



Study of conditions necessary for the stable equilibrium of floating bodies is important for the design of floating bodies such as ships, rafts and pontoons. In order to familiarize students with the laws of floatation, it is essential to demonstrate the various principles of hydrostatics including the importance of relative positions of the center of buoyancy and the center of gravity and the metacentric height of the floating body.

The Tesca Stability of a Floating Body Apparatus is a bench top unit designed to demonstrate the conditions for the stable, unstable and neutral equilibrium. The position of metacenter and hence the metacentric height can be varied by changing the weight distribution to obtain stable or unstable equilibrium conditions. The apparatus consists of a rectangular plastic pontoon. The center of gravity of the pontoon can be varied by changing the position of the adjustable sliding weight on a vertical mast.

Various degrees of heel can be obtained by sliding a weight along a lateral slide rod. Thus different stability conditions can be obtained by varying the positions of weights on the vertical and lateral slides. The angle of heel can be read using a plumb bob and the scale marked on the lateral slide. The Tesca Stability of a Floating Body Apparatus is important equipment for the marine, naval architecture, civil, hydraulic and mechanical engineering laboratories of educational institutions.

The complete unit is manufactured from corrosion resistant material. The experiments can be conducted by filling the volumetric tank of the 32096 Hydraulic Bench or any other available standard hydraulic bench models.

## **Option :**

Computer based learning software is included to enable students to understand and conduct experiments, tabulate results and plot graphs. The Tesca Stability of a Floating Body Apparatus is an important experimental set-up for any Fluid Mechanics and Hydraulics Laboratory of an educational institution.

Note: Specifications are subject to change.

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# **Experiment:**

- 1. Familiarization with the laws of floatation and principle of working of floating bodies.
- 2. Determination of center of gravity of a pontoon.
- 3. Determination of center of buoyancy of a pontoon.
- 4. Determination of angle of heel of a pontoon.
- 5. Determination of metacenter and metacentric height of a pontoon.
- 6. Study of stable, unstable and neutral equilibrium conditions of a pontoon by varying metacentric height.
- 7. Comparison of experimental results with theoretical calculations.

# **Important Specifications:**

- 1. Pontoon, rectangular, plastic, length : 325mm, width : 200mm, overall height : 450mm.
- 2. Angle of heel scale : +/- 300.
- 3. Vertical sliding weight : 0.6Kg.
- 4. Lateral sliding weight : 0.2Kg.
- 5. Vertical mast height : 400mm with scale.
- 6. Lateral slide rod with scale.

## **Services Required:**

Water Supply and drainage.

## **Overall Dimensions**

Height: 0.7m, Width: 0.4m, Length: 0.25m.

## Approximate weight : 5Kg.

## **Option :**

- 1. Other types of floating bodies to meet specific requirements of users (for example a ship model) can be supplied
  - on request.
- 2. A plastic basin of 50 liter capacity can be supplied on request. This is required in cases where the volumetric tank of the hydraulic bench is not available for conducting experiments.

## **Instruction Materials**

The manual describing the theoretical and practical aspects of the apparatus, operation, analysis of results, and sample of results will be supplied with the equipment.

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