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shall be obtained by linear interpolation. The maximum deduction for excess sheer shall be at the rate of 1 1/2 inches per 100 feet of length.


§ 42.20–70 Minimum bow height.

(a) The bow height defined as the vertical distance at the forward perpendicular between the waterline corresponding to the assigned summer freeboard and the designed trim and the top of the exposed deck at side shall be not less than:

(1) For vessels below 820 feet in length,

\[0.672 \times \left(1 - \frac{L}{1640}\right) \times \frac{1.36}{C_b + 0.68}\] inches;

where:

- \(L\) is the length of the vessel in feet.
- \(C_b\) is the block coefficient which is to be taken as not less than 0.68.

(2) For vessels of 820 feet and above in length,

\[275.6 \times \frac{1.36}{C_b + 0.68}\] inches;

where:

- \(C_b\) is the block coefficient which is to be taken as not less than 0.68.

(b) Where the bow height required in paragraph (a) of this section is obtained by sheer, the sheer shall extend for at least 15 percent of the length of the vessel measured from the forward perpendicular. Where it is obtained by fitting a superstructure, such superstructure shall extend from the stem to a point at least 0.07\(L\) abaft the forward perpendicular, and it shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) For vessels not over 328 feet in length it shall be enclosed as defined in § 42.13–15(j); and

(2) For vessels over 328 feet in length it need not comply with § 42.13–15(j) but shall be fitted with closing appliances to the satisfaction of the assigning authority.

(c) Vessels which, to suit exceptional operational requirements, cannot meet the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section may be given special consideration by the assigning authority.


§ 42.20–75 Minimum freeboards.

(a) Summer freeboard. (1) The minimum freeboard in summer must be the freeboard derived from the tables in § 42.20–15 as modified by the corrections in §§ 42.20–3 and 42.20–5, as applicable, and §§ 42.20–20, 42.20–25, 42.20–30, 42.20–35, 42.20–60, 42.20–65 and, if applicable, § 42.20–70.

(2) The freeboard in salt water, as calculated in accordance with paragraph (a)(1) of this section, but without the correction for deck line, as provided by § 42.20–35, shall not be less than 2 inches. For vessels having in position 1 hatchways with covers which do not comply with the requirements of §§ 42.15–25(d)(1), 42.15–30, or 42.15–80, the freeboard shall be not less than 6 inches.

(b) Tropical freeboard. (1) The minimum tropical freeboard shall be the freeboard obtained by a deduction from the summer freeboard of one forty-eighth of the summer draft measured from the top of the keel to the center of the ring of the load line mark.

(2) The freeboard in salt water, as calculated in accordance with paragraph (b)(1) of this section, but without the correction for deck line, as provided by § 42.20–35, shall not be less than 2 inches. For vessels having in position 1 hatchways with covers which do not comply with the requirements of § 42.15–25(d)(1), § 42.15–30, or § 42.15–80, the freeboard shall be not less than 6 inches.

(c) Winter freeboard. (1) The minimum winter freeboard shall be the freeboard obtained by an addition to the summer freeboard of one forty-eighth of the summer draft, measured from the top of the keel to the center of the ring of the load line mark.

(d) Winter North Atlantic freeboard. (1) The minimum freeboard for vessels of not more than 328 feet in length which enter any part of the North Atlantic defined in § 42.30–35 during the winter seasonal period shall be the winter