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**V-belts and V-ribbed belts —  
Uniformity of belts — Test method  
for determination of centre distance  
variation**

*Courroies trapézoïdales et courroies striées — Uniformité des  
courroies — Méthode d'essai permettant de déterminer les variations  
d'entraxe*



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The main changes are as follows:

- modification of the title and the scope to add V-ribbed belts;
- modification of the scope to specify that the document does not apply to elastic belts;
- addition in the document of the test report, the definition of centre distance, the rotation speed of pulley, the accuracy of  $\Delta E$  measurement, V-ribbed belt and references to ISO 1081, ISO 9981 and ISO 9982.

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## Introduction

An irregular running of V-belt and V-ribbed belt drives can arise from non-uniformities in the V-belt and V-ribbed belt sections because force variations induced by the non-uniformities add to the initial force at constant centre distance.

When testing the V-belt and V-ribbed belt length under constant measuring force, these force variations appear as centre distance variations.



# V-belts and V-ribbed belts — Uniformity of belts — Test method for determination of centre distance variation

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a test method for determining the centre distance variation of V-belt and V-ribbed belt drives as a criterion for the uniformity of V-belts and V-ribbed belts.

This document does not apply to elastic V-ribbed belts.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### centre distance

$E$

distance between the centres of two pulleys measured in length measuring device

### 3.2

#### centre distance variation

$\Delta E$

difference between maximum and minimum *centre distance* (3.1) measured on a standardized measuring fixture

## 4 Symbols

For the purpose of this document, the symbols given in [Table 1](#) apply.

Table 1 — Symbols

Symbol	Definition	Unit
$E$	centre distance	mm
$F$	force	N
$\Delta E$	centre distance variation	mm