



# DROPPED OBJECT PREVENTION ON OFFSHORE UNITS AND INSTALLATIONS

ABS provides the first-of-its-kind standard with optional class notations and related services that assist in improving safety and reducing risk of injury, as well as protecting equipment, property and the environment through the *ABS Guide for Dropped Object Prevention on Offshore Units and Installations*.

The traditional approach to managing dropped objects in the offshore work environment has been to apply best practices for existing equipment. By providing a standard for supplementing operator safety practices and procedures, ABS has raised the bar on “best practice”. Additionally, the ABS DOPP and DOPP+ notations provide recognition of a higher level of safety.

An estimated 10 percent of fatalities and thousands of medical treatment and lost-time injuries are caused by dropped objects. Addressing the situations that lead to dropped objects in the workplace has the potential to improve offshore safety and, ultimately, could save the lives of offshore workers.

The ABS standard formalizes the dropped object prevention management process for the first time, offering an approval process that includes the first set of requirements targeting equipment designed with

drops-resistant features, and providing class notations for dropped object prevention management systems.

ABS developed the *Guide for Dropped Object Prevention on Offshore Units and Installations* based on industry best practices and in-depth knowledge of risk assessment, equipment design review and certification. Applying specialized knowledge in safety systems, manufacturing programs and External Specialist qualifications, ABS created the DOPP and DOPP+ class designations for assessment services that fall into two primary categories.

CLASS DOPP	Approval of the on-board drops prevention management program to the ABS Guide.
CLASS DOPP+	Approval of the on-board drops prevention management program to the ABS Guide, including certification of equipment for drops-resistant elements.  The DOPP+ notation promotes continuous product design improvement; inherently safe design principles that support safety measures for the long term.



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