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**Ships and marine technology —  
Fire resistance of non-metallic  
hose assemblies and non-metallic  
compensators — Test methods**

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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 15540:1999), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO 15540:1999/Cor 1:1999.

The most significant change in this second edition is the inclusion of non-metallic compensators to the fire test procedures outlined in this document. The first edition of this document applied primarily to non-metallic hose assemblies. Because the compensators are used in common piping systems and may have similar materials to hose assemblies, the applicability of the test procedures was expanded to include compensators.

## Introduction

The main objective of the test using the test bench described in this document is to determine whether and for a safety period a non-metallic hose (made of rubber) assembly or non-metallic compensator (bellow made of rubber) can be exposed to fire without becoming inoperable when subjected to the design working pressure. Although the attacking fire is simulated such that it corresponds to a fire occurring in practice, it cannot be assumed that the duration of fire resistance as recorded during that test will also occur in the event of an actual fire, as the installation conditions, which greatly affect to the duration of fire resistance, may vary from case to case.

When carried out using the test bench specified in ISO 15541, the test procedure according to this document is intended to lead to results capable of being reproduced by testing the same size and type.

A specimen test certificate is specified in [Annex A](#).

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