
**Small craft — Electrical devices —
Established practices for the design,
construction and installation of
lightning-protection systems**

*Petits navires — Dispositifs électriques — Pratiques établies pour la
conception, la construction et l'installation de dispositifs de protection
contre la foudre*



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Foreword

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Introduction

The probability of a lightning strike to a recreational craft varies with geographic location and time of year, but when the conditions that create an electrical discharge between clouds and the earth exist, there is nothing that can be done to prevent the lightning discharge. Craft can be struck in open water or when tied to the dock. The presence of a lightning-protection system on a craft cannot provide complete protection from equipment damage or personal injury and such protection is not implied in this Technical Report.

Small craft — Electrical devices — Established practices for the design, construction and installation of lightning-protection systems

1 Scope

This document describes established practices for the design, construction and installation of lightning-protection systems fitted on small craft of hull length up to 24 m.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

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

3.1

air gap

interruption of a conductive path by a small air space not exceeding 2 mm in order to prevent the passage of low-voltage current without interrupting the flow of lightning current

3.2

air terminal

uppermost part of the lightning-protection system, intended to dissipate the charge or start the lightning ground process

3.3

lightning ground plate

lightning ground strip

means to conduct the electrical current from a boat's conductive elements to the water in which the boat floats

3.4

lightning-protective mast

conductive structure or means for electrical connection of an *air terminal* (3.2) to the *lightning ground plate* (3.3)

3.5

side flash

an arc-over discharge that occurs from the lightning-protection system to any metal object

3.6

lightning bonding conductor

conductor intended to be used for potential equalization between metal bodies and the lightning-protection system