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Hull & Deck Structures Project
Technical Committee**

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Origin and Development

ABYC H-31, *Seat Structures* first appeared in 1994 and was revised in 2005, 2007, and 2015 and corrected in 2017. The 2020 revision is the work of the Hull and Deck Structures PTC.

Hull & Deck Structures Project Technical Committee

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