

MSC Guidelines for the Extent of Damage Applied to High-Speed Craft Code Vessels

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Reference	<input type="checkbox"/> IMO HSC Code, 2008 Edition Cite: Chapter 2.6.8
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Reference Text	<p>“The following extents of damage are to be applied to bow and stern, as illustrated in figure 2.6.8:”</p>
Guidance	<p>The bow and stern damage should not be applied concurrently. Bow damage should be applied and analyzed per the damage stability criteria. Separately, stern damage should be applied and analyzed per the damage stability criteria.</p>
Background	<p>While the IMO verbiage is unclear, there does not appear to be a reasonable condition where the vessel would experience significant damage to both the bow and stern simultaneously.</p>
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