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**Ships and marine technology —  
Manoeuvring of ships —**

**Part 4:  
Stopping, acceleration, traversing**

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 13643-4:2013), of which it constitutes a minor revision with the following changes:

- the numbering has changed;
- in [Clause 4, Table 1](#), in the second line of the table (CC-Code DECFAC), the Definition was changed;
- in [Clause 4, Table 1](#), in line 9 of the table (CC-Code TIACC), the SI-Unit was changed from “m” to “s”.

A list of all parts in the ISO 13643 series can be found on the ISO website.

# Ships and marine technology — Manoeuvring of ships —

## Part 4: Stopping, acceleration, traversing

### 1 Scope

This document defines symbols and terms and provides guidelines for the conduct of tests to give evidence about the stopping, acceleration, and traversing of surface ships, submarines, and models. It is intended to be read in conjunction with ISO 13643-1.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 13643-1, *Ships and marine technology — Manoeuvring of ships — Part 1: General concepts, quantities and test conditions*

ISO 13643-5:2017, *Ships and marine technology — Manoeuvring of ships — Part 5: Submarine specials*

ISO 80000-1, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*

ISO 80000-3, *Quantities and units — Part 3: Space and time*

IMO MSC Circular 1053, *Explanatory Notes to the Standard for Ship Manoeuvrability*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp/>

#### 3.1

##### **acceleration test**

manoeuvring test to determine the ship's performance under positive acceleration or negative acceleration (deceleration)

#### 3.2

##### **coasting stop test**

manoeuvring test to determine the ship's behaviour after the propulsion plant has been disengaged and/or shut down

#### 3.3

##### **manoeuvring device**

rudder, azimuthing thruster, hydroplane, cycloidal propeller, or equivalent system used to manoeuvre a vessel

**3.4  
stopping test**

manoeuvring test to determine the ship's behaviour after active reversal of the thrust direction of the propulsion plant

**3.5  
traversing test**

manoeuvring test to determine the ship's capability to execute a lateral movement, if possible without turning and moving in the longitudinal direction

**4 Test-related physical quantities**

Test-related physical quantities are listed in [Table 1](#). The more general quantities and concepts concerning the manoeuvring of ships are set out in ISO 13643-1.

For quantities and their units, ISO 80000-1 and ISO 80000-3 shall be used.

**Table 1 — Test-related physical quantities**

Symbol	CC-Code	SI-Unit	Concept	
			Term	Definition or explanation
$s_F$	SPF	m	Track reach	Distance travelled from $t = 0$ up to the time the ship is "practically dead in the water" measured along the ship's track
$\frac{s_F}{V_0}$	DECFAC	s <sup>a</sup>	Track reach deceleration factor	Average time to decelerate by one knot
$s_S$	SPS	m	Track reach to propulsor stop	If the propulsion is shut down, distance travelled along the ship's track before the propulsion has come to a complete stop
$s_a$	SPACC	m	Acceleration distance	Distance travelled along the ship's track before the target speed is achieved
$s_{(t)\min}$	SP( $t$ )	m	Track reach after ( $t$ ) minutes	( $t$ ) stands for elapsed time after $t = 0$ , example: track reach after 3 minutes: $s_{3\min}$ or SP3
$t_F$	TIF	s	Stopping time	For stopping test: From $t = 0$ to the time when the ship is "dead in the water"
			Coasting time	For coasting stop test: From $t = 0$ to the time when the ship is "practically dead in the water" ( $V \leq 2$ kn)
$t_S$	TIS	s	Time to propulsor stop	If the propulsion is shut down, the time until the propulsion has come to a complete stop
$t_U$	TIU	s	Reversal time	Until full astern power is achieved
$t_a$	TIACC	s	Acceleration time	Time elapsed to achieve the target speed (within a margin of 1 kn)
$V_L$	VL	m s <sup>-1</sup> b	Steerage way	Speed down to which the ship still follows the manoeuvring devices
$V_i$	VI	m s <sup>-1</sup> b	Target speed	Speed to which the ship is accelerated or decelerated
$V_{x0}$	VX0	m s <sup>-1</sup> b	Advance speed	Component in $x_0$ -direction, relative to the initial heading of the ship

<sup>a</sup> The unit m/kn may be used.

<sup>b</sup> The unit kn, common in navigation, may be used.

<sup>c</sup> For angles, the unit ° (degree), may be used.

Table 1 (continued)

Symbol	CC-Code	SI-Unit	Concept	
			Term	Definition or explanation
$V_{y0}$	VY0	m s <sup>-1</sup> b	Traversing speed	Component in $y_0$ -direction, relative to the initial heading of the ship
$V_0$	V0	m s <sup>-1</sup> b	Initial speed	(See ISO 13643-1)
$x_0$	X0	m	—	Coordinate in the direction of initial heading in the earth-fixed axis system moving with the water, the origin of which coincides with that of the ship-fixed axis system at $t = 0$ (see also ISO 13643-1)
$x_{0F}$	X0F	m	Advance at end of test (run)	$x_0$ -component of ship's track at $t_F$
$y_0$	Y0	m	Transverse axis	Coordinate in the water surface perpendicular to $x_0$ , analogous definition (see also ISO 13643-1)
$y_{0F}$	Y0F	m	Transfer at end of test (run)	$y_0$ -component of the ship's track at $t_F$
$z_0$	Z0	m	Vertical axis	Coordinate of the earth fixed axis system orthogonal to $x_0$ and $y_0$ vertically down, analogous definition (see ISO 13643-1)
$z_0$	Z0	m	Dived depth	—
$\beta$	BET	rad <sup>c</sup>	Drift angle	(See ISO 13643-1)
$\Delta z_{0F}$	DZ0F	m	Change of dived depth	$z_0$ -component of the ship's track at $t_F$ relative to value at the commencement of a test (run)
$\Delta\psi$	DPSIH	rad <sup>c</sup>	Change of heading	$\psi - \psi_0$
$\Delta\psi_F$	DPSIHF	rad <sup>c</sup>	Change of heading at end of test (run)	$\psi_F - \psi_0$
$\psi$	PSIH	rad <sup>c</sup>	Heading	(See ISO 13643-1)
$\psi_F$	PSIHF	rad <sup>c</sup>	Final heading	Heading at the end of a test (run)
$\psi_0$	PSIH0	rad <sup>c</sup>	Initial heading	Heading of a vessel at the commencement of a test (run)
<p>a The unit m/kn may be used.</p> <p>b The unit kn, common in navigation, may be used.</p> <p>c For angles, the unit ° (degree), may be used.</p>				

## 5 General test conditions

When operating submerged, submarines shall be trimmed according to the results of the neutral level flight test (see ISO 13643-5:2017, Clause 8). During the test, the dived depth shall be kept as constant as possible. The dived depth and the plane angles are to be recorded continuously. If the submarine is equipped with planes acting in the horizontal as well as the vertical direction at the same time (e.g. X-planes), these planes should be controlled in a way that a steady dived depth is maintained as matter of priority.

During the test, including the approach phase, each successive position of the ship is to be recorded, e.g. using an onboard navigation system during surface operations, at suitable time intervals (usually every second).

The reference point on the ship relative to which its track is measured should be defined in advance (e.g. location of the positioning system antenna). This point is not necessarily identical with the origin of the ship-fixed axis system for which the ship's track is given (see ISO 13643-1). Data which are to be recorded continuously include (but need not be limited to) manoeuvring device setting, propulsion setting, speed through the water, heading, rate of turn, heel angle, true wind velocity and direction, and relative wind velocity and direction.

## 6 Test 4.1 — Stopping test

### 6.1 General

The general test conditions outlined in ISO 13643-1 and [Clause 5](#) shall be complied with.

### 6.2 Description

The ship approaches at a constant speed,  $V_0$ .

After the ship has been going straight ahead at the specified speed without significant application of the manoeuvring devices for at least two minutes, the active reversal of the thrust of the propulsion system is initiated ( $t = 0$ ). Usually, this is achieved by reversing the propulsion to full astern. The ship shall be kept on its initial heading for as long as possible.<sup>1)</sup> If the ship no longer responds to the manoeuvring device, the device is returned to and held amidships (see [Figure 1](#)). In the case of a multi-shaft/-engine system, the different modes of operation and settings shall be observed.

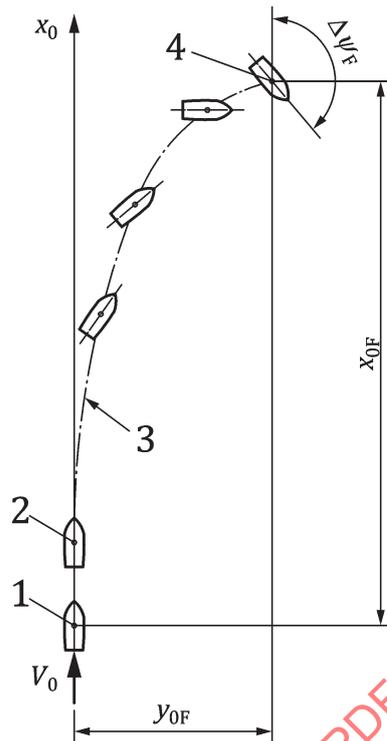
Data which is to be recorded continuously includes (but need not be limited to) manoeuvring device angle, power setting, speed through the water, heading, rate of turn, propeller shaft speed/torque, propeller pitch, true wind velocity and direction, and relative wind velocity and direction. In addition, if possible, the thrust in the thrust bearing and the torque are to be recorded continuously.

The test is complete when the ship is dead in the water (see [Figure 1](#)). Deviating conditions for the end of the test shall be recorded.

NOTE If the test is performed from maximum continuous speed and with the maximum reverse thrust, it is designated as a “crash-stop”.

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1) According to IMO MSC/Circ. 1053, the manoeuvring device shall be held amidships after reversing thrust.

**Key**

- 1 thrust reversal initiated,  $t = 0$
- 2 full astern power achieved,  $t = t_U$
- 3 the ship's track (track reach,  $s_F$ , measured along the track)
- 4 ship dead in the water

**Figure 1 — Stopping test****6.3 Analysis and presentation of results of a stopping test**

The following data are obtained from the test:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| — track reach   | $s_F$  |
| — stopping time   | $t_F$  |
| — reversal time   | $t_U$  |
| — advance at end of test                                      | $x_{0F}$   |
| — transfer at end of test                                     | $y_{0F}$   |
| — change of dived depth                                       | $\Delta z_{0F}$  |
| — change of heading at end of test                            | $\Delta \psi_F$  |
| — track reach deceleration factor                             | $\frac{s_F}{V_0}$  |
| — track reach after ( $t$ ) minutes, e.g. 1 min, 2 min, 3 min | $s_{1\text{min}}, s_{2\text{min}}, s_{3\text{min}}, \dots$ |

These data, together with the initial speed,  $V_0$ , the plot of the ship's track, and a graphical representation of the time histories of speed, propeller speed and pitch, true wind velocity and direction, as well as manoeuvring device/hydroplane angles, are used for assessing the stopping performance.

#### 6.4 Designation of a stopping test

Designation of a stopping test according to ISO 13643-4 (6), Test 1 (1), carried out with an initial speed  $V_0 = 17$  kn (17):

##### Stopping test ISO 13643 – 4.1 × 17

A stopping test undertaken under the same conditions as above, however, following IMO Circ. 1053, shall be designated:

##### Stopping test ISO 13643 – 4.1 × 17 (IMO)

### 7 Test 4.2 — Coasting stop test (inertia test)

#### 7.1 General

In addition to the general test conditions outlined in ISO 13643-1 and [Clause 5](#), the following condition shall be complied with.

- The ship approaches at a constant speed,  $V_0$ .

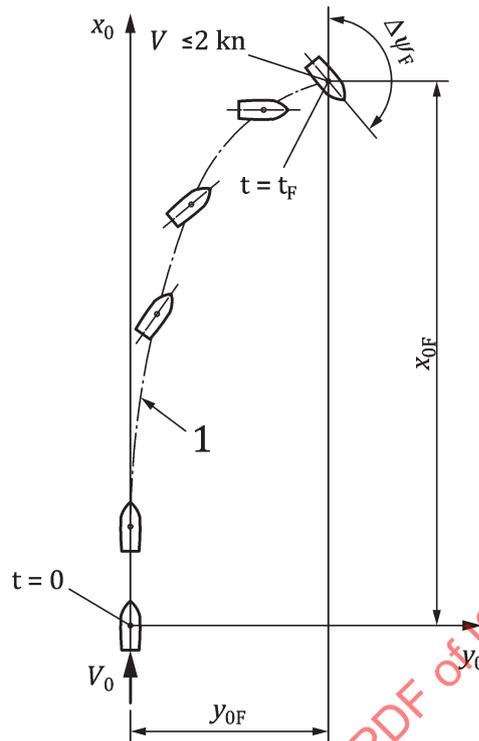
#### 7.2 Description

After the ship has been going straight ahead at the specified speed without significant application of the manoeuvring devices for at least two minutes, the propulsion system is disengaged and/or shut down ( $t = 0$ ). The ship shall be kept on its initial heading for as long as possible.<sup>2)</sup> If the ship no longer responds to the manoeuvring device, the device is returned to and held amidships (see [Figure 2](#)). The speed at which this occurs is termed “steerage way”,  $V_L$ .

The test is complete when the ship is practically dead in the water ( $V \leq 2$  kn) (see [Figure 2](#)). The amount by which the ship has deviated from both initial track and heading shall be recorded. If the test completes in a different manner, the relevant conditions (environment and ship's behaviour) shall be recorded.

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2) According to IMO MSC/Circ. 1053, the manoeuvring device shall be held amidships after stopping the propulsion.

**Key**

- 1 ship's track (track reach,  $s_F$ , measured along the track)

**Figure 2 — Coasting stop test**

### 7.3 Analysis and presentation of results of a coasting stop test

The following data are obtained from the test; if practicable, the effects of wind and current shall be eliminated as necessary:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| — track reach   | $s_F$  |
| — coasting time   | $t_F$  |
| — steerage way  | $V_L$  |
| — advance at end of test                                      | $x_{0F}$   |
| — transfer at end of test                                     | $y_{0F}$   |
| — change of dived depth                                       | $\Delta z_{0F}$  |
| — change of heading at end of test                            | $\Delta \psi_F$  |
| — track reach deceleration factor                             | $\frac{s_F}{V_0}$  |
| — track reach after ( $t$ ) minutes, e.g. 1 min, 2 min, 3 min | $s_{1\text{min}}, s_{2\text{min}}, s_{3\text{min}}, \dots$ |

These data, together with the initial speed,  $V_0$ , the plot of the ship's track, and a graphical representation of the time histories of speed, propeller speed and pitch, and manoeuvring device/hydroplane angles are used for assessing the coasting performance.

## 7.4 Designation of a coasting stop test

Designation of a coasting stop test according to ISO 13643-4 (6), Test 2 (2), carried out with an initial speed of  $V_0 = 10$  kn (10):

### Coasting stop test ISO 13643 – 4.2 × 10

A coasting stop test undertaken under the same conditions as above, but following IMO Circ. 1053, shall be designated:

### Coasting stop test ISO 13643 – 4.2 × 10 (IMO)

## 8 Test 4.3 — Acceleration test

### 8.1 General

The general test conditions outlined in ISO 13643-1 and [Clause 5](#) shall be complied with.

### 8.2 Description

Usually, this test is intended to determine the shortest possible acceleration time as well as the distance covered during the period of acceleration achievable with the ship's propulsion system. In general, the time measured is for the acceleration from 0 kn to maximum achievable speed. However, there are classes of vessels which will require more extensive information regarding acceleration, and deceleration, performance necessitating more comprehensive tests. In the case of a multi-shaft/-engine system, the test may need to be repeated for each combination of shafts and settings.

The test is conducted moving straight ahead. After the vessel has maintained zero speed, or the intended approach speed, for at least two minutes, the propulsion plant is set to the pre-determined test setting ( $t = 0$ ). During the test, movements of manoeuvring devices/planes should be kept to a minimum sufficient to maintain heading and depth. The test is complete when the ship has achieved the required target speed where the speed change in one minute is not more than 2 % of the target speed (for an acceleration test) or the speed change in one minute is not more than 2 % of the initial speed (for a deceleration test). The time taken to achieve the target speed, measured from  $t_0$ , is the "acceleration time",  $t_a$ . The distance covered during that time is the "acceleration distance",  $s_a$ .

During the test, including the approach phase, each successive position of the vessel shall be recorded, e.g. using an onboard navigation system during surface operations, at suitable time intervals (usually every second). The reference point on the vessel from where its track is measured should be defined in advance (e.g. location of a positioning system antenna). This point is not necessarily identical with the origin of the ship-fixed axis system for which the vessel's track is given (see ISO 13643-1). Data which are to be recorded continuously include (but need not be limited to) manoeuvring device angle of operation, power setting, speed through the water, heading, rate of turn, heel angle, propeller shaft speed/torque, propeller pitch, true wind velocity and direction, and relative wind velocity and direction. In addition, if possible, the thrust in the thrust bearing shall be recorded continuously.

### 8.3 Analysis and presentation of results of an acceleration test

The following data are obtained from the test:

- acceleration time  $t_a$
- acceleration distance  $s_a$