
**Mechanical vibration — Evaluation of
machine vibration by measurements on
rotating shafts —**

**Part 4:
Gas turbine sets with fluid-film bearings**

*Vibrations mécaniques — Évaluation des vibrations des machines par
mesurages sur les arbres tournants —*

Partie 4: Turbines à gaz à paliers à film fluide



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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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The main task of technical committees is to prepare International Standards. Draft International Standards adopted by the technical committees are circulated to the member bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the member bodies casting a vote.

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ISO 7919-4 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 108, *Mechanical vibration, shock and condition monitoring*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Measurement and evaluation of mechanical vibration and shock as applied to machines, vehicles and structures*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 7919-4:1996), of which it constitutes a technical revision. The main changes are:

- clarification that the document applies only to gas turbine sets with fluid-film bearings;
- emphasis on acceptance specifications always being agreed on between the supplier and the purchaser of the gas turbine set prior to installation;
- the addition of provisions for evaluating the vibration of coupled gas turbine sets during transient operation;
- closer alignment of this part of ISO 7919 with ISO 7919-2, ISO 10816-2 and ISO 10816-4.

ISO 7919 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Mechanical vibration — Evaluation of machine vibration by measurements on rotating shafts*:

- *Part 1: General guidelines*¹⁾
- *Part 2: Land-based steam turbines and generators in excess of 50 MW with normal operating speeds of 1 500 r/min, 1 800 r/min, 3 000 r/min and 3 600 r/min*
- *Part 3: Coupled industrial machines*
- *Part 4: Gas turbine sets with fluid-film bearings*
- *Part 5: Machine sets in hydraulic power generating and pumping plants*

1) It is anticipated that when ISO 7919-1 is revised, it will have the same general title as the other parts of ISO 7919.

Introduction

ISO 7919-1 is the basic part of ISO 7919 giving the general requirements for evaluating the vibration of various machine types when the vibration measurements are made on rotating shafts. This part of ISO 7919 gives specific provisions for assessing the severity of radial shaft vibration measured at, or close to, the bearings of gas turbine sets. Measurements at these locations characterize the state of vibration reasonably well. Evaluation criteria, based on previous experience, are presented. These can be used for assessing the vibratory condition of such machines.

Two criteria are provided for assessing the machine vibration when operating under steady-state conditions. One criterion considers the magnitude of the observed vibration; the second considers changes in the magnitude. In addition, different criteria are provided for transient operating conditions. However, shaft vibration does not form the only basis for judging the severity of vibration. For gas turbine sets, it is also common to judge the vibration based on measurements taken on non-rotating parts. For such vibration measurement requirements, see ISO 10816-1 and ISO 10816-4.

The evaluation procedures presented in this part of ISO 7919 are based on broad-band measurements. However, because of advances in technology, the use of narrow-band measurements or spectral analysis has become increasingly widespread, particularly for the purposes of vibration evaluation, condition monitoring and diagnostics. The specification of criteria for such measurements is beyond the scope of this part of ISO 7919. They are dealt with in greater detail in ISO 13373 (all parts), which establish provisions for the vibration condition monitoring of machines.

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Mechanical vibration — Evaluation of machine vibration by measurements on rotating shafts —

Part 4: Gas turbine sets with fluid-film bearings

1 Scope

This part of ISO 7919 establishes provisions for evaluating the severity of *in-situ*, broad-band shaft vibration measured radial (i.e. transverse) to the shaft axis at, or close to, the main bearings. These are in terms of:

- vibration under normal steady-state operating conditions;
- vibration during other (non-steady-state) conditions when transient changes are taking place, including run up or run down, initial loading and load changes;
- changes in vibration which can occur during normal steady-state operation.

This part of ISO 7919 is applicable to heavy-duty gas turbine sets used in electrical and mechanical drive applications, with fluid-film bearings, outputs greater than 3 MW and an operating speed range under load between 3 000 r/min and 30 000 r/min. This includes gas turbines coupled to other rotating machinery either directly or through a gearbox. In some cases, this part of ISO 7919 is not applicable to the evaluation of the vibration of the coupled equipment (see the list of exclusions in this clause).

EXAMPLE For single-shaft combined-cycle power units in which a gas turbine is coupled to a steam turbine and/or generator, the evaluation of the gas turbine vibration is according to this part of ISO 7919, but that of the steam turbine and generator is according to ISO 7919-2 or ISO 7919-3.

This part of ISO 7919 is not applicable to the following:

- a) aero-derivative gas turbines (including gas turbines with dynamic properties similar to those of aero-derivatives);

NOTE ISO 3977-3 defines aero-derivatives as aircraft propulsion gas generators adapted to drive mechanical, electrical or marine propulsion equipment. Large differences exist between heavy duty and aero-derivative gas turbines, for example in casing flexibility, bearing design, rotor to stator mass ratio and mounting structure. Different criteria therefore apply for these two turbine types.

- b) gas turbines with outputs less than or equal to 3 MW (see ISO 7919-3);
- c) gas turbine driven pumps (see ISO 7919-3);
- d) coupled steam turbines and/or generators with outputs less than or equal to 50 MW (see ISO 7919-3);
- e) coupled steam turbines and/or generators with outputs greater than 50 MW (see ISO 7919-2);
- f) synchronizing clutches which couple the gas turbine to a steam turbine or generator (see ISO 7919-2);
- g) coupled compressors (see ISO 7919-3);

- h) gearbox vibration (see this clause);
- i) rolling element bearing vibration.

This part of ISO 7919 is applicable to other driven equipment not included in this list of exclusions.

This part of ISO 7919 is applicable to machines which can be coupled to a gearbox, but does not address the evaluation of the vibration condition of those gears. Specialist techniques are required for evaluating the vibration condition of gears which are outside the scope of this part of ISO 7919.

The numerical values specified are not intended to serve as the only basis for judging the severity of vibration. For gas turbine sets, it is also common to judge the vibration based on measurements taken on non-rotating parts. For such vibration measurement requirements, see ISO 10816-1 and ISO 10816-4.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 7919-1:1996, *Mechanical vibration of non-reciprocating machines — Measurements on rotating shafts and evaluation criteria — Part 1: General guidelines*

ISO 10816-4:2009, *Mechanical vibration — Evaluation of machine vibration by measurements on non-rotating parts — Part 4: Gas turbine sets with fluid-film bearings*

3 Measurement procedures

The measurement procedures and instrumentation shall comply with the general requirements of ISO 7919-1 and are as follows.

In gas turbine sets, shaft vibration relative to the bearing is normally measured. Therefore, unless stated otherwise, the vibration displacements referred to in this part of ISO 7919 conform to this convention. In view of the relatively high operating speeds involved with gas turbine sets, measuring methods using non-contacting transducers are most common and are generally preferred on rotors with operating speeds of 3 000 r/min and above.

For monitoring purposes, the measurement system shall be capable of measuring broad-band vibration over a frequency range from 1 Hz to at least three times the maximum normal operating frequency. If, however, the instrumentation is also used for diagnostic purposes, a wider frequency range and/or spectral analysis can be necessary. In special cases, where significant low-frequency vibration can be transmitted to the machine, such as in earthquake regions, it can be necessary to filter the low-frequency response of the instrumentation and/or implement an appropriate time delay. If measurements from different machines are compared, care should be taken to ensure that the same frequency range is used.

The locations of vibration measurements should be such that the transverse movement of the shaft at points of importance can be assessed. Care should be taken to avoid locating measurement positions at any vibration nodes and to ensure that the measurement equipment is not unduly influenced by external sources, such as combustion vibration, gear mesh vibration, and airborne and structure-borne noise. Typically, this requires measuring in two radial directions with a pair of orthogonal transducers at, or adjacent to, each main bearing. The transducers may be placed at any angular location, but it is common practice to select locations on the same bearing half which are either at $\pm 45^\circ$ to the vertical direction or close to the vertical and horizontal directions.