

MARINE ENGINEERING TECHNICAL HANDBOOKS

SUBJECT INDEX

TP 759—Subject Index to Marine Engineering Technical Handbooks—has been distributed to ships and establishments. The need for this Index has been evident for some time. The adoption of a Coding System for all marine engineering technical publications has been under discussion, but the difficulties are considerable. The coding of Naval Air publications is a development of the coding system used for R.A.F. technical publications. There are many more Air publications than ship publications; distribution and demand problems are therefore more complex. Computer directed distribution is being introduced, and this will mean that a coding system for all Service publications will have to be adopted. The Joint Services Technical Publications Policy Committee is now at work on this task. In the meantime, it is not advisable to 'go it alone' in the marine engineering field—hence the publication of this Index. It is hoped that this will assist users, trainers and maintainers in the Fleet to identify readily the handbook and maintenance schedule appropriate to any particular equipment or system.

Parts Identification Lists have not been included as they are catalogued separately. The Index of Parts Identification Lists can be obtained from the Superintendent, SPDC(UK), under Adrefno 001-970999.

Some omissions and errors are inevitable in this first edition, Ship Department Technical Publications Section will welcome suggestions for correction and improvement, with particular reference to 'ships fitted'. The information in the Ship Department on this point is sometimes surprisingly meagre—especially for older ships.

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