

PrimeShip-SHAFT

Shaft Alignment Analysis Program



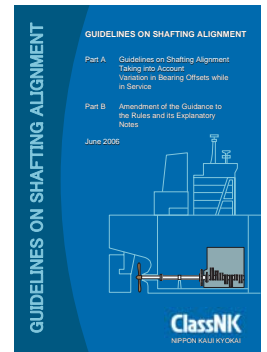
Key Features

- Guidelines and software for shafting alignment
- Shaft bearing positioning optimization software

Based on ClassNK's expertise in machinery surveys and an in-depth analysis of machinery damage reports, ClassNK developed and released its new Guidelines on Shafting Alignment. ClassNK's *PrimeShip-SHAFT* service provides clients with shaft alignment calculations based on these Guidelines. Which serve as the a cornerstone of the *PrimeShip-SHAFT* service. Based on these Guidelines, ClassNK provides a Shafting Alignment calculation system.

Guidelines on Shafting Alignment

In recent years ship hull structures have become more likely to deform as result of reaching size and design limitations. At the same time, propulsion shafting is being made increasingly stiff for use in larger and lower-revolution main engines. The combination of these factors is reported to be the main cause of alignment related main bearing damage seen in ships with large differences in draught. Based on a thorough analysis of these alignment related problems, ClassNK has released the new Guidelines on Shafting Alignment in order to help prevent such damage from occurring.



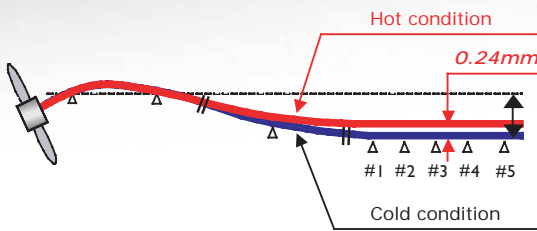
PrimeShip-SHAFT calculation software

Based on these Guidelines ClassNK has developed the new PrimeShip-SHAFT calculation software tool which enables users to easily determine optimized positions for shaft bearings.

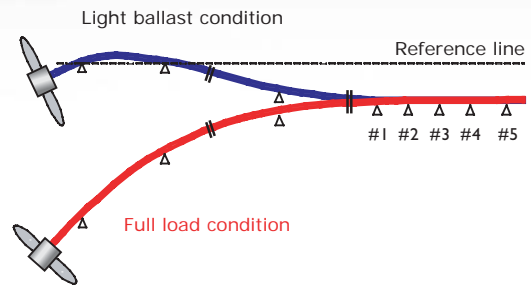
Causes for engine bearing failures

There have been a growing number of incidents of engine bearing damage reported in recent large two-stroke cycle main engines. Among the various cases of bearing damage reported, there have been several cases in which engine bearings have become unloaded due to the effects of changes in temperature and hull deflection.

Temperature Changes



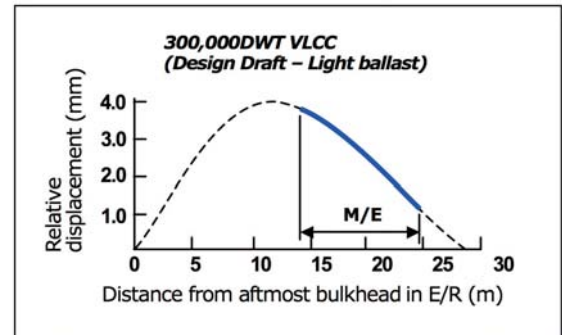
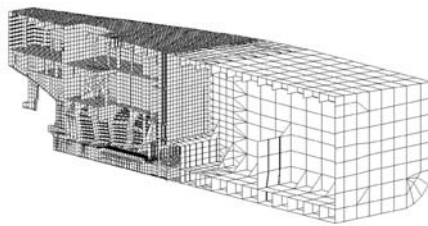
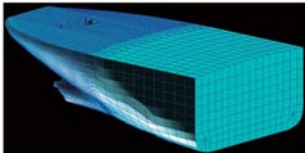
Hull Deflection



Validation by analysis and testing

The accuracy of these guidelines has been validated by both Finite Element Analysis and full-scale measurements.

Finite Element Analysis



Measurement of Hull Deflection

