



# IMO NOISE CODE SOLUTION

## AIR SUSPENSION FOR ACCOMMODATIONS



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# COMPANY PROFILE



Loggers is **thought leader** and international recognized solution provider in the field of shock, vibration and noise control. With **excellent technical know-how** in combination with proven market knowledge and experience Loggers designs, develops and engineers **innovative solutions** for the most complex and challenging situations for leading clients worldwide for over 95 years.





# REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

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From a compliance perspective, the following strict regulations for accommodations require attention:

- **Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships**

COMF-NOISE / COMF-VIB requirements

*Bureau Veritas, NR 467.E2 DT R07 part E*

COMF-Class requirements

*DNV Rules for Ships, Pt.5 Ch.12 Sec.1*

- **SOLAS regulation II-1/3-12 / MSC.337(91)**

the “IMO Noise Code”

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SECTION 1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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SECTION 3 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 1600 GT - CREW AREAS

SECTION 4 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 1600 GT - PASSENGER AREAS

SECTION 5 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR YACHTS

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Machinery spaces <sup>5</sup>	110	110
Machinery control rooms	75	75
Workshops other than those forming part of machinery spaces	85	85
Non-specified work spaces <sup>5</sup> (other work areas)	85	85
<b>4.2.2 Navigation spaces</b>		
Navigating bridge and chartrooms	65	65
Look-out posts, incl. navigating bridge wings <sup>7</sup> and windows	70	70
Radio rooms (with radio equipment operating but not producing audio signals)	60	60
Radar rooms	65	65
<b>4.2.3 Accommodation spaces</b>		
Cabin and hospitals <sup>8</sup>	60	55
Messrooms	65	60
Recreation rooms	65	60
Open recreation areas (external recreation areas)	75	75
Offices	65	60



# CHALLENGE

- Traditional situation: **fixed connection** between accommodations and hull
- Main engine, propeller impact and other **rotating equipment** cause **vibration**
- Vibrations **propagate** through the construction and cause **noise nuisance** in the accommodations
- Noise levels **exceed** the **maximum dB(A)-values** of regulatory requirements

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**INCOMPLIANCE**





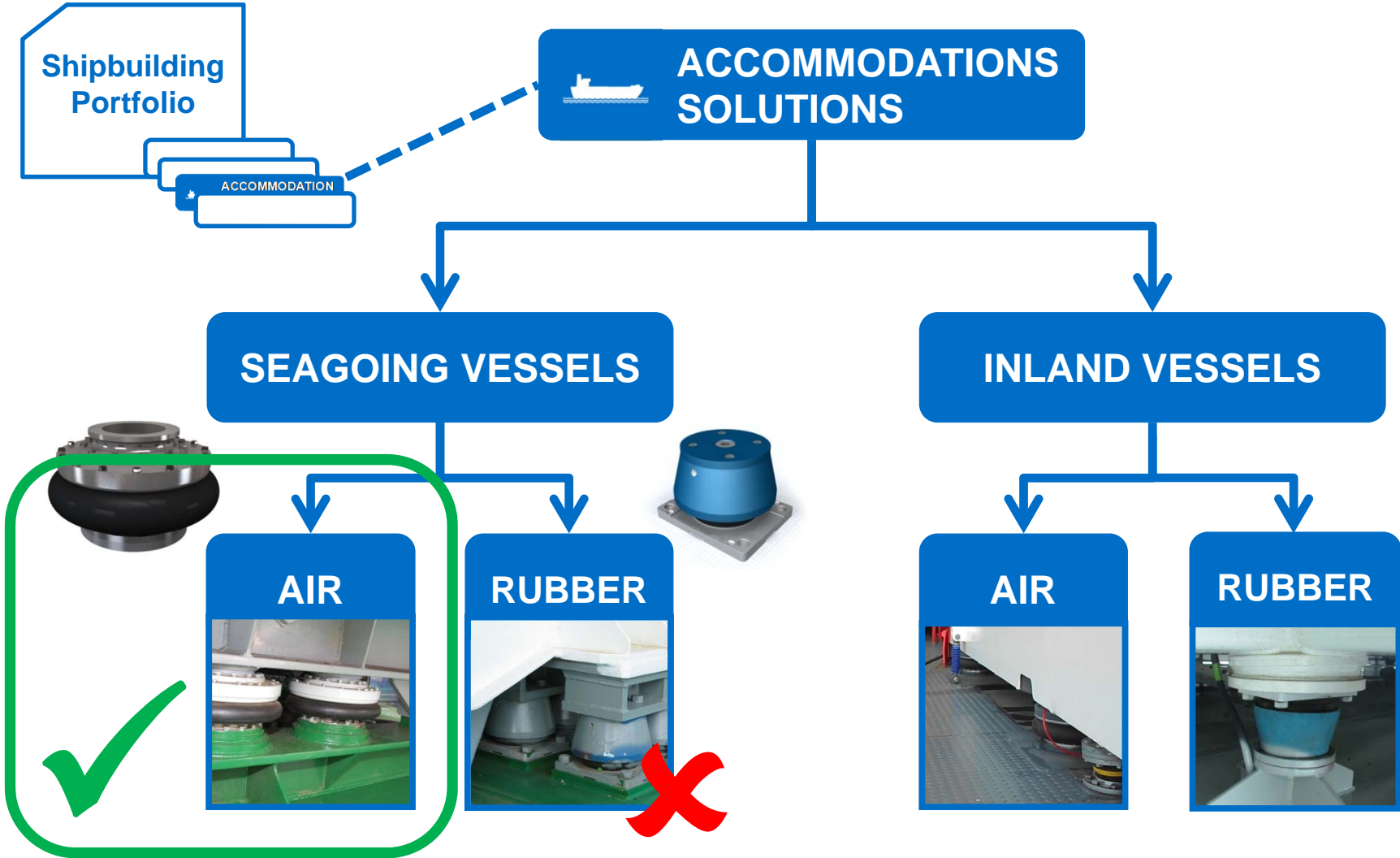


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## AIR SUSPENSION SOLUTION FOR ACCOMMODATIONS



# SOLUTIONS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS

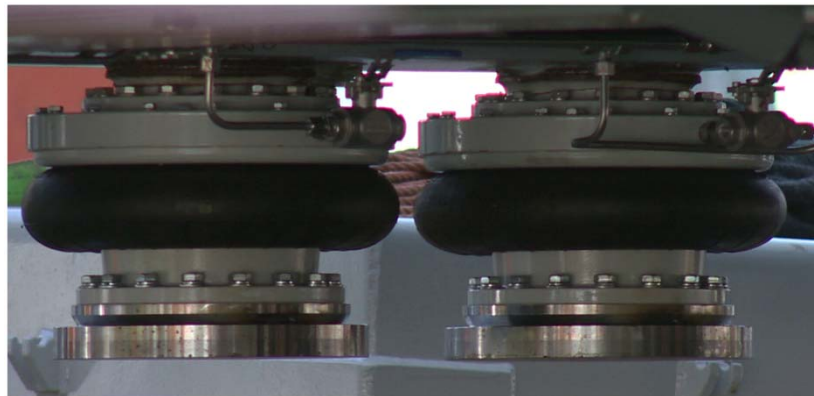


# AIR SUSPENSION FOR SEAGOING VESSELS



## SOLUTION CHARACTERISTICS

- Accommodations decoupled from the hull by air suspension system
- Highest possible isolation grade, extremely quiet
- Noise levels < 50 dB(A) achieved in the accommodations
- Isolation of low frequencies, starting from 1.5 Hz
- Support and stabilization air springs divided into multiple sections
- Monitoring and control system copes with ship motion (roll & pitch)

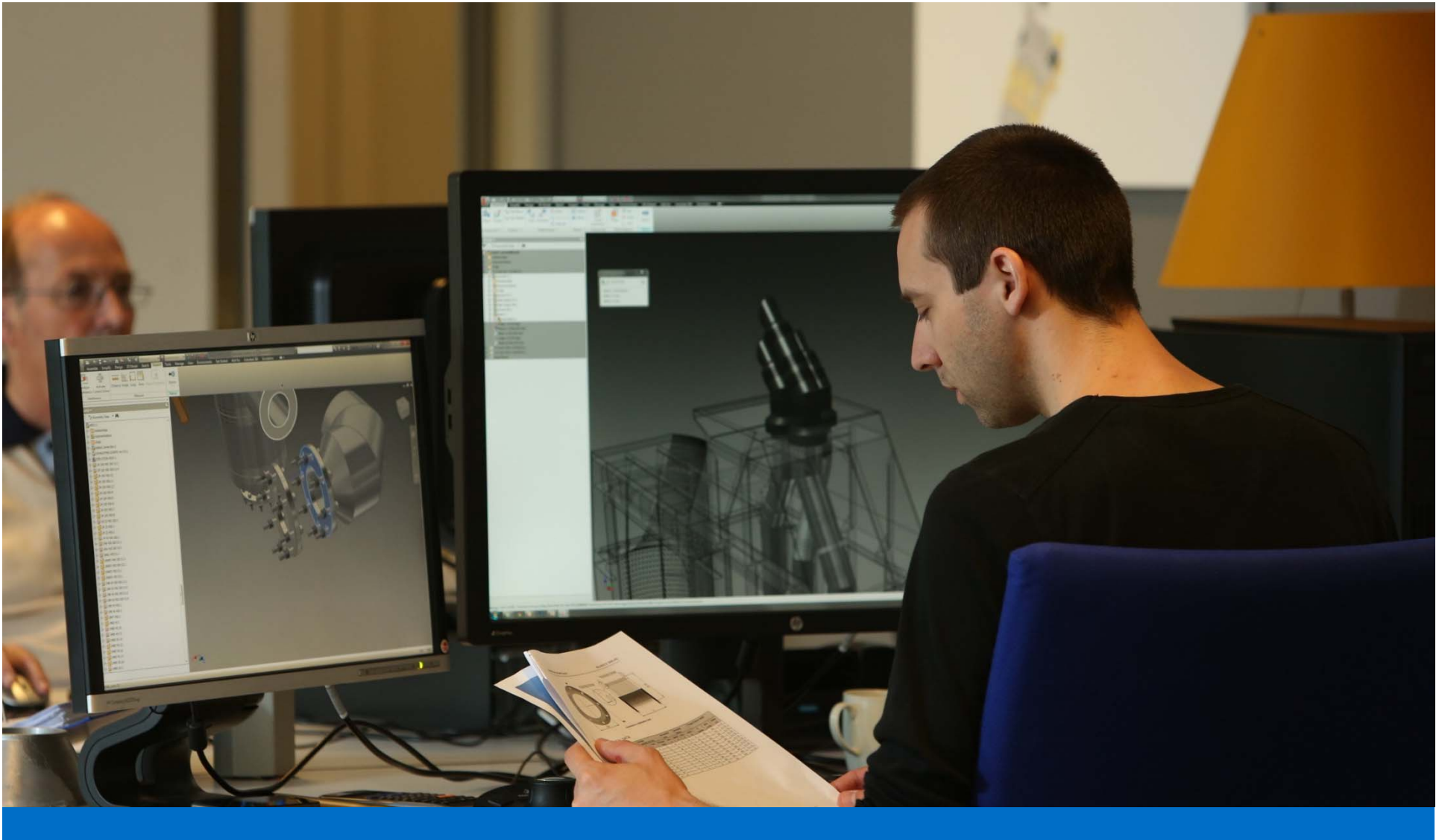


# BUSINESS ADVANTAGES



The main advantages of Loggers' vibration isolation solutions for accommodations are:

- Major reduction of noise & vibration levels
- Compliance with laws and regulations (with air suspension):
  - *IMO Noise Code*
  - *COMF-NOISE, COMF-VIB, COMF-Class*
- Continuous and safe operation
- Proven, safe and reliable technology



# ENGINEERING PRINCIPLES

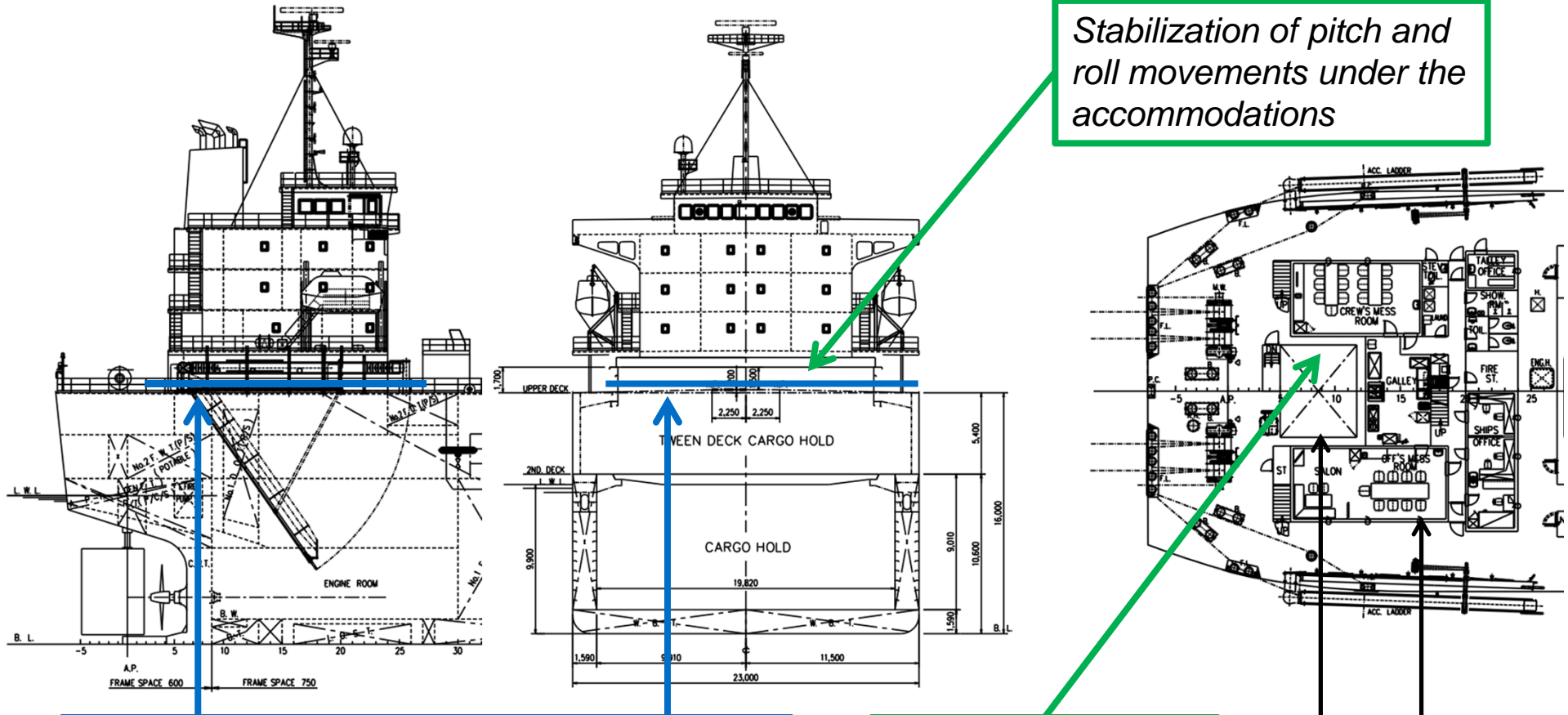




During the engineering phase of the vessel, the following topics require attention:

- Decoupling of the accommodations
- Monitoring & Control system sections
- Tripod setup
- Interfacing with the hull: cables, ducts and pipes
- Safety countermeasures
- Vibration isolation calculations

# DECOUPLING OF THE ACCOMMODATIONS



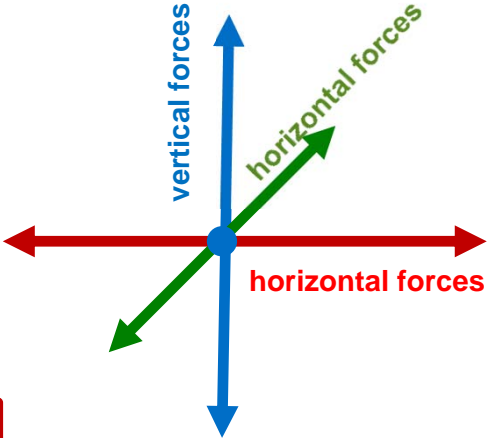
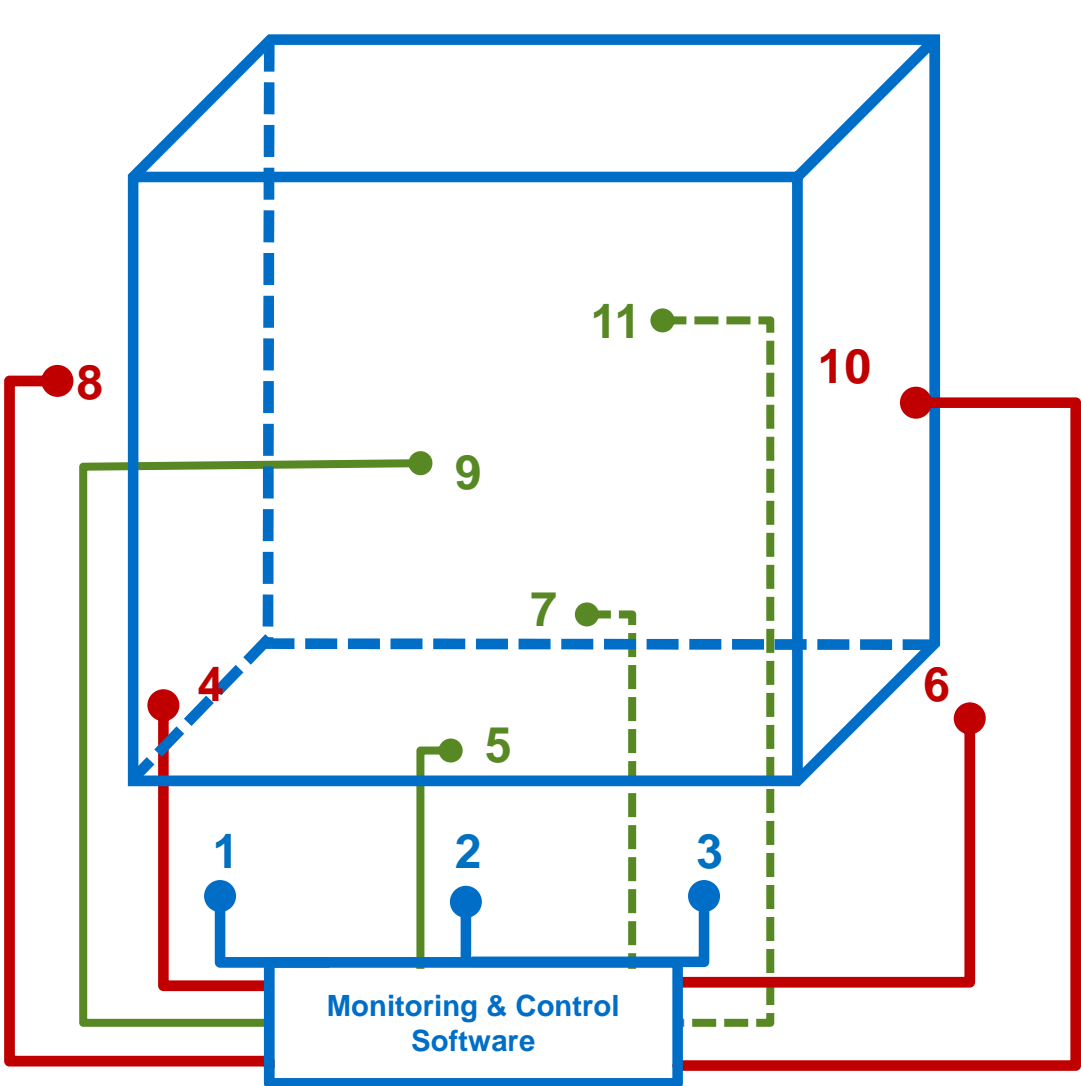
*Decoupling of the accommodations from the hull interrupt the propagation path of the vibrations through the ship's structure.*

*Stabilization of pitch and roll movements under the accommodations*

*Stabilization of pitch and roll movements at the funnel*

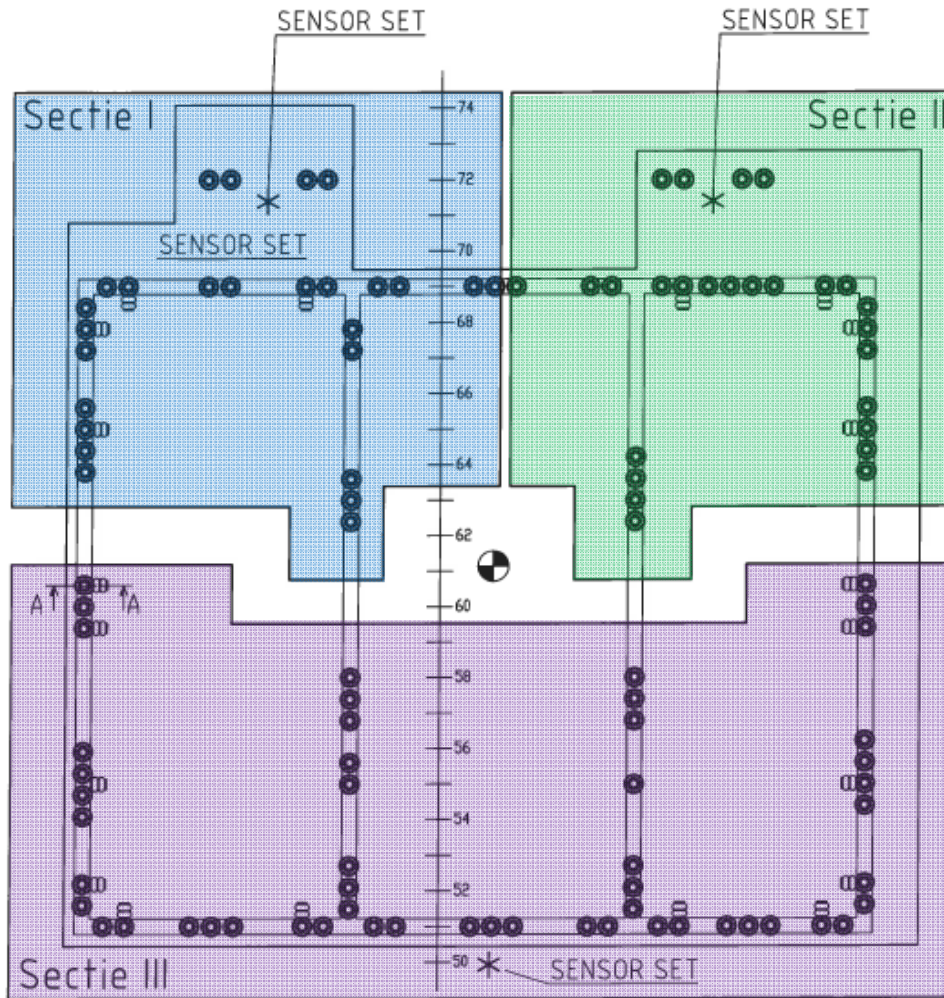
Funnel  
Accommodations

# MONITORING & CONTROL SYSTEM SECTIONS



AIR SPRING SECTIONS	
STABILIZATION	 <p><b>AT THE FUNNEL</b>                      Section 8, 10                      Section 9, 11</p>
	<p><b>UNDER ACCOMMODATIONS</b>                      Section 4, 6                      Section 5, 7</p>
SUPPORT	 <p><b>UNDER ACCOMMODATIONS</b>                      Section 1, 2, 3                      (in tripod setup)</p>

# TRIPOD SETUP



**SUPPORT AIR SPRINGS**



**STABILIZATION AIR SPRINGS**



# INTERFACING WITH THE HULL

The displacement of the accommodations requires all connections to the hull to be flexible, such as

- Cables
  - Ducts
  - Pipes
- Pay attention to the cable's length, mount in a "S"-shaped curve*
- Use expansion joints or hoses to create flexible connections*



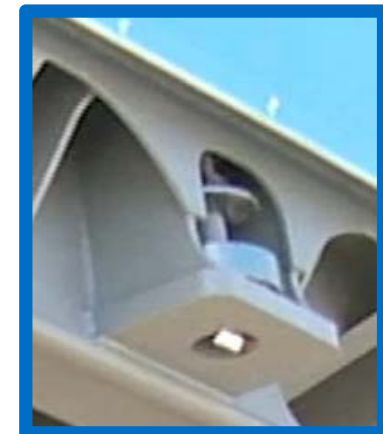
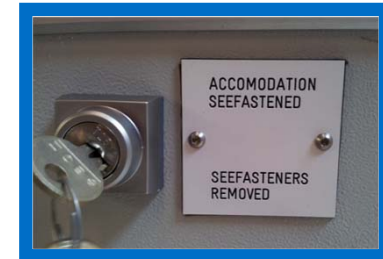
# SAFETY COUNTERMEASURES

## SEA FASTENERS

- Safety countermeasure when system is switched off during incidents at sea
- Sea-fastening mode establishes a rigid, fixed connection to the hull
- Disables vibration isolation

## INTENDED USE

- During building process & vessel launch
- In the event of serious incidents or extreme situations at sea
- When air supply fails



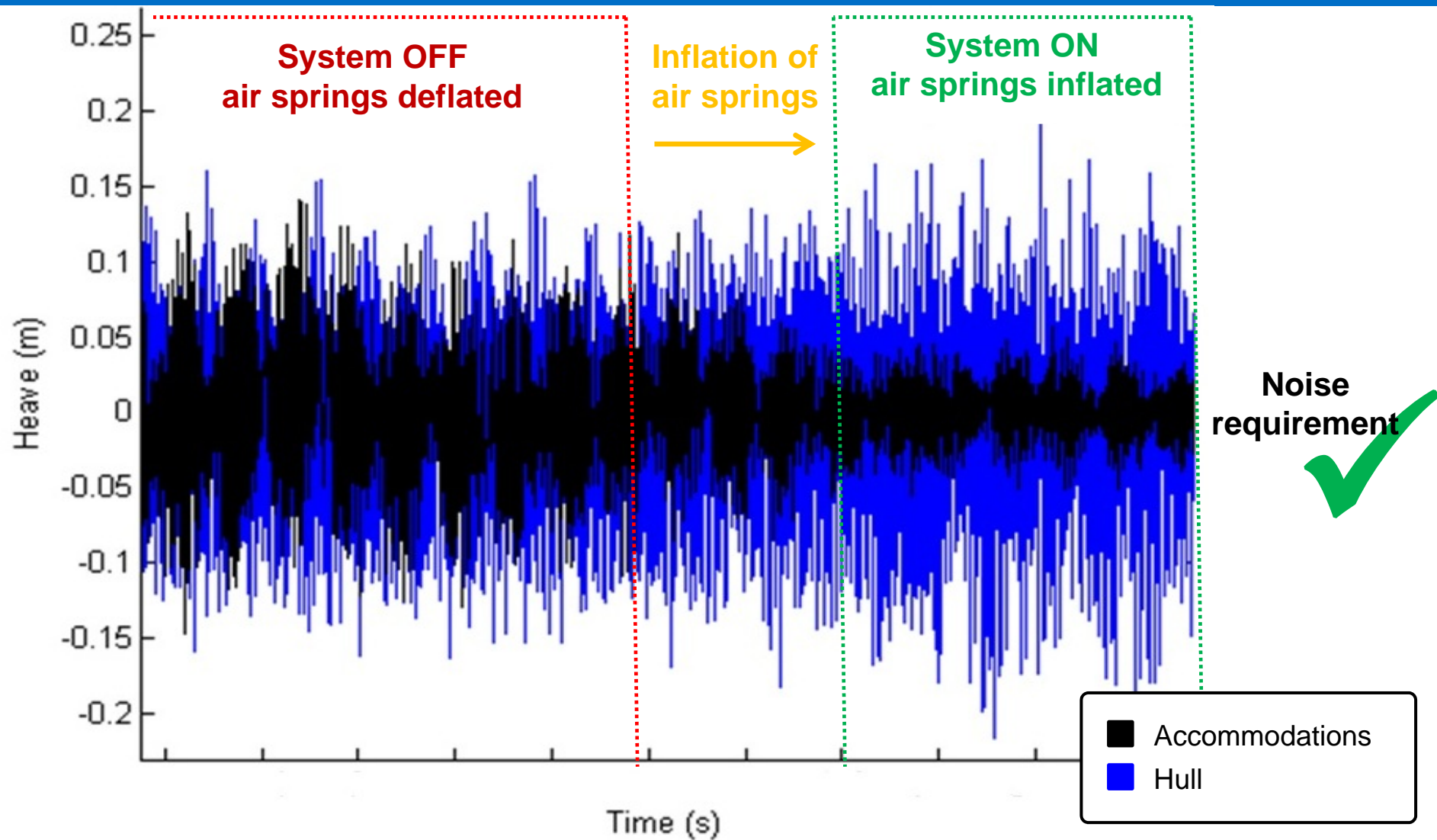
# 6 DOF & NATURAL FREQUENCIES



Natural frequencies of accommodations on Loggers' air suspension solution

Degree of freedom	Natural frequency
$F_n T_x$	1.8 Hz
$F_n T_y$	1.0 Hz
$F_n T_z$	1.7 Hz
$F_n R_x$	1.8 Hz
$F_n R_y$	0.9 Hz
$F_n R_z$	1.2 Hz

# SOLUTION IN PRACTICE



Source: results measured by IHC Shipyards





# VISUAL IMPRESSION



# VIDEO: INSTALLATION OF ACCOMMODATIONS





# CONTROL CABINET (MONITORING & CONTROL)



System :  
RUNNING

START STOP

	Pressure [bar]	Distance [mm]	Average [mm]	Air supply OK	Seafastening removed	YES
Section1	3.5	20	20	Actual air use [l/min]	0	
Section2	7.6	20	20	Average air use [l]	0	
Section3	7.7	20	20	Time span [s]	20	
Section4	5.2	20	20			
Section5	5.1	20	20			
Section6	5.2	20	20			
Section7	5.2	20	20			

ALARM I/O SETTING SERVIC



# INSTALLATION OF THE AIR SPRINGS





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## NEXT STEPS

# REQUIRED INPUT

Relevant information for solution development:

## CURRENT DESIGNS

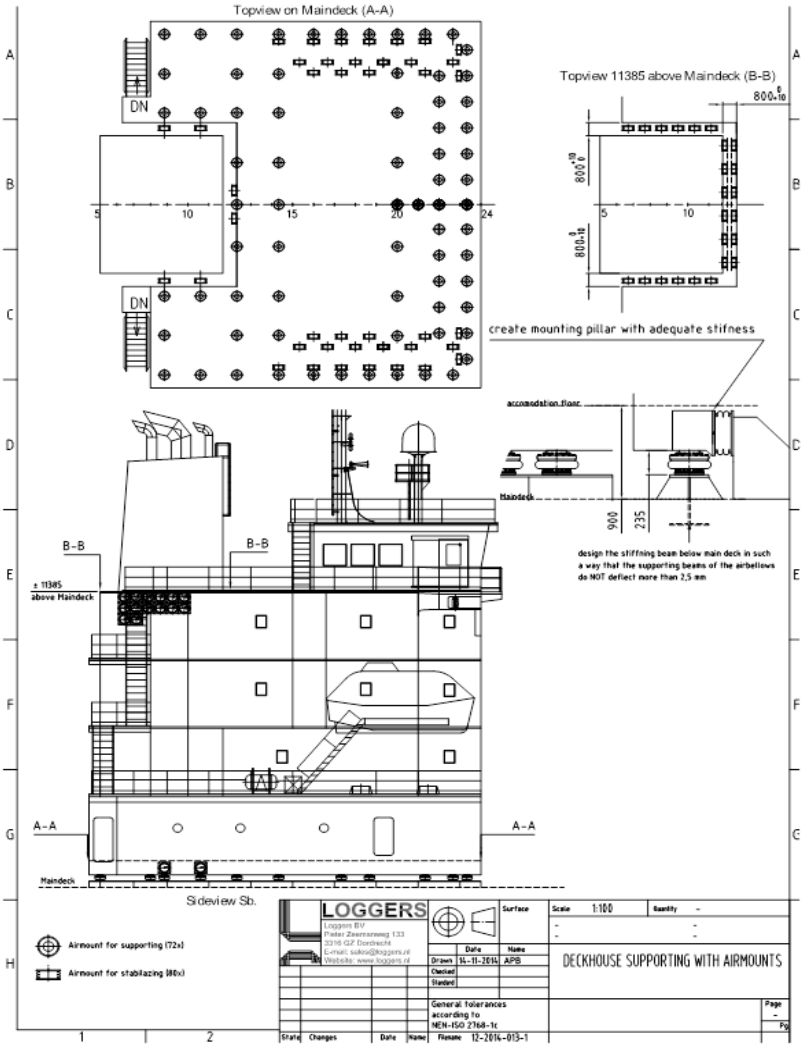
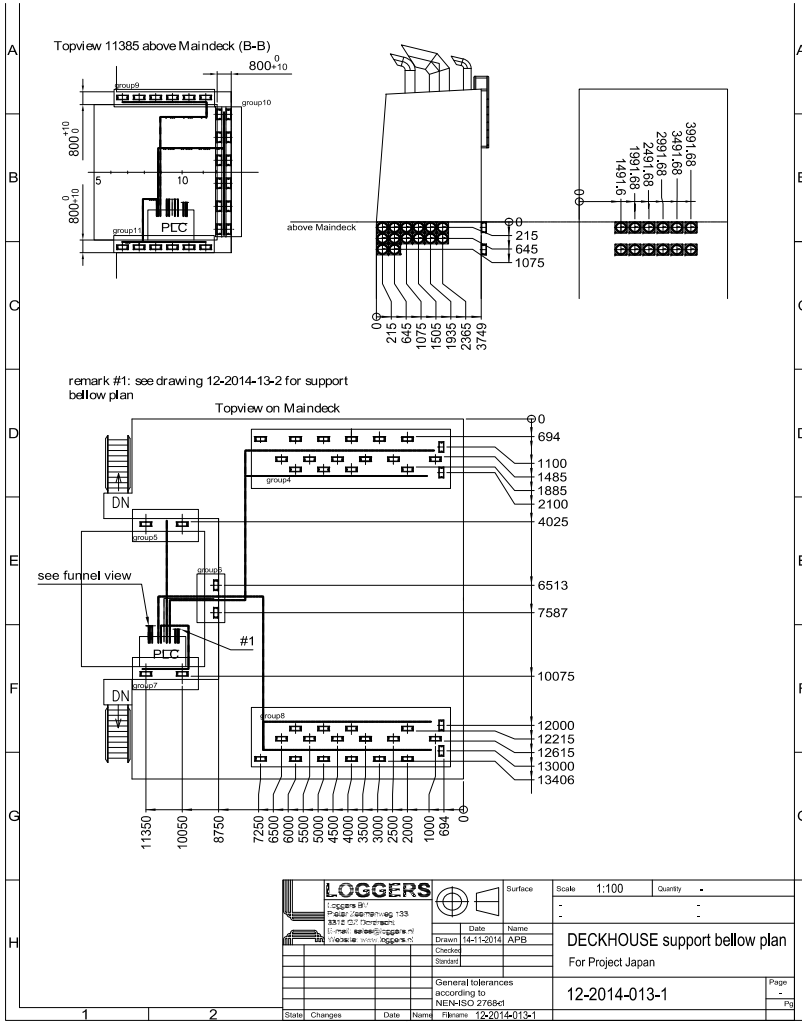
- (Sea trial) measurements, preferably simultaneous
  - dB(A) levels
  - vibration levels
- Exhaust dB(A) measurements outside the accommodations
- Separation possibilities of the funnel
- Reinforcement possibilities of deck and accommodations

## NEW DESIGNS

- Vibration Application Sheet for accommodations
- Drawing of the accommodations including sizes and weight
- Main engine and propeller data
- Ship movements pitch, roll and yaw

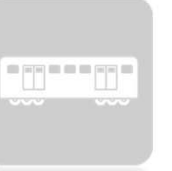
The image shows a 'VIBRATION APPLICATION SHEET' form, which is a checklist for deckhouses and accommodations. The form is titled 'VIBRATION APPLICATION SHEET CHECKLIST FOR DECKHOUSES AND ACCOMMODATIONS'. It includes a header with a photograph of a ship's deckhouse. The form is divided into several sections: 'REQUESTED BY' (with fields for Company, Contact person name, Address, Zip code, State/Province, City, Phone number, Email address, Fax number, Date, and Date reply requested), 'APPLICATION DATA' (with fields for Type of application, Classification society, Weight, Dimensions, Location of installation, Main structure, External factors, and Fluid exposure), and a final section for 'Is there a vibration measurement request?' with 'Yes' and 'No' options. The form is presented at an angle, showing its top and right edges.

# OUTPUT EXAMPLE: DESIGN DRAWINGS





# REFERENCES



**DAMEN**

**COFELY**  
GDF SUEZ

**Keppel**

**ASML**

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# LEXSYS-MODULAR

THE EXHAUST LINE FOR LOW VIBRATION AND DB(A) LEVELS



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# THE LEXSYS SOLUTION FAMILY







The **LEXSYS**<sup>®</sup> family consists of three different solutions, each with their specific characteristics to offer the most optimal solution in various market segments.

- **LEXSYS**<sup>®</sup> *flexible exhaust lines*
- **LEXSYS**<sup>®</sup> -**shock** *shock-proof flexible exhaust lines*
- **LEXSYS**<sup>®</sup> -**modular** *lightweight flexible exhaust lines*



# LEXSYS



- ✓ No transmission of annoying and dangerous vibrations to the environment
- ✓ Decrease of noise levels on the ship
- ✓ Full compensation of thermal expansion and contraction
- ✓ Significant longer lifetime and lower maintenance cost
- ✓ Continuous operation
- ✓ Improved working conditions (compliance with working conditions & safety act)
- ✓ Increased safety





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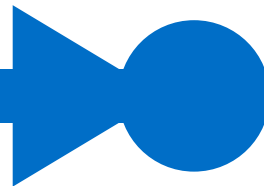


- ✓ Innovative LEXSYS® solution based on durable, light-weight building blocks for both suspension and piping.
- ✓ LEXSYS®-modular shares the benefits of regular LEXSYS®, but also offers substantial lower weight and a more easy installation.
- ✓ The lightweight modular concept with prefabricated building blocks results in additional business advantages.





## IN MORE DETAIL: LEXSYS-MODULAR



## SHORT MOVIE OF LEXSYS®-MODULAR

# SOLUTION CHARACTERISTICS



The main characteristics of LEXSYS<sup>®</sup>-modular are:

- Innovative modular design
- Thermal expansion is compensated in the system itself
- Prefabricated stainless steel building blocks in various sizes with diameters up to 1000 mm
- Insulation, bellows and/or compensators are no longer required
- Minimum distance of only 50 mm to combustibles
- Suitable for external use
- Acoustics solutions available
- Type approvals by certification authorities

Like all other LEXSYS<sup>®</sup> solutions, Loggers provides relief by taking care of the **complete engineering process** with **excellent craftsmanship**.

# BUILDING BLOCKS



LEXSYS<sup>®</sup>-modular offers **all building blocks** needed to engineer the most **optimal course** of the exhaust line:

- LEXSYS<sup>®</sup> exhaust elements in various lengths (20, 30, 40, 50 and 100 cm)
- Adjustable length exhaust elements
- Flanged adaptors
- Elbows (15/30/45°)
- T-pieces (45/90°)
- Various supports
- Adjustable brackets
- Terminals
- Drain sections



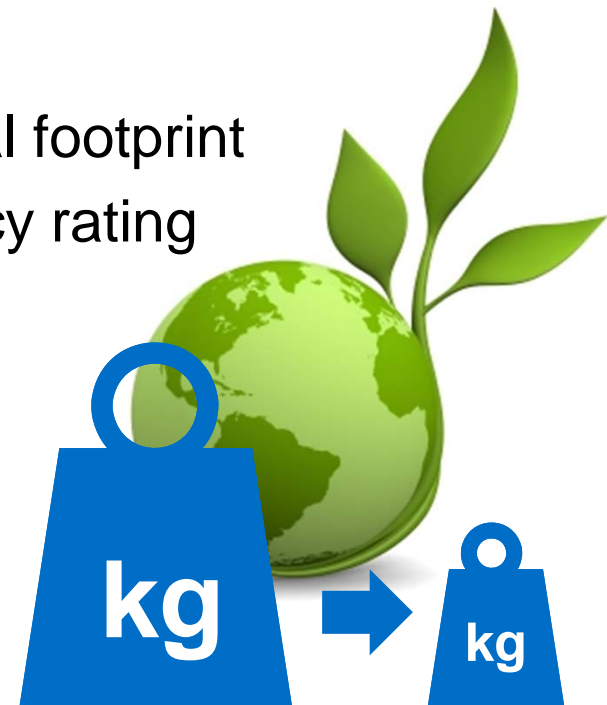


# LIGHTWEIGHT SOLUTION



All building blocks, including the supports and brackets are lightweight. In comparison to conventional exhaust lines a **weight reduction of 50% (minimum) up to 75%** is achieved.

- Contributes to sustainability goals
- Improves ship performance
- Long term fuel savings and lower ecological footprint
- Improves Environmental & Energy Efficiency rating
- Low mass and modular design makes the exhaust line less vulnerable to vibrations
- Easy handling and installation

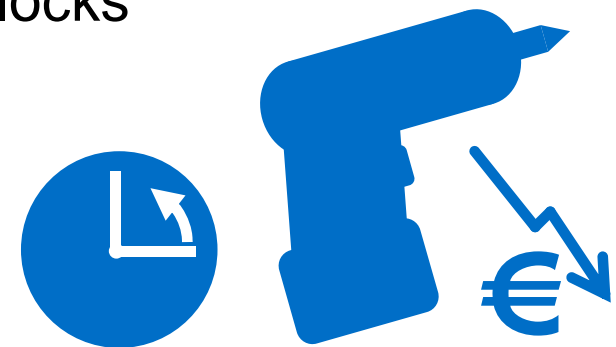


# EASY INSTALLATION



In comparison to traditional exhaust line systems, the installation of a LEXSYS<sup>®</sup>-modular exhaust line is **easy** and significantly **less labour intensive**.

- Low installation cost (less labour involved)
- Installation with only battery operated hand tools, no welding and grinding equipment required
- “Click & Fix”-principle → faster installation
- No post-installation insulation due to pre-insulated elements
- Easy handling due to lightweight building blocks
- Easy exchange of exhaust elements



# TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

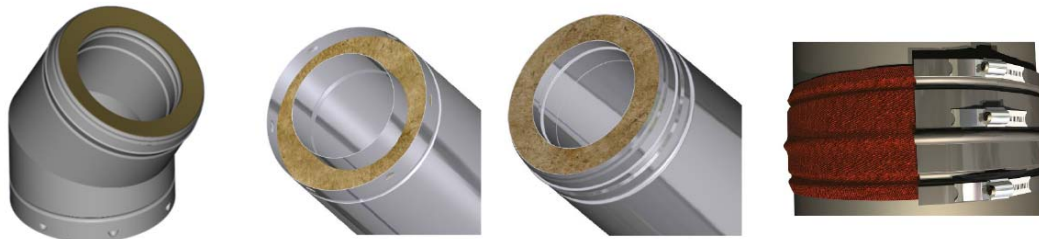


The **main technical characteristics** of the LEXSYS<sup>®</sup>-modular exhaust line system are:

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Operating mode	Dry / High temperature / Pressurized	
Max. approved temperature	600° C	
Max. admissible temperature	± 1000° C	
Inner wall	AISI 316L / EN1.4404	0,5 – 0,6 mm
Outer wall	AISI 304 / EN1.4301	0,5 – 0,6 mm
Outer wall	AISI 254SMO / EN1.4547	0,6 mm
Insulation thickness	37,5 mm	
Insulation	mineral wool	

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# APPROVALS



Many **type approvals by independent certification bodies** apply for LEXSYS<sup>®</sup>-modular, including:

- Germanischer Lloyd
- Lloyd's Register
- Bureau Veritas
- Det Norske Veritas (DNV, written approval)
- Class NK (since July 2015)





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