

NAVSEA
STANDARD ITEM

FY-14

ITEM NO: 009-05
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CATEGORY: I

1. SCOPE:

1.1 Title: Temporary Accesses; provide

2. REFERENCES:

2.1 Standard Items

2.2 MIL-STD-1689, Fabrication, Welding, and Inspection of Ships Structure

2.3 29 CFR 1915, Occupational Safety and Health Standards for Shipyard Employment

3. REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Submit one legible drawing or sketch of each proposed access cut to the ship structure or engine enclosure and a list of each proposed bolted/riveted access removal to the SUPERVISOR 3 working days prior to making the cuts or removing the bolted/riveted access. For a nuclear-powered vessel, submit drawing/sketch of proposed access cut to the SUPERVISOR 5 working days prior to making cut or removing the bolted/riveted access.

3.1.1 Submittal of drawing or sketch is not required for those access cuts authorized on a NAVSEA-approved drawing.

3.1.2 The drawing or sketch shall include, as a minimum, the following information:

3.1.2.1 A plan and elevation view specifying the location of the access by deck, frame, and distance from the center line or deck edge and showing location of adjacent penetrations, bulkheads, framing, welds, and riveted joints within 12 inches of the proposed cut.

3.1.2.2 Location and number of previous cuts visible in each plate and the cutback of existing welds as required by 2.2.

3.1.2.3 Temporary structural reinforcement required to prevent distortion of ship structure.

3.1.2.4 Thickness and type of material of plating and structural members to be cut. Include source or document/drawing number which identifies material requirements.

3.1.2.5 A description of the temporary access closure or enclosure.

3.1.2.6 Include a copy of the weld procedure or approved weld procedure number with the proposed access sketch.

3.1.3 List of bolted/riveted access covers shall include location, designation, and classification as identified on ship's damage control book.

3.1.4 Provide all drawing titles and numbers (including applicable sub-tier), and technical documentation used to accomplish the requirements of 3.1.

3.1.5 Temporary accesses include access plates, small access plates, and closure plates as defined in Paragraph 3.33 of 2.2.

3.2 Ensure that access cut boundaries conform to the requirements of 2.2 and the following:

3.2.1 Boundaries may extend across one or more frames as required for size of opening.

3.2.2 Are sized and located to accomplish the requirements of the Job Order.

3.2.2.1 Verify access requirements on NAVSEA drawings conform to these same requirements.

3.2.3 Weld riveted plates using a single V-weld with glass cloth conforming to MIL-C-24576, Type One, Class One, to prevent fusion between backing member and plate.

3.2.3.1 Remove existing rivets within 6 inches of a cut and install new rivets in accordance with 2.2.

3.2.3.2 Round patches 2 feet in diameter or less shall be dished 1/16-inch to 1/8-inch.

3.2.4 *Minimum width of small access plates shall be at least 4 times the material thickness of the plate being cut or 3 inches, whichever is greater.*

3.2.5 *Corners of small access plates between 3 inches minimum to 6 inches maximum in width shall have a radius of one-half the width. Exception*

to this corner radius criteria is where a boundary terminates on an existing hull longitudinal seam or transverse butt joint.

3.2.6 Corners of small access plates greater than 6 inches in width shall have a radius of 2 times the material thickness of the plate being cut or 3 inches, whichever is greater. Exception to this corner radius criteria is where a boundary terminates on an existing hull longitudinal seam or transverse butt joint.

3.2.7 Corners of access plates shall have a minimum radius of 6 inches. Exception to this corner radius criteria is where a boundary terminates on an existing hull longitudinal seam or transverse butt joint.

3.2.8 Utilize the same boundaries as used for prior cuts unless the requirements of this Standard Item have been violated.

3.2.8.1 Annotate violations on the drawing or sketch required by 3.1.

(V)(G) "INSPECT LAY OUT"

3.3 Lay out access on both sides of the structure to be cut, in accordance with the approved drawing or sketch.

3.3.1 Prior to cutting access in the ship/vessel's structure and after layout checkpoint, accomplish positive verification of access parameters by the tapping method, heat method, or drilling of pilot hole in the path of the cut to be accomplished. For a nuclear-powered vessel, drilling a pilot hole is the only allowed method for positive verification.

3.3.2 Center punch access layout upon completion of verification in 3.3.1.

3.4 Accomplish the requirements of 2.3 for guarding of access openings.

3.4.1 Remove temporary guarding after installation of access plates. Chip and grind surfaces flush in way of removals.

3.5 Install a temporary coaming with a minimum height of 4 inches around access cuts through decks. Tack-weld the coaming to the deck and seal the deck joint with caulking compound.

3.5.1 Remove the temporary coaming after installation of access plate. Chip and grind surfaces flush in way of removals.

3.6 Cut access in accordance with the approved drawing or sketch.

3.7 Remove bolted/riveted access.

3.7.1 Clean and preserve gasket faying surfaces.

3.7.2 Chase and tap exposed threaded areas.

3.8 Protect ship from weather and contamination.

3.8.1 Fabricate temporary closures using fire retardant material, prior to removing plates or cutting access openings.

3.8.1.1 Closures shall be constructed to protect the access from inclement weather and entry of contaminants.

3.8.1.2 Horizontal deck closures shall support a minimum of 150 pounds per square foot.

3.8.1.3 Closures shall be fitted with fasteners that permit rapid installation and removal.

3.8.2 Install closures whenever access is not in use.

3.9 Maintain watertight integrity of waterborne ship.

3.9.1 Fabricate and install watertight enclosures prior to removing plates or cutting access openings that do not provide a minimum of 4 feet of freeboard.

3.9.1.1 Maintain watertight integrity to a level 4 feet above the maximum anticipated draft.

3.10 Maintain watertight integrity of ship in dry dock.

3.10.1 Provide temporary access closure plates and fasteners prior to removing plates or cutting access openings below 4 feet of waterborne freeboard.

3.10.1.1 Closure plates shall be available on short notice for emergency sealing of the temporary access openings.

3.10.2 Seal access openings with closure plates when conditions warrant.

3.10.3 Secure openings at the end of each shift not immediately followed by another shift engaged in dry dock work.

3.11 Remove the temporary closures when no longer required.

3.12 Reinstall the temporary access removed in 3.6 in accordance with the approved drawing or sketch.

3.12.1 Accomplish the requirements of 009-12 of 2.1 for installation and inspection of the access.

3.12.1.1 Accomplish nondestructive testing with acceptance criteria for: new welds, existing welds extending 3 inches beyond cutbacks, 24 inches of riveted joints within 12 inches of new welds, and repaired riveted joints including 12 inches either side of the repairs. Acceptance criteria for the welds adjacent to the cutbacks shall be limited to an absence of crack indications.

3.12.2 Install the bolted/riveted access.

3.12.2.1 Use new gasket material conforming to MIL-PRF-900 and fastener material conforming to MIL-DTL-1222, Grade 304.

3.12.2.2 Install new rivets for riveted access plates in accordance with 2.2.

(V) "CHALK TEST"

3.13 Accomplish a chalk test on structural closure in way of temporary access. Chalk imprint shall be centered with 100-percent contact.

3.14 Accomplish the requirements of 009-25 of 2.1 for the **cofferdam, vacuum box, air hose, or** water hose test of each watertight/airtight closure. Allowable leakage: None.

4. NOTES:

4.1 None.