



Standard Specification for Panama Canal Pilot Platform¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification provides design and construction details for Panama Canal pilot platforms.

1.2 Platforms shall be placed aboard the vessel in accordance with the requirements of the Panama Canal Commission and Title 35 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

1.3 The values stated in metric units are to be regarded as the standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:

B 221 Specification for Aluminum-Alloy Extruded Bars, Rods, Wire, Shapes, and Tubes²

2.2 *Federal Standard*:

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 35 Panama Canal Regulations (Parts 1 through 299)³

3. Ordering Information

3.1 Pilot platforms shall be ordered by this ASTM designation and year of issue.

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 02.02.

³ Available from Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

3.2 Paint finish (if other than standard).

4. Materials and Methods

4.1 Platforms shall be welded-aluminum construction in accordance with Specification B 221, Alloy 5086.

4.2 Decking shall be serrated-aluminum grating.

4.3 Canopy shall be of vinyl-nylon construction with sewn seams and metallic grommets.

4.4 Canopy tie-downs shall be 1/8-in. (DN 4-mm) nylon line.

4.5 Paint finish, if required, shall be in accordance with customer specifications.

5. Dimensions, Weight, and Permissible Variations

5.1 Dimensions as indicated in Figs. 1-7.

5.2 The approximate unit weight is 1250 N.

5.3 The construction tolerance is 4 mm, except bolt hole location 1 mm.

6. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

6.1 Shelters shall be free of weld splatter, sharp edges, and burrs injurious to personnel.

7. Keywords

7.1 Panama Canal; pilot platform

