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Hydraulic oil systems — Guidance for  
grades of cleanliness and flushing**

*Navires et technologie maritime — Circuits d'huile hydrauliques —  
Guide relatif aux degrés de propreté et de rinçage*



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## Foreword

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# Ships and marine technology — Hydraulic oil systems — Guidance for grades of cleanliness and flushing

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies pipe cleaning and cleaning levels of hydraulic oil pipe systems. The cleaning of pipes and components in hydraulic oil pipe systems is essential for the trouble-free operation of hydraulic systems.

It indicates methods and equipment for the practical execution of the cleaning of specific parts of hydraulic systems with appurtenant components.

The purpose of the cleaning process is to remove installation dirt and to check that the piping and hydraulic system have been adequately cleaned.

The cleaning process of a system is considered a “washing through” process when the Reynolds number,  $R_e$ ,  $\leq 3\,000$ , and a flushing process when  $R_e \geq 10\,000$ . The Reynolds number is an indicator of whether a fluid flow is considered laminar or turbulent.

This International Standard presupposes that the pipe sections of the hydraulic system have been cleaned partly by pickling and partly by mechanical cleaning. It is furthermore assumed that both dynamic and static components from system suppliers are adequately clean when delivered (see Clause 5).

The specifications given in this International Standard are supplementary to, and not a replacement for, the guidelines specified by the various manufacturers. The manufacturer's guidelines, where available, take precedence.

## 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 3448, *Industrial liquid lubricants — ISO viscosity classification*

ISO 4406, *Hydraulic fluid power — Fluids — Method for coding the level of contamination by solid particles*

ISO 28523, *Ships and marine technology — Lubricating and hydraulic oil systems — Guidance for sampling to determine cleanliness and particle contamination*