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# Manned submersibles — Breathing air supply and CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption systems — Performance requirements and recommendations

## 1 Scope

This document specifies performance requirements and gives recommendations for the design of breathing air supply and CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption systems of manned submersibles, capable of maintaining suitable life support conditions in the manned compartments.

It is applicable to manned submersibles where the internal pressure of the manned compartment is normally maintained at or near to one atmosphere.

It is not applicable to submersibles where the occupants endure pressures higher than one atmosphere (such as in diving bells, for example).

It is not applicable to submersibles designed to carry passengers or divers in a separate compartment capable of being pressurised to higher than one atmosphere inside the pressure hull (such as in submarine rescue compartments, for example).

## 2 Normative references

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## 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

#### **diving bell**

manned non-self-propelled submersible tethered unit consisting of at least one chamber internally pressurized in order to allow a diver to be transported to and from an underwater site

### 3.2

#### **manned submersible**

craft capable of carrying personnel and/or *passengers* (3.6) while operating underwater, submerging, surfacing and remaining afloat with the internal pressure of the *manned compartment* (3.4) normally maintained at or near to one atmosphere

### 3.3

#### **pressure hull**

hull of a submersible that maintains structural integrity while under differential pressure

### 3.4

#### **manned compartment**

compartment of the *pressure hull* (3.3) in which people are carried, generally maintained at a pressure of one atmosphere