
**Rolling bearings — Methods for
calculating the modified reference rating
life for universally loaded bearings**

*Roulements — Méthodes de calcul de la durée nominale de référence
corrigée pour les roulements chargés universellement*



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Foreword

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Introduction

Since publication of ISO 281 in 1990, additional knowledge has been gained regarding the influence on bearing life of contamination, lubrication, internal stresses from mounting, stresses from hardening, fatigue load limit of the material etc. It is therefore now possible to consider factors that have influence on bearing life in a more complete way in the life calculation.

ISO 281:2007 provides a method to put into practice this new knowledge in a consistent way when the modified rating life of a bearing is calculated. However, the calculation method given in ISO 281:2007 cannot consider the influence on life of tilted or misaligned bearings and the influence on life of bearing clearance during operation. This Technical Specification describes an advanced calculation method, which also makes it possible to consider these influences, and by that in addition provide the most accurate support for estimating the influence of contamination and other factors.

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Rolling bearings — Methods for calculating the modified reference rating life for universally loaded bearings

1 Scope

This Technical Specification contains recommendations for the calculation of the modified reference rating life taking into consideration lubrication, contamination and fatigue load limit of the bearing material, as well as tilting or misalignment, operating clearance of the bearing and internal load distribution on rolling elements. The calculation method provided in this Technical Specification covers influencing parameters additional to those described in ISO 281.

The directions and limitations given in ISO 281 apply to this Technical Specification. The calculation methods pertain to the fatigue life of the bearings. Other mechanisms of failure, like wear or microspalling (gray staining), lie outside the scope of this Technical Specification.

This Technical Specification applies to tilted single-row radial ball bearings, subjected to radial and axial load and with radial clearance and tilt taken into account. It also applies to tilted single-row roller bearings, subjected to pure radial load and with radial clearance, edge stress and tilt taken into account. References to methods for the analysis of the internal load distribution under general load are given.

The analysis of internal load distribution and modified reference rating life for multi-row bearings or bearings of a more complex geometry can be derived from the equations given in this Technical Specification. For these bearings, the load distribution for each individual row has to be considered.

This Technical Specification is primarily intended to be used for computer programs and together with ISO 281 covers the information needed for life calculations. For accurate life calculations under the operating conditions specified above, it is recommended that either this Technical Specification or advanced computer calculations provided by bearing manufacturers, for determining the dynamic equivalent reference load under different loading conditions, be used.

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 281:2007, *Rolling bearings — Dynamic load ratings and rating life*

ISO 15241, *Rolling bearings — Symbols for quantities*