



Confirmation of Type Approval

This is to certify that, pursuant to the Rules of American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), on 05/FEB/2007 the manufacturer of the below listed product held a valid Manufacturing Assessment (MA) and a valid Product Design Assessment (PDA) for the below listed product, entitling the product to type approval. The validity of the Manufacturing Assessment is dependent on satisfactory audits as required by the Rules. The Product Design Assessment is valid only for products intended for use on ABS classed vessels, MODUs or facilities which are in existence or under contract for construction on the date of the ABS Rules used to evaluate the Product.

For Date of ABS Rules used for evaluation; Please refer to the ABS Rules below.

This Confirmation of Product Type Approval is valid as of the date shown above for the below listed product.

ABS makes no representations regarding type approval of the Product for use on vessels, MODUs or facilities built after the date of the ABS Rules used for evaluation.

Due to wide variety of specifications used in the products ABS has evaluated for Type Approval, it is part of our contract that the Client has full responsibility for continued compliance with the evaluation standard, whether the standard is an ABS Rule or a non-ABS Rule. As specified in the ABS Rules, Unit Certification may be required in addition to Product Type Approval. Please refer to the "Service Restrictions" shown below to determine if Unit Certification is required for this product.

Tides Marine, Inc.
Model Name(s): RPB-I

Presented to:

Tides Marine, Inc.
 3251-A SW 13th Drive
 Deerfield Beach
 Florida 33442
 United States

Intended Service:

Inboard Rudder Stock Sealing unit for new construction or replacement on pleasure and commercial craft.

Description:

A watertight, self aligning seal, precision machined from UHMW. It is a one piece, water-lubricated housing for a nitrile lip seal.

Ratings:

For Rudder stock sizes of 3/4" - 3 1/2" or 20 mm - 89 mm at water temperatures from 32°F - 90°F.

Service Restrictions:

Unit Certification is not required for this product.

Comments:

1.) The hose material and that of the lip seal is to be suitable for the intended service. The burst pressure of the hose is not to be less than four times the design working pressure. In general, the hose may be installed in a system provided it is visible at all times, easily accessible, and confined to one watertight compartment in conjunction with the provisions of 20.3.3f of the ABS Guide for Building and Classing Motor Pleasure Yachts (February 2000) and the ABS Guide for Building and Classing High-Speed Craft (February 1997). 2.) The equipment should be visually inspected by the attending Surveyor during periodic surveys, with particular attention being given to the flexible hose assemblies and nitrile lip seals. These are to be replaced if deemed necessary. 3.) The manufacturer's recommended installation procedures are to be followed.

Notes / Documentation:

Term of Validity:

This product/model is covered under Product Design Assessment (PDA) Certificate # 01-HS109481B/2-PDA, dated 13/Jan/2006. This PDA Certificate expires Jan of

2011. It will remain valid for the 5 years from date of issue or until the Rules or specifications used in the assessment are revised (whichever occurs first).

ABS Rules: 2006 Steel Vessel Rules 1-1-4/7.7; 2001 ABS Rules for Vessels under 90 m (295 Feet) in Length 4-3-1/15.1, 4-3-2/19.3 ; 1975 ABS Rules for Aluminum Vessels, Section 32 ; 1978 ABS Rules for Reinforced Plastic Vessels, Section 18.4; 2001 ABS Guide for High-Speed Craft, 4/7.8 ;2000 ABS Guide for Motor Pleasure Yachts Section 19.9 & 20.3.3f

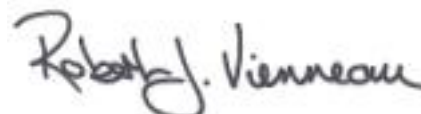
National Standards: 2005 ABYC Recommendations,

International Standards:

Government Authority: USCG 46 CFR 58.05-1(a)

EUMED:

Others:



Manager, ABS Programs

ABS has used due diligence in the preparation of this certificate and it represents the information on the product in the ABS Records as of the date and time the certificate was printed. Type Approval requires Drawing Assessment, Prototype Testing and assessment of the manufacturer's quality assurance and quality control arrangements. Limited circumstances may allow only Prototype Testing to satisfy Type Approval. The approvals of Drawings and Products remain valid as long as the ABS Rule, to which they were assessed, remains valid. ABS cautions manufacturers to review and maintain compliance with all other specifications to which the product may have been assessed. Further, unless it is specifically indicated in the description of the product; Type Approval does not necessarily waive witnessed inspection or survey procedures (where otherwise required) for products to be used in a vessel, MODU or facility intended to be ABS classed or that is presently in class with ABS. Questions regarding the validity of ABS Rules or the need for supplemental testing or inspection of such products should, in all cases, be addressed to ABS.