

No. 119 Uniform application of SOLAS Reg. II-1/3-9 in association with MSC.1/Circ.1331

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1. Applied Loads for new and existing Winches, Accommodation Ladders and Ship's Gangways during initial, annual and renewal surveys of Safety Equipment are specified in the following table:

| Survey | Testing | Winch/Accommodation Ladder ^[1] Arrangement | Gangway ^[2] |
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| Initial Installation ^[4] | Static Load Test | Apply load per §5.3.2 uniformly with winch holding ladder in horizontal position | n/a |
| | Operational Test | Apply §3.6.2 with weight of ladder only (raise and lower ladder at least twice) | n/a |
| Renewal (5 years) ^{[3] [5]} | Static Load Test (no permanent deformation permitted) | Apply load per §5.3.2 ^[2] uniformly with winch holding ladder in horizontal position | Apply §5.1.2.2 with load per §5.3.2 ^[3] applied uniformly to gangway in horizontal position |
| | Operational Test | Raise and lower ladder once (weight of ladder only) | n/a |
| Annual ^[5] | No load testing to be carried out; only examination of components | | |
| 1 - Includes landing platforms if fitted 2 - Only when carried onboard the ship 3 - If MWL unknown for existing gangways/ladders, owner nominates load as per §5.3.2 4 - Ships Constructed on/after 1 Jan 2010 and Equipment replaced on existing ships on/after 1 Jan 2010 5 - All installations, regardless of installation or ship construction date § refers to paragraphs from MSC.1/Circ.1331 | | | |

2. Measurement of deflections is not required after testing. Instead, a visual inspection should be carried out to ensure that there is no damage or permanent deformation after testing.

3. Where it is not possible to site the means of embarkation and disembarkation clear of the working area or locations where cargo or other suspended solids pass overhead, then subject to the Administration's agreement the posting of a warning notice would be acceptable as an exemption from paragraph 3.1 of MSC.1/Circ.1331.

4. The tests as required in MSC.1/Circ.1331 paragraphs 5.1.1.2 for accommodation ladders, 5.1.2.2 for gangways and 5.2.2 for winches should be carried out with:

- a static test by applying the test load as required in paragraph 5.3.2; and
- an operational test (raising and lowering) with only the weight of accommodation ladder and no additional test load

and are to be completed at the time of the passenger ship safety survey or cargo ship safety equipment survey, not later than 5 years after 1 Jan 2010 for existing arrangements on existing ships and, thereafter, at intervals no more than 5 years measured from the completion of the first test.

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