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plants for ships —**

**Part 1:  
Vocabulary for geometry of propellers**

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ISO 3715 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Ships and marine technology — Propulsion plants for ships*:

- *Part 1: Vocabulary for geometry of propellers*
- *Part 2: Vocabulary for controllable-pitch propeller plants*

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# **Ships and marine technology — Propulsion plants for ships —**

## **Part 1:**

## **Vocabulary for geometry of propellers**

### **Scope**

This part of ISO 3715 gives terms and definitions for screw propellers used in the propulsion plants of ships and other vessels (such as mobile offshore drilling units) that are self-propelled or propulsion-assisted.

The definitions are valid only for the hydrodynamically effective part of the propeller. No definitions are given for the mechanical construction of the hub.

Vocabulary for hydraulically operated controllable-pitch propeller plants is given in ISO 3715-2.

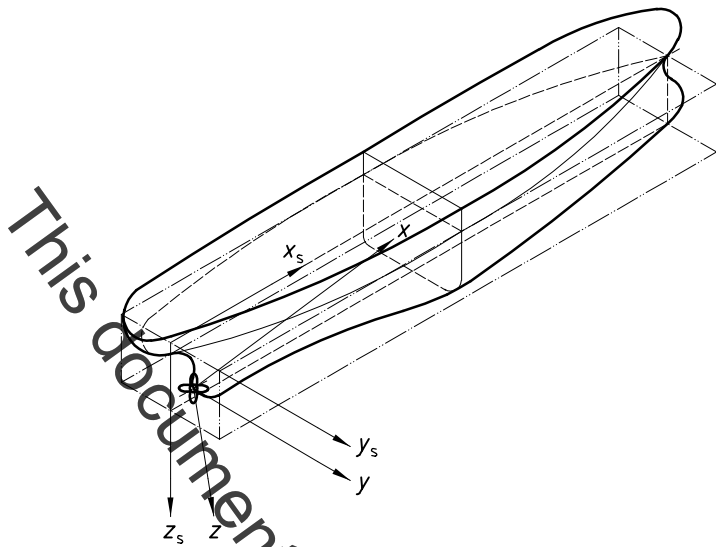
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ISO 3715-2, *Ships and marine technology — Propulsion plants for ships — Part 2: Vocabulary for controllable-pitch propeller plants*

Systems of coordinates

System of rectangular coordinates for definition of propeller position at hull (see Figure 1).

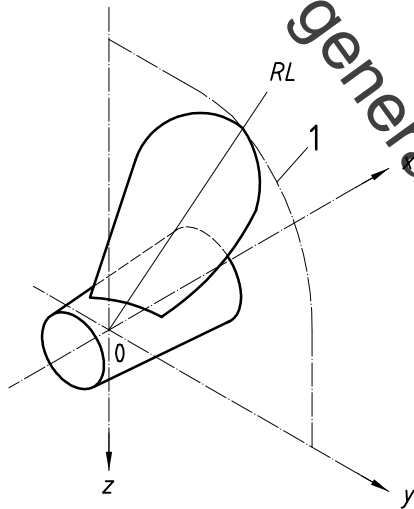


NOTE Coordinates of the ship given in this figure are marked with subscript s [deviating from the International Towing Tank Conference (ITTC), agreement].

Figure 1 — Rectangular coordinates for definition of propeller position at hull

System of rectangular coordinates for definition of propeller geometry (see Figure 2).

This system of coordinates is not in agreement with that of the ship in general.

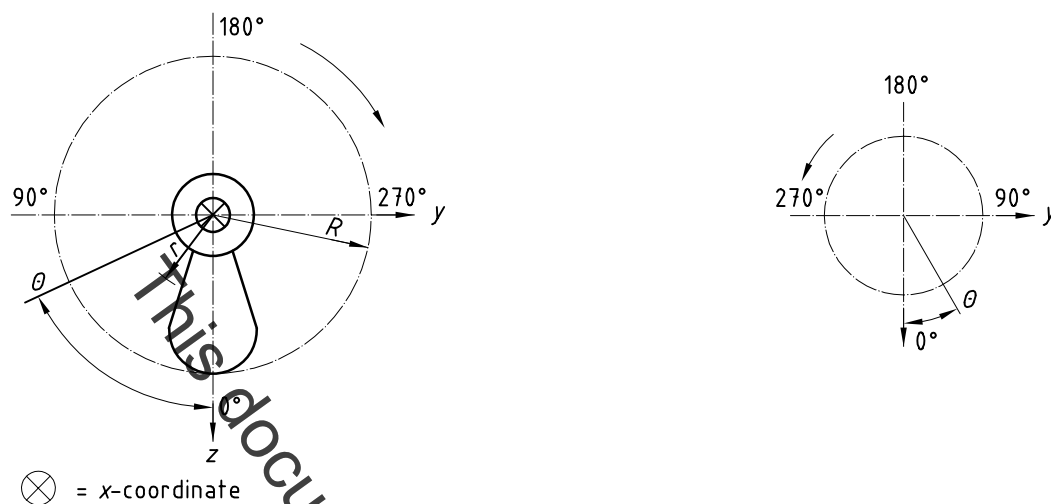


Key

- |   |                              |    |   |
|---|------------------------------|----|---|
| 1 | Limit of propeller disc area | y  | Direction to starboard                          |
| 0 | Origin of coordinates        | z  | Direction perpendicular to x- and y-coordinates |
| x | Direction of shaft centre    | RL | Reference line (see 6.4)                        |

NOTE This system of coordinates is valid independently of the direction of rotation of the propeller.

Figure 2 — Rectangular coordinates for definition of propeller geometry

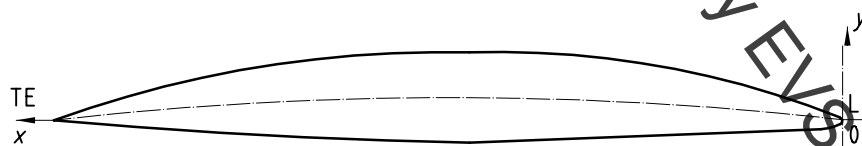
**System of cylindrical coordinates for definition of propeller geometry** (see Figure 3)

**a) Going ahead with a right-handed propeller**
**b) Going ahead with a left-handed propeller**
**Key**

- Θ Angular coordinate of the system of cylindrical coordinates
- $r$  Radial coordinate of the system of cylindrical coordinates
- $x$  Coordinate perpendicular to the  $r$ -plane and identical to the  $x$ -coordinate as defined in Figure 2
- $R$  Radius of propeller

NOTE This system of coordinates is used, for example, to define the geometry of propeller blades.

Left-handed propellers are drawn in general as being right-handed.

$\bar{r} = \frac{r}{R}$  = dimensionless radius.

**Figure 3 — Cylindrical coordinates for definition of propeller geometry**
**System of rectangular coordinates for definition of cylindrical blade sections** (see Figure 4 and 6)

**Key**

- TE Trailing edge
- LE Leading edge

**Figure 4 — Rectangular coordinates for definition of cylindrical blade section**