

Offshore Vessel Inspection Database (OVID)



What is OVID?

The Offshore Vessel Inspection Database (OVID), launched in January 2010, builds on OCIMF's experience with the SIRE programme to offer a system of inspection for offshore support vessels.

OVID provides a web-based inspection tool and database of inspection reports, underpinned by trained and accredited inspectors. This consistent, robust and up-to-date repository of vessel details simplifies vessel assurance for vessel operators, commissioners and government bodies. The Offshore Vessel Management and Self Assessment (OVMSA) protocol gives operating companies a self assessment tool for safety management and a framework for the promotion of continuous improvement.

How does it work?

The OVID database contains inspection reports and vessel particulars that are available to OVID participating OCIMF members and OVID Programme Recipients for a nominal fee.

Typically, an OCIMF member registered with OVID commissions an offshore vessel inspection. An OVID accredited inspector then accesses the vessel particulars from the OVID database along with the appropriate Offshore Vessel Inspection Questionnaire (OVIQ). The inspection covers the vessel's management systems as well as how the vessel operates.

Once quality checked by the commissioning company, the report is sent to the vessel operator for comment. The report is then uploaded to the OVID database and is available for approved recipients to buy.



The benefits of OVID

OVID is helping to build a long-term picture of offshore vessel safety and environmental performance, assisting the industry-wide drive for safety and environmental performance improvements.

Experience with SIRE shows that the existence of an extensive database of credible inspection reports reduces the number of repeat inspections on the same offshore vessel, thereby reducing the burden on the vessel's crew.

Assurance checks may be speeded up as assurance personnel have instant access to credible information on the vessel and its safety performance.

A simple and consistent inspection process, together with a worldwide team of trained and accredited inspectors, increases confidence in the inspection report content.

Vessel operators can offer an up-to-date document showcasing their vessel's capabilities and providing a tool for pre-screening.

Offshore vessel owners who keep an active inspection on the database should see their pre-chartering process streamlined and reinforce their positive image with clients.

Examples of vessels covered

- **OVPQ operations:** accommodation/flotel; anchor handling; cable lay; crew boats; diving; dredging; drilling unit; DrillShip; ERRV/SBV; freighter; geotechnical survey; gravel/stone discharge; heavy lift; icebreaker; landing craft; MODU jackup; oil recovery; pipelay; ROV operations; seismic survey; supply; towing/pushing; trenching; well servicing and sub-sea operations.
- **OVPQ variants:** CAT-2 (small craft < 100 GRT); DP; helicopter; operations; ice operations; manned barge; non-SOLAS; spread mooring; unmanned barge.
- **Vessel variants:** barge; catamaran; column stabilised unit (semi-sub); double hull; hovercraft; jackup; monohull; SWATH.

OVID database

The OVID database is developed and managed in London and can be accessed around the world 24/7.

Inspector training, accreditation and auditing

All OVID inspectors have relevant academic qualifications and practical marine experience in the offshore industry. They attend a three-day training course and pass an exam before receiving accreditation. To maintain their accreditation inspectors complete a minimum number of inspections per calendar year and attend a refresher course every three years.

Compliance

A set of governing documents defines the processes, standards and behaviours expected of inspectors, report submitting companies, offshore vessel operators and report recipients. The OCIMF Compliance Manager makes sure that OVID participants adhere to these principles, manages the complaints process and follows up on any reported concerns.

Looking ahead

As OVID is gradually established in the international offshore community, OCIMF members expect it to go through a process of refinement and continuous improvement. Feedback is welcomed.

For more information, visit www.ocimf.org/ovid or email ovid@ocimf.org.

OVID IN NUMBERS



10,870 Vessels registered



236

Reports received/month (average)



125

Reports downloaded/month (average)



2,903 Reports in database (total)

18,278 Reports received since programme began



453 Number of accredited inspectors

For more information, visit www.ocimf.org or email enquiries@ocimf.org

Oil Companies International Marine Forum 29 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9BU, United Kingdom

T +44 (0)20 7654 1200 | **F** +44 (0)20 7654 1205 | **E** enquiries@ocimf.org

ocimf.org