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When berthing is made with separators, only one separator should be assumed to be in contact at the time of impact, with a minimum of two separators installed per berth. Where the separators are guided by fender piles, all the piles may be assumed to be effective in sharing the energy. When free-floating separators are used, not all the piles backing the separator will be effective. Local experience should dictate and a more conservative assumption should be made.

5.4.4.2 Allowable Hull Pressure. When the ship's energy is resisted through foam-filled or pneumatic fenders, the resulting force is concentrated in a small area of the ship's hull. In such cases, the allowable pressure on the ship's hull becomes a critical design issue. Most fast combatants have a thin hull plating with a low allowable hull pressure. Table 7 lists typical values for some ship types. For more specific information on the ships being berthed, NAVSEASYSKOM should be consulted. The values in Table 7 are based on yielding of the hull plating and include a 1.5 safety factor. Consequently, when checking for an accidental condition, the allowable value may be increased by up to 50 percent.

5.4.4.3 Allowable Stresses. Since ship berthing is a short-term impact type of loading, the following increases over published values (MIL-HDBK-1002/5, MIL-HDBK-1002/6, MIL-HDBK-1002/3 and NAVFAC DM-2.04) are permitted. The fender system may be designed as a Class B structure.

a) Timber. For operating condition, the allowable stress in flexure (tension and compression) may be taken as  $0.67 \times$  modulus of rupture or the published allowable values increased by a factor of 2.0, whichever is less. For the accidental condition, the stress-strain curve may be assumed to be linear up to  $0.9 \times$  modulus of rupture, which should be taken as the limit.

b) Steel. For operating condition, the allowable stress in flexure (tension and compression) may be taken as  $0.8 \times$  yield stress. For the accidental condition, full yield stress may be used. However, the sections used should satisfy compactness requirements or the allowable stress reduced proportionately. Members should be sufficiently braced for development of the yield strength.

c) Concrete. Reinforced and prestressed concrete members not intended for energy absorption should be designed with a load factor of 1.7 over forces developed due to operating condition. When designed thus, they will be satisfactory for the accidental condition. Further prestressed members should not be allowed to develop tensile stresses in excess of  $12 \times$  square root of 28-day compressive strength in the precompressed zone. Prestressed concrete members specifically designed for energy absorption may not conform to the above requirements and are beyond the scope of this manual.

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Table 7  
Maximum Allowable Hull Contact Pressures\*

| <u>Typical Vessel Type<br/>(psi)</u> | <u>Designation</u> | <u>Class</u>        | <u>Max. Allowable<br/>Hull Contact<br/>Pressure at<br/>Waterline</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| Battleship                           | BB 61              | Iowa                | 17.3   |
| Guided missile cruiser               | CG 26              | Belknap             | 17.3   |
| Guided missile cruiser               | CG 47              | Ticonderoga         | 9.3  |
| Guided missile cruiser               | CGN 36             | California          | 19.0   |
| Guided missile cruiser               | CGN 38             | Virginia            | 18.7   |
| Aircraft carrier                     | CV 66              | Kitty Hawk          | 34.8   |
| Aircraft carrier                     | CVN 68             | Nimitz              | 28.9   |
| Destroyer                            | DD 963             | Spruance            | 9.3  |
| Guided missile destroyer             | DDG 2              | Adams               | 32.0   |
| Guided missile destroyer             | DDG 37             | Farragut            | 30.0   |
| Guided missile destroyer             | DDG 993            | Kidd                | 9.3  |
| Frigate                              | FF 1052            | Knox                | 10.0   |
| Guided missile frigate               | FFG 7              | Oliver Hazard Perry | 9.3  |
| Submarine                            | SSN 637            | Sturgeon            | 15.2   |
| Submarine                            | SSN 688            | Los Angeles         | 27.2   |
| Ballistic missile submarine          | SSBN 616           | Lafayette           | 15.2   |
| Ballistic missile submarine          | SSBN 726           | Ohio                | 30.3   |
| Minesweeper                          | MSO 427            | Constant            | 4.7**  |
| Amphibious cargo ship                | LKA 113            | Charleston          | 12.6   |
| Amphibious transport dock            | LPD 4              | Austin              | 12.8   |
| Amphibious assault ship              | LHA 1              | Tarawa              | 17.6   |
| Dock landing ship                    | LSD 36             | Anchorage           | 18.5   |
| Tank landing ship                    | LST 1179           | Newport             | 10.0   |
| Destroyer tender                     | AD 37              | Samuel Gompers      | 9.4  |
| Ammunition ship                      | AE 26              | Kilauea             | 14.6   |
| Combat store ship                    | AFS 1              | Mars                | 18.1   |
| Fast combat support ship             | AOE 1              | Sacramento          | 17.6   |
| Oiler                                | AO 177             | Cimarron            | 21.0   |
| Oiler                                | AO 187             | Henry J. Kaiser     | 19.9   |
| Replenishment oiler                  | AOR 1              | Wichita             | 27.7   |
| Salvage ship                         | ARS 38             | Bolster             | 13.4   |
| Salvage ship                         | ARS 50             | Safeguard           | 13.4   |
| Submarine tender                     | AS 36              | L.Y. Spear          | 9.2  |
| Repair ship                          | AR 5               | Volcan              | 11.8   |

\* The allowable pressure is based on contact at the middle 60 percent of ship's length at waterline.

\*\* Assumed value. MSO has a wooden hull capable of accepting high contact pressures.

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5.4.4.4 Coefficient of Friction. As the ship is berthed against the fender system, there will be force components developed in the longitudinal and vertical directions also. As the coefficient of friction between rubber and steel is very high, special fender front panels have been developed with reduced friction coefficient. Ultra high molecular weight (UHMW) plastic rubbing strips have been successfully used in front of timber piles. The following friction coefficients may be used in the design of fender systems.

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Timber to steel .....   | 0.4 to 0.6 |
| Urethane to steel ..... | 0.4 to 0.6 |
| Steel to steel .....    | 0.25       |
| Rubber to steel .....   | 0.6 to 0.7 |
| UHMW to steel .....     | 0.1 to 0.2 |

5.4.4.5 Temperature Effects. Fender piles, backing members, etc., are not affected by temperature fluctuations and can be expected to perform normally. However, in colder temperatures, rubber fender units become stiffer and their performance will be affected significantly. Hence, the energy-absorbing capability of the rubber unit and the fender system as a whole should be evaluated based on the lowest operating temperature expected. UHMW rubbing strips which have a significantly higher rate of expansion than steel or concrete should also be carefully designed and detailed to operate effectively.

5.4.5 Corner Protection. All corners of piers and wharves and entrances to slips should be provided with fender piles, rubbing strips, and rubber fenders for accidental contact with ships or routine contact with tugs. See Figure 57 for typical details.

5.4.6 Support Chains. Chains are commonly used in fender systems when a tension member is needed. Chains are used in continuous fender systems and large buckling and cell type units to resist the sudden energy released. For pneumatic and foam-filled resilient fender units, the chain is used to suspend the units. Chain smaller than 3/8 inch is not recommended. For better corrosion resistance, zinc coating is preferred. A common weldless high-test chain is usually more cost-effective than the stud link variety.

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