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**Small craft — Hull construction  
and scantlings —**

**Part 5:  
Design pressures for monohulls, design  
stresses, scantlings determination**

*Petits navires — Construction de la coque et échantillonnage —*

*Partie 5: Pressions de conception pour monocoques, contraintes de  
conception, détermination de l'échantillonnage*



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## Foreword

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ISO 12215 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings*:

- *Part 1: Materials: Thermosetting resins, glass fibre reinforcement, reference laminate*
- *Part 2: Materials: Core materials for sandwich construction, embedded materials*
- *Part 3: Materials: Steel, aluminium alloys, wood, other materials*
- *Part 4: Workshop and manufacturing*
- *Part 5: Design pressures for monohulls, design stresses, scantlings determination*
- *Part 6: Structural arrangements and details*
- *Part 7: Scantling determination of multihulls*
- *Part 8: Rudders*
- *Part 9: Sailing boats — Appendages and rig attachment*

## Introduction

The reason underlying the preparation of this part of ISO 12215 is that standards and recommended practices for loads on the hull and the dimensioning of small craft differ considerably from one to another, thus limiting the general worldwide acceptability of boat scantlings. This part of ISO 12215 has been set towards the lower boundary of the range of current practice.

The objective of this part of ISO 12215 is to achieve an overall structural strength that ensures the watertight and weathertight integrity of the craft. It is intended to be a tool to assess the scantlings of a craft against lower bound practice and it is not intended to be a structural design procedure

The scantling requirements are based principally on providing adequate local strength. Serviceability issues such as deflection under normal operating loads, global strength and its connected shell and deck stability are not addressed. The criteria contained within may need to be supplemented by additional considerations deemed necessary by the designer of the structure.

The mechanical property data supplied as default values make no explicit allowance for deterioration in service nor provide any guarantee that these values can be obtained for any particular craft. The responsibility for the decision to use this part of ISO 12215 as part of the design procedure rests solely with the designer and/or manufacturer.

The design pressures given in this part of ISO 12215 are only used with the given equations.

Considering future development in technology and boat types and small craft currently outside the scope of this part of ISO 12215, provided methods supported by appropriate technology exist, consideration may be given to their use provided equivalent support for this part of ISO 12215 is achieved.

The dimensioning according to this part of ISO 12215 is regarded as reflecting current practice, provided the craft is correctly handled in the sense of good seamanship and operated at a speed appropriate to the prevailing sea state.

### Important notice:

- 1) ISO/TC 188/WG 18 believes that this part of ISO 12215 is the best that can be achieved at the time of publication. It has therefore decided to publish this document as an ISO Standard. It is anticipated that wider usage may reveal a number of issues that require modification. It is for this reason that WG 18 has asked for a revision of the document at the same time as its publication. This revision agreement will enable the group to amend this part of ISO 12215 quickly should this prove necessary.
- 2) In furtherance of this, this part of ISO 12215 needs to be applied with a critical mind, and users are invited to report to the TC secretariat, or national standardization body, any items that are considered to require correction, together with supporting evidence, be that theoretical or based on satisfactory, long-term service experience with actual boats operating in the appropriate design category sea states.

# Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings —

## Part 5:

## Design pressures for monohulls, design stresses, scantlings determination

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 12215 applies to the determination of design pressures and stresses, and to the determination of the scantlings, including internal structural members of monohull small craft constructed from fibre-reinforced plastics, aluminium or steel alloys, glued wood or other suitable boat building material, with a length of hull,  $L_H$ , in accordance with ISO 8666, between 2,5 m and 24 m. It only applies to boats in the intact condition.

It only applies to craft with a maximum speed  $\leq 50$  knots in  $m_{LDC}$  conditions.

The assessment shall generally include all parts of the craft that are assumed watertight or weathertight when assessing stability, freeboard and buoyancy in accordance with ISO 12217 and are essential to the safety of the craft and of persons on board.

For the complete scantlings of the craft, this part of ISO 12215 is used in conjunction with Part 6, for details, Part 7 for multihulls, Part 8 for rudders and Part 9 for appendages and rig attachment.

The scantling determination of windows, portlights, deadlights, hatches and doors, is in accordance with ISO 12216. The structure supporting these elements is in accordance with this part of ISO 12215.

NOTE 1 Scantlings derived from this part of ISO 12215 are primarily intended to apply to recreational craft including recreational charter vessels and may not be suitable for performance racing craft.

NOTE 2 This part of ISO 12215 is based on the assumption that scantlings are governed solely by local loads.

NOTE 3 The scantling requirements of this part of ISO 12215 are considered to correspond to the minimum strength requirements of motor and sailing craft which are operated in a safe and responsible manner, having due cognisance of the prevailing conditions.

Pressures and stresses are normally expressed in pascals, kilopascals or megapascals. For the purposes of a better understanding for the users of this part of ISO 12215, the pressures are expressed in kilonewtons per square metre ( $1 \text{ kN/m}^2 = 1 \text{ kPa}$ ) and stresses or elastic moduli are expressed in newtons per square millimetre ( $1 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 1 \text{ MPa}$ ).

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

ISO 178, *Plastics — Determination of flexural properties*

ISO 527-1, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 527-2, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 2: Test conditions for moulding and extrusion plastics*

ISO 844, *Rigid cellular plastics — Determination of compression properties*

ISO 845, *Cellular plastics and rubbers — Determination of apparent density*

ISO 1922, *Rigid cellular plastics — Determination of shear strength*

ISO 8666:2002, *Small craft — Principal data*

ISO 12215-3, *Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 3: Materials: Steel, aluminium alloys, wood, other materials*

ISO 12215-6, *Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 6: Structural arrangements and details*

ISO 12215-7, *Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 7: Scantling determination of multihulls*

ISO 12215-9, *Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 9: Sailing boats — Appendages and rig attachment*

ISO 12216, *Small craft — Windows, portlights, hatches, deadlights and doors — Strength and watertightness requirements*

ISO 12217 (all parts), *Small craft — Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorization*

ASTM C393, *Standard Test Method for Flexural Properties of Sandwich Constructions*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 3.1 design categories

sea and wind conditions for which a boat is assessed by this part of ISO 12215 to be suitable, provided the craft is correctly handled in the sense of good seamanship and operated at a speed appropriate to the prevailing sea state

##### 3.1.1 design category A (“ocean”)

category of boats considered suitable to operate in seas with significant wave heights above 4 m and wind speeds in excess of Beaufort Force 8, but excluding abnormal conditions, e.g. hurricanes

NOTE For the application of this part of ISO 12215, the calculation wave height is 7 m.

##### 3.1.2 design category B (“offshore”)

category of boats considered suitable to operate in seas with significant wave heights up to 4 m and winds of Beaufort Force 8 or less

##### 3.1.3 design category C (“inshore”)

category of boats considered suitable to operate in seas with significant wave heights up to 2 m and a typical steady wind force of Beaufort Force 6 or less



**3.1.4****design category D (“sheltered waters”)**

category of boats considered suitable to operate in waters with significant wave heights up to and including 0,3 m with occasional waves of 0,5 m height, for example from passing vessels, and a typical steady wind force of Beaufort Force 4 or less

**3.2****loaded displacement mass**

$m_{LDC}$

mass of the craft, including all appendages, when in the fully loaded ready-for-use condition as defined in ISO 8666

**3.3****sailing craft**

craft for which the primary means of propulsion is wind power, having  $A_S > 0,07(m_{LDC})^{2/3}$  where  $A_S$  is the total profile area of all sails that may be set at one time when sailing close hauled, as defined in ISO 8666 and expressed in square metres

NOTE In the rest of this part of ISO 12215, non-sailing craft are considered as motor craft.

**3.4****second moment of area**

$I$

for a homogeneous material, it is the sum of the component areas multiplied by the square of the distance from centre of area of each component area to the neutral axis, plus the second moment of area of each component area about an axis passing through its own centroid, and is expressed in centimetres to the fourth or millimetres to the fourth

NOTE The second moment of area is also referred to in other documentation as the moment of inertia and for brevity as “second moment” within this part of ISO 12215.

**3.5****section modulus**

$SM$

for a homogeneous material, it is the second moment of area divided by the distance to any point from the neutral axis at which the stress is to be calculated and is expressed in cubic centimetres or cubic millimetres

NOTE The minimum section modulus is calculated to the furthest point from the neutral axis.

**3.6****displacement craft**

craft whose maximum speed in flat water and  $m_{LDC}$  conditions, declared by its manufacturer, is such that

$$\frac{V}{\sqrt{L_{WL}}} < 5$$

**3.7****displacement mode**

mode of running of a craft in the sea such that its mass is mainly supported by buoyancy forces

NOTE This is the case if the actual speed in a seaway and  $m_{LDC}$  conditions is such that its speed:length ratio makes the craft behave as a displacement craft.

**3.8****planing craft**

craft whose maximum speed in flat water and  $m_{LDC}$  conditions, declared by its manufacturer, is such that

$$\frac{V}{\sqrt{L_{WL}}} \geq 5$$

NOTE This speed:length ratio limit has been arbitrarily set up in this part of ISO 12215, but it may vary from one boat to another according to hull shape and other parameters.

## 3.9

**planing mode**

mode of running of a craft in the sea such that its mass is significantly supported by forces coming from dynamic lift due to speed in the water

NOTE 1 A planing craft in calm water will run in planing mode.

NOTE 2 A planing craft may be obliged to significantly reduce its speed when the sea gets worse, running in that case in displacement mode.

## 4 Symbols

Unless specifically otherwise defined, the symbols shown in Table 1 are used in this part of ISO 12215.

NOTE The symbols are shown in alphabetic order, not in order of appearance.

**Table 1 — Symbols, factors, parameters**

Symbol	Unit	Designation/meaning of symbol	Reference/subclause concerned
<b>Principal craft data</b>			
$A_S$	m	Sail area in accordance with ISO 8666	ISO 8666
$B_C$	m	Chine beam	6.1
$B_H$	m	Beam of the hull	ISO 8666
$B_{WL}$	m	Beam of the fully loaded waterline at $m_{LDC}$	ISO 8666
$D_b$	m	Depth of bulkhead	11.8.1
$L_H$	m	Length of the hull	ISO 8666, 6.1
$L_{WL}$	m	Length of the fully loaded waterline at $m_{LDC}$	ISO 8666, 6.1
$V$	knots	Maximum speed at $m_{LDC}$	6.1
$h_b$	m	Load head for watertight bulkhead or integral tank	8.3
$m_{LDC}$	kg	Loaded displacement mass of the craft	3.2
$\beta_{0,4}$	°	Deadrise angle at 0,4 $L_{WL}$ forward of its aft end	6.1, 7.3
<b>Panel or stiffener dimensions</b>			
$A_D$	m <sup>2</sup>	Design area under consideration	7.5.1
$b$	mm	Shorter dimension of plate panel	9.1, 10
$b_e$	mm	Effective extent of plating connected to a stiffener	11.6
$c$	mm	Crown of a curved panel	10.1.3
$c_u$	mm	Crown of a curved stiffener	11.2.1
$h$	m	Height of centre of panel or mid stiffener above $W_L$	7.6
$l$	mm	Longer dimension of plate panel	9.1.2
$l_u$	mm	Unsupported span of stiffener or frame	9.2.2
$s$	mm	Stiffener or frame spacing	9.2.1
$x$	m	Distance of mid panel or stiffener from of aft end of $L_{WL}$	7.4
$Z$	m	Height of top of hull or deck angle above $W_L$	7.6
<b>Calculation data: factor, pressures, parameters, stresses</b>			
$A_W$	cm <sup>2</sup>	Shear area cross-section	11.4.1
$I$	cm <sup>4</sup> , mm <sup>4</sup>	Second moment of area	11.4.2



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