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Introduction

Rotor balancing during manufacture (as described in ISO 1940-1 and ISO 11342, for example) is normally sufficient to attain acceptable vibration levels in service if other sources of vibration are absent. There are exceptions, however, where additional balancing during commissioning becomes necessary. Furthermore, after commissioning, some machines may require occasional or even frequent field rebalancing.

If the vibration levels are unsatisfactory during commissioning, the reason may be inadequate balancing or assembly errors. Another important cause may be that an assembled machine is especially sensitive to relatively small residual unbalances which are well within normal balance tolerances.

If vibration magnitudes are unsatisfactory, the first step often is an attempt to reduce the vibration by field balancing. If high vibration can be reduced by relatively small correction masses, high sensitivity to unbalance is indicated. This can arise, for example, if a resonant speed is close to the normal service speed and the damping in the system is low.

A sensitive machine which is also highly susceptible to its unbalance changing, may require frequent rebalancing *in situ*. This may be caused, for example, by changes in wear, temperature, mass, stiffness and damping during operation.

If the unbalance and other conditions of the machine are essentially constant, occasional trim balancing may be sufficient. Otherwise it may be necessary to modify the machine to change the resonant speed, damping or other parameters. Therefore, there is a need to consider permissible sensitivity values of the machine.

The repeatability of the sensitivity of a machine is influenced by several factors and may change during operation. Some thermal machines, especially those with sleeve bearings, have modal vibration characteristics which vary with certain operational parameters such as steam pressure and temperature, partial steam admission or oil temperature. For electrical machines, other parameters such as the excitation current may influence the vibration behaviour. In general, the machine vibration characteristics are influenced by the design features of the machine, including coupling of the rotor and the support conditions including the foundation. It should be noted that the latter may vary with time, for example owing to wear and tear.

This International Standard is only concerned with once-per-revolution vibration caused by unbalance; however it should be recognized that unbalance is not the only cause of once-per-revolution vibration.

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1 Scope

1.1 This International Standard defines methods for determining machine vibration sensitivity to unbalance and provides evaluation guidelines as a function of the proximity of relevant resonant speeds to the service speed.

It includes a classification of certain machines in groups associated with the susceptibility to a change in unbalance.

This International Standard also makes recommendations on how to apply the numerical sensitivity values in some particular cases.

1.2 Machines are classified into three types in clause 4, and sensitivity values assigned to different groups of machines are shown in clause 5. The sensitivity values should be used on simple machine systems, preferably with rotors having only one resonant speed over the entire service speed range. They may also be used for machines that have more resonant speeds in the service speed range if the resonant speeds are widely separated (e.g. more than 20 % spaced).

The proposed sensitivity values are not intended to serve as acceptance specifications for any machine group but rather to give indications of how to avoid gross deficiencies as well as exaggerated or unattainable requirements. They may also serve as a basis for more involved investigations, for example, when in special cases a more exact determination of the required sensitivity is necessary. If due regard is paid to the proposed values, satisfactory running conditions can be expected in most cases.

The consideration of these values alone does not guarantee that a given magnitude of vibration in service is not exceeded. Many other sources of vibration can occur which are not the subject of this International Standard.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 1925:1990, *Mechanical vibration — Balancing — Vocabulary*.

ISO 2041:1990, *Vibration and shock — Vocabulary*.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the definitions given in ISO 1925 and ISO 2041 and the following definitions apply.

3.1 susceptibility to unbalance: An indication of the likelihood of a machine having a significant change of unbalance over a certain period of operation.

3.2 sensitivity to unbalance: A measure of the vibration response of a machine to a change in unbalance.

NOTE 1 It is usually numerically expressed in the two ways shown in 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 below.

3.2.1 local sensitivity: Ratio of the magnitude of the change of the displacement or velocity vector in a specified measuring plane to the magnitude of a change in the unbalance in a specified plane in the rotor at a specified speed.