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- *Part 1: Vocabulary for geometry of propellers*
- *Part 2: Vocabulary for controllable-pitch propeller plants*

# Ships and marine technology — Propulsion plants for ships —

## Part 1: Vocabulary for geometry of propellers

### 1 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. Exceptional designs, as e.g. rim drives, are not covered.

The definitions are valid only for the hydrodynamically effective part of the propeller based on cylindrical blade sections. No definitions are given for the mechanical design of the hub.

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

### 2 Normative references

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

ISO 484-1, *Shipbuilding — Ship screw propellers — Manufacturing tolerances — Part 1: Propellers of diameter greater than 2,50 m*

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

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1 screw propeller

##### 3.1.1 propeller radius

*R* [General]

RP [Computer]

largest distance of the extreme point of a blade (i.e. blade tip) rectangular to the x-axis

Note 1 to entry: For propellers with adjustable blades and controllable-pitch propellers, this definition is valid for design pitch.

Note 2 to entry: For definition of coordinate system see [Figure 2](#).

3.1.2

**propeller diameter**

D [General]

DP [Computer]

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

Note 1 to entry:  $D = 2R$

Note 2 to entry: For propellers with mounted blades and controllable-pitch propellers, this definition is valid for design pitch.

3.1.3

**number of blades**

Z [General]

Z [Computer]

total number of blades of a propeller

3.1.4

**disc area**

$A_0$  [General]

A0 [Computer]

disc area calculated by means of the propeller diameter

$$A_0 = D^2 \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 2](#).

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3.1.5

**area ratio**

ratio of any area based on blade geometry and the propeller disc area

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Note 1 to entry: See [3.6.1](#) for further details.

3.1.6

**propeller plane**

y- and z-plane

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 2](#).

3.1.7

**direction of rotation, right-handed**

<clockwise>

when going ahead the propeller moves in the upper point from left to right (seen from aft)

3.1.8

**direction of rotation, left-handed**

<counter clockwise>

when going ahead the propeller moves in the upper point from right to left (seen from aft)

3.1.9

**angular coordinate**

$\Theta$  [General]

is coordinate, positive in direction of propeller rotation

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 3](#).

**3.2****hub**

boss

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

Note 1 to entry: The propeller cap is usually not part of the hub.

**3.2.1****hub diameter** $d_h$  [General]

DH [Computer]

diameter of the hub in the propeller plane

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure A.1](#).

**3.2.2****fore diameter of hub** $d_{hf}$  [General]

DHF [Computer]

fore diameter of the hub, not considering any shoulder

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure A.1](#).

**3.2.3****aft diameter of hub** $d_{ha}$  [General]

DHA [Computer]

aft diameter of the hub, not considering any shoulder

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure A.1](#) [standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/9620c4ee-1bf8-4e7f-bd8f-45708749e4ab/iso-dis-3715-1](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/9620c4ee-1bf8-4e7f-bd8f-45708749e4ab/iso-dis-3715-1)

**3.2.4****hub length** $l_h$  [General]

LH [Computer]

length of the hub, any shoulder aft and fore included

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure A.1](#).

**3.2.5****aft 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 1 to entry: See [Figure A.1](#).

**3.2.6****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

**3.2.7****hub diameter ratio** $d_h/D$  [General]

DHR [Computer]

relation of hub diameter to propeller diameter





**3.4****cylindrical blade section**

developed penetration area of a cylinder coaxial related to the x-axis of a propeller with a propeller blade at design pitch

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure A.2](#).

**3.4.1****chord line of blade section**

CLS [General]

the chord line coincides with coordinates  $x_c$

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 5](#).

**3.4.2****mean line of blade section**

camber line

MLS [General]

connecting line of the centres of contact circles between suction and pressure side

**3.4.3****camber**

$f$  [General]

F [Computer]

$f$  is equal to maximum  $y_c$ -value of the mean line

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure A.2](#).

**3.4.4****chord length**

$c$  [General]

C [Computer]

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

Note 1 to entry: Maximum  $x_c$  see [Figure A.2](#).

**3.4.5****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  $x_c$ -coordinate of the cylindrical section

Note 1 to entry: See system of coordinates in [Figure A.4](#) for information.

**3.4.6****trailing part of chord length**

$c_{TE}$  [General]

CTE [Computer]

developed length of a cylindrical section taken from the trailing edge to the reference line, related to the  $x_c$ -coordinate of the cylindrical section

Note 1 to entry: See system of coordinates in [Figure A.4](#).

**3.4.7****thickness of blade section**

3.4.7.1

maximum thickness of blade section

t [General]

T [Computer]

maximum distance between pressure and suction side perpendicular to mean line

Note 1 to entry: See system of coordinates; see also [Figure A.2](#) and [Figure A.4](#) for information.

3.4.7.2

local thickness of blade section

t<sub>x</sub> [General]

TX [Computer]

blade thickness at any location along the x<sub>c</sub>-coordinate axis, measured perpendicular to mean line

Note 1 to entry: See also [Figure A.2](#).

Note 2 to entry: Local thickness refers to contact circle diameter see [3.4.2](#), except for the leading edge region where the leading edge radius determines the contour.

3.4.7.3

Leading edge radius

r<sub>LE</sub> [General]

RLE [Computer]

radius defining the curvature of the leading edge (see also [Figure A.2](#))

3.5

pitch

P<sub>r</sub> [General]

PR [Computer]

covered distance of a point in x-direction after one revolution ( $\theta = 2\pi$ ) moving on a screw line at radius *r*

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EXAMPLE For  $r = 0,7 R$ , the pitch is  $P_0,7$ .  
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Note 1 to entry: See system of coordinates in [Figure 3](#).

Note 2 to entry: The pitch is unambiguously defined only for a helix of a constant lead. The area of a propeller blade is in general not an ideal helicoidal surface, but an area similar to a helicoidal surface. Therefore only area elements have defined pitch values.

Note 3 to entry: The pitch values of area elements are in general different in both directions, radial and peripheral as well.

3.5.1

pitch angle

φ [General]

PHI [Computer]

angle between the helix of constant lead and the propeller plane, taken on the cylindrical surface

$$\phi = \arctan \frac{P}{2\pi r}$$

3.5.2

pitch of pressure side

P<sub>PS</sub> [General]

PPS [Computer]

pitch of the line between the first and the last measuring point of the pressure side of a developed cylindrical section

Note 1 to entry: See ISO 484-1.

Note 2 to entry: See [Figure A.6](#).

**3.5.3****pitch of chord line** $P_{CL}$  [General]

PCL [Computer]

pitch of the chord between leading edge and trailing edge point of the developed chord line

**3.5.4****local pitch** $P_X$  [General]

PX [Computer]

pitch of the tangent of a curved line

Note 1 to entry: E.g. pressure side of a cylindrical section, at a certain point.

Note 2 to entry: Approximately, the pitch of the line between two adjacent points of a curved line is named local pitch.

Note 3 to entry: These measures will be used for examination purpose of the manufactured propeller in accordance with ISO 484-1.

**3.5.5****mean pitch of blade** $P_{MB}$  [General]

PMB [Computer]

nominal mean pitch of the blade calculated by means of a defined formula using the pitch of  $n$ - individual cylindrical sections and the corresponding chord lengths. The defining formula is:

$$P_{MB} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n P_{CL}(i) \cdot c(i) \cdot r(i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n c(i) \cdot r(i)}$$

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**3.5.6****mean pitch of propeller** $P_m$  [General]

PM [Computer]

arithmetical mean, calculated from the mean pitch of the individual blades

Note 1 to entry: This value is used, for example to calculate the true slip and the apparent slip value as well.

Note 2 to entry: It is used with restrictions for comparison purpose of the propulsion quality of different propellers.

**3.5.7****pitch ratio** $P_r/D$  [General]

PRD [Computer]

quotient of a pitch at radius  $r$  and the propeller diameter**3.6****description of propeller** (see [Figure A.4](#))**3.6.1****blade areas**