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#### FENDER SYSTEM DESIGN – HOLISTIC APPROACH

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### SHIBATAFENDERTEAM GROUP.



Hamburg, Germany

**(\$)** TURNOVER:

~ 50 Million USD annually



> 5,000 worldwide since 2006 | Group track record since 1961 GPA has about 1,000 fenders in service, out of 100,000 worldwide



# **SELECTED REFERENCES – USA (OF > 350)**



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## **BERTHING ENERGY CALCULATION.**



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#### **ENERGY DEFINED**

Energy is the capacity of a physical system to do work

Specifically we are dealing with:

- Kinetic energy vessel
  ½ \* mass \* velocity<sup>2</sup>
- Potential energy fender
  force \* distance

Capacity of fender system to absorb energy needs to be more than the kinetic energy of vessel



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# **BERTHING ENERGY CALCULATION.**

#### **ENERGY**

Force

Vehicle in motion: Energy  $=\frac{1}{2} * m * v^2$ 

**ENERGY** 

Brake soft



Stopping distance

**Stopping Distance** 



#### **BERTHING ENERGY CALCULATION.**

#### **COLLECTION OF DATA**

Design Vessels (type, size, dimension)

Location (Exposed / Sheltered)

- Berth Structure (Quay Wall / Piled)
- Environmental Conditions (Tidal Range, Winds, Currents)
- Support Structure (Dimensions / Load Capacity)
- Design Life

The more information available, the more suitable the fender design will be.



#### **BERTHING ENERGY CALCULATION.**

$$E = 0.5 * M_{D} * v_{B}^{2} * C_{E} * C_{M} * C_{C} * C_{S}$$

Berthing energy sensitive to berthing velocity



# BERTHING MODE -CONTINUOUS JETTY.





Contact point assumed to be within 1/4 length from end

Typically container, cargo, multi-use berths

Low impact on energy if vessel berths out of position (impact distance R unchanged)

# BERTHING MODE -DOLPHINS.





Contact point assumed to be within 1/3 length from end (distance should be confirmed)

Typically oil, gas and bulk liquids berths

High impact on energy if vessel berths out of position (R reduced, C<sub>E</sub> higher, Energy higher)

PIANC recommends +/- 5% of L<sub>OA</sub>





### **SAFETY FACTOR.**

A Factor of Safety should be applied to the calculated berthing energy such that the fender system will be capable of absorbing *reasonable abnormal impacts*, which may be caused by mishandling, malfunction, adverse wind and current or a combination of all. Consideration should be given to:

Consequence of failure (high cost / lost revenue)

- Frequency of use of berth / design life
- Load sensitive structures
- Range of vessels using the berth
- Hazardous cargoes (environmental damage)



#### SAFETY FACTOR (ABNORMAL IMPACT)

PIANC 2002		
Vessel class	Largest	Smallest
Tankers & Bulk carriers	1.25	1.75
Gas carriers	1.50 – 2.00	
Container ships	1.50	2.00
General cargo	1.75	
RO-RO, Ferries	≥ 2.00	
Tugs, Workboats	2.00	

BS6349 – PART 4 (2014)		
Vessel class	FOS	
Continuous Structures	1.50	
Ferries	2.00	
LPG / LNG	2.00	
Island Berths (Dolphins)	2.00	





CSS Cell Fender Uncompressed







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DEFLECTION (%)

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DEFLECTION (%)



#### Energy = Area under Load Deflection Curve









Expressed as a curve on 2<sup>nd</sup> y-axis











52.5% Deflection



Performance subject to +/-10% tolerance

#### WORKED EXAMPLE – ALTERNATIVE.



### **WORKED EXAMPLE – ALTERNATIVE.**



# WORKED EXAMPLE - ALTERNATIVE COMPARISON.



**DESIGN BERTHING ENERGY EA = 457.2 kN.m** 

1 x CSS 1250 (G2.5)

Energy Capacity

<u>E<sub>RPD</sub> = 575 kNm [424 kip-ft]</u>

**Reaction Force** 

R<sub>RPD</sub> = 1,045 kN [235 kip]

<u>R<sub>MAX</sub> = 1188.6 kN [267.2 kip]</u>

2 x SPC 800 (G2.4)

**Energy Capacity** 

<u>E<sub>RPD</sub> = 280 kNm [206 kip-ft] x2 = 560 kNm [412 kip-ft]</u>

**Reaction Force** 

 $R_{RPD} = 667 \text{ kN} [150 \text{ kip}]$ 

<u>R<sub>MAX</sub> = 758.6 kN [170.5 kip] x2 = 1,517.2 kN [341 kip]</u>



### **BERTHING ENERGY CALCULATION.**



### **STRUCTURAL DESIGN OF PANELS.**

# STRUCTURAL DESIGN OF PANELS - LOAD CASES.



#### LOAD CASE 1 – HULL PRESSURE



# STRUCTURAL DESIGN OF PANELS - LOAD CASES.



#### LOAD CASE 2 – BELTING CONTACT



# STRUCTURAL DESIGN OF PANELS - LOAD CASES.



#### LOAD CASE 3 – LOW CONTACT



# STEEL PANEL DESIGN – EXAMPLE FEA ANALYSIS.

Wide panel

Narrow panel



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# **HULL PRESSURE.**

#### LIMITATIONS

CLASS	SIZE	PRESSURE kN/m² (ĸPa)
Oil tankers	Handysize Handymax Panamax or bigger VLCC	≤ 300 ≤ 300 ≤ 350 150-200
Bulk carriers	All sizes	≤ 200
Container	Feeder Panamax Post-Panamax ULVC	≤ 400 ≤ 300 ≤ 250 ≤ 200
General Cargo	≤ 20,000DWT >20,000DWT	400700 ≤ 400
RoRo & Ferries	Not applicable – usually belted	

Typical hull pressure limitations:

- Recommended limits based on vessel type and class
- Hull pressure limits based on panel contact area and reaction force
- To prevent damage to vessel hull

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### **HULL PRESSURE.**

#### **AVERAGE HULL PRESSURE**



Hull pressure based on panel contact area

$$\overline{\mathrm{HP}} = \frac{\sum \mathrm{R}}{\mathrm{W} \ast \mathrm{H}}$$

HP = Average hull pressure

SR = Sum of all fender Reaction Forces



#### FENDER WITHIN TOP 1/3 OF PANEL





#### FENDER WITHIN MIDDLE 1/3 OF PANEL



HP Distribution

R

Reduced "Peak" Pressure

Improved layout for Hull Pressure Distribution



#### SYMMETRICAL SYSTEMS





#### LOW LEVEL CONTACT





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#### Panel will rotate

- Force translated to vessel by tension chain force and panel bending moment
- Panel Line load only
- Expressed as Force / metre
- Vessel should be checked for line load generated

## **EFFECTS OF VESSEL BELTINGS.**



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#### **VESSEL PROTECTION**



Beltings (or "steel fenders") are protection for the vessel

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- Installed at or just above waterline
- Common on ferries, cruise ships, barges
- Also used on smaller feeder vessels (general cargo, container, bulk liquids)

# EFFECTS OF VESSEL BELTINGS CHAMFERS.

#### PANEL CHAMFERS



Chamfers needed to prevent beltings getting caught on panels during tidal variations, loading etc.

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## **EFFECTS OF VESSEL BELTINGS CHAMFERS.**

#### ► RESULTS OF INCORRECT CHAMFER/PANEL DESIGNS









### **ACCESSORIES – CHAINS.**





#### **ACCESSORIES - ANCHORS.**

#### ACI 318M – APPENDIX D / EUROCODE 2 – CCD METHOD

Concrete Failure Mechanisms



**EDGE DISTANCE** 



Concrete pull-out capacity needs to be checked wherever anchors are close to the concrete edge

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If pull-out capacity is insufficient, entire load should be tied into structure using reinforcing bar

# ACCESSORIES - ANCHORS.

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# FENDER TESTING -MATERIAL TESTS.

# FENDER TESTING -COMPOUNDS.

#### **RUBBER COMPOUNDS**

#### Elastomer

Natural Rubber (NR) / Styrene-Butadiene (SBR)

**Reinforcing Agent** 

Carbon Black

**Curing Agent** 

Sulphur (for vulcanisation)

Retardants (slow curing – thick sections)

**Other Additives** 

UV Stabilisation / Procesability (CaCO3)



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# FENDER TESTING -PRODUCTION.



Vulcanising

De-Molding

Injecting

# **SFT WHITE PAPER SERIES.**



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SFT Whitepaper Series: #1 Compounding | #2 Mixing | #3 Curing | #4 Testing

# CARBON BLACK – ESSENTIAL IN MEASURES.



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### THE PARTICLE SIZE.



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Figure 2: Modulus vs. particle size of CB (CB 33 %)

# INFLUENCE OF CARBON BLACK ON TENSILE STRENGTH.





Figure 1: Typical influence of CB on tensile strength in NR compounds

# CALCIUM CARBONATE – BETTER THAN ITS REPUTATION.

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Enhances processability

Improves behavior during vulcanization

Improves compression set result

Right amount in small particles has a distinct reinforcing effect

# FENDER TESTING -COMPRESSION TEST.

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#### **PIANC 2002 COMPRESSION TEST PROCEDURE**

- Fender temperature to be stabilised at 23C+/- 5 degrees prior to test (or adjust results for temperature)
- Fender to be pre-compressed a minimum of three times to break-in the fender
- Fender to be rested for a minimum of 1 hour before final test
- Fender compressed at a constant velocity of between 2-8 cm/min
- Reaction (+/- 1kN) and Deflection (+/- 1mm) shall be recorded during compression
- Energy calculated from the Load / Deflection curve
- Energy and Reaction should be within the prescribed tolerance (+/- 10%)

# PERFORMANCE TEST CRITERIA.

#### **Test Curve**



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# PERFORMANCE TEST FACTORY ACCEPTANCE TEST.



#### **BENEFITS OF TESTING AT FACTORY LOCATION?**

Purpose-built and calibrated test-equipment available

Performance testing can be carried out earlier in the manufacturing schedule

Tests can we witnessed by third-party inspectors and/or our client

- Selection of fenders can be on-site during testing
- Less cost and time involved should additional testing be required

Avoid 12+ week project delays in case of issues during testing.

## FENDER DESIGN FAILURES.

# FENDER/PANEL POSITION & CHAIN LAYOUT.

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#### Incorrect solution by low cost supplier

#### Causes:

- P1 Unfavorable panel position. Rubber fender installed too close to the top edge of the panel. Deflection by dead weight. "Propeller" Fender System.
- P2 Chains with the incorrect angle and length not protecting the fender rubber unit, even normal tension/weight/shear loads.
- P3 Low rubber quality. Incorrect Design. Rubber fender is "sagging.

#### Consequences:

- High peak hull pressure onto vessels' hull.
- Potential damage to the vessels' hull.
- Panel self weight supported by rubber instead by the chains.
- Torsion and bending loads damaging the rubber unit
- Cracks and damages in the rubber.
- Lower fender performance
- Reduction of life cycle of the system.
- Increase in maintenance and replacement costs
- Additional losses for stopping operations during replacement/maintenance.



## **STEEL PANEL INTERNAL STRUCTURE.**



#### Incorrect solution by low cost supplier

#### Causes:

- Panel internal structure under sized.
- Wrong structural calculation.
- Thickness of the steel beams is lower than required for the applicable load cases.

#### Consequences:

- Bent Panel.
- Increase of hull pressure onto vessels.
- Dramatic reduction of the life cycle of the systems.
- Increase in maintenance and replacement costs.
- Additional losses for stopping operations during replacement/maintenance.



## **INVERTED FENDER EXAMPLE.**




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#### CONCLUSION

- Work with established manufacturers only
- Gather all vital data for the design
- The most efficient fender, might not be the most suitable fender for your project
- Incorrect information can lead to substantial liability claims
- Understand importance of specifications
- Don't fall for marketing schemes leading to sole sources
- What might look good on a drawing, might not work in the field

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

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