
Inflatable boats —

Part 3:

**Boats with a hull length less than 8
m with a motor rating of 15 kW and
greater**

Bateaux pneumatiques —

*(Partie 3: Bateaux d'une longueur de coque inférieure à 8 m et d'une
puissance moteur assignée supérieure ou égale à 15 kW)*

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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 188, *Small craft*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 6185-3:2001), which has been technically revised.

ISO 6185 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Inflatable boats*:

- *Part 1: Boats with a maximum motor power rating of 4, 5 kW*
- *Part 2: Boats with a maximum motor power rating of 5 kW to 15 kW inclusive*
- *Part 3: Boats with a hull length less than 8m and with a motor power rating of 15 kW and greater*
- *Part 4: Boats with a hull length of between 8 m and 24 m and with a maximum motor power rating of 15 kW and greater*

Introduction

ISO 6185 is subdivided into four parts as shown in [Figure 1](#). It excludes:

- single-chambered boats;
- boats < 1 800 N buoyancy; and
- boats made from unsupported materials > 12 kN inflated buoyancy and powered by motors > 4, 5 kW.

It is not applicable to:

- aquatic toys; and
- inflatable liferafts.

ISO 6185-1:

- Type I Boats with $L_H < 8$ m propelled exclusively by manual means.
- Type II Powered boats with $L_H < 8$ m with a power $\leq 4, 5$ kW.
- Type III Canoes and kayaks with $L_H < 8$ m.
- Type IV Sail boats with $L_H < 8$ m with a sail area ≤ 6 m².

ISO 6185-2:

- Type V Powered boats with $L_H < 8$ m with power $4,5 \text{ kW} < P \leq 15 \text{ kW}$
- Type VI Sail boats with $L_H < 8$ m with sail area > 6 m².

ISO 6185-3:

- Type VII Powered boats with $L_H < 8$ m with power ≥ 15 kW.
- Type VIII Powered boats with $L_H < 8$ m with power ≥ 75 kW.

ISO 6185-4:

- Type IX Powered boats (design categories C and D) with $8\text{m} < L_H \leq 24$ m with power ≥ 15 kW.
- Type X Powered boats (design category B) with $8\text{m} < L_H \leq 24$ m with power ≥ 75 kW.

		ISO 6185-1	ISO 6185-2	ISO 6185-3	ISO 6185-4
Buoyancy (kN)		Types I, II, III and IV	Types V and VI	Types VII and VIII	Types IX and X
	12		For > 12 kN reinforced materials	Reinforced materials only	Reinforced materials only $L_H \geq 8$ m
	1,8	Reinforced or unsupported materials	For < 12 kN reinforced or unsupported materials		
		<div>< 1800 N excluded from ISO 6185</div>			
Motor power rating (kW):		4,5	15	75 (Type X only)	

Figure 1 — Illustration of how ISO 6185 is sub-divided

This document enables the boat to be assigned to a design category appropriate to its design and maximum load. The categories used align with those in the Recreational Craft Directive of the European Union, EU Directive 94/25/EC, as amended by Directive 2003/44/EC.

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Part 3:

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 6185 specifies the minimum safety characteristics required for the design, materials to use, manufacture and testing of inflatable boats and rigid inflatable boats with a hull length L_H in accordance with ISO 8666 less than 8 m with a motor power rating of 15 kW and greater.

This part of ISO 6185 is applicable to the following types of boats intended for use within the operating temperatures of $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$:

- Type VII: Powered Boats fitted with a buoyancy tube attached to the port and starboard sides, suitable for navigation in conditions of Design Categories C and D and capable of installing motor power rating of 15 kW and greater.
- Type VIII: Powered Boats fitted with a buoyancy tube attached to the port and starboard sides, suitable for navigation in conditions of Design Category B capable of installing motor power rating of 75kW and greater.

NOTE 1 General arrangements of typical boats of Types VII and VIII are given in [Annexes A](#) and [B](#), respectively.

This part of ISO 6185 excludes single-chambered boats and boats made from unsupported materials, and is not applicable to aquatic toys and inflatable liferafts.

NOTE 2 For craft, concerned by the Recreational Craft Directive (RCD) of the European Union, fitted with inboard engines with nonstandard integral exhausts, noise emission requirements need to be considered.

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.

EN 314-2, *Plywood - Bonding quality - Part 2: Requirements*

ISO 1817, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of the effect of liquids*

ISO 2411, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Determination of coating adhesion*

ISO 3011, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Determination of resistance to ozone cracking under static conditions*

ISO 3864-1, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Part 1: Design principles for safety signs and safety markings*

ISO 4674-1:2003, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Determination of tear resistance — Part 1: Constant rate of tear methods*

ISO 4675, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Low-temperature bend test*

ISO 6185-4:2011, *Inflatable boats — Part 4: Boats with a hull length of between 8 m and 24 m with a motor power rating of 15 kW and greater*

ISO 8099, *Small craft — Toilet waste retention systems*

ISO 8666, *Small craft — Principal data*

ISO 8847, *Small craft — Steering gear — Cable and pulley systems*

ISO 8848, *Small craft — Remote steering systems*

ISO 9093, *Small craft — Seacocks and through-hull fittings*

ISO 9094, *Small craft — Fire protection*

ISO 9775, *Small craft — Remote steering systems for single outboard motors of 15 kW to 40 kW power*

ISO 10087, *Small craft — Craft identification — Coding system*

ISO 10088, *Small craft — Permanently installed fuel systems*

ISO 10133, *Small craft — Electrical systems — Extra-low-voltage d.c. installations*

ISO 10239, *Small craft — Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) systems*

ISO 10240, *Small craft — Owner's manual*

ISO 10592, *Small craft — Hydraulic steering systems*

ISO 11105, *Small craft — Ventilation of petrol engine and/or petrol tank compartments*

ISO 11547, *Small craft — Start-in-gear protection*

ISO 11592, *Small craft less than 8 m length of hull — Determination of maximum propulsion power rating*

ISO 11812:2001, *Small craft — Watertight cockpits and quick-draining cockpits*

ISO 12215-3:2002, *Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 3: Materials: Steel, aluminium alloys, wood, other materials*¹⁴

ISO 12215-5, *Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 5: Design pressures for monohulls, design stresses, scantlings determination*

ISO 12216, *Small craft — Windows, portlights, hatches, deadlights and doors — Strength and watertightness requirements*

ISO 12217-1:2013, *Small craft — Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorization — Part 1: Non-sailing boats of hull length greater than or equal to 6 m*

ISO 12217-3:2013, *Small craft — Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorization — Part 3: Boats of hull length less than 6 m*

ISO 13297, *Small craft — Electrical systems — Alternating current installations*

ISO 14945, *Small craft — Builder's plate*

ISO 14946, *Small craft — Maximum load capacity*

ISO 15084, *Small craft — Anchoring, mooring and towing — Strong points*

ISO 15085:2003¹⁾ *Small craft — man overboard prevention and recovery*

ISO 15652, *Small craft — Remote steering systems for inboard mini jet boats*

1) Under revision

ISO 21487, *Small craft — Permanently installed petrol and diesel fuel tanks*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

inflatable boat

buoyant structure (hull), achieving all or part of its intended shape and buoyancy by the medium of inflation and which is intended for the transportation of people and/or loads on the water, and where the design and shape of it gives it the capability of withstanding forces and movements arising from sea conditions

3.2

rigid inflatable boat

buoyant structure comprising two essential parts: a lower hull formed by a rigid structure achieving part of its intended shape and a non-rigid buoyancy tube(s) that is of either inflatable or foam-filled type and where the volume of the buoyancy tube(s) comprises not less than 50 % of the total required buoyant volume of the boat (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: Tubes made from rigid aluminium, rotomoulded polyethylene, GRP or other rigid materials are excluded.

3.3

buoyancy of an inflatable boat

buoyancy of all chambers which form the inflatable hull, plus any other buoyant component which is permanently fixed to it

Note 1 to entry: The term “permanently fixed” implies detachment is only possible by the use of tools

3.4

total buoyant volume (V)

buoyancy comprising the buoyant volumes of the inflatable buoyancy tube (3.5) and the foam filled buoyancy tube (3.6) added to the permanent inherent buoyancy (3.7) added to the permanent sealed buoyancy (3.8) added to the inherent buoyancy of the rigid parts of the boat

3.5

inflatable buoyancy tube

multi-chambered tube attached to the length of both port and starboard sides of the hull when the boat is in use, and inflated with air

3.6

foam-filled buoyancy tube

buoyancy tube attached to the length of both port and starboard sides of the hull when the boat is in use, and filled with resilient closed cell type foam

Note 1 to entry: For material requirements, see 5.7.

3.7

permanent inherent buoyancy

buoyancy provided by non-intercellular (closed cell) foam or other materials, contained within the rigid hull and cockpit, which are less dense than fresh water

Note 1 to entry: For material requirement see ISO 12217-1:2013, Annex F.

3.8

permanent sealed buoyancy

buoyancy provided by sealed compartments, contained within the rigid hull and cockpit, filled with air

Note 1 to entry: For requirements see ISO 12217-1:2013, Annex F reference air containers.

- 3.9**
reinforced materials
materials which have a coated base cloth
- 3.10**
inboard area
internal surface area defined by a vertical plane tangential to the innermost side of the buoyancy tube
- 3.11**
crew limit
maximum number of persons to be carried when the boat is underway, as displayed on the builder's plate
- 3.12**
design category
description of the sea and wind conditions for which a boat is assessed to be suitable

Note 1 to entry: The definitions of these design categories align with those used in the Recreational Craft Directive of the European Union, EU Directive 94/25/EC as amended.

- 3.12.1**
design category B “offshore”
designed for offshore voyages where conditions up to and including wind force 8 and significant wave heights up to and including 4 m can be experienced
- 3.12.2**
design category C “inshore”
designed for voyages in coastal waters, large bays, estuaries, lakes and rivers where conditions up to and including wind force 6 and significant wave heights up to and including 2 m can be experienced
- 3.12.3**
design category D “sheltered waters”
designed for voyages in sheltered coastal waters, small bays, small lakes, rivers, and canals when conditions up to and including wind force 4 and significant wave heights up to and including 0,3 m can be experienced, with occasional waves of 0,5 m maximum height, for example from passing vessels

4 Symbols

Unless specifically otherwise defined, the symbols and units used in this part of ISO 6185 are given in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Symbols, abbreviated terms and units

Symbol	Designation	Unit	Clause
A_{LV}	windage area of the hull in profile at the appropriate loading condition	m ²	7.3
B_H	beam of the hull, measured in compliance with ISO 8666 with the inflatable tubes inflated to nominal pressure	m	7.3 7.5
CL	crew limit, see 3.11		7.2
d	maximum tube diameter, measured within the straight sections of the buoyancy tube section	mm	5.2.2.5 5.2.2.7
$F(d)$	dimensional factor		8.1
F_t	tear resistance force	N	5.2.2.5
F_s	static load force	N	5.2.2.7

^a 1 bar = 0,1 MPa = 10⁵ Pa; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm².