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## NOTE TO THE USERS

This document proposes modification which correspond to a change in symbols used to describe actions due to pool water temperature variations in accordance with DGENR.

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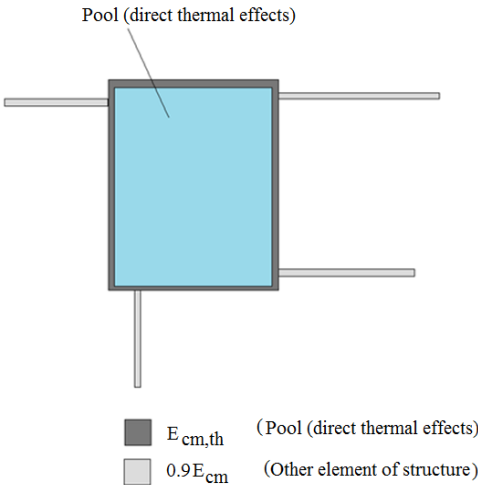
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Passive reinforcement	Tensile stress $\sigma_s$ [MPa]	$\sigma_{s, \max} \leq \min \left\{ \frac{2}{3} \cdot f_{ys}; \max(0.5 \cdot f_{ys}; 110 \cdot \sqrt{\eta \cdot f_{ctm}}) \right\}$ <p>with <math>f_{ys} = \min(f_{yk}; 500 \text{ MPa})</math> and <math>\eta = 1.6</math> for high-bond reinforcements</p>		$\text{Max } \sigma_s \leq 0.8 \cdot \frac{f_{yk}}{\gamma_s}$	
	Ultimate strain $\epsilon_{uk}$ [‰]				10‰.(see DCONC 2120)

For walls and slabs of pools with metallic liner, the environmental exposure classes shall be specified by the Project in accordance with local specific conditions, in particular potential aggressiveness of the liquids or potential chemical attacks (pH,...).

For pool elements containing boric water, the following should apply:

- Minimum environmental exposure class XA1;
- Concrete cover  $C_{\min, \text{dur}} \geq 45 \text{ mm}$ .

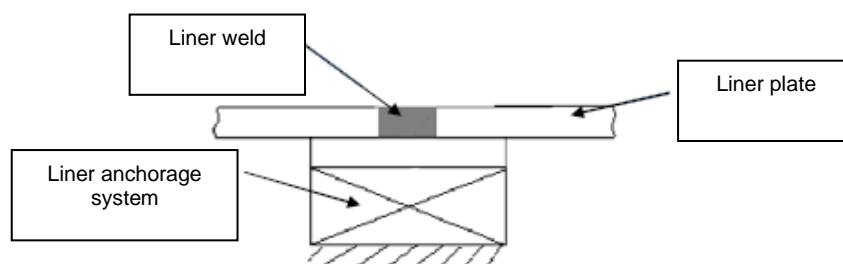
The design environmental exposure class and the concrete cover shall be submitted to the Project approval.

## DCONC 10000 ADDITIONAL RULES FOR THE DESIGN OF THE AIRPLANE RESISTANT SHELL

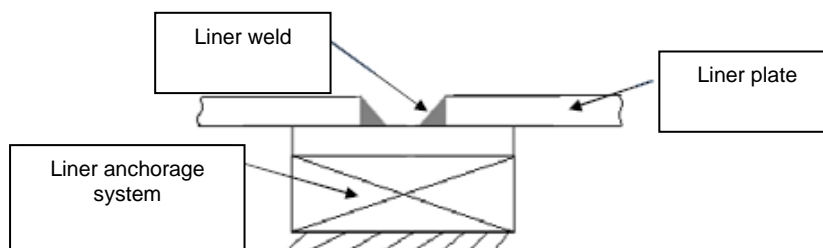
This section describes the civil engineering requirements to demonstrate the stability and the load-bearing capacity of structural components in case of an aircraft crash.

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**Figure DPLIN 4000-2: Pool Design 2 – Design principle sketch**



**Figure DPLIN 4000-3: Pool Design 3 – Design principle sketch**

In all cases, the design shall take into account the constraints related to required controls for welds (See CPLIN).

## **DPLIN 5000 COMBINATIONS OF ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT**

The main combinations of actions to be considered are taken from Table DGENR 3400-1 and Table DGENR 3400-2, with all load factors taken as 1.0. Only actions affecting the metal parts are taken into account.

In these combinations, two categories of actions shall be considered:

- the actions applied by the concrete to the liner (due to prestressing, creep, shrinkage, earthquake, etc.), which are expressed only in terms of strains or displacements;
- the actions which are directly applied to the liner (hydrostatic pressure due to liquid concrete during construction, self-weight, internal pressure, temperature, etc.) expressed in terms of stresses or strains.

Combinations of actions are classified into following levels:

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Construction:

$$(1) (G_{k,sup}; G_{k,inf})^* + Q_{k,C} + Q_{k,T} + Q_{k,w} + Q_{k,s}$$

### **Level I.1:**

Normal operation:

$$(2) (G_{k,sup}; G_{k,inf})^* + Q_{k,L} + Q_{k,T} + Q_{T,p,f} Q_{k,T,N}$$

Design Basis Serviceability Earthquake (DBSE):

$$(4) (G_{k,sup}; G_{k,inf})^* + Q_{k,L} + Q_{k,T} + Q_{k,E}$$



**Level I.1 bis:**

Exceptional **Maximal** water temperature:

$$(2h) (G_{k,sup}; G_{k,inf})^* + Q_{k,L} + Q_{k,T} + Q_{T,p,m} + Q_{N,T,E}$$

**Level I.2:**

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Aircraft crash:

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**Level I.2 bis :**

Accidental water temperature:

$$(7) (G_{k,sup}; G_{k,inf})^* + Q_{k,L} + A_{db,T}$$

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Severe Accident (SA / DEC B):

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This preliminary rule shall be used only for the design type PD2.

Buckling of the metal plate shall be studied according with DCLIN 3350 (elastoplastic analysis) to determine the position of the anchors and thus achieve a first layout drawing of the liner. To perform this analysis, the initial shape defect is a blistering of the metal plate which shape corresponds to the first mode of buckling with realistic amplitude (based on the flatness tolerances).

Notations:

- $\theta$  = temperature;
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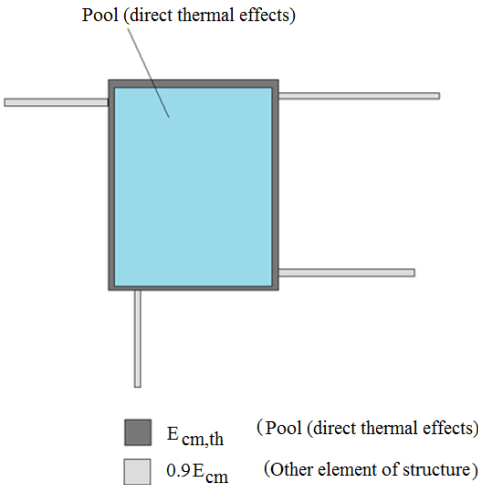
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