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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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The main task of technical committees is to prepare International Standards. Draft International Standards adopted by the technical committees are circulated to the member bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the member bodies casting a vote.

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ISO 19900 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 67, *Materials, equipment and offshore structures for petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries*, Subcommittee SC 7, *Offshore structures*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 19900:2002), which has been technically revised.

ISO 19900 is one of a series of standards for offshore structures. The full series consists of the following International Standards:

- ISO 19900, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — General requirements for offshore structures*
- ISO 19901 (all parts), *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Specific requirements for offshore structures*
- ISO 19902, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Fixed steel offshore structures*
- ISO 19903, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Fixed concrete offshore structures*
- ISO 19904 (all parts), *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Floating offshore structures*
- ISO 19905 (all parts), *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Site-specific assessment of mobile offshore units*
- ISO 19906, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Arctic offshore structures*

Introduction

The series of International Standards applicable to types of offshore structure, ISO 19900 to ISO 19906, constitutes a common basis covering those aspects that address design requirements and assessments of all offshore structures used by the petroleum and natural gas industries worldwide. Through their application, the intention is to achieve reliability levels appropriate for manned and unmanned offshore structures, whatever the nature or combination of the materials used.

It is important to recognize that structural integrity is an overall concept comprising models for describing actions, structural analyses, design rules, safety elements, workmanship, quality control procedures and national requirements, all of which are mutually dependent. The modification of one aspect of design in isolation can disturb the balance of reliability inherent in the overall concept or structural system. The implications involved in modifications, therefore, need to be considered in relation to the overall reliability of all offshore structural systems.

The offshore structures International Standards are intended to provide wide latitude in the choice of structural configurations, materials and techniques and to allow for innovative solutions. Sound engineering judgement is, therefore, necessary in the use of these International Standards.

ISO 19900 applies to offshore structures and is in accordance with the principles of ISO 2394. ISO 19900 includes, where appropriate, additional provisions that are specific to offshore structures.

[Figure 1](#) gives a general indication of the relationship among the various International Standards applicable to types of offshore structure. ISO 19900 is the core of this set.

The ISO 19901 series of parts provides provisions on particular aspects of the design, construction, and operation of offshore platforms for the petroleum and natural gas industries, whose provisions can be applicable to platforms of different types, materials and operating environments. ISO 19901-7 has specific relevance to floating structures.

In addition to the relationship among the specific provisions of the parts of ISO 19901 and the International Standards for bottom-founded, floating, or Arctic structures, there is also some interdependence among these latter International Standards, in that one International Standard can reference the design provisions of one of the other International Standards in this set. Users need to be aware of these cross-references when using any member of this set of International Standards.

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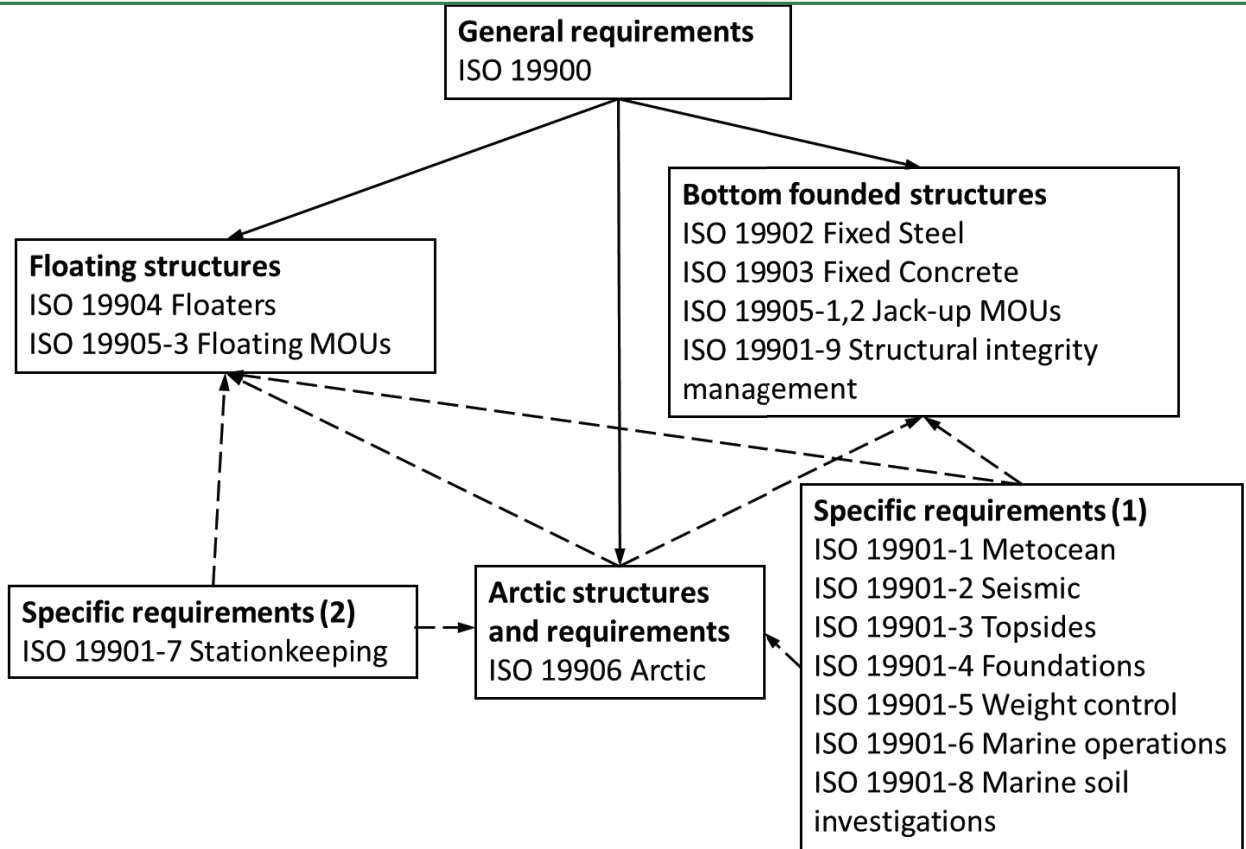


Figure 1 — Relationship among standards