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Standard Guide for Weight Control Technical Requirements for Surface Ships[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This guide provides recommended weight control technical requirements for surface ships and discusses different types of weight estimates, reports, and weight control procedures. It contains a weight classification that will assist in achieving uniformity by standardizing the weight-reporting system.

1.2 This guide is applicable to ships designed and constructed in inch-pound units of measurement and to ships designed and constructed in SI units of measurement. Whenever inch-pound units are shown or referred to in the text, or in example formats included in this guide, it is to be understood that corresponding SI units may be substituted if applicable to a ship designed and constructed in SI units, provided that whichever system is used, it is consistently used in all weight control reporting documentation for the ship.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*[2]

F1321 Guide for Conducting a Stability Test (Lightweight Survey and Inclining Experiment) to Determine the Light Ship Displacement and Centers of Gravity of a Vessel

F1332 Practice for Use of SI (Metric) Units in Maritime Applications (Committee F25 Supplement to IEEE/ASTM SI 10)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *agreed weight and center of gravity estimate, n*—an estimate of light ship weight and centers of gravity data, mutually agreed upon between the owner and the shipbuilder shortly after award of the shipbuilding contract, based on the ship design information, for example, specifications, drawings, and so forth, available at the time of award.

3.1.2 *as-built weight and center of gravity estimate, n*—a detailed final estimate of light ship weight and centers of gravity data, adjusted for inclining experiment results, reflecting the as-built ship including the net effect of contract modifications.

3.1.3 *center of gravity, n*—the point through which the resultant of all gravitational forces on a ship or a component passes. The location, a balance point, at which the entire weight of a ship may be considered to be concentrated.

3.1.4 *deadweight, n*—the total carrying capacity of a ship including weight of cargo, fuel, lubricating oil, fresh water in tanks, stores, passengers and baggage, and crew and their effects.

3.1.5 *inclining experiment, n*—a procedure performed on a completed, or almost completed, ship to establish experimentally the light ship values of the displacement and the vertical, longitudinal, and transverse positions of its center of gravity (see Guide F1321 for detailed procedures).

3.1.6 *independent weight and center of gravity estimate, n*—the estimate of light ship weight and centers of gravity performed by the shipbuilder shortly after award of the shipbuilding contract based on the ship design information available at the time of award. When compared with the owner's estimate and upon resolution of differences, an agreed upon weight and center of gravity estimate will result.

3.1.7 *light ship weight, n*—the weight of the ship with all its equipment and outfit, including permanent (fixed) solid or liquid ballast, spare parts that are carried on board, water in boilers at operating levels, machinery including Marine Sanitation Device units in working condition, lubricating oil in all machinery, but not in storage tanks, and liquids in all piping systems.

3.1.8 *longitudinal center of gravity (LCG), n*—the point through which the gravitational forces on a ship pass, measured longitudinally from amidships, measured from the forward perpendicular, or in some cases, measured from the aft perpendicular.

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[2] For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

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