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**Ships and marine technology — Terms,  
abbreviations, graphical symbols and  
concepts on navigation**

*Navires et technologie maritime — Termes, abréviations, symboles  
graphiques et concepts relatifs à la navigation*



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# Ships and marine technology — Terms, abbreviations, graphical symbols and concepts on navigation

## 1 Scope

This International Standard contains terms, abbreviations and graphical symbols, which are to be used in maritime navigation on board ships. The application of abbreviations is useful, but they should not be used in mathematical formulae. Symbols for use in mathematical formulae are mentioned, if necessary.

Navigation is the process of position finding as well as planning, recording and controlling the movement of a craft or vehicle from one place to another.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 31-1, *Quantities and units — Part 1: Space and time*

IEC 60872-1, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems — Radar plotting aids — Part 1: Automatic radar plotting aids (ARPA) — Methods of testing and required test results*

IEC 60872-2, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems — Radar plotting aids — Part 2: Automatic tracking aids (ATA) — Methods of testing and required test results*

IEC 60872-3, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems — Radar plotting aids — Part 3: Electronic plotting aid (EPA) — Performance requirements — Methods of testing and required test results*

IEC 60936-1, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems — Radar — Part 1: Shipborne radar — Performance requirements — Methods of testing and required test results*

IEC 60936-2, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems — Radar — Part 2: Shipborne radar for high-speed craft (HSC) — Methods of testing and required test results*