

# ABS Human Element Notations (HAB & ERGO)

# **Agenda**

#### **Topics**

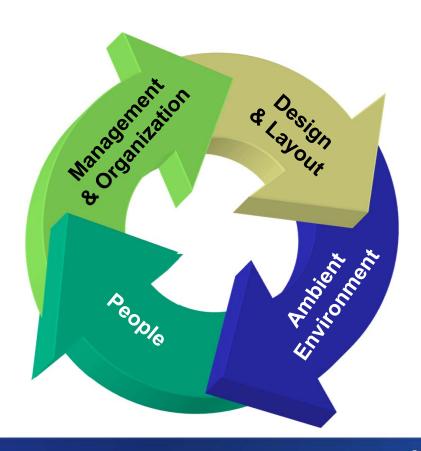
Overview of S&HF Group

**Crew Habitability Notations** 

**Ergonomic Notations** 

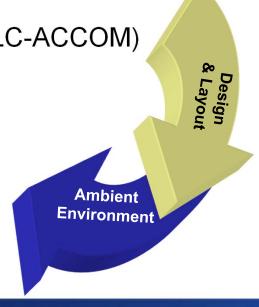
#### **Addressing the Human Element**

- Mission is to:
  - Improve human performance and safety
  - Reducing human error
  - Increasing productivity
- ABS has organized its approach around four areas
- We have advanced projects and products in support of these areas



#### **ABS Human Factors Products/Current Projects**

- Design and layout/ambient environment
  - Guidance Notes on the Application of Ergonomics to Marine Systems
  - Guidance Notes on the Ergonomic Design of Navigation Bridges
  - Guides for Crew Habitability on Ships, Offshore Installations, Workboats and MODUs
  - Guides for Passenger Comfort on Ships and Yachts
  - Guide for Means of Access for Inspection
  - Guide for ILO MLC Title 3 Accommodations (MLC-ACCOM)
  - Guide for Ergonomic Notations
  - Guidance Notes on Noise and Vibration Control
  - Guidance Notes for Implementing HFE into the Design of Offshore Installations
  - Guidance Notes for Ergonomics to Marine Engineering Spaces



#### **ABS Human Factors Products/Projects**

- Management and organization
  - Guidance Notes on the Investigation of Marine Incidents
  - Guidance Notes for implementing HFE into the design of offshore installations
  - Guidance Notes on the Safety Culture and Leading Indicators for Safety Assessments
  - Guidance Notes for the Development of Procedures and Manuals
- People
  - Mariner Personal Safety (MPS) project



#### What is Habitability?

- Providing the living (accommodations design) and working conditions (ambient environment) necessary to sustain personnel to the level required to perform tasks safety and effectively
- Why design for habitability?
  - Important for recruiting
  - Important for retention
  - Improve crew performance





#### **ABS Habitability Guidance**

- Guides
  - Crew Habitability on Ships
  - Crew Habitability on Workboats
  - Crew Habitability on Offshore Installations
  - Crew Habitability on MODUs
- Notations Offered
  - HAB, HAB+, HAB++
  - HAB(WB), HAB+(WB), HAB++(WB)
  - HAB(OS), HAB+(OS), HAB++(OS)
  - HAB(MODU), HAB+(MODU), HAB++(MODU)



#### **ABS HAB Guides Under Revision**

- Modification of the accommodation area criteria
- Entry-Level (HAB) noise criteria to be updated to reflect the new IMO Code on Noise (IMO Res. MSC.337(91))
- Update of the lighting criteria





# **Guide for Crew Habitability on Ships**

- Applicability
  - Oil or Chemical tankers
  - Bulk or Combination carriers
  - Container carriers
  - Multi-purpose cargo vessels
  - Passenger vessels (Crew Areas)







#### **Guide for Crew Habitability on Workboats**

- Applicability
  - Offshore support vessels
  - Tug boats
  - Tow boats
  - Dredgers
  - Research vessels
  - Anchor handling vessels
  - Any other vessel providing services to offshore oil and gas exploration and production (including SPS)

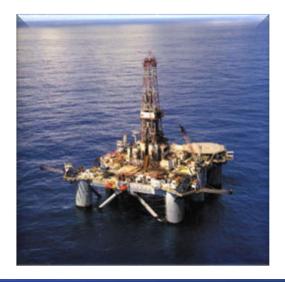




#### **Guide for Crew Habitability on Offshore Installations**

- Applicability
  - Tension leg platforms (TLPs)
  - Floating production, storage and offloading (FPSOs)
  - Spars
  - Fixed platforms
  - Any other buoyant or non-buoyant structure supported by or attached to the seafloor







#### **Guide for Crew Habitability on MODUs**

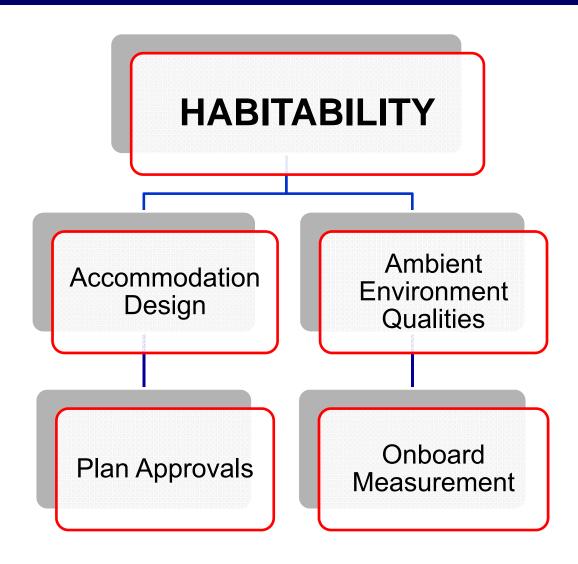
- Applicability
  - Drillships
  - Drill barges
  - Self elevating drilling units (SEDUs)
  - Column stabilized drilling units (CSDUs)
  - Any other vessel used for the purpose of drilling







#### **HAB Guide Contents**



# **ABS Habitability (HAB) Guidance**

- Crew Accommodations
  - Access/Egress
  - Crew cabins
  - Sanitary spaces
  - Offices
  - Food services areas
  - Recreational facilities
  - Laundry and medical areas
- Ambient environment
  - Human whole-body vibration
  - Noise
  - Indoor climate
  - Lighting





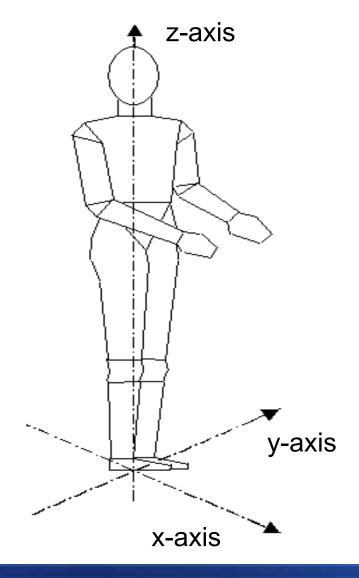


# **Human Whole-body Vibration (WBV)**

- There are two main types of human vibration:
  - Whole-body vibration
  - Hand arm vibration
- Whole-body vibration is transmitted to the body as a whole, generally through the supporting surface (that is, feet, buttocks, back, etc.)
- Frequencies of interest
  - 1.0 Hz to 80 Hz
  - This range has the most impact on human performance
    - Speech 1-20 Hz
    - Reading (instruments) 1-12 Hz
    - Reading (text or displays) 1-50 Hz
- Control manipulation 1-30 Hz
- Depth perception 25-50 Hz
- Visual task performance 10-80 Hz

# **Human Whole-body Vibration (WBV)**

- Basis of methodology
  - ISO 6954
  - ISO 2631
  - ISO 8041 (Instrumentation)
- Criteria based on:
  - Crew task performance
  - Enhanced habitability
  - Different sized vessels
  - Different operational modes



#### **Noise**

- Adverse and/or improper levels can:
  - Cause speech interference
  - Interfere with concentration and thought processes
  - Disrupt sleep
  - Cause fatigue and aggression
- Basis of methodology
  - ISO 2923
  - IEC 61672 (Instrumentation)
- Criteria based on
  - Activities in a space
  - Communication needs
  - Different operational modes



#### **Big Contributor: HVAC Noise**

- HVAC-induced noise as high as 8 dB
- Potential Solutions:
  - Design-related:
    - Configurations including largest feasible duct size, gradual turns
    - Use of HVAC silencers and/or resonators
    - Tuning of resonators to the blade frequency
    - Reduction of pressure changes
  - Installation-related:
    - Proper supports for exhaust and piping systems
    - Secure ventilation ductwork piping systems will reduce vibration against shipboard structures



#### **Indoor Climate**

- What determines comfort?
  - Ambient environmental factors
    - Air temperature
    - Air speed
    - Humidity
  - Individual factors
    - Age, gender
    - Fitness level
    - Activities performed
    - Clothing insulation





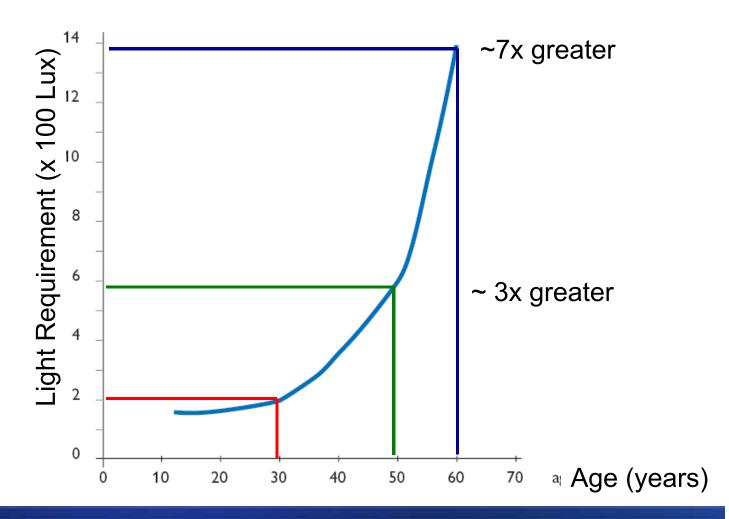
#### Lighting

- Objective is to provide lighting to accommodate crew visual task performance and safety
- Criteria provided for:
  - Entrances and passageways
  - Cabins, staterooms and sanitary spaces
  - Dining spaces
  - Recreation spaces
  - Crew work spaces



# **Lighting Requirements**

Relationship of age and light required for reading small print



#### **Test Plans**

- Developed for each ambient environmental aspect
- Plans include:
  - Documentation and drawings
  - Test personnel
  - Test conditions
  - Measurement locations
  - Data acquisition and instruments
  - Test schedule
- Resulting test reports will go the attending surveyor



#### **Ambient Environmental Testing Specialists**

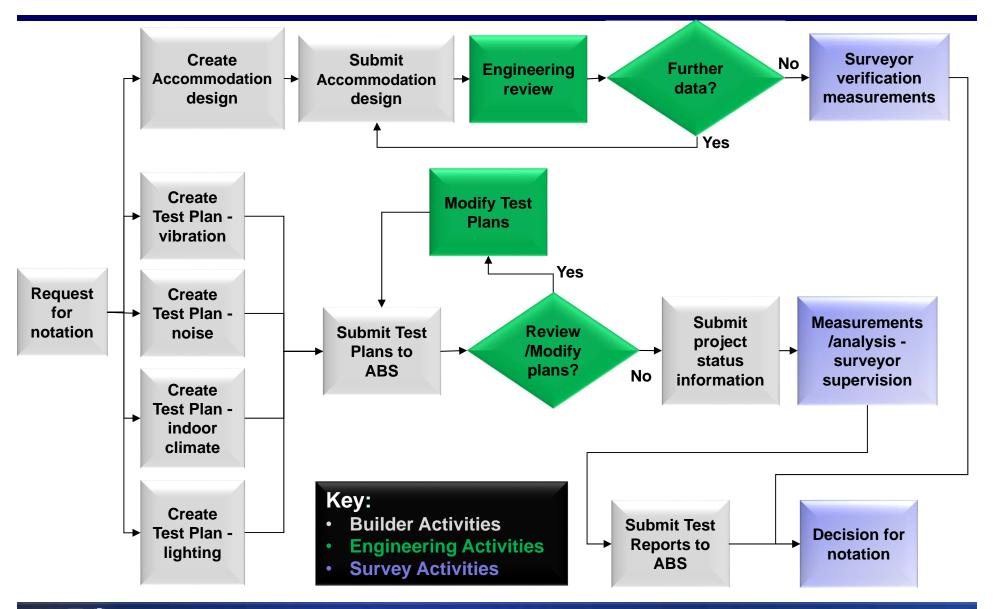
Testing personnel have the right equipment

 Testing personnel have the correct knowledge and skill to use the equipment

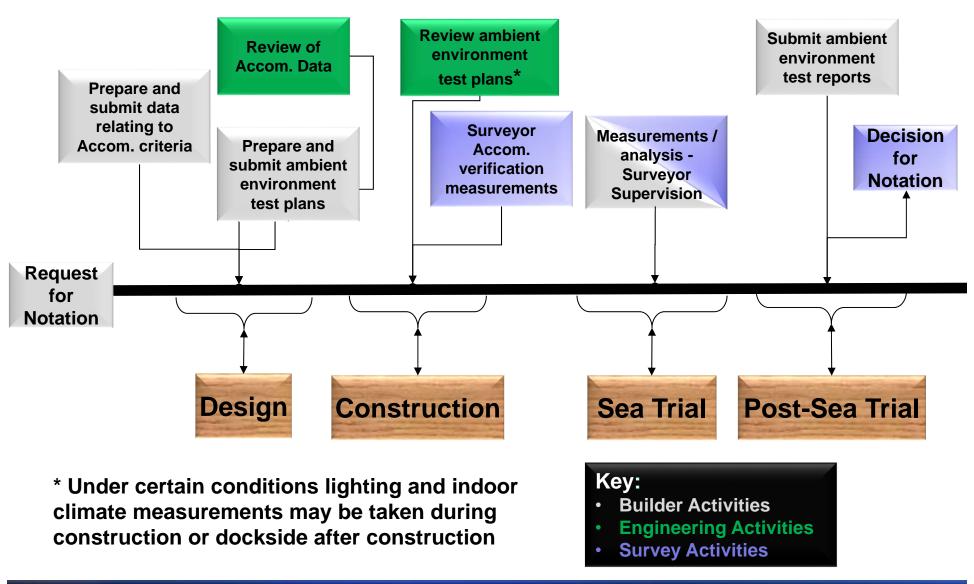
- Testing equipment has current calibration certificates
- Testing personnel can develop an appropriate Test Plan
- Testing personnel can develop an appropriate Test Report
- Testing personnel can act independently of any production related function within the yard



#### **Process for Obtaining the HAB Notation**



#### **HAB: Event Schedule**

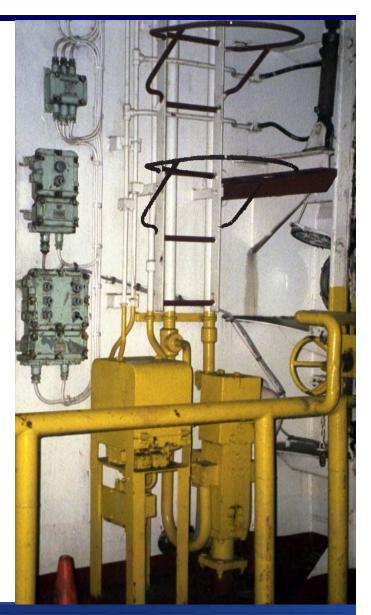


# **Habitability Related Projects (July 2014)**

Category	In Operation	Design/ Construction	Total
HAB/HAB+/HAB++	3	16	19
HAB(WB)/HAB+(WB)	10	66	76
HAB(OS)/HAB+(OS)	2	0	2
HAB(MODU)/HAB+(MODU)	0	8	8
MLC-ACCOM	27	106	133
TOTAL	42	196	238

# Mariner Personal Safety (MPS) Project Overview

- Objective obtain and review incident and close call reports
- Collected approximately 85,000 records (injuries and close calls)
- Database represents more than 1,600 vessels and 45,000 mariners
- Constructed a database to:
  - Identify trends
  - Create benchmarking statistics
  - Identify potential corrective actions
  - Identify potential lessons learned
- Develop and <u>share</u> results



#### **Near Misses Related to Access Aids**

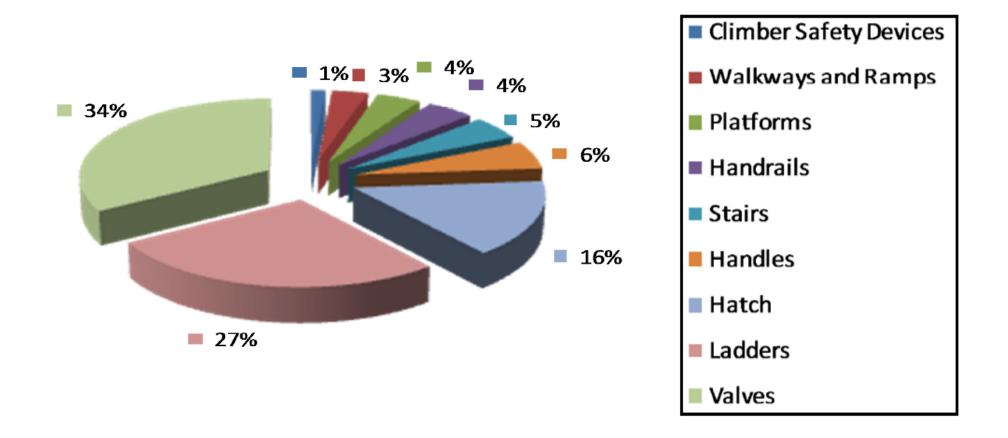


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#### **Crew Injuries Related to Access Aids**

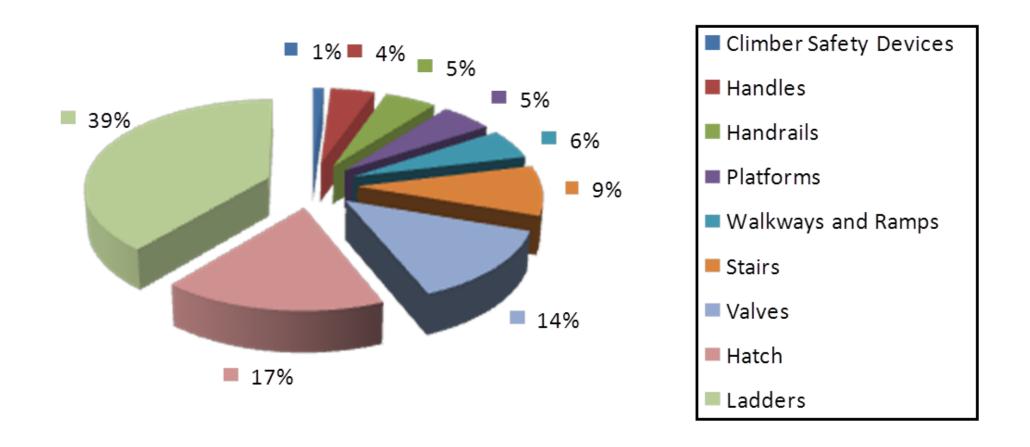


Chart data represents ~24% of all crew injuries

#### **ABS Guide for Ergonomic Notations**

- Addresses structural aspects of four vessel areas
- Can be applied to ships or offshore structures
- Ergonomic notations for:
  - Topside interface design (ERGO TOP)
  - Enclosed space and hull interface design (ERGO ES)
  - Maintenance access and design (ERGO MAINT)
  - Valve locations, access and operation (ERGO VALVE)



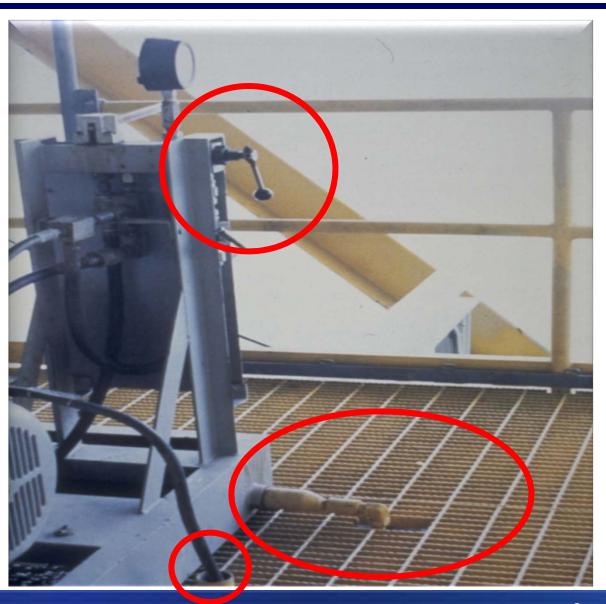
#### **ABS Guide for Ergonomic Notations**

- Requirements limited to human and vessel structure compatibility
  - Anthropometry
  - Biomechanics
  - Reach and working envelopes
- Cognitive factors not addressed (e.g., information display)
- Environmental factors not addressed (e.g., noise, vibration)



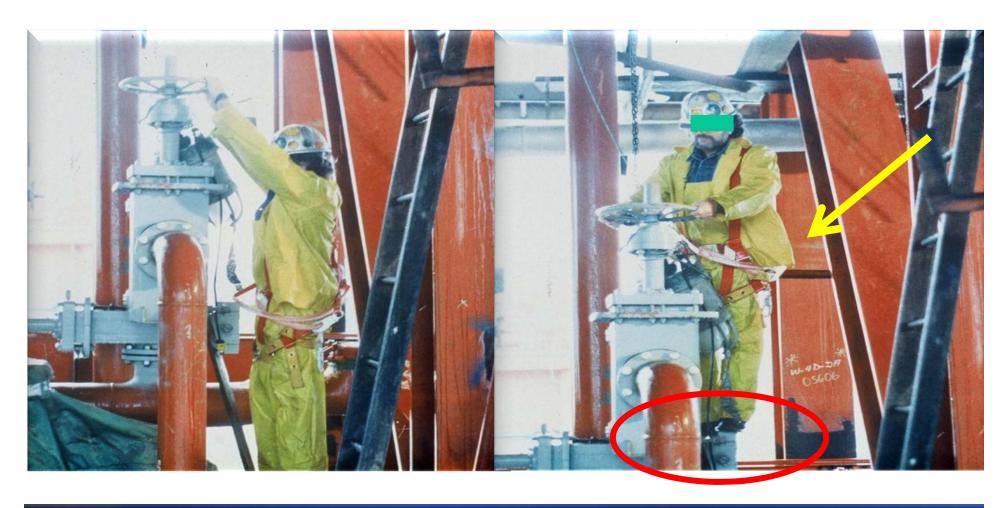
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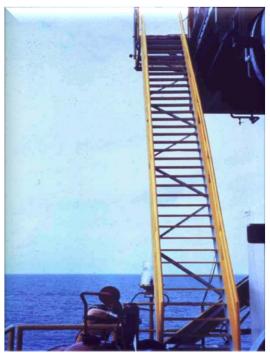
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#### **Ergonomic Notation Topics**

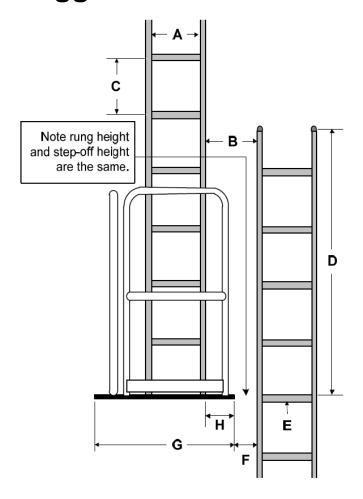
- Stairs, walkways and ramps
- Vertical and inclined ladders
- Guard rails and climber safety devices
- Fall protection from secondary fall points
- Work platforms
- Handles
- Hatches
- Doors and scuttles
- Manual valve operation, access, location and orientation
- Maintenance access





# **ERGO TOP (example)**

#### **Staggered Vertical Ladder**



Dimension		Requirements
A	Stringer separation	400 to 450 mm (16.0 to 18.0 in.)
В	Horizontal separation between two vertical ladders, stringer to stringer	≥ 225 mm (9 in.) ≤ 450 mm (18 in.)
С	Distance between ladder rungs (rungs evenly spaced throughout the full run of the ladder)	≥ 275 mm (11.0 in.) ≤ 300 mm (12.0 in.)
D	Stringer height above landing or intermediate platform	≥ 1350 mm (53.0 in.)
E	Rung Design – (Can be round or square bar; where square bar is fitted, orientation shall be edge up)	Square bar 22 mm (0.9 in.) × 22 mm (0.9 in.) Round bar 25 mm (1.0 in.) diameter
F	Horizontal separation between ladder and platform	≥ 150 mm (6.0 in.) ≤ 300 mm (12.0 in.)
G	Landing or intermediate platform width	≥ 925 mm (36.5 in.)
H Platform ladder to Platform ledge		≥ 75 mm (3.0 in.) ≤ 150 mm (6.0 in.)



#### **ERGO ES (Enclosed Space)**

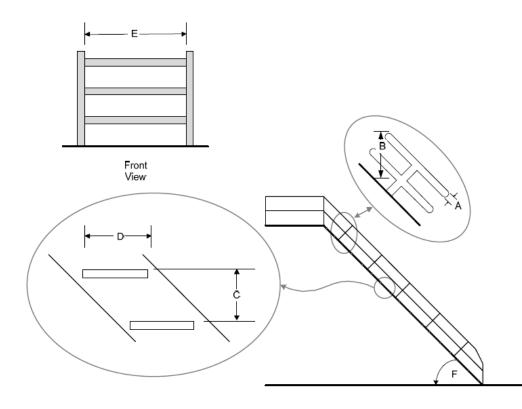
- Areas within the hull, below the main deck
- Similar coverage as topsides, tailored for cargo and machinery access including:
  - Ladders and walkways
  - Hatches and passages
  - Lifting devices
  - Doors and scuttles



# **ERGO ES (example)**

#### **Inclination of Ladders**

Dimension	Requirements
Inclined Ladders	45 to 60 degrees
Vertical Ladders	80 to 90 degrees

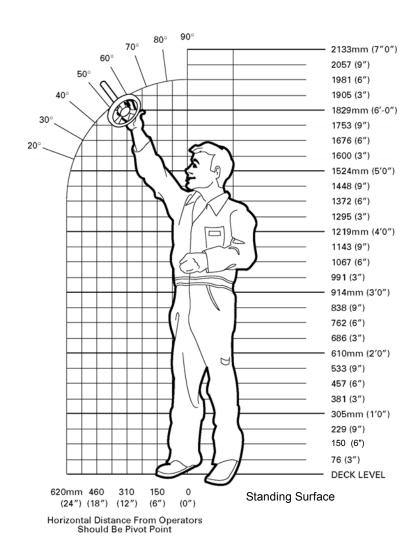


#### **Inclined Ladders**

Dimension		Requirements
A	Handrail/guardrail diameter	≥ 40 mm (1.5 in.) to ≤ 50 mm (2.0 in.)
В	Handrail/guardrail height (from leading edge of tread)	≥ 915 mm (36.0) and ≤ 1000 mm (39.0 in.)
С	Tread/step spacing – equally spaced along entire ladder	≥ 200 mm (8.0 in.) and ≤ 300 mm (12.0 in.)
D	Step depth Use of square bar is optional	≥ 100 mm (4.0 in.)
Е	Handrail/guardrail to handrail width	≥ 450 mm (18.0 in.) ≤ 560 mm (22.0 in.)
F	Angle of inclination	45 to 60 degrees

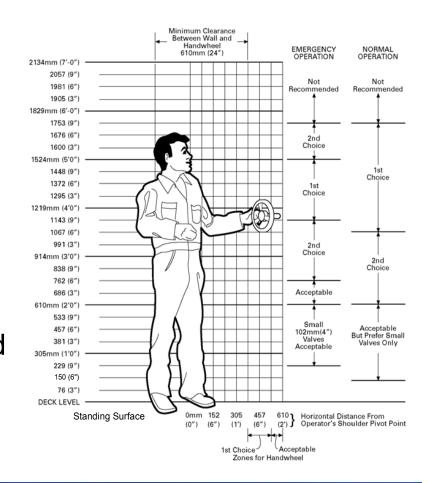
#### **ERGO VALVE**

- Addresses design and accessibility of valves
- Manual and motor operated (for maintenance)
- Topics include:
  - Valve criticality and location, access, reach envelopes
  - Mounting heights and orientations
  - Mode(s) of operation, biomechanics of operation
  - Force requirements, support devices (extenders, bars)



# **ERGO VALVE (Valve Criticality Analysis)**

- Category 1 valves critical for safety or operations or are also used frequently for routine maintenance
  - Example
    - Emergency shutdown valves
- Category 2 valves not critical for operations but required for routine maintenance
  - Example
    - Condensate drain valves
- Category 3 valves not critical for operations and are infrequently used
  - Example
    - Valves used in drydock only



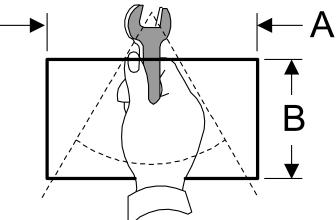
#### **Criticality Analysis: Valves**

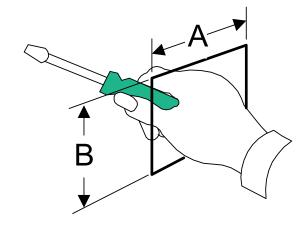
- Analysis to determine Category 1 and 2 valves
- Analysis participants:
  - Vessel designers
  - Construction yard
  - Owner's representatives
  - ABS Engineering and Survey
- Category 1 and 2 valves follow the ERGO VALVE criteria in the Guide



#### **ERGO MAINT (Maintenance)**

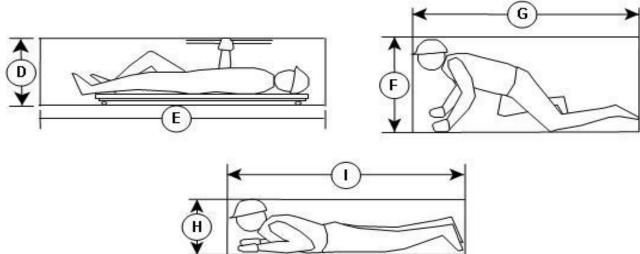
- Addresses maintenance accesses and workspace, generally on or below the main deck
- Topics include:
  - Access openings, maintenance platforms
  - Reach and access envelopes
  - Space for tools and parts storage
  - Provisions for storage
  - Lifting and moving devices
  - Safety devices





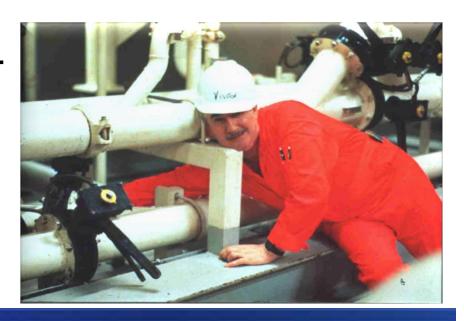
# **ERGO MAINT (Maintenance)**

- Category 1 Maintenance or Operational Access
  - Maintenance/operational actions that are system and safety critical
- Category 2 Maintenance or Operational Access
  - Maintenance or operational actions that are performed frequently
- Category 3 Maintenance or Operational Access
  - Maintenance or operational actions which are considered to be non-critical



#### **Criticality Analysis: Maintenance**

- Analysis to determine Category 1 and 2 maintenance activities
- Analysis participants:
  - Vessel designers
  - Construction yard
  - Owner's representatives
  - ABS Engineering and Survey
- Category 1 and 2 maintenance activities follow the ERGO MAINT criteria in the Guide



#### **Obtaining a Notation**

- Design Compliance Verification
  - The following plans and information shall be submitted to ABS
     Engineering for the purpose of review in the context of the ERGO notations being sought
    - Details of arrangements of the components and structures appropriate for the notation(s)
    - Diagrammed details of each of the above components and structures
    - Any vendor documentation or certifications pertinent to applying the requirements to the design.
  - Surveyor follow-up physical verification of ergonomic criteria

#### Results

 The ABS Engineering ergonomic assessment, and ABS Surveyor verification measurements, shall be reviewed by the ABS Surveyor for determination of notation confirmation

# ...one final point

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