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Otter Boards — General  
Requirements  
Part 4 Application Standard  
( First Revision )

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## FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (Part 4) (First Revision) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards, after the draft finalized by the Inland Harbour Crafts and Fishing Vessels Sectional Committee had been approved by the Transport Engineering Division Council.

This standard was first published in 1986. This revision is undertaken to update the standard and to incorporate latest technological advancement/development that has taken place in various fields. The salient features of this revision are:

- a) The standard has been drafted as per latest drafting guidelines;
- b) Reference to Indian Standard has been updated; and
- c) Material grades referred in standard have been updated.

Otter board is the most important functional device of an otter trawl net. The boards are used in pairs and are attached to the trawl net in such a way as to remain obliquely to the direction of motion so that the water pressure against the board, forces them to shear outwards, thus spreading the mouth of the net horizontally.

The size and weight of the otter board should be in accordance with the size and power of the vessel as well as the type and size of the trawl gear used.

Otter boards of different shapes, namely, flat rectangular, rectangular horizontally curved, rectangular vertically curved, L-shaped, oval and V-form, are in use. But flat rectangular boards are the most common due to their ease of construction.

This standard has been issued in several parts. Other parts in this series are:

- Part 1 Flat rectangular otter boards
- Part 2 Rectangular horizontally curved otter boards
- Part 3 Oval otter boards
- Part 5 V-type otter boards
- Part 6 Guidelines for selection

The composition of the Committee responsible for formulation of this standard is given in [Annex A](#).

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2 : 2022 'Rules for rounding off numerical values (*second revision*).' The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

*Indian Standard*

**OTTER BOARDS — GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

**PART 4 APPLICATION STANDARD**

*( First Revision )*

**1 SCOPE**

This standard (Part 4) specifies typical features and main characteristics of various types of otter boards.

**2 REFERENCES**

This standard contains no cross referenced Indian Standard.

**3 MAIN CHARACTERISTICS**

The main characteristics such as angle of attack, hydrodynamic characteristics, fishing stability, etc of various types of otter boards are given in [Table 1](#).

**Table 1 Summary of Main Characteristics of Otter Boards**

*(Clause 3)*

Sl No.	Otter Board Type	Common Angle of Attack	Corresponding Hydrodynamic Characteristics				Fishing Suitability			Construction Considerations			Experience Record
			Co-efficient of		Lift/Drag Ratio	Overall Efficiency	Manoeurability	On the Sea Bed*	In Mid Water	Extent of Special Skill & Tools Needed	Costs		
			Sheer $C_L$	Drag $C_D$							$C_L/C_D$	Purchase	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
i)	Conventional rectangular flat	40°	0.82	0.72	1.14	Average to poor	Good	A, B good C poor	Poor	Average	Average	Average	Well proven; extensively used for demersal fishing
ii)	Rectangular flat, wide keeled	40°	0.82	0.72	1.14	Average to poor	Good	A good B poor C unsuitable	Poor	Less than average	Low	Low	Well proven; extensively used for small vessels and
iii)	Rectangular cambered	35°	1.26	0.81	1.55	Good	Average (difficult to right if fallen over)	A, B good C poor	Poor	Above average (bending facilities needed)	High	Average	Very limited commercial use to date
iv)	Oval, flat slotted	35°	0.86	0.63	1.36	Average	Average to good	A, B, C good	Poor to average	Above average	High	Average	Well proven; widely used particularly by large trawlers
v)	Oval cambered slotted (Polyvalent)	35°	0.93	0.74	1.25	Average to good	Average to good	A, B, C good	Poor to average	Above average (bending facilities needed)	High	Average	Recent development; use increasing
vi)	Rectangular Vee type	40°	0.80	0.65	1.23	Average to good	Good	A, B, C good	Poor	Average	Average	Low	Well proven; extensively used for mid water trawling by trawlers of all sizes
vii)	Rectangular flat special design (diverting depressor)	40°	0.82	0.72	1.14	Average to good	Very good	A, B good C unsuitable	Average	High	Very high	Low	Recent development; limited commercial use so far

Table 1 (Concluded)

Sl No.	Otter Board Type	Common Angle of Attack	Corresponding Hydrodynamic Characteristics				Fishing Suitability			Construction Considerations			Experience Record
			Co-efficient of		Lift/Drag Ratio	Overall Efficiency	Manoeurability	On the Sea Bed*	In Mid Water	Extent of Special Skill & Tools Needed	Costs		
			Sheer $C_L$	Drag $C_D$							$C_L/C_D$	Purchase	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
viii)	Rectangular cambered, high aspect ratio for mid water trawling (suberkrub type)	14°	1.52	0.25	6.08	Very good	Mid water good (risk to fall flat)	A, B good C unsuitable	Very good	Above average (bending facilities needed)	Average to high	Low	Extensive use, but limited so far to Japanese
ix)	Rectangular cambered, high aspect ratio for bottom trawling (Japanese type)	25°	1.30	0.50	2.60	Very good	Average (risk to fall flat)	A, B good C unsuitable	Good	Above average (bending facilities needed)	Average to high	Average	Extensive use, but imited so far to Japanese trawlers

\*For quality of sea bed

A = good ground, even, absence of boulders etc.

B = medium ground, stones, no sudden major depth changes.

C = Bad ground, large boulders, uneven, sudden and major depth variations.

ANNEX A

*(Foreword)*

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