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(Man overboard detection)**

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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The lack of standardized man overboard (MOB) detection system requirements has made it difficult for end users to objectively evaluate the safety and effectiveness of such systems. This document addresses these issues by clearly defining the technical specifications for the equipment, thereby allowing manufacturers to develop systems against a common set of requirements and enabling end-users to evaluate the safety, effectiveness, performance, and reliability of MOB detection systems.

Comments to ISO TC 8 SC 1 on this document are encouraged. The experience gained by the wider audience of users, suppliers, and other stakeholders using this document will better inform the development of the final International Standard. To submit comments, see <https://www.iso.org/committee/45800.html>.

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# Ships and marine technology — Systems for the detection of persons while going overboard from ships (Man overboard detection)

## 1 Scope

This document specifies technical requirements for systems designed to detect a person who has gone overboard from a passenger ship. This document addresses how a system is expected to perform in various environmental conditions and a wide variety of incident profiles.

This document does not cover man overboard (MOB) detection systems that require the passengers or crew to wear or carry a device to trigger an MOB event.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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/TR 7250-2:2010, *Basic human body measurements for technological design — Part 2: Statistical summaries of body measurements from national populations*

IEC 60068-2-6:2007, *Environmental testing — Part 2-6: Tests — Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60092-376:2003, *Electrical installations in ships — Part 376: Cables for control and instrumentation circuits 150/250 V (300V)*

IEC 60945:2002(E), *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems — General requirements — Methods of testing and required test results*

IEC 61162-3:2014, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems — Digital interfaces — Part 3: Serial data instrument network*

IMO Resolution A.1021(26), *Code on alerts and indicators*, 2009

IMO Resolution MSC.337(91), *Adoption Of The Code On Noise Levels On Board Ships*

SOLAS Chapter III, *International Safety of Life at Sea*, 1974

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### accessible open area

any area of the ship that is accessible to either passengers or crew and open to the outside

**3.2**

**active state**

state in which the system is on

**3.3**

**alarm actions**

actions available within the system when an MOB warning or alarm is triggered or changes status

**3.4**

**A-weighted noise level**

quantity measured by a sound meter in which the frequency response is weighted according to the A-weighting curve defined in IEC 61672:2013

**3.5**

**control station**

equipment that provides the facilities for human observation and control of the MOB detection system

**3.6**

**data**

information captured and/or generated by the MOB detection system

Note 1 to entry: Data may be in either a raw or a processed form and includes basic (e.g. text, numeric, Boolean), composite (e.g. array, class, and list), and multimedia (e.g. images, audio, and video) data types.

**3.7**

**electronic chart display and information system  
ECDIS**

navigation information system that is defined in the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Performance Standard for ECDIS (IMO Resolution A.817 (19), as amended)

**3.8**

**environmental vibration** <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/a3f6c2aa-0d56-4dae-af2d-50a8383a-9a9c/iso-pas-21195-2018>  
periodic motion of equipment installed aboard ships as a result of environmental forces

**3.9**

**false alarm**

system activation not caused by an actual MOB event

**3.10**

**heading**

angle between the direction in which the ship's bow is pointing and a reference direction expressed in degrees from a reference direction, e.g. true north, usually from 000° clockwise through 360°

**3.11**

**independent laboratory**

laboratory that has been recognized by a laboratory accrediting organization to test and evaluate products to a product safety standard, and is free from commercial, financial, and other pressures that may influence the results of the testing and evaluation process

**3.12**

**International Association of Classification Societies (IACS)**

organization that establishes, reviews, promotes, and develops minimum technical requirements in relation to the design, construction, maintenance, and survey of ships and other marine related facilities; and assists international regulatory bodies and standards organizations to develop, implement and interpret statutory regulations and industry standards in ship design, construction, and maintenance, with a view to improving safety at sea and the prevention of marine pollution

**3.13**

**man overboard (MOB) event**

incident in which a person(s) has accidentally or intentionally gone over the side/front/back of a ship and into the water



**3.14****man overboard (MOB) verification data**

system data that may be used by user to acknowledge, deny, confirm, or terminate an MOB warning or alarm at the control station

**3.15****nominal operating conditions**

set of ship and environmental conditions that are typically encountered by a ship while travelling with passengers as shown in [Table 1](#)

**Table 1 — Nominal operating conditions**

Condition	Value
Wave height	0 m to 2,5 m
Precipitation	None
Ship speed	0 knots to 25 knots

**3.16****recognized organization**

competent organization that has been assessed by a National Authority and found to be capable of witnessing the required tests and certifying the test results

**3.17****sensor unit**

device or system of devices that detects and responds to one or more physical stimuli

**3.18****shipboard cable**

armored or unarmored cable constructed in accordance with ISO/IEC 11801:2002, ISO/IEC 11801:2002/Amd2:2010 or other recognized ship cable standards, and listed or classified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory

**3.19****underway**

not at anchor, or made fast to the shore, or aground

**4 Abbreviated terms**

ECDS	Electronic chart display and information system
IACS	International Association of Classification Societies
IBS	Integrated bridge system
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IMO	International Maritime Organization
MOB	Man overboard
NMEA	National Marine Electronics Association
RAID	Redundant array of independent disks
RO	Recognized Organization
RoHS	Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances

S-VDR	Simplified voyage data recorder
SOLAS	International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended by IMO Res. MSC.47(66)
TBT	Technical Barriers to Trade
UTC	Coordinated universal time
VDR	Voyage data recorder
WTO	World Trade Organization

## 5 Requirements

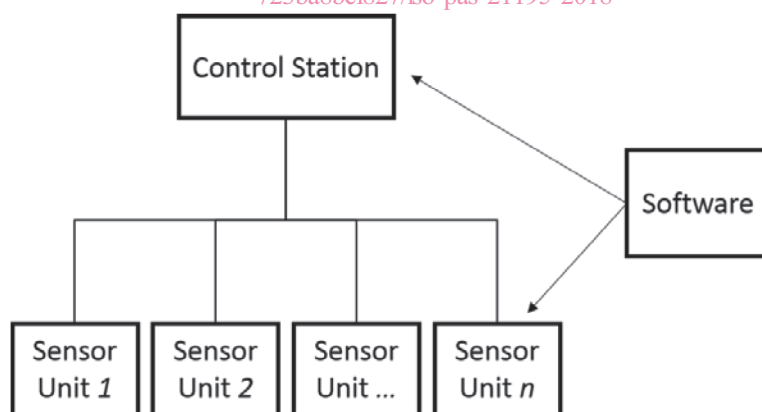
### 5.1 General

The testing outlined in this document shall be conducted by an independent laboratory or may be conducted by the manufacturer provided the tests conducted by the manufacturer are approved (or certified) by a Recognized Organization or Classification Society that complies with the applicable unified interpretations and requirements posted by the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS).

The intent of the following requirements is to verify that the system contains all the core system capabilities.

### 5.2 System description

A general MOB detection system described in this document consists of a control station, sensor units, cables, and associated software (Figure 1).



NOTE Depending on the system, the associated software can be installed on the control station and/or sensor units.

**Figure 1 — Block diagram of a general MOB detection system with logical links**

### 5.3 Control station

The system shall include a control station where alarms and data can be reviewed.

The system shall have the capability for an operator to manually select an imaging sensor and timeline for playback at the control station.

## 5.4 Shipboard cables

Shipboard cables shall be manufactured in compliance with the applicable sections of IEC 60092-376:2003 for low smoke and zero halogen.

Shipboard cables shall be designed and manufactured in compliance with the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS) in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive (2011/65/EU) or equivalent.

## 5.5 Light emitting system components

The intensity of light emitting system components located or installed in the bridge area shall be fully dimmable and capable of being controlled at the control station.

## 5.6 Noise emitting system components

All components of the system that are installed in the navigating bridge and/or chartrooms shall have a maximum A-weighted noise level of less than 65 dB(A), in accordance with IMO Resolution MSC.337(91). The MOB audible alarm is exempt from this requirement.

System components installed in locations other than the navigating bridge or chartroom shall follow the maximum A-weighted noise levels set forth by IMO Resolution MSC.337(91). The MOB audible alarm is exempt from this requirement.

## 5.7 Power

The system shall be capable of being powered from a 100 Vac to 230 Vac power source, or from a 24 Vdc power source.

## 5.8 Electromagnetic compatibility

The system shall satisfy the requirements for electromagnetic emission and immunity to electromagnetic environments set forth in IEC 60945:2002(E).

## 5.9 Ingress protection

All components of the system that are required to be installed in an area of the ship that is open to the elements shall be certified to an ingress protection rating of IP66 or greater.

NOTE IEC 60529:1989+A1:1999+A2:2013 provides additional information on ingress protection ratings.

## 5.10 Environmental vibration

The system shall be capable of withstanding typical environmental vibrations that may be encountered on the ship. The system shall be tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-6:2007 to determine this capability.

## 5.11 MOB detection

The system shall detect persons that pass through the MOB detection zone (see 5.12) while going overboard.

The method of detection shall not require the passengers or crew to wear or carry a device to trigger an MOB event.

The system shall be capable of detecting a human with a height of 1,467 m. This height is based on the minimum 5th percentile stature data published in ISO/TR 7250-2:2010(E).