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Foreword

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Introduction

The rolling bearing life theory emphasizes the use of pure and homogeneous lubricants as essential for a long bearing service life. The lubrication of rolling bearings is described in several national standards. The GfT worksheet 3[4] contains theoretical and practical knowledge of rolling bearing lubrication.

Grease lubrication is the most common type of rolling bearing lubrication. The purity grade of rolling bearing grease is influenced by thickeners, base oils, additives and solid lubricant additives as well as the manufacturing process and is reflected in the running noise. Therefore, noise testing of rolling bearing greases is recommended.

In addition, grease noise testing in accordance with this document allows the grease manufacturers to develop low-noise lubricants with better damping properties. This document can also support the rolling bearing manufacturers and end-users in the selection of low-noise grease with better damping properties.

This document covers requirements for the testing assembly and the test machine of method NQ to determine and assess the noise characteristics of rolling bearing grease jointly with ISO 21250-1, ISO 21250-2 and ISO 21250-3.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the testing and evaluation method of rolling bearing grease noise in accordance with the method NQ.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 492, *Rolling bearings — Radial bearings — Geometrical product specifications (GPS) and tolerance values*

ISO 5593, *Rolling bearings — Vocabulary*

ISO 15242-1:2015, *Rolling bearings — Measuring methods for vibration — Part 1: Fundamentals*

ISO 15242-2:2015, *Rolling bearings — Measuring methods for vibration — Part 2: Radial ball bearings with cylindrical bore and outside surface*

ISO 21250-1:2020, *Rolling bearings — Noise testing of rolling bearing greases — Part 1: Basic principles, testing assembly and test machine*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5593, ISO 15242-1, ISO 21250-1 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
air bearing spindle
spindle supported by high accuracy air bearings

3.2
pre-loader
device for loading the test bearing

3.3
Anderon
unit that expresses the quantity of vibration (1 Anderon = 7,698 $\mu m \cdot s^{-1}$)