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Annex I.A.2.5 – Owner's Manual	Clause 9.2	
Annex II, Components of watercraft (3) -Steering wheels, steering mechanisms and cable assemblies.	Clauses 1 - 8	In respect of push-pull cable steering systems and their major component items only. Steering Wheels supplied as components are not covered by this Standard.

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### Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- ISO 8848:1990, ISO 9775:1990 and ISO 15652:2003 have been consolidated into this document;
- added "mechanical" in the title;
- updated definitions;
- updated requirements to meet current industry practices;
- added 7.7 regarding control lever to steering wheel clearance;
- steering wheel requirements and tests have been removed.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

# Small craft — Remote mechanical steering systems

## 1 Scope

This document specifies design, construction, installation and test requirements for remote mechanical cable steering systems and the output ram interface point to rudders, jet drives, outboard and sterndrive engines for small craft.

It is applicable to three distinct classes of steering systems for use on various types of craft:

- standard duty steering systems, for small craft with single and twin installations of outboard engines with a total over 15 kW power, and with rudders, sterndrives, and water-jet drives;
- light duty steering systems, for small craft with a single outboard engine of 15 kW to 40 kW power;
- mini-jet steering systems, excluding personal watercraft.

**NOTE** Standard and light duty steering systems are mechanically interchangeable. A standard duty steering system can be used on a craft designed for a light duty system. However, a light duty steering system cannot be used on a craft that requires a standard duty steering system. Mini-jet steering systems are mechanically differentiated from the previously mentioned systems and can only be used on mini-jet craft as defined in this document.

This document does not address emergency means for steering the craft.

## 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 10240:2019, *Small craft — Owner's manual*

ISO 12217-1:2015, *Small craft — Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorization — Part 1: Non-sailing boats of hull length greater than or equal to 6 m*

ISO 12217-2:2015, *Small craft — Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorization — Part 2: Sailing boats of hull length greater than or equal to 6 m*

ISO 12217-3:2015, *Small craft — Stability and buoyancy assessment and categorization — Part 3: Boats of hull length less than 6 m*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

### 3.1

#### **craft-mounted steering system**

assembly including all components necessary to transmit remote manual effort to the end of the *output ram* (3.20) and a means to secure an output ram guide tube to the craft

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