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**Ships and marine technology —  
Ship's mooring and towing fittings —  
Recessed bitts (steel plate type)**

*Navires et technologie maritime — Corps-morts et ferrures de remorquage de navires — Bittes d'amarrage encastrées (type plaques d'acier)*



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## Foreword

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- the definition of SWL (3.1) has been reworded;
- the leader line in Figure 1 has been amended.

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## Introduction

The recessed bitt is a type of ship's towing fitting installed on the side shell of the ship.

Recessed bitts are normally provided to easily attach the towing lines where the height of the mooring deck is too high.



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## 1 Scope

This document specifies the types, nominal sizes, dimensions and materials, as well as construction, manufacturing and marking requirements, for steel plate type recessed bitts to meet normal towing requirements.

## 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.

IMO Circular MSC/Circ.1175, *Guidance on shipboard towing and mooring equipment*

## 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

**safe working load**

**SWL**

safe load limit (maximum permissible load) of the fittings used for mooring and towing

## 4 Classification

### 4.1 Type

Depending on the manufacturing method, recessed bitts shall be classified as belonging to one of the following two types:

- a) Type A: manufactured by steel pipes;
- b) Type B: manufactured by steel plates.

### 4.2 Nominal sizes

The nominal sizes,  $D_n$ , of recessed bitts are denoted by reference to the outside diameter of the main post, in millimetres, in terms of the nearest number drawn from a basic series of preferred numbers. For the recessed bitts having the same post diameter, the letter of the alphabet, i.e. A or B, is followed by the nominal size for the different SWL.

The nominal sizes are 200, 250, 400A and 400B.