



## **RULES FOR BUILDING AND CLASSING**

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# **Reinforced Plastic Vessels 1978**

### **NOTICE NO. 3**

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## COMMENTARY

For the 2001 edition, the *ABS Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels Part 7: Operations and Maintenance* was re-titled as the *ABS Rule Requirements for Surveys After Construction Part 7*. The purpose of this generic title is to reflect the expanded contents of PART 7, as a result of including consolidated requirements for Surveys After Construction applicable to all types and sizes of vessels, barges and specific shipboard arrangements/systems.

Altogether, in an effort to facilitate usage and better maintain survey after construction Rules, ABS consolidated twenty-two (22) ABS Rules and Guides into this Rule Requirements for Survey after Construction, Part 7 for 2001. These requirements apply to and supercede all survey after construction Rules required by the ABS Rules and Guides listed in Chapter 1, Section 1, Subsection 1 Application (7-1-1/1) of Part 7. These Rules do not apply to any other ABS Rules or Guide containing survey after construction requirements unless a particular Rule or Guide references any of the survey requirements of the ABS Rules or Guides listed in 7-1-1/ 1.

The affected Rules and Guides, as listed in 7-1-1/1, are re-produced herewith for ready reference.

- *Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels*
- *Rules for Building and Classing Aluminum Vessels*
- *Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels Under 90 Meters in Length*
- *Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels for Service on Rivers and Intracoastal Waterways*
- *Rules for Building and Classing Bulk Carriers for Service on the Great Lakes*
- *Rules for Building and Classing Steel Barges*
- *Rules for Building and Classing Reinforced Plastic Vessels*
- *Rules for Building and Classing Steel Floating Drydocks*
- *Rules for Building and Classing Underwater Vehicles, Systems and Hyperbaric Facilities*
- *Preliminary Rules for Building and Classing Accommodation Barges and Hotel Barges*
- *Guide for Building and Classing Fishing Vessels*
- *Guide for Building and Classing High Speed Craft*
- *Guide for Building and Classing Motor Pleasure Yachts*
- *Guide for Hull Condition Monitoring Systems*
- *Guide for One Man Bridge Operated (OMBO) Ships*
- *Guide for Propulsion Redundancy*
- *Guide for Vapor Emission Control Systems on Board Tank Vessels*
- *Guide for Building and Classing Offshore Racing Yachts*

In addition, the following ABS Guides relating to survey after construction have been incorporated into the Appendix of Part 7.

- *Guide for Underwater Inspection in Lieu of Drydocking*
- *Guide for Survey of Voyage Repairs to Hull Structure*
- *Guide for Hull Thickness Measurement*
- *Guide for Lay-up and for Reactivation of Laid-up Ships*

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**SECTION 22      SURVEYS AFTER CONSTRUCTION**

*(The existing text of Section 22 is deleted and replaced by the following)*

**22.1              Surveys (2001)**

The surveys after construction for *Reinforced Plastic Vessels* are to be in accordance with the applicable requirements as contained in the *ABS Rule Requirements for Surveys After Construction Part 7*.