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- Part 3: *Code of practice for the design of shipyards and sea locks*;
- Part 4: *Code of practice for design of fendering and mooring systems*;
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- Part 6: *Design of inshore moorings and floating structures*;
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## Information about this document

This is a full revision of the standard, and introduces the following principal changes.

- a) The standard has been updated to reflect current industry practice. In particular, the concrete section has been updated to be generally in line with the recommendations of [BS 8500](#).
- b) The metals section has been reorganized and updated. In particular, the clauses on corrosion, protective coatings, wraps and cathodic protection have been updated and incorporated into the appropriate section.
- c) A new section on polymers has been added.
- d) The sections on stone for armouring and protective works and bituminous materials have been updated.
- e) The previous clauses on piles, rails, pipes and pavements have been removed from this standard as they are structural elements rather than materials.

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# Section 1: General

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## Introduction

The materials covered by this part of [BS 6349](#) include the basic materials used in civil engineering construction, and composite or manufactured materials where these are normally considered to be materials in their own right.

The materials covered in this part of [BS 6349](#) are as follows:

- a) concrete: complementary guidance to BS EN 206, BS 8500-1:2015+A2 and [BS 8500-2](#);
- b) metals;
- c) timber;
- d) polymers;
- e) stone for armouring or protection works; and
- f) bituminous materials.

Protective measures and treatments against corrosion of metals cover a wide range of methods that can be applied in the construction, operation and maintenance of maritime structures. These are also addressed in this part of [BS 6349](#).

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## 1 Scope

This part of [BS 6349](#) gives recommendations for the materials used in the design and construction of maritime environment structures, and includes specific provisions for use in a seawater environment.

*NOTE* Materials used in these conditions are often subject to more onerous environmental conditions than onshore structures, and thus particular attention is paid to the use of durable materials to provide the required performance and design life.

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## 2 Normative references

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### Standards publications

ANSI/AWWA C217, *Microcrystalline wax and petrolatum tape coating systems for steel water pipe and fittings*

ASTM D1765, *Standard classification system for carbon blacks used in rubber products*

[BS 4449](#), *Steel for the reinforcement of concrete – Weldable reinforcing steel – Bar, coil and decoiled product – Specification*

[BS 4482](#), *Steel wire for the reinforcement of concrete products – Specification*

[BS 4483](#), *Steel fabric for the reinforcement of concrete – Specification*

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