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- due to the withdrawal of ISO 21072-1, the focus of this second edition of ISO 21072-2 is to address testing oil skimmers in both low and medium viscosities of oil, in lieu of the procedures provided in the original ISO 21072-1 and ISO 21072-2, which addressed testing in moving and static water conditions, respectively. This brings ISO 21072-2 in line with the remaining ISO 21072-3, dealing with high viscosity oil.

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Introduction

ISO 21072 standardizes the performance testing of oil skimmers used in marine pollution control.

Some oil skimmers have previously been performance tested under non-standard conditions and procedures, with declared performance parameters being of limited value to the end user, especially under field conditions.

ISO 21072 provides methods for carrying out and recording results of full-scale tests for a skimmer under a variety of test conditions, where there is limited or no access to specialist test facilities.

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