§ 154.174  Transverse contiguous hull structure.

(a) The transverse contiguous hull structure of a vessel having cargo containment systems without secondary barriers must meet the standards of the American Bureau of Shipping published in “Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels”, 1981.

(b) The transverse contiguous hull structure of a vessel having cargo containment systems with secondary barriers must be designed for a temperature that is:

1. Colder than the calculated temperature of this hull structure when:
   (i) The temperature of the secondary barrier is the design temperature; and
   (ii) Ambient cold condition assumed;

2. Maintained by the heating system under §154.178.

§ 154.176  Longitudinal contiguous hull structure.

(a) The longitudinal contiguous hull structure of a vessel having cargo containment systems without secondary barriers must meet the standards of the American Bureau of Shipping published in “Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels”, 1981.

(b) The longitudinal contiguous hull structure of a vessel having cargo containment systems with secondary barriers must be designed for a temperature that is:

1. Colder than the calculated temperature of this hull structure when:
   (i) The temperature of the secondary barrier is the design temperature; and
   (ii) For any waters in the world except Alaskan waters, the ambient cold condition of:
      (A) Five knots air at −18 °C (0 °F); and
      (B) Still sea water at 0 °C (32 °F); or
   (iii) For Alaskan waters the ambient cold condition of:
      (A) Five knots air at −29 °C (−20 °F); and
      (B) Still sea water at −2 °C (28 °F); or

2. Maintained by the heating system under §154.178, if, without heat, the contiguous hull structure is designed for a temperature that is colder than the calculated temperature of the hull structure assuming the:
   (i) Temperature of the secondary barrier is the design temperature; and
   (ii) Ambient cold conditions of still air at 5 °C (41 °F) and still sea water at 0 °C (32 °F).

§ 154.178  Contiguous hull structure: Heating system.

The heating system for transverse and longitudinal contiguous hull structure must:

(a) Be shown by a heat load calculation to have the heating capacity to meet §154.174(b)(2) or §154.176(b)(2); and

(b) Have stand-by heating to provide 100% of the required heat load and distribution determined under paragraph (a) and meet Parts 52, 53, and 54 of this chapter.


Welding procedure tests for contiguous hull structure designed for a temperature colder than −18 °C (0 °F) must
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meet §54.05–15 and subpart 57.03 of this chapter.

§ 154.182 Contiguous hull structure: Production weld test.

If a portion of the contiguous hull structure is designed for a temperature colder than −34 °C (−30 °F) and is not part of the secondary barrier, each 100m (328 ft.) of full penetration butt welded joints in that portion of the contiguous hull structure must pass the following production weld tests in the position that the joint is welded:

(a) Bend tests under §57.06–4 of this chapter.

(b) A Charpy V-notch toughness test under §57.06–5 of this chapter on one set of 3 specimens alternating the notch location on successive tests between the center of the weld and the most critical location in the heat affected zone.2

(c) If the contiguous hull structure does not pass the test under paragraph (b) of this section, the retest procedures under §54.05–5(c) must be met.

§ 154.188 Membrane tank: Inner hull steel.

For a vessel with membrane tanks, the inner hull plating thickness must meet the deep tank requirements of the American Bureau of Shipping published in “Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels”, 1981.

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§ 154.195 Aluminum cargo tank: Steel enclosure.

(a) An aluminum cargo tank and its dome must be enclosed by the vessel’s hull structure or a separate steel cover.

(b) The steel cover for the aluminum cargo tank must meet the steel structural standards of the American Bureau of Shipping published in “Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels”, 1981.

(c) The steel cover for the aluminum tank dome must be:

1. At least 3.2 mm (¼ in.) thick;
2. Separated from the tank dome, except at the support points; and
3. Thermally isolated from the dome.

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§ 154.200 Stability requirements: General.

Each vessel must meet the applicable requirements in subchapter S of this chapter.

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§ 154.235 Cargo tank location.

(a) For type IG hulls, cargo tanks must be located inboard of:

(1) The transverse extent of damage for collision penetration specified in Table 172.180 of this chapter;

(2) The vertical extent of damage for grounding penetration specified in Table 172.180 of this chapter; and

(3) 30 inches (760 mm) from the shell plating.

(b) For type IIG, IIPG, and IIIG hulls, cargo tanks must be located inboard of:

(1) The vertical extent of damage for grounding penetration specified in Table 172.180 of this chapter; and

(2) 30 inches (760 mm) from the shell plating.

(c) In vessels having membrane and semi-membrane tanks, the vertical and transverse extents of damage must be measured to the inner hull.

(d) For type IIG, IIPG, and IIIG hulls, cargo tank suction wells may penetrate into the area of bottom damage specified as the vertical extent of damage for grounding penetration in Table 172.180 of this chapter if the penetration is the lesser of 25% of the double bottom height or 13.8 in. (350 mm).

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