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**Small craft — Permanently installed  
petrol and diesel fuel tanks**

*Petits navires — Réservoirs à carburant essence et diesel installés à  
demeure*



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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 21487:2012), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendments ISO 21487:2012/Amd 1:2014 and ISO 21487:2012/Amd 2:2015.

The main changes are as follows:

- an Introduction has been added to explain the addition of [Annex A](#);
- the Scope has been amended to include installation of fuel tanks;
- some definitions have been updated;
- [Clause 4](#) has been updated, in particular [4.2](#), [4.3.9](#) and [4.4.1](#);
- subclause [5.2](#) has been updated and [Table 2](#) has been introduced for tests;
- subclause [6.2](#) has been redrafted;
- [Clause 7](#) has been revised;
- [Annex A](#) has been added, which provides a permeation test to determine the evaporative emissions from non-metallic tanks.

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## Introduction

This document provides requirements for the design, installation and testing of permanently installed fuel tanks for small craft.

Some countries have environmental controls for evaporative emissions from petrol fuel systems. [Annex A](#) describes the limits and test procedures for the control of evaporative emissions from permanently installed petrol fuel tanks. The details in [Annex A](#) allow for future standardization and application of evaporative emissions on small craft.

As the international community further restricts fuel system emissions, it is anticipated that [Annex A](#) will have increased global acceptance.



# Small craft — Permanently installed petrol and diesel fuel tanks

## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the design, installation and testing of petrol and diesel fuel tanks for internal combustion engines, that are intended to be permanently installed in small craft.

## 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 10088:2022, *Small craft — Permanently installed fuel systems*

ISO 12215-5:2019, *Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 5: Design pressures for monohulls, design stresses, scantlings determination*

ISO 12215-6:2008, *Small craft — Hull construction and scantlings — Part 6: Structural arrangements and details*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions 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

#### **petrol**

hydrocarbon fuel, or blend of hydrocarbon fuel and denatured ethanol, that is liquid at atmospheric pressure and is used in *spark ignition engines* (3.3)

### 3.2

#### **diesel**

hydrocarbon fuel, biofuel, or blend of these, that is liquid at atmospheric pressure and is used in *compression ignition engines* (3.4)

### 3.3

#### **spark ignition engine**

engine in which an electrical spark is produced to ignite the fuel/air mixture

### 3.4

#### **compression ignition engine**

engine in which ignition is obtained by means of compressing the fuel/air mixture

### 3.5

#### **permanently installed**

securely fastened by bolts, brackets, screws, paint, adhesive, welding or other means, so that it cannot be unattached without the use of tools or chemicals