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## Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 4568:2006), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are:

- the definitions of working load ([3.1](#)), nominal size ([3.2](#)) and overload pull ([3.3](#)) have been revised;
- the definition of nominal recovery speed (former 3.5 in the previous edition) has been deleted;
- new definitions for windlass ([3.5](#)), double cable-lifter windlass with connection shaft ([3.10](#)) and control braking system ([3.11](#)) have been added;
- requirements have been added on: the mooring winch, in [4.4](#) and [5.4](#); the design of the cable lifter, in [4.6.2.2](#); and the electric motor, in [4.11.2](#) and [4.11.3](#);
- the strength requirements have been updated in [4.5](#);
- test methods have been added in [6.3](#) to [6.9](#).

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# Ships and marine technology — Sea-going vessels — Windlasses and anchor capstans

## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the design, construction, safety, performance and acceptance testing of windlasses and anchor capstans.

This document is applicable to windlasses and anchor capstans of sea-going vessels, which have an electric, hydraulic, pneumatic or external drive, of the following types:

- symmetrical double cable-lifter windlasses (type 1);
- single cable-lifter windlasses (type 2);
- single cable-lifter windlass units (types 3 and 4);
- anchor capstans (type 5);
- double cable-lifter windlasses with connecting shaft (type 6).

For combined windlasses/mooring winches, ISO 3730 is applicable in addition to this document.

NOTE Attention is drawn to the requirements of relevant Classification Societies or the government of the state whose flag the ship is entitled to fly.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1704, *Ships and marine technology — Stud-link anchor chains*

ISO 3730, *Shipbuilding and marine structures — Mooring winches*

ISO 3828, *Shipbuilding and marine structures — Deck machinery — Vocabulary and symbols*

ISO 4413, *Hydraulic fluid power — General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components*

ISO 6482, *Shipbuilding — Deck machinery — Warping end profiles*

ISO 7825, *Shipbuilding — Deck machinery — General requirements*

IEC 60092 (all parts), *Electrical installations in ships*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 3828 and the following apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org>