

## RESOLUTION A.278(VIII)

*Adopted on 20 November 1973  
Agenda item 10*

### SUPPLEMENT TO THE RECOMMENDATION ON PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR NAVIGATIONAL RADAR EQUIPMENT (RESOLUTION A.222(VII))

#### SYMBOLS FOR CONTROLS ON MARINE NAVIGATIONAL RADAR EQUIPMENT

THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING Article 16(i) of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly,

RECALLING Resolution A.222(VII) concerning performance standards for navigational radar equipment to which Recommendation 45 of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, relates,

RECOGNIZING the desirability that switches and variable controls on marine navigational radar equipment be marked by symbols,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Reports of the Maritime Safety Committee on its twenty-fifth and twenty-seventh sessions,

RESOLVES to adopt the Recommendation on Symbols for Controls on Marine Navigational Radar Equipment, appearing at Annex, as a supplement to Resolution A.222(VII).

#### ANNEX

##### RECOMMENDATION ON SYMBOLS FOR CONTROLS ON MARINE NAVIGATIONAL RADAR EQUIPMENT

###### 1. LIST OF CONTROLS TO BE SYMBOLIZED

The following switches and variable controls are considered to be the minimum required to be marked by symbols:

- Radar on – standby – off switch
- Aerial rotation switch
- Mode of presentation switch – North up or Ship's Head up
- Heading marker alignment control or switch
- Range selection switch
- Pulse length selection switch – short or long pulse
- Tuning control
- Gain control
- Anti-clutter rain control (differentiation)
- Anti-clutter sea control
- Scale illumination control or switch
- Display brilliance control
- Range rings brilliance control
- Variable range marker control
- Bearing marker control
- Performance monitor switch – transmitted power monitor or transmit/receive monitor

## 2. CODE OF PRACTICE

The following code of practice should be used when marking radar sets with recommended symbols.

- 2.1 The maximum dimension of a symbol should not be less than 9 mm.
- 2.2 The distance between the centres of two adjacent symbols should be not less than 1.4 times the size of the larger symbol.
- 2.3 Switch function symbols should not be linked by a line. A linked line infers controlled action.
- 2.4 Variable control function symbols should be linked by a line, preferably an arc. The direction of increase of controlled function should be indicated.
- 2.5 Symbols should be presented with a high contrast against their background.
- 2.6 The various elements of a symbol should have a fixed ratio one to another.
- 2.7 Multiple function of controls and switch positions may be indicated by a combined symbol.
- 2.8 Where concentric controls or switches are fitted, the outer of the symbols should refer to the larger diameter control.

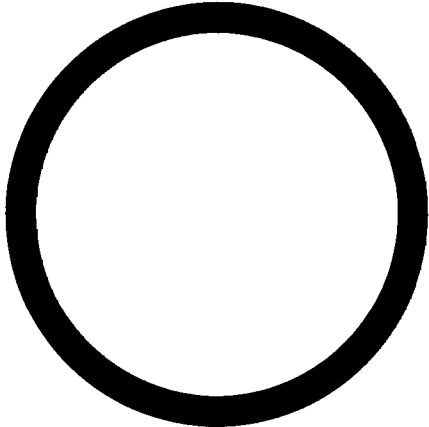
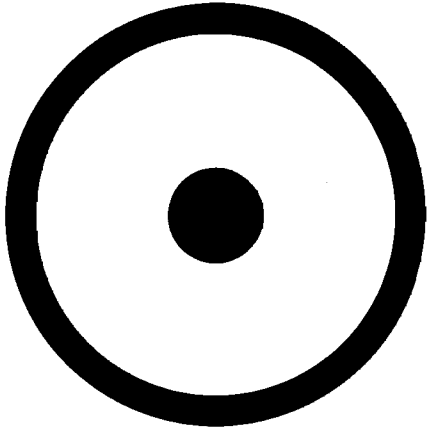
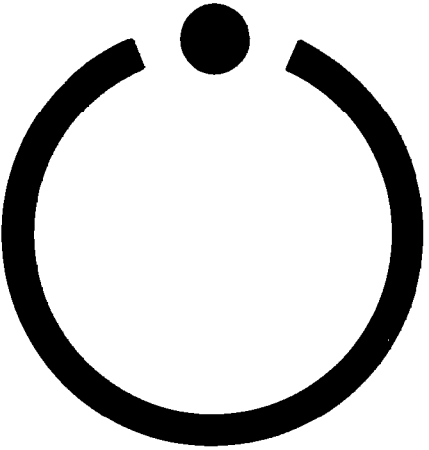
## 3. SYMBOLS


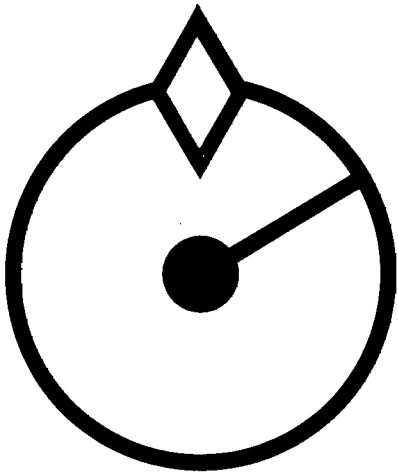
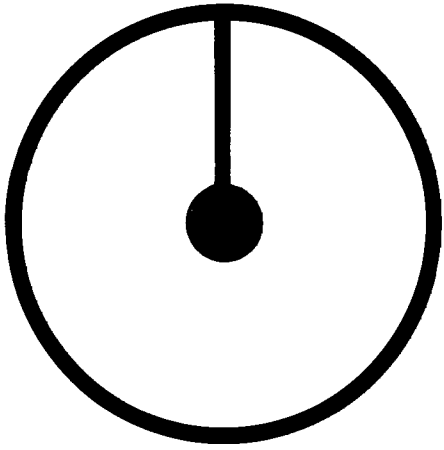
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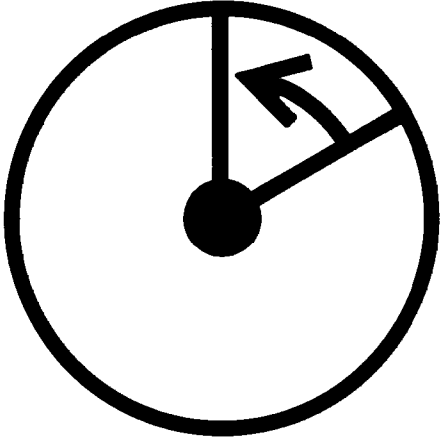
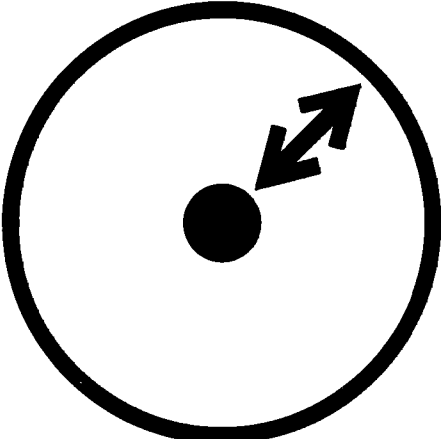
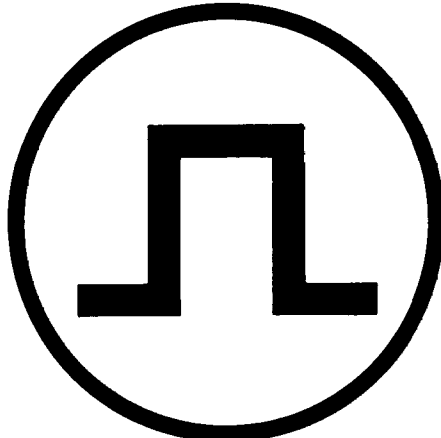
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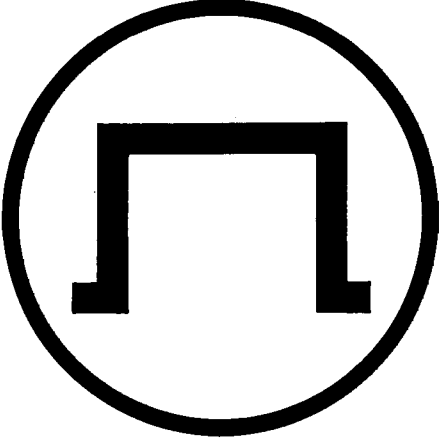
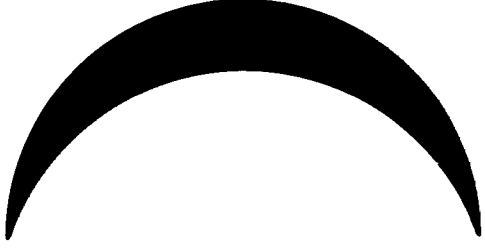
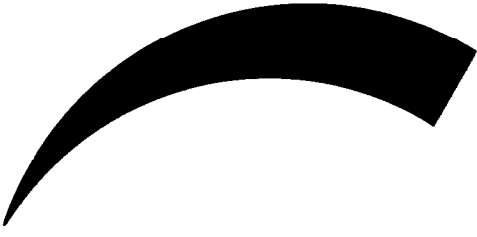
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| symbol 4:  | aerial rotating           |
| symbol 9:  | short pulse               |
| symbol 10: | long pulse                |
| symbol 17: | scale illumination        |
| symbol 22: | transmitted power monitor |
| symbol 23: | transmit/receive monitor  |

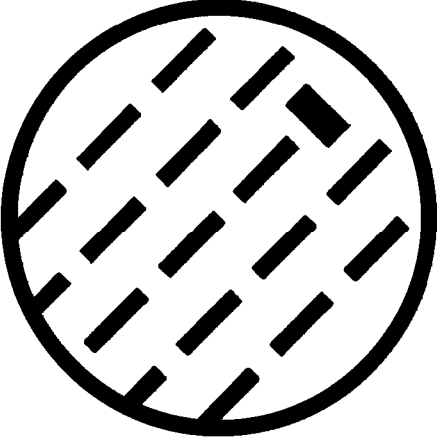
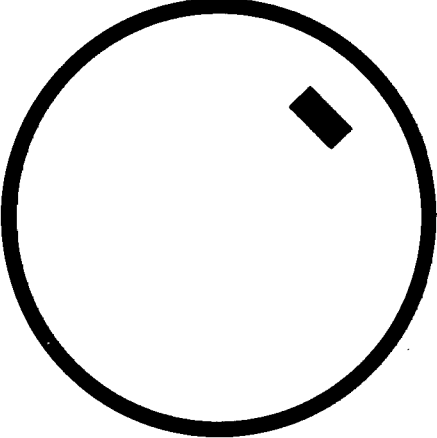
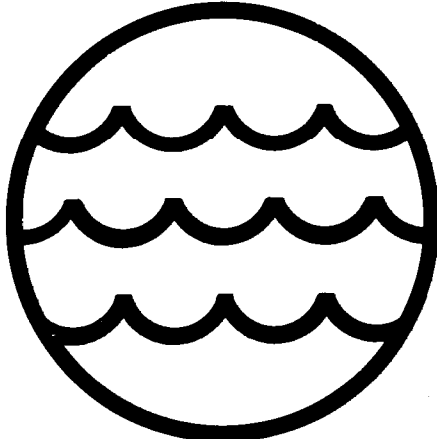
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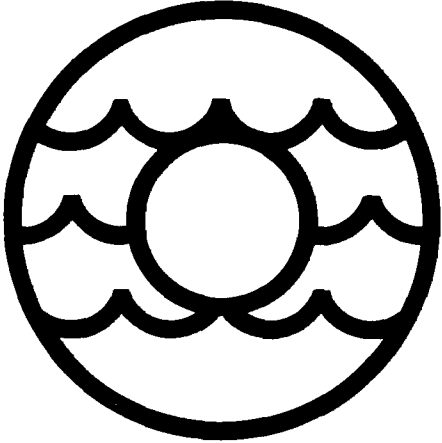
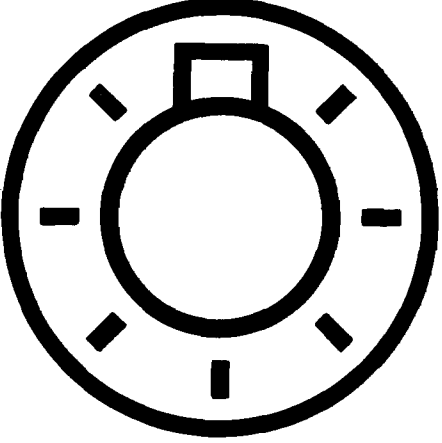
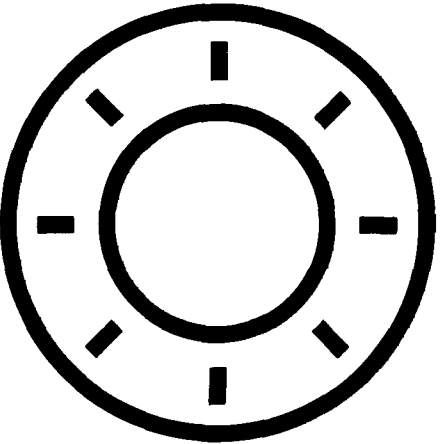
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| 1. |    | OFF               | TO IDENTIFY THE<br>"OFF" POSITION OF<br>THE CONTROL OR<br>SWITCH |
| 2. |   | RADAR ON          | TO IDENTIFY THE<br>"RADAR ON"<br>POSITION OF THE<br>SWITCH       |
| 3. |  | RADAR<br>STAND-BY | TO IDENTIFY THE<br>"RADAR STAND-BY"<br>POSITION OF THE<br>SWITCH |

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| 4. |    | <p>AERIAL<br/>ROTATING</p>             | <p>TO IDENTIFY THE<br/>“AERIAL ROTATING”<br/>POSITION OF THE<br/>SWITCH</p>                           |
| 5. |   | <p>NORTH UP<br/>PRESENTATION</p>       | <p>TO IDENTIFY THE<br/>“NORTH UP”<br/>POSITION OF THE<br/>MODE OF PRESENTA-<br/>TION SWITCH</p>       |
| 6. |  | <p>SHIP'S HEAD UP<br/>PRESENTATION</p> | <p>TO IDENTIFY THE<br/>“SHIP'S HEAD UP”<br/>POSITION OF THE<br/>MODE OF PRESENTA-<br/>TION SWITCH</p> |

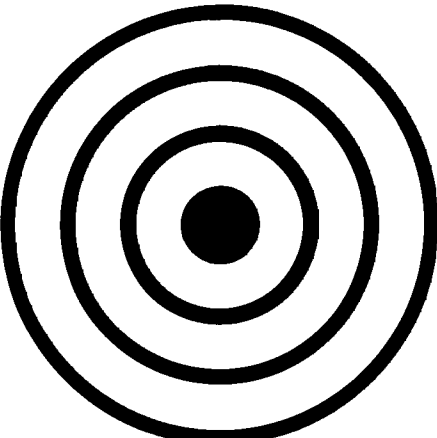
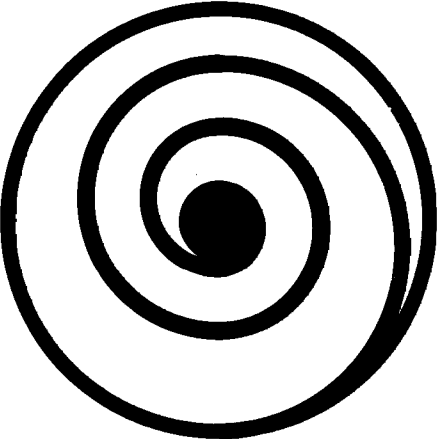
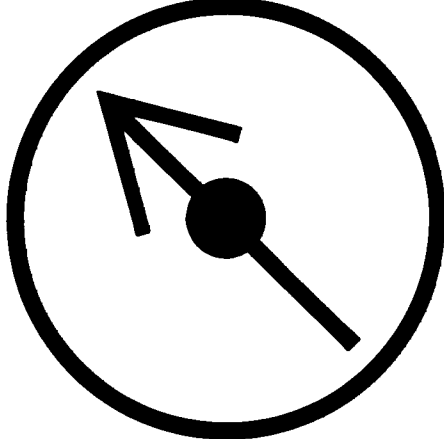
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| 7. |    | <p>HEADING<br/>MARKER<br/>ALIGNMENT</p> | <p>TO IDENTIFY THE<br/>"HEADING MARKER<br/>ALIGNMENT"<br/>CONTROL SWITCH</p>                       |
| 8. |   | <p>RANGE<br/>SELECTOR</p>               | <p>TO IDENTIFY THE<br/>RANGE SELECTION<br/>SWITCH</p>  |
| 9. |  | <p>SHORT PULSE</p>                      | <p>TO IDENTIFY THE<br/>"SHORT PULSE"<br/>POSITION OF THE<br/>PULSE LENGTH<br/>SELECTION SWITCH</p> |

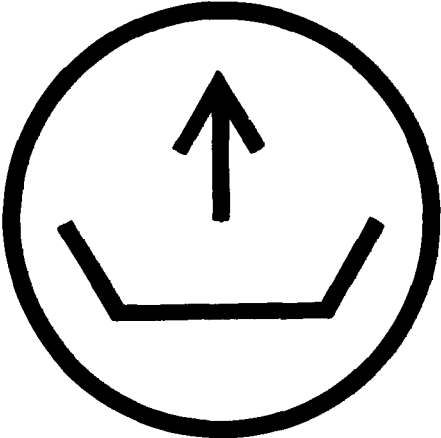
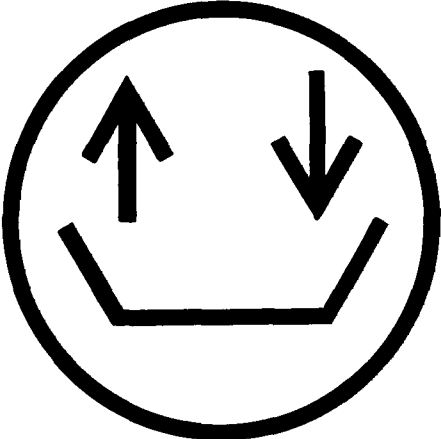
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| 10. |    | LONG PULSE | TO IDENTIFY THE<br>"LONG PULSE"<br>POSITION OF THE<br>PULSE LENGTH<br>SELECTION SWITCH |
| 11. |   | TUNING     | TO IDENTIFY THE<br>"TUNING" CONTROL  |
| 12. |  | GAIN       | TO IDENTIFY THE<br>"GAIN" CONTROL  |

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| 13. |    | ANTI-CLUTTER<br>RAIN MINIMUM | TO IDENTIFY THE<br>MINIMUM POSITION<br>OF THE "ANTI-<br>CLUTTER RAIN"<br>CONTROL OR SWITCH |
| 14. |   | ANTI-CLUTTER<br>RAIN MAXIMUM | TO IDENTIFY THE<br>MAXIMUM POSITION<br>OF THE "ANTI-<br>CLUTTER RAIN"<br>CONTROL OR SWITCH |
| 15. |  | ANTI-CLUTTER<br>SEA MINIMUM  | TO IDENTIFY THE<br>MINIMUM POSITION<br>OF THE "ANTI-<br>CLUTTER SEA"<br>CONTROL            |

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| 16. |    | ANTI-CLUTTER<br>SEA MAXIMUM | TO IDENTIFY THE<br>MAXIMUM POSITION<br>OF THE "ANTI-<br>CLUTTER SEA"<br>CONTROL            |
| 17. |   | SCALE<br>ILLUMINATION       | TO IDENTIFY THE<br>MAXIMUM POSITION<br>OF THE "SCALE<br>ILLUMINATION"<br>CONTROL OR SWITCH |
| 18. |  | DISPLAY<br>BRILLIANCE       | TO IDENTIFY THE<br>MAXIMUM POSITION<br>OF THE "DISPLAY<br>BRILLIANCE"<br>CONTROL           |



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| 19. |    | <p>RANGE RINGS<br/>BRILLIANCE</p>    | <p>TO IDENTIFY THE<br/>MAXIMUM POSITION<br/>OF THE "RANGE<br/>RINGS BRILLIANCE"<br/>CONTROL</p> |
| 20. |   | <p>VARIABLE<br/>RANGE<br/>MARKER</p> | <p>TO IDENTIFY THE<br/>"VARIABLE RANGE<br/>MARKER" CONTROL</p>                                  |
| 21. |  | <p>BEARING<br/>MARKER</p>            | <p>TO IDENTIFY THE<br/>"BEARING MARKER"<br/>CONTROL</p>   |

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| 22. |   | <p>TRANSMITTED<br/>POWER<br/>MONITOR</p> | <p>TO IDENTIFY THE<br/>ON POSITION OF THE<br/>“TRANSMITTED<br/>POWER MONITOR”<br/>SWITCH</p> |
| 23. |  | <p>TRANSMIT/<br/>RECEIVE<br/>MONITOR</p> | <p>TO IDENTIFY THE<br/>ON POSITION OF THE<br/>“TRANSMIT/RECEIVE<br/>MONITOR” SWITCH</p>      |