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**Ships and marine technology —  
Marine electromagnetic compasses**

*Navires et technologie maritime — Compas électromagnétiques de  
marine*



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## Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- in [Clause 1](#), added text relating to IMO Resolution MSC.166(78) and the applicability of this document;
- in [Clause 2](#), replaced ISO 449:1997 with ISO 25862:2019, and deleted IEC 61162-1, IEC 61162-2 and IMO Resolution MSC.86(70);
- in [Clause 3](#), added term *electromagnetic compass* ([3.1](#));
- in [5.7](#) and [11.1.12](#), added a provision on displays for presentation and a reference to IEC 62288;
- in [5.10](#), updated interface requirements;
- in [7.3](#), updated failure alarm requirements;
- in [11.2.9](#), updated other environmental conditions requirements;
- deleted former Annex A;
- in the Bibliography, added ISO 22090-2, IEC 61162-1, IEC 61162-2, IEC 61162-450, IEC 62288, IEC 62923-1, IEC 62923-2, IMO Resolution MSC.86(70), IMO Resolution MSC.166(78), IMO Resolution MSC.191(79), IMO Resolution MSC.302(87) and IMO Resolution MSC.466(101).

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# Ships and marine technology — Marine electromagnetic compasses

## 1 Scope

This document specifies general requirements, type tests and individual tests for the marine electromagnetic compasses, intended for steering purposes and/or taking bearings on board ships, required by Chapter V of SOLAS, 1974 and the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft (HSC Code). In accordance with IMO Resolution MSC.166(78), this document is applicable to marine electromagnetic compasses fitted before 1 July 2002. For marine electromagnetic compasses installed on or after 1 July 2002, ISO 22090-2 is applicable. The magnetic compasses specified in this document apply to ships the overall length of which is normally not less than 24 m.

NOTE In this document requirements extracted from the recommendations of IMO resolutions are printed in italics.

## 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 1069, *Magnetic compasses and binnacles for sea navigation — Vocabulary*

ISO 25862:2019, *Ships and marine technology — Marine magnetic compasses, binnacles and azimuth reading devices*

IEC 60945, *Marine navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems — General requirements — Methods of testing and required test results*

IMO Resolution A. 694(17), *General requirements for shipborne radio equipment forming part of the global maritime distress and safety system (GMDSS) and for electronic navigational aids*

IMO Resolution A. 813(19), *General requirements for electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) for all electrical and electronic ship's equipment*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1069 and the following apply

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

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

### 3.1

#### **electromagnetic compass**

item of the electronic equipment that uses the geomagnetic field to obtain information about the ship's heading

Note 1 to entry: This information is conveyed to the main compass (used for steering and taking bearings), to additional repeater indicators and, if required, to other navigational equipment.