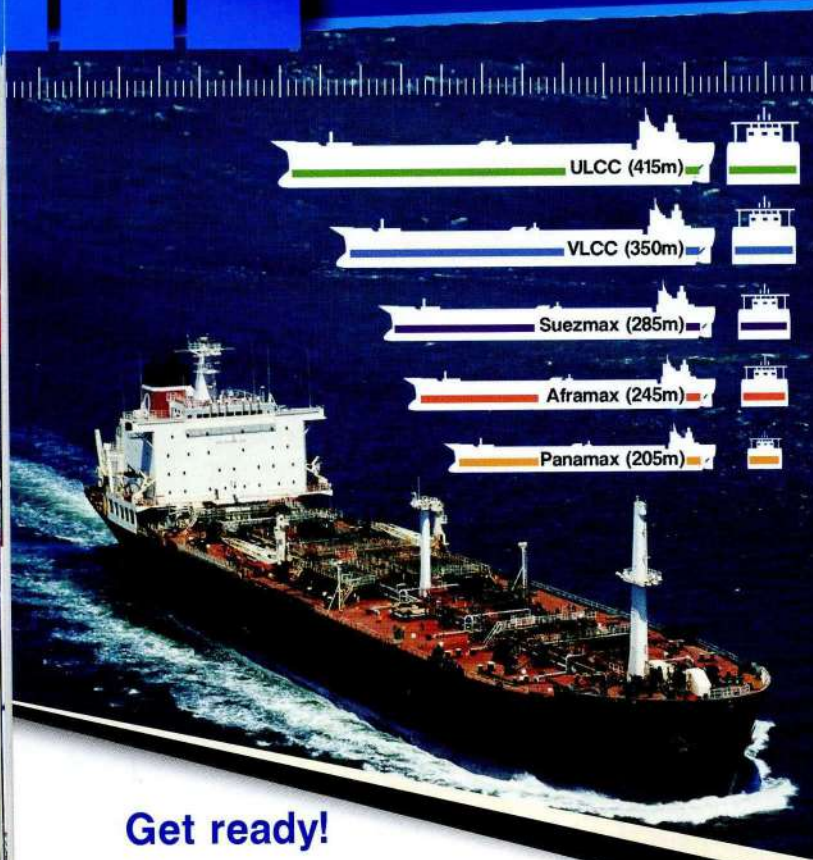


1 Tankers 1: Types



Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What are the different types of crude tankers?
- 2 What materials might be carried in a tanker other than crude oil?

Reading

2 Read the information from a ship manufacturer. Then, choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the main purpose of this document?
 - A to discuss pros and cons of different tankers
 - B to explain the manufacturing process
 - C to describe the uses of different tankers
 - D to illustrate the improvements to tanker design over time
- 2 Which of the following is used to carry crude oil?
 - A a liquefied gas tanker
 - B a Suezmax
 - C a chemical tanker
 - D a product tanker
- 3 Which of the following tankers can carry multiple types of materials?
 - A LPG
 - B LNG
 - C Product tanker
 - D OBO carrier

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What do we offer?

Bryant & Sons manufactures a wide range of **tankers** and vessels. We classify our ships by the type of cargo they carry. You can also request a ship with a specific **deadweight tonnage (DWT)**, if necessary.

Crude tankers are our most popular products. We offer many sizes; always consult us about sizes before placing an order. We offer standard **Panamax**, **Aframax**, and **Suezmax** tankers. We also manufacture **VLCCs** and **ULCCs** for oversized cargo loads. Specialized tankers are available for cargo other than **crude oil**:

- **Product tankers** for refined petroleum products
- **Chemical tankers** for petrochemicals, clean petroleum, etc.
- **Liquefied gas tankers** for **LPG** (liquefied petroleum gas) or **LNG** (liquefied natural gas)
- **OBO (Ore/Bulk/Oil) carriers** that can transport both liquid and solid materials

Vocabulary

3 Fill in the blanks with the correct words and phrases from the word bank.

word BANK

tanker Panamax VLCC crude
LPG product tanker OBO carrier

- 1 The company wanted a small crude tanker, so they purchased a(n) _____.
- 2 A(n) _____ can carry both solids and liquids.
- 3 The tanker was transporting a potentially dangerous vapor called _____.
- 4 An Aframax and a Suezmax are both examples of a(n) _____.
- 5 A(n) _____ can carry more than 200,000 tons of oil.
- 6 The _____ was carrying refined petroleum to the next port.
- 7 The most common product moved by tankers is _____.

4 Read the sentence pairs. Choose which word or phrase best fits each blank.

1 DWT / Aframax

- A A(n) _____ can't carry as much oil as a VLCC.
 B The manager measured _____ to determine which ship was the biggest in the fleet.

2 Suezmax / chemical tanker

- A A _____ carries the same substance as a VLCC.
 B A _____ cannot safely carry crude.

3 crude tanker / LNG

- A _____ is not in its natural state.
 B A _____ is a category that covers many ships.

4 ULCC / liquefied gas tanker

- A The captain chose a _____ because he needed to carry more than 300,000 tons of oil.
 B A _____ is not as large or as common as a crude tanker.

5 Listen and read the information from a ship manufacturer again. What are the largest tankers the company makes?

Listening

6 Listen to a conversation between two managers of a cargo fleet. Mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 _ The speakers will order several new ships.
- 2 _ The woman would rather buy a crude tanker than a liquefied gas tanker.
- 3 _ The managers decide to obtain a Suezmax.

7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

Manager 1: Can we talk about 1 _____ for a minute?

Manager 2: Hey, Rita. 2 _____ new ships? I didn't know.

Manager 1: Well, one new ship.

Manager 2: Great, we need an addition 3 _____. What kind of ship?

Manager 1: That's what I'm 4 _____ to figure out.

Manager 2: Hmm. What about a 5 _____? We don't have one right now.

Manager 1: That's true, but 6 _____ that we ship mostly crude oil. We don't have LNG clients.

Manager 2: Yeah, you're right. Maybe a larger crude tanker, then.

Speaking

8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

Can we talk about ...

We don't have ...

Maybe we could ...

Student A: You are a manager at a shipping company. Talk to Student B about:

- new tankers
- products you do and do not carry
- the type of tanker you recommend

Student B: You are a shipping company manager. Talk to Student A about what type of tanker to purchase.

Writing

9 Use the information from a ship manufacturer and the conversation from Task 8 to fill out the email.

To: c.walker@internationalshipping.com
 From: r.baker@internationalshipping.com
 Date: June 15
 Subject: Tanker Recommendation

Mr. Walker,

I believe we should obtain a _____

We have no need for a _____ because _____

But with a _____, we could _____