

ITEM: HATCH COVER MANUAL

FINDING: Hatch cover manual not on board / incomplete

WHY DO WE INSPECT THIS?

FACTS AND FIGURES

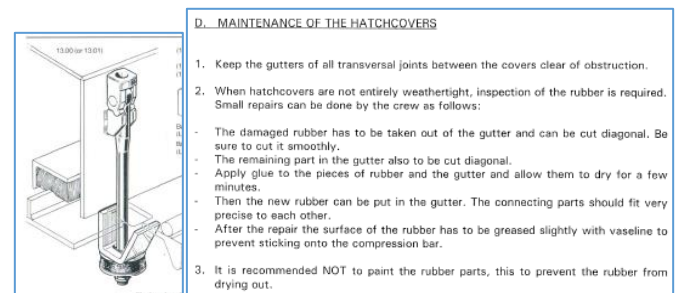
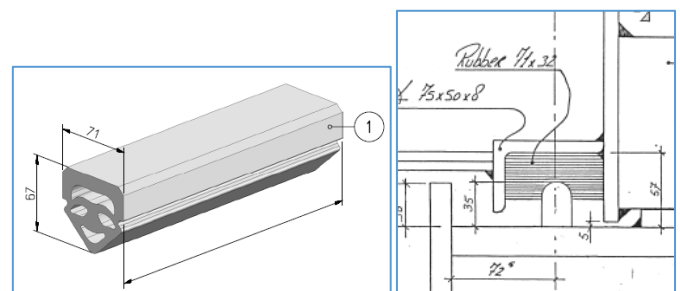
- 26 % of inspected vessels within the ArcelorMittal ship inspection programme either did not have a hatch cover manual on board, or it's incomplete / in a language not understood by crew
- Only 9 % of vessels did not show any issues on the visual inspection, whilst 38 % showed serious issues and 29 % showed unacceptable defects to the hatch covers

ISSUE WHEN THE MANUAL IS MISSING OR INCOMPLETE

The manual from the hatch cover manufacturers contains essential information on:

- Spare parts
- Maintenance guidelines (greasing routines, discard criteria for rubbers, operational limitations, etc.)
- Plans and drawings to allow hatch cover specialists to repair the hatch covers properly

Without the hatch cover manual, the hatch cover's condition cannot be properly monitored / maintained during trading, nor be properly repaired during off-hire periods such as dry docking.



WHAT KIND OF FEEDBACK IS EXPECTED?

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

- Attempt to locate hatch cover manual on board, or request a copy from Class, from shipyard, from sister vessels, etc.
- Implementation in PMS on board

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

- Not applicable