a manner that the replaceable interface will be protected from damage when the door is in the open position.

6.4 Sliding watertight door assemblies shall be designed to provide sufficient allowance or means of adjustment to maintain the original watertight integrity as the watertight joint wears through normal usage.

6.5 Means shall be provided for lubrication of all parts necessary for satisfactory operation.