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- the definition of SWL (3.1) has been reworded;
- the leader line in Figure 1 has been amended.

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Introduction

The recessed bitt is a type of ship's towing fitting installed on the side shell of the ship.

Recessed bitts are normally provided to easily attach the towing lines where the height of the mooring deck is too high.

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Ships and marine technology — Ship's mooring and towing fittings — Recessed bitts (steel plate type)

1 Scope

This document specifies the types, nominal sizes, dimensions and materials, as well as construction, manufacturing and marking requirements, for steel plate type recessed bitts to meet normal towing requirements.

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.

IMO Circular MSC/Circ.1175, *Guidance on shipboard towing and mooring equipment*

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 <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

safe working load

SWL

safe load limit (maximum permissible load) of the fittings used for mooring and towing

4 Classification

4.1 Type

Depending on the manufacturing method, recessed bitts shall be classified as belonging to one of the following two types:

- a) Type A: manufactured by steel pipes;
- b) Type B: manufactured by steel plates.

4.2 Nominal sizes

The nominal sizes, D_n , of recessed bitts are denoted by reference to the outside diameter of the main post, in millimetres, in terms of the nearest number drawn from a basic series of preferred numbers. For the recessed bitts having the same post diameter, the letter of the alphabet, i.e. A or B, is followed by the nominal size for the different SWL.

The nominal sizes are 200, 250, 400A and 400B.

5 Dimensions

Recessed bitts shall have dimensions and particulars in accordance with [Table 1](#) and [Figure 1](#).

6 Materials

The following materials shall be used for manufacturing the recessed bitts:

- a) Type B: weldable steel plates having a yield point of not less than 235 N/mm²;
- b) Type A: weldable steel pipes having a yield point of not less than 215 N/mm² or equivalent.

7 Construction

7.1 The posts of the recessed bitts shall be constructed from steel pipes or formed from plate.

7.2 The recess boxes for the installation of the recessed bitt shall be designed with enough space for easy connection of the towing rope. The recess boxes shall be designed to prevent the chafing and damage of the towing rope as much as possible, and shall have enough strength as a part of the hull construction.

8 Manufacturing and inspection

8.1 All surfaces of the recessed bitts, including welded surfaces, shall be free from any visible flaws or imperfections.

8.2 All surfaces in contact with the ropes shall be free from surface roughness or irregularities likely to cause damage to the ropes by abrasion.

8.3 The recessed bitts shall be coated externally with an anti-corrosion protective finish.

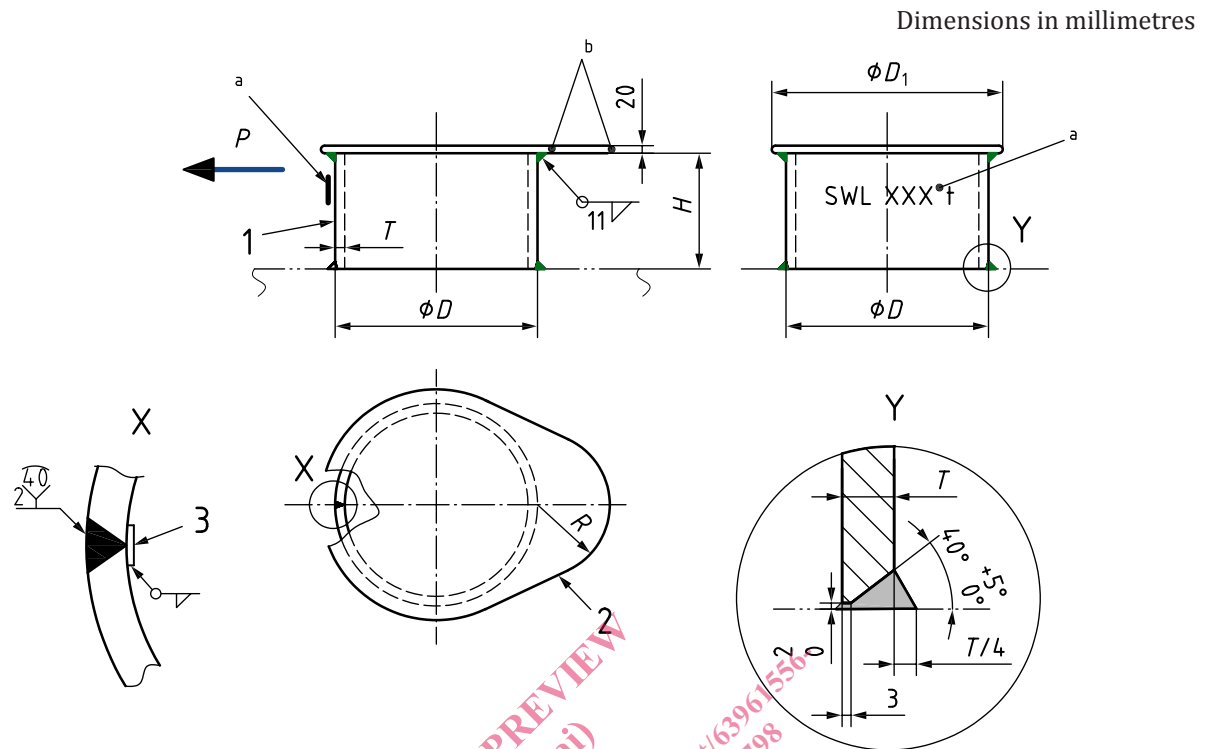
9 Marking

9.1 The safe working load (SWL) for the intended use of the recessed bitts shall be noted in the towing and mooring plan available on board for the guidance of the shipmaster, as specified in IMO circular MSC/Circ.1175.

9.2 The actual SWL on board shall be determined by considering the reinforcement around the recess box, and it shall be marked on the towing and mooring plan. The actual SWL shall not be over the SWL indicated in this document.

9.3 The recessed bitts shall be clearly marked with their SWL by weld bead or equivalent. The SWL shall be expressed in tonnes (symbol 't') and be placed so that it is not obscured during operation of the fitting.

EXAMPLE SWL XXX t.

**Key**

- 1 main post
- 2 top plate
- 3 chill strip
- P towing force
- a SWL marking.
- b Smooth grinding.

Figure 1 — Type A (for nominal sizes 150, 200, 250A and 250B)**Table 1 — Dimensions and SWL of recessed bitts**

Dimensions in millimetres

Nominal size D_n	Type	D	D_1	R	H	T	SWL ^b		Calculated weight ^c kg
							kN	t	
200	Type A	216,3	250	80	140	10,3	294	30	16,5
	Type B	210,0				10,0			16,1
250	Type A	267,4	305	100	160	12,7	491	50	26,7
	Type B	260,0				12,0			25,7
400A	Type A	406,4	480	140	300	12,7	687	70	69,7
	Type B	410,0				12,0			68,0
400B	Type A	406,4	480	140	330	21,4	1 177	120	99,7
	Type B	410,0				20,0			96,1

^a Welding with chamfering is available based on the same welding volume/strength.^b The SWL which is marked on the fitting is the maximum applicable rope tension.The SWLs shown in this table are for reference only. These are based on the loadings as mentioned in [Annex A](#).^c The calculated weight (mass) is for reference only.