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Introduction

1. The year 2025 edition of the *Rules for Building and Classing Single Point Moorings* consists of the six (6) booklets as shown in Table 1. Reference is made in these Rules to the following generic Rules:
 - a) *Rules for Conditions of Classification – Offshore Units (Part 1B)* includes consolidated requirements for “Classification” applicable to all types of offshore units, pipelines, risers, and other offshore structures, as specified in the Foreword to Part 1B. Additional specific requirements are contained in Chapter 3 of Part 1B.
 - b) *Rules for Alternative Arrangements, Novel Concepts and New Technologies (Part 1D)* introduces a procedure for acceptance of alternative arrangements, novel concepts, and new technologies based on Goals and Functional Requirements, including a consolidated list of Tier 1 Goals.
 - c) *Rules for Materials and Welding (Part 2)* contains materials requirements common to ABS-classed vessels, other marine structures and their associated machinery, including steel, aluminum, and FRP materials.
2. The numbering system applied in the Rules is shown in Table 2.
3. The primary changes from the January 2025 Rules are identified and listed in Table 3. The effective date of the indicated Rule Changes is 1 July 2025, unless specifically indicated otherwise.
4. The effective date of each technical change since 1993 is shown in parenthesis at the end of the subsection/paragraph titles within the text of each Part. Unless a particular date and month are shown, the years in parentheses refer to the following effective dates:

(2000) and after	1 January 2000 (and subsequent years)	(1996)	9 May 1996
(1999)	12 May 1999	(1995)	15 May 1995
(1998)	13 May 1998	(1994)	9 May 1994
(1997)	19 May 1997	(1993)	11 May 1993

For certain changes that have a major impact on shipyards, designers and vendors, ABS has instituted a two-year Rule cycle to give the industry more time to prepare for these changes. The text of these changes will appear in a box along with the effective date just under the existing Rule requirement.

TABLE 1
Applicable Editions of Booklets Comprising July 2025
Single Point Mooring Rules

Rules for Building and Classing Single Point Moorings		
Notices and General Information		July 2025
Part 1:	Conditions of Classification (Supplement to the ABS <i>Rules for Conditions of Classification – Offshore Units and Structures</i>) ⁽¹⁾	January 2025
Part 3:	Mooring System Design	January 2025
Part 4:	Equipment and Systems	January 2025
Part 5:	Surveys After Construction	July 2025
Rules for Conditions of Classification – Offshore Units – not included ^(1,2)		
Part 1B:	Rules for Conditions of Classification – Offshore Units and Structures	July 2025
Rules for Alternative Arrangements, Novel Concepts and New Technologies – not included ⁽²⁾		
Part 1D:	Rules for Alternative Arrangements, Novel Concepts and New Technologies	January 2024
Rules for Materials and Welding – not included ⁽²⁾		
Part 2:	Rules for Materials and Welding	July 2025

Notes:

- 1 The requirements for conditions of classification are contained in the separate, generic ABS *Rules for Conditions of Classification – Offshore Units (Part 1B)*.
- 2 The latest edition of these Rules is to be referred to. These Rules may be accessed in Rule Manager.

TABLE 2
Division and Numbering of Rules

<i>Division</i>	<i>Number</i>
Part	Part 1
Chapter	Part 1, Chapter 1
Section	Section 1-1-1
Subsection (see Note 1)	1-1-1/1
Paragraph (see Note 1)	1-1-1/1.1
Subparagraph	1-1-1/1.1.1
Item	1-1-1/1.1.1(a)
Subitem	1-1-1/1.1.1(a)i
Appendix	Appendix 1-1-A1 or Appendix 1-A1-1

Note:

- 1 An odd number (1, 3, 5, etc.) numbering system is used for the Rules. The purpose is to permit future insertions of even-numbered paragraphs (2, 4, 6, etc.) of text and to avoid the necessity of having to renumber the existing text and associated cross-references, as applicable, within the Rules and associated process instructions, check sheets, etc.

Rule Change Notice (1 July 2025)

TABLE 3
Summary of Changes from the January 2025 Rules

EFFECTIVE DATE 1 July 2025 – shown as (1 July 2025)

The reference date which is indicated in the parentheses following the title of the requirement in this Part is the date that the requirement becomes effective [e.g., 5-2-4/1.9, 5.1 “Special Periodical Surveys” (1 July 2025) is to apply for single point moorings undergoing survey on or after 1 July 2025].

<i>Part/Para. No.</i>	<i>Title/Subject</i>	<i>Status/Remarks</i>
PART 5	Testing and Surveys	
5-2-4/1.9, 5.1	Special Periodical Surveys	To clarify that Thickness Measurements for Special Surveys are to be carried out by Gauging Firms certified by ABS and to clarify the requirements for replacement of cargo hoses.