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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 8385:1999), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- two new categories of criteria: 3 “Main performance parameters” and 5 “Energy source” have been added;
- Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) has been added to category of criteria 5 “Energy source”;
- category of criteria 9 “Method of soil extraction” has been revised and new items have been added;
- category of criteria 13 “Disposal/transport of dredged material” has been revised;
- the original classification table has been separated into three tables respectively on the basis of the engineering condition, dredger parameters and operating method;
- the order of the classification has been adjusted.

# Ships and marine technology — Dredgers — Classification

## 1 Scope

This document provides a single classification for all types of dredgers designed for loosening, raising, transporting and disposing of dredged material.

## 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 8384, *Ships and marine technology — Dredgers — Vocabulary*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 8384 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 <http://www.iso.org/obp>

## 4 Classification

Dredgers are classified on the basis of the criteria: engineering condition, dredger parameters and operating method as specified in [Tables 1, 2](#) and [3](#).

**Table 1 — Classification on basis of engineering condition**

Category of engineering condition	Engineering condition	
1 Area of operation	1.1 Inland waterways, inland ports and sites for soil extraction	
	1.2 Seagoing	1.2.1 Harbours and coastal zone
		1.2.2 Offshore
		1.2.3 Ocean-going
	1.3 Special environments	1.3.1 Tropical
		1.3.2 Arctic
1.3.3 Other special environments		
2 Soil characteristics	2.1 Silts	
	2.2 Peats and organic soils	
	2.3 Sands	
	2.4 Gravels	
	2.5 Clays	
	2.6 Boulders and cobbles	
	2.7 Rocks	
	2.8 Mixed soils	
	2.9 Fine sediments	

Table 2 — Classification on basis of dredger parameters

Category of dredger parameters	Dredger parameters	
3 Main performance parameters	3.1 Trailing suction hopper dredger	3.1.1 Hopper capacity
		3.1.2 Dredging depth
		3.1.3 Total installed power
	3.2 Cutter suction dredger	3.2.1 Cutter head power
		3.2.2 Dimension of discharge pipeline
		3.2.3 Dredging depth
		3.2.4 Total installed power
	3.3 Grab dredger	3.3.1 Grab capacity
		3.3.2 Dredging depth
		3.3.3 Total installed power
	3.4 Dipper/Backhoe dredger	3.4.1 Backhoe capacity
		3.4.2 Dredging depth
		3.4.3 Total installed power
	3.5 Bucket chain dredger	3.5.1 Bucket capacity
		3.5.2 Dredging depth
3.5.3 Total installed power		
4 Power plant	4.1 Diesel	
	4.2 Electric	
	4.3 Diesel-electric	
	4.4 Diesel-hydraulic	
	4.5 Electric hydraulic	
	4.6 Combinations	
5 Energy source	5.1 Fuels	5.1.1 Oil fuel
		5.1.2 LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) and CNG (Compressed Natural Gas)
		5.1.3 Other burnable fuels
	5.2 Clean energy	5.2.1 Electric, (onboard, outboard or onshore)
		5.2.2 Solar
		5.2.3 Wind
5.3 Nuclear		
6 Mobility	6.1 Non-propelled	
	6.2 Self-propelled	
	6.3 With limited propulsive capabilities	
7 Transportability	7.1 Non-dismountable	
	7.2 Partly dismountable	
	7.3 Dismountable	
8 Crew quarters	8.1 Without crew accommodation	
	8.2 With day accommodation	
	8.3 With sleeping accommodation	

Table 3 — Classification on basis of operating method

Category of operating method	Operating method			
9 Method of soil extraction	9.1 Single bucket dredgers		9.1.1 Dipper dredgers	
			9.1.2 Backhoe dredgers	
	9.2 Grab dredgers		9.2.1 Single grab dredgers	
			9.2.2 Multi-grab dredgers	
			9.2.3 Dragline dredgers	
			9.2.4 Grab hopper dredgers	
	9.3 Bucket dredgers			
	9.4 Rockbreakers		9.4.1 With freely falling chisel	
			9.4.2 With powered chisel	
			9.4.3 With drilling for blasting	
	9.5 Bed levellers			
	9.6 Agitation dredgers			
	9.7 Suction dredgers		9.7.1 Type of dredge pump	9.7.1.1 Centrifugal pump
				9.7.1.2 Ejector jet pump
				9.7.1.3 Air lift pump
				9.7.1.4 Pneumatic suction pump
				9.7.1.5 Axial flow pump
				9.7.1.6 Combinations and special
			9.7.2 Method of loosening soil	9.7.2.1 Cutter head
9.7.2.2 Bucket wheel/cutting wheel				
9.7.2.3 Hydraulic agitator				
9.7.3 Type of suction head			9.7.2.4 Combinations and special	
			9.7.3.1 Forward suction head	
			9.7.3.2 Draghead	
9.7.3.3 Combinations and special				
10 Location of dredging apparatus	10.1 At one side			
	10.2 At both sides			
	10.3 In a well	10.3.1 Fore		
		10.3.2 Aft		
	10.4 On deck	10.4.1 Fore		
10.4.2 Aft				
11 Operating movements	11.1 Longitudinal		11.1.1 Ahead	
			11.1.2 Astern	
	11.2 Traversing or lateral/arc			
	11.3 Combinations and special			
12 Equipment for movement and propulsion	12.1 Propellers or other propulsive devices			
	12.2 Anchors			
	12.3 Spuds			
	12.4 Combinations and special			

**Table 3** (continued)

Category of operating method	Operating method	
13 Disposal/transport of dredged material	13.1 Direct delivery	
	13.2 Hydraulic delivery	13.2.1 Land pipeline
		13.2.2 Floating pipeline
		13.2.3 Submersible pipeline
	13.3 Hopper dredgers	13.3.1 Bottom doors or valves
		13.3.2 Split hull
		13.3.3 Other means of disposal
		13.3.4 Shore discharging
		13.3.5 Rainbowing
	13.4 Vessel	
	13.5 Chute	
13.6 Belt conveyor		
13.7 Combinations		

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