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Type of facility Closed circulating cavitation tunnel, vertical plane	Year constructed/upgraded 1971/2014	
Name of facility Kempf & Remmers K15A	Location	

Main characteristics

The length between both vertical parts of the cavitation tunnel is 12 m, the height between the horizontal parts is 7 m. The cavitation tunnel has a 4-bladed axial flow impeller with a diameter of 1.078 m and a total motor power of 100 kW @ 1470 rpm.

Test section 1

Length 2600 mm

Cross section 600 mm x 600 mm

Contraction ratio of the nozzle 5.96 : 1 Maximum water velocity 13 m/s

Variation of the pressure -970 mbar to 1200 mbar

Test section 2

Length 2600 mm

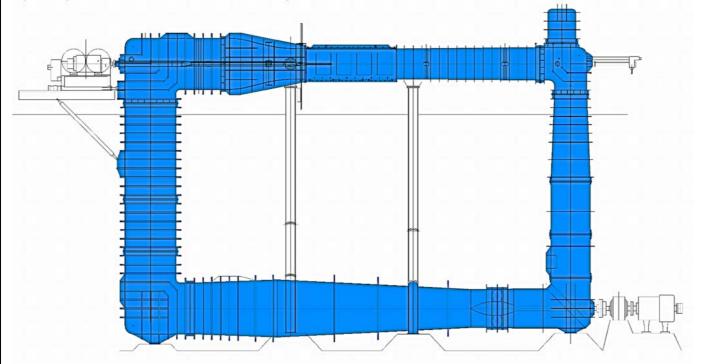
Cross section 850 mm x 850 mm

Contraction ratio of the nozzle 2.93 : 1
Maximum water velocity 7.5 m/s

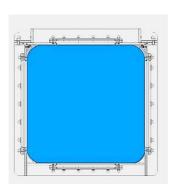
Variation of the pressure -950 mbar to 1200 mbar

Drawings of facility

Top-view plan – K15a with test section 2 and dynamometer J25



Corss-section-view plan - test section 2



Detailed characteristics

Instrumentation

• Dynamometer K&R J25 $T_{\text{max}} = 3000 \text{ N}, Q_{\text{max}} = 150 \text{ Nm}, n_{\text{max}} = 60 \text{ s}^{-1}$

• Dynamometer K & R H36

$$T_{\text{max}}$$
 = 2000 N, Q_{max} = 100 Nm, n_{max} = 50 s⁻¹, shaft inclination +15° ... -10°

Both dynamometers can be used alone or together, so that tests with contra-rotating or tandem propellers can be carried out.

• Dynamometer K&R R45 $T_{\text{max}} = 400 \text{ N}$, $Q_{\text{max}} = 15 \text{ Nm}$, $n_{\text{max}} = 50 \text{ s}^{-1}$ for special tests

Balance K&R R37
 X = Y1 = Y2 = 800 N, Z1 = Z2 = Z3 = 500 N

Balance K&R R35X X = 500 N

• Laser system Powersight LDV (TSI)

PIV-System TSI

Applications

- Propeller and turbine tests in uniform and non-uniform flows
- Forces and pressure distribution on rudders, fins and hydrofoils
- Velocity measurements around propellers, turbines, propulsion systems, hydrofoils ...
- Cavitation observation tests using high speed video cameras
- Measurement of the propeller induced pressure fluctuations in the simulated 3D-wake, calculated for the fullscale Reynolds number
- Erosion tests
- Acoustic measurements
- Tests of thrusters, podded drives, stearing nozzles, ducted propellers, Voith Schneider Propellers, submerged water jets
- Tests of transverse thrusters

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