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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5420.70F

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: MISSION, ORGANIZATION, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF  
INSPECTION AND SURVEY

Ref: (a) 10 USC 7304

Encl: (1) Mission and Functions of the Board of Inspection and  
Survey

1. Purpose. To revise the organization, mission, and functions of the Board of Inspection and Survey and to eliminate functions of the Aircraft Test Committee.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 5420.7E

3. Authority for Material Inspections, Surveys, and Trials. Reference (a) prescribes that the Secretary of the Navy designate a board of Naval officers to examine Naval vessels at least once every 3 years, if practicable, and recommend to the Secretary which vessels, if any, should be stricken from the Naval Vessel Register.

4. Mission and Functions. The mission and functions of the Board of Inspection and Survey are prescribed in enclosure (1).

5. Status and Command Relationships

a. The Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV), Norfolk, VA is an independent activity, established under Title 10, with a sea component in an active operating status under direction of a President with the status of Commander; with reporting requirements to both the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and the Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command (CFFC). INSURV is subject to the regional coordination authority of the Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic.

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b. PRESINSURV may be assisted by other officers and temporary boards. These boards will be convened upon the request of PRESINSURV and will be composed of personnel assigned on a temporary additional duty basis by their parent command. PRESINSURV is authorized direct liaison with these boards and their parent commands in carrying out the functions assigned to these boards.

## 6. Assignments

a. The President and Deputy, INSURV, are assigned additional duties as principal advisors to the Chief of Naval Operations, as NO9P and NO9PB respectively, regarding all U.S. Navy material inspections and surveys as well as other program and resource issues required for the effective performance of the assigned mission and functions of the Board of Inspection and Survey.

b. Upon request, the Systems Commands and other Department of the Navy organizations shall provide technical advice and assistance to PRESINSURV in the performance of assigned duties.

c. PRESINSURV is authorized to arrange for the conduct of ship and service craft trials and material inspections, and surveys on active ships by any board under its jurisdiction. Inspections by temporary boards will normally be conducted as follows:

(1) Deployed ships may be inspected by temporary Boards of Inspection and Survey. Temporary Boards will be convened when requested by PRESINSURV.

(2) Acceptance trials of service craft may be conducted by temporary Boards of Inspection and Survey. Temporary Boards will be convened when requested by PRESINSURV.

d. A ship being inspected or undergoing inspection or trial by INSURV shall be considered on detached duty until the inspection or trial is completed. Trials and inspections of active fleet ships will normally include an underway period.

7. Organization. INSURV shall consist of a flag officer as President and other officers as necessary to assist in carrying out the duties of the Board prescribed by law and Navy Regulations.

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8. Action. PRESINSURV shall carry out the missions and functions prescribed in enclosure (1), and advise CNO when changes to this instruction are considered necessary.



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MISSION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT  
BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY

1. Mission

The Board of Inspection and Survey conducts acceptance trials of ships and service craft for the purpose of determining the quality of construction, compliance with specifications and Navy requirements, and makes recommendations upon their acceptance by the Navy; conducts material inspections of all naval ships "at least once every 3 years if practicable," for the purpose of determining and reporting upon a ship's fitness for further service and material conditions which limit its ability to carry out assigned missions; conducts surveys, when directed by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), for the purpose of determining and documenting the material condition of ships in conjunction with their inactivation; periodically ascertains and reports on the material condition and performance capabilities or limitations of Navy ships; ascertains and reports on the status of fleet occupational safety and health; ascertains and reports on the status of fleet environmental protection program compliance; compiles statistical information regarding recurring or significant acquisition or maintenance deficiencies for ships; reviews specifications for new ship designs, reporting findings to CNO and CFFC; conducts other inspections and trials of ships and service craft as directed by the CNO and CFFC; and performs other functions as may be assigned by higher authority.

2. Functions

a. President, Board of Inspection and Survey, Norfolk, Virginia

(1) Prescribes the procedure for the conduct of trials and material inspections of ships and service craft, and surveys of ships consistent with law, regulations, and the terms of contracts.

(2) Arranges for the conduct of trials, material inspections, and surveys.

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(3) Conducts trials of ships and service craft to determine whether or not the ship or service craft has been constructed or converted following the contract specifications and meets approved characteristics. All material, performance, and design deficiencies found to exist either during a trial or as a result of examination shall be reported by the Board. The Board shall recommend design changes or alterations, clearly differentiated from deficiencies, which it believes are essential for safe and satisfactory mission accomplishment or which could improve mission effectiveness of the ship or service craft.

(4) Conducts material inspections and surveys of ships.

(5) Submits reports including findings, comments, and recommendations on all trials, material inspections, and surveys to the CNO, CFFC, or the Secretary of the Navy as appropriate, following existing instructions.

(6) Reviews, endorses, and forwards the reports of trials, material inspections, and surveys submitted by other boards.

(7) Advises those in positions of higher authority of the prevailing fleet material condition, status of fleet occupational safety and health, status of fleet environmental protection program compliance, and significant and/or recurring fleet material problem areas.

(8) Compiles statistical information regarding recurring or significant fleet material condition deficiencies.

(9) Maintains liaison with appropriate offices in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) and the Systems Commands as necessary in the performance of assigned duties.

(10) Administers funds assigned.

(11) Administers personnel assigned.

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b. Deputy, Board of Inspection and Survey

(1) Performs the duties of PRESINSURV in his absence.

(2) Is authorized to sign as Deputy all official correspondence, other than matters of policy, commendation, or condemnation.

c. Temporary Boards of Inspection and Survey

(1) Conduct trials of ships and service craft as specifically assigned by PRESINSURV.

(2) Conduct material inspections and surveys as directed by PRESINSURV.

(3) Prepare and submit reports of all trials, material inspections, and surveys conducted to PRESINSURV.