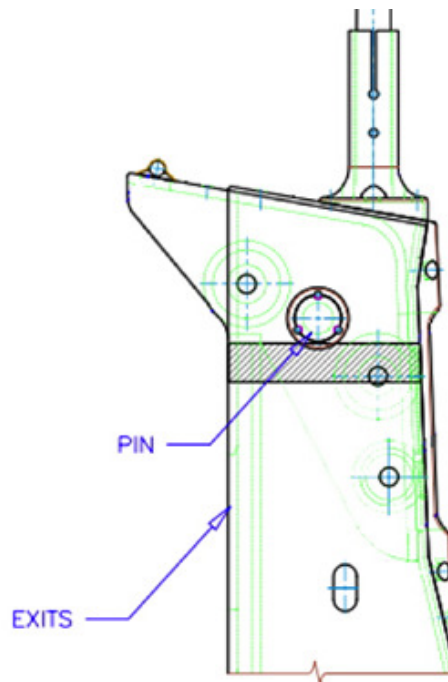


F.1.7 Q&A 2015-001

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**Question**

Are stays attached to a pin above the measurement band and passing through the mast spar below the measurement band, as in the drawing, backstays?



**Answer**

No. **Rigging** attached to a pin above the **upper limit mark**, but passing through the mast **spar** below the **upper limit mark**, as in the drawing above, are **running backstays** as defined in F.1.7(b)(iii).

**Rigging points** are defined in ERS F.2.3, and F.2.3(d) applies in this case:

F.2.3(d) **RIGGING POINT** - The intersection of the outside of the **spar**, extended as necessary, and the centreline of the **rigging**.

F.1.7(b)(ii) **BACKSTAY**  
**Rigging** mainly used to provide aft support for a mast **spar** above the **upper limit mark**.

F.1.7(b)(iii) **RUNNING BACKSTAY**  
**Rigging** used to provide aft support for a mast **spar** at a point, or points, between the **upper limit mark** and the **forestay rigging point**.

Terms in bold style used as defined in the ERS.

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