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## Foreword

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# Ships and marine technology — Testing specification for stairsteps using electrical resistance trace heating

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a test method to assess the performance of stairsteps using electrical resistance trace heating to provide anti-icing in low temperature environments, when installed for exterior applications. It includes requirements for the test facility, the test conditions, the test specimens, the test procedures and the test report.

## 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.

IEC/IEEE 60079-30-1, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 30-1: Electrical resistance trace heating — General and testing requirements*

IEC/IEEE 60079-30-2, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 30-2: Application guide for design, installation and maintenance*

## 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:

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

### 3.1

#### **heated stairstep**

stairstep that can be heated through a heating device on the stairstep to prevent falling accidents

### 3.2

#### **anti-icing**

prevention of ice formation on protected surfaces

### 3.3

#### **ambient temperature**

temperature of the air in the test chamber

## 4 Construction and materials

Stairsteps should be designed and constructed using materials that withstand the foreseeable conditions of use. In particular, at least the following details shall be considered:

- a) dimensioning and selection of components (including fixings, connections, supports and foundations) shall ensure sufficient rigidity and stability;

- b) all parts shall be resistant to environmental effects (such as due to climate, chemical agents, corrosive gases) e.g. by the use of a corrosion resistant material or with the aid of a suitable protective coating;
- c) heated stairsteps that contain heat tracing and are installed in hazardous areas shall comply to IEC/IEEE 60079-30-1 and IEC/IEEE 60079-30-2.

NOTE Material selection can be covered in statutory requirements of the national/local authorities and/or IACS requirements for the intended applications.

## 5 Test method

### 5.1 Test purpose

The purpose of the test is to evaluate whether or not the heated equipment is capable of preventing the formation of ice and can operate (function) properly when subjected to low temperature operating conditions.

### 5.2 Test facility requirements

- a) The test facility shall have the ability to maintain the specified temperature within the permissible range indicated in [5.3.2](#), in the available volume.
- b) The wind generated by the refrigerating machine installed inside the cold chamber shall not affect the specimen.
- c) A wind speed control system installed inside the cold chamber shall allow to generate a wind at constant speed.

NOTE A test specimen installation method will be given with each equipment.

### 5.3 Test conditions

#### 5.3.1 General

The ambient temperature, wind speed, heating media and test-specimen temperature shall be recorded during the test. The test conditions shall be selected based upon the desired performance of the equipment.

#### 5.3.2 Test temperature

##### 5.3.2.1 General

The equipment shall be tested at the temperatures agreed upon between the manufacturer and the purchaser. The test temperature shall be observed after the test-specimen temperature is stabilized according to [5.3.2.2](#).

The temperature of the wind delivered to the test specimen shall be within  $\pm 2$  °C of the test condition temperature during the steady state. Where, due to the size of the test chamber, it is not feasible to maintain these tolerances, the tolerances may be widened to  $\pm 3$  °C down to  $-25$  °C.

A temperature sensor shall be installed between the wind generator and the test specimen to measure the ambient temperature.

##### 5.3.2.2 Temperature stabilization

- a) Ambient temperature: once the ambient temperature does not change by  $\pm 2$  °C over a period of 30 min, it shall be considered as stabilized.

- b) Specimen temperature: once the specimen temperature does not change by  $\pm 2$  °C over a period of 60 min, it shall be considered as stabilized.

### 5.3.2.3 Temperature sensors

- a) Spatial resolution of temperature measurements shall be sufficient to identify cold spots on the surface of the test piece. No less than 9 sample points shall be used.
- b) Technical evidence shall be provided to identify the coldest spots to be used as sample points.
- c) The sample points need not be located within 50 mm of the perimeter, however, 5 sample points shall be located within 20 mm of the leading edge. The remaining sample points shall be located at the coldest spots on the specimen. Any temperature sensor used in the testing shall be calibrated according to its manufacturers' directions for the planned test conditions.
- d) Temperature sensors (e.g. thermal imagery or thermo couples) shall be properly adjusted for the emissivity of the material, if applicable, and verified with a secondary measurement.

### 5.3.3 Test wind

The equipment shall be tested at each wind speed, as specified below.

- a) Wind sensors shall be installed within 10 cm in front of the specimen and within 10 cm above and below, as applicable.
- b) Wind speed control should maintain the flow rate within 10 %. Wind sensors shall be calibrated by an organization acceptable to the competent authority or classification society involved.

## 5.4 Test specimen requirements

### 5.4.1 General requirement

The test specimen shall be installed inside the test facility as specified in [Figure 1](#), in a manner that does not aid the performance of the specimen.

### 5.4.2 Shape

The heated stairsteps shall consist of two steps of the staircase.

NOTE The stairsteps can be composed of the handrail and the steps installed at regular intervals.

#### 5.4.2.1 Dimension

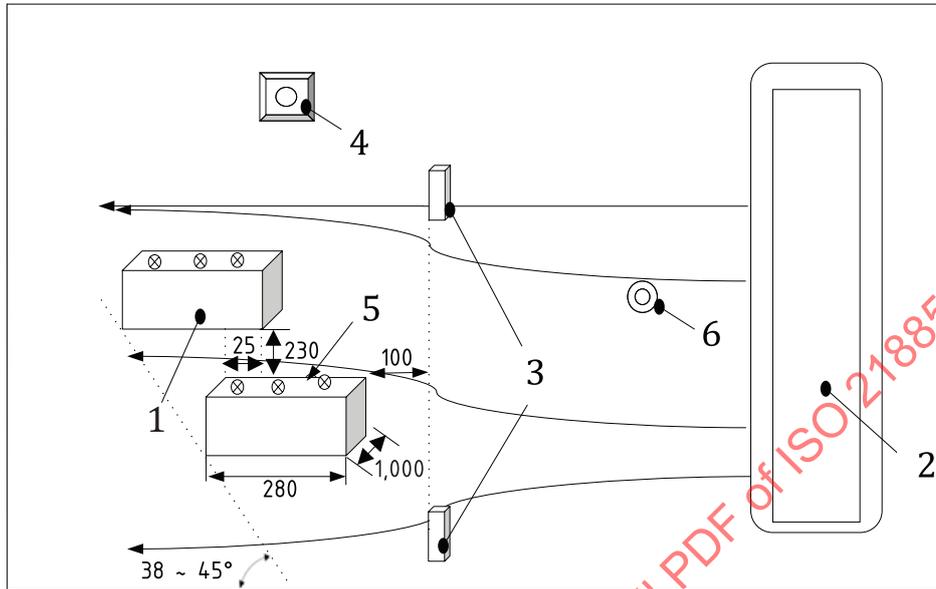
The dimensions of the staircase and steps should be as follows.

- a) Staircase:
- tread depth: 280 mm; width: 1 000 mm.
- b) Heated stairsteps:
- tread depth: 280 mm; width: 1 000 mm;
  - vertical distance between steps: max. 230 mm;
  - step overhang distance: 25 mm;
  - steps angle of inclination: 38° to 45°.

5.4.3 Installation method

The airsteps shall be installed as shown in [Figure 1](#).

Dimensions in millimetres



Key

- 1 heated stair
- 2 wind generator
- 3 wind sensor
- 4 remote sensor
- 5 contact sensor
- 6 ambient temperature sensor

Figure 1 — Heated airsteps specimen installation

5.5 Test procedures

5.5.1 General

The heated airsteps specimen shall be tested using the test procedure specified in 5.5.2. However, the test procedure given in 5.5.3 shall be used when taking into consideration a special event or accident (e.g. blackout or low temperature operating procedures of anti-icing equipment as per the requirements agreed upon by the parties). See [Figure 2](#).

5.5.2 Test procedure — Option 1

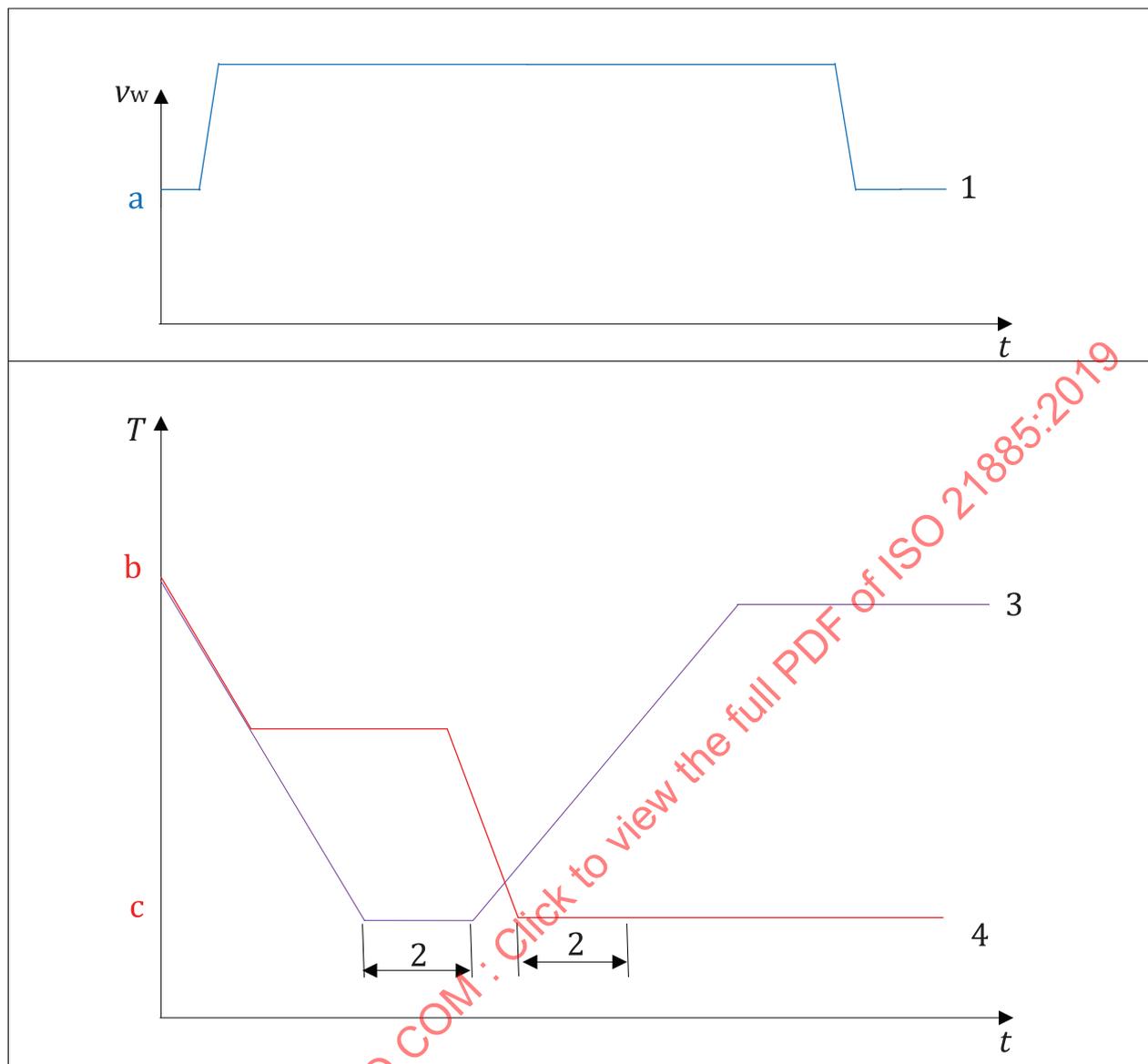
- a) The test specimen shall be installed parallel to the wind flow inside the cold chamber. The airsteps shall be tested with air flows above and below.
- b) The test specimen shall be visually inspected and electrically and mechanically checked.
- c) Good workmanship of the test specimen and conformity with the manufacturer’s drawings and specifications can be assessed by visual inspection.

- d) Check the conditions of the measuring equipment and install it according to the test conditions given in [5.3](#).
- e) The calibration and functionality of all measuring equipment shall be verified before the test begins.
- f) Lower the ambient temperature of the test chamber to 5 °C. Once temperature stabilization has been achieved for both the chamber and the test specimen, turn on the electric power of the heating media.
- g) Turn on the wind generator as required to meet the test conditions (see [5.3.3](#)). The wind speed to the specimen shall be maintained throughout the test.
- h) The wind generator should start operating before lowering the ambient temperature of the cold room to the target temperature, because it may not start operating unless warmed up in low temperature.
- i) Set the ambient temperature of the cold room to the specified temperature(s).
- j) Once the temperature stabilization has been achieved at the specified testing temperature, record the ambient temperature of the cold chamber and the specimen surface temperature per [5.3.2.3](#), at 1 min intervals until stabilization is achieved. Thermal images and wind speed, as required.
- k) For additional testing temperatures repeat steps i) and j).

### 5.5.3 Test procedure — Option 2

- a) The test specimen shall be installed parallel to the wind flow inside the cold chamber. Stairsteps shall be tested with air flow above and below.
- b) The test specimen shall be visually inspected and electrically and mechanically checked.
 

NOTE Good workmanship of the test specimen and conformity with the manufacturer's drawings and specifications can be assessed by visual inspection.
- c) Check the conditions of the measuring equipment and install it according to the test conditions given in [5.3](#).
- d) The calibration and functionality of all measuring equipment shall be verified before the test begins.
- e) Turn on the wind generator as required to meet the test conditions (see [5.3.3](#)). The wind speed to the specimen shall be maintained throughout the test.
- f) The wind generator should start operating before lowering the ambient temperature of the cold room to the target temperature, because it may not start operating unless warmed up in low temperature.
- g) Set the ambient temperature of the cold chamber at the specified testing temperature(s).
- h) Once the temperature stabilization has been achieved at the specified testing temperature, the heating media shall be energized.
- i) Record the ambient temperature of the cold chamber and the test-specimen surface temperature per [5.3.2.3](#), at 1 min intervals until stabilization has been achieved (refer to [Figure 2](#)).
- j) Once stabilization has been achieved, record the ambient temperature of the cold chamber, the test-specimen surface temperature per [5.3.2.3](#), and wind speed, as required.



**Key**

- $v_w$  wind speed (m/s)
  - $t$  time (min)
  - $T$  test temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
  - a wind speed condition
  - b ambient room temperature
  - c temperature condition
  - 1 stabilized time
  - 2 wind speed graph
  - 3 temperature graph (Option 2)
  - 4 temperature graph (Option 1)
- Curve 4: the plateau portion should be aligned to  $5^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

**Figure 2 — Test procedures — Temperature and wind speed as a function of time**

## 5.6 Pass/fail criteria

The stabilized value of the test-specimen temperature, excluding the lowest and highest values from 9 sample points, shall be constantly stable above 0 °C.

## 5.7 Test report

The test report shall include the following information:

- a) test description:
  - the name of the testing laboratory, the date of the test, a unique test reference and report identification number;
- b) the names of the sponsor/customer, the manufacturer;
- c) a record of the test details:
  - technical evidence of sample points, specimen temperature, ambient temperature, wind speed;
- d) manufacture's product description:
  - details of any component (as applicable) e.g.) material type, size, material thickness, heating element type, coating type,
  - test specimen serial numbers (if applicable);
- e) report:
  - thermo-graphic report (Remote sensor), temperature graph (contact sensor);
- f) image:
  - thermal image, Still(optical) image;
- g) list of measuring devices, with types and model:
  - temperature sensor, thermal camera, anemometer, data logger;
- h) other:
  - rated voltage,
  - specimen temperature.