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bitts (Steel plate type)**

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Foreword

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Introduction

The recessed bitt is a type of ship's towing fitting installed on the side shell of the ship.

The recessed bitts are normally provided to easily attach the towing lines where the height of the mooring deck is too high.



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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the design, size and technical requirements for steel plate type recessed bits to meet normal towing requirements.

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.

IMO Circular MSC/Circ.1175, *Guidance on shipboard towing and mooring equipment*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

safe working load

SWL

maximum load in kN on the rope that should normally be applied in service conditions.

4 Classification

4.1 Type

Depending on the manufacturing method, recessed bits shall be classified as the following two types:

- Type A – manufactured by steel pipes;
- Type B – manufactured by steel plates.

4.2 Nominal sizes

The nominal sizes, D_n , of recessed bits are denoted by reference to the outside diameter of the main post in millimetres, in terms of the nearest number drawn from a basic series of preferred numbers. For the recessed bits having the same post diameter, the alphabetical character is followed by the nominal size for the different SWL.

The nominal sizes are: 200, 250, 400A and 400B.

5 Dimensions

Recessed bits have dimensions and particulars in accordance with Table 1 and Figure 1.

6 Materials

The materials of the following components shall be used for manufacturing the recessed bits:

- Plates: weldable steel plates having a yield point of not less than 235 N/mm².

- Tubes: weldable steel tubes having a yield point of not less than 215 N/mm² or equivalent.

7 Construction

- 7.1 The posts of the recessed bitts shall be constructed from steel tubes or formed from plate.
- 7.2 The recess boxes for the installation of the recessed bitt shall be designed with enough space for easy connection of the towing rope. The recess boxes shall be designed to prevent the chafing and damage of the towing rope as much as possible, and to have enough strength as a part of hull construction.

8 Manufacturing and inspection

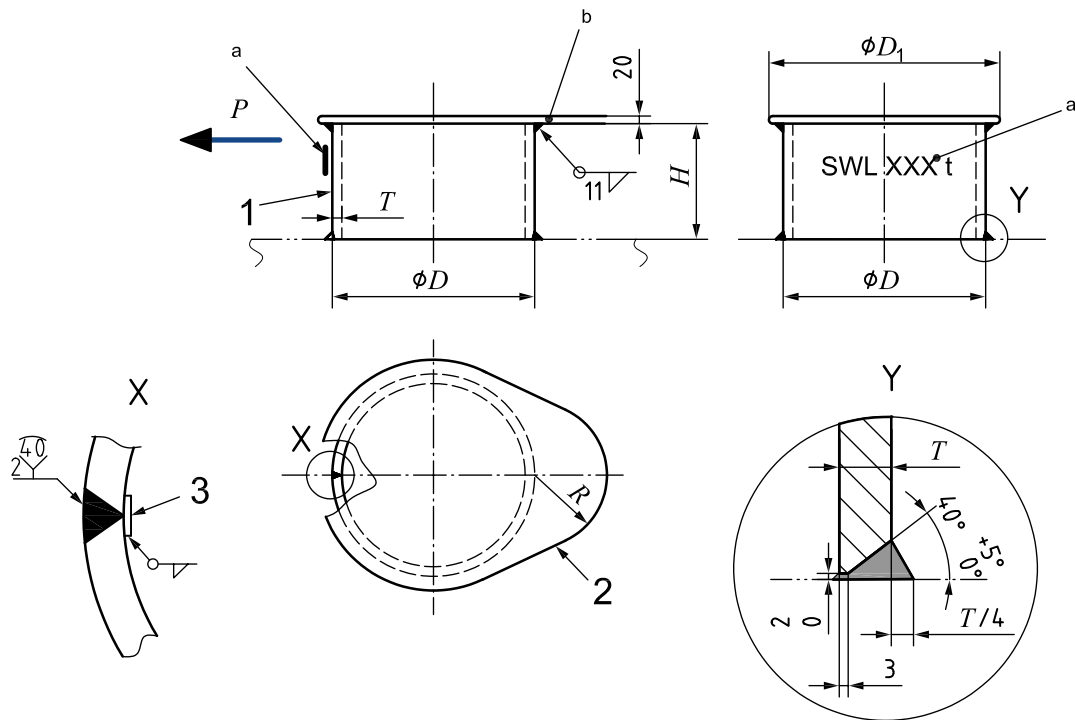
- 8.1 All surfaces of the recessed bitts, including welding, shall be free from any visible flaws or imperfections.
- 8.2 All surfaces in contact with the ropes shall be free from surface roughness or irregularities likely to cause damage to the ropes by abrasion.
- 8.3 The recessed bitts shall be coated externally with an anti-corrosion protective finish.

9 Marking

- 9.1 The safe working load (SWL) intended for the use of the recessed bitts shall be noted in the towing and mooring plan available on board for the guidance of the shipmaster, as specified in MSC/Circ.1175.
- 9.2 The actual SWL on board shall be determined by considering the reinforcement around the recess box, and it shall be marked on the towing and mooring plan. The actual SWL shall not be over the SWL indicated in this International Standard.
- 9.3 The recessed bitts shall be clearly marked with their SWL by weld bead or equivalent. The SWL shall be expressed in tonnes (letter 't') and be placed so that it is not obscured during operation of the fitting.

EXAMPLE SWL XXX t

Dimensions in millimetres



Key

- 1 main post
- 2 top plate
- 3 chill strip
- P* towing force
- a SWL marking.
- b Smooth grinding.

Figure 1 — Recessed bits

Table 1 — Dimensions and SWL of recessed bits

Dimensions in millimetres

Nominal size D_n	Type	D	D_1	R	H	T	SWL ^b		Calculated weight ^c (kg)
							(kN)	(t)	
200	Type A	216,3	250	80	140	10,3	294	30	16,5
	Type B	210,0				10,0			16,1
250	Type A	267,4	305	100	160	12,7	491	50	26,7
	Type B	260,0				12,0			25,7
400A	Type A	406,4	480	140	300	12,7	687	70	69,7
	Type B	410,0				12,0			68,0
400B	Type A	406,4	480	140	330	21,4	1 177	120	99,7
	Type B	410,0				20,0			96,1

^a Welding with chamfering is available based on the same welding volume/strength.

^b The SWL is the maximum applicable rope tension.

The SWLs shown in this table are for reference only. These are based on the loadings as mentioned in Annex A.

^c The calculated weight is for reference only.

Annex A (informative)

Basis for strength assessment of recessed bitts (Steel plate type)

A.1 General

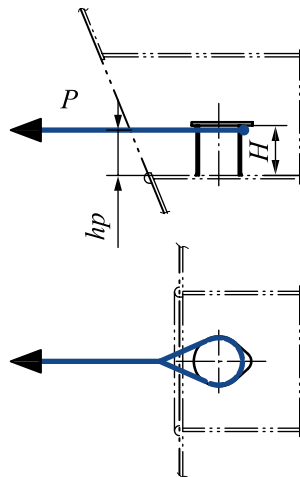
The strength of the recessed bitts was evaluated by simple beam theory calculation and determined based on the following design criteria.

A.2 Loading

A.2.1 The recessed bitts are to be designed to withstand the loads imposed by the towing ropes.

A.2.2 The recessed bitts are to be designed to withstand the following load case.

They are to be designed to withstand the combined load of bending force and shear force produced by P imposed at the upper position.



Key

P towing force

d rope diameter (see A.2.3)

hp $H - d/2$

Figure A.1 — Combined loads by towing rope

A.2.3 For the consideration of load point from the towing ropes, the following wire ropes were adopted.

Table A.1 — Diameter of applied ropes for load consideration

Dimensions in millimetres

Nominal size D_n	Rope diameter d
200	30
250	35
400A	40
400B	60

A.3 Load and stress criteria

Under the SWL, the following stress criteria were adopted:

- The bending stress is limited to 85 % of the yield stress of the material.
- The shear stress is limited to 60 % of the yield stress of the material.
- The combined stress is limited to 100 % of the yield stress of the material.

A.4 Wear-down allowances and corrosion additions

A.4.1 Wear-down allowances

For the strength calculation, the wear-down of 2 mm is to be deducted from the gross thickness, where the rope is rubbing the surface.

A.4.2 Corrosion additions

The corrosion margin was already included in the safety factor and 2 mm wear-down allowance.

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