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## Part 1:
## Land-based steam and gas turbine generator sets in excess of 50 MW

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*Partie 1: Groupes électrogènes à turbines à vapeur et à gaz situés sur terre et excédant 50 MW*

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# Foreword

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ISO 22266-1 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*.

ISO 22266 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Mechanical vibration — Torsional vibration of rotating machinery*:

- *Part 1: Land-based steam and gas turbine generator sets in excess of 50 MW*

# Introduction

During the 1970s, a number of major incidents occurred in power plants that were deemed to be caused by or that were attributed to torsional vibration. In those incidents, generator rotors and some of the long turbine blades of the low-pressure (LP) rotors were damaged. In general, they were due to modes of the coupled shaft and blade system that were resonant with the grid excitation frequencies. Detailed investigations were carried out and it became apparent that the mathematical models used at that time to predict the torsional natural frequencies were not adequate. In particular, they did not take into account with sufficient accuracy the coupling between long turbine blades and the shaft line. Therefore, advanced research work was carried out to analyse the blade-to-discs-to-shaft coupling effects more accurately, and branch models were developed to account properly for these effects in shaft system frequency calculations.

In the 1980s, dynamic torsional tests were also developed in the factory to verify the predicted dynamically coupled blade-disc frequencies for the low-pressure rotors. These factory tests were very useful in identifying any necessary corrective actions before the product went in service. However, it is not always possible to test all the rotor elements that comprise the assembly. Hence, unless testing is carried out on the fully assembled train on site, some discrepancy could still exist between the overall system models and the actual installed machine.

There is inevitably some uncertainty regarding the accuracy of the calculated and measured torsional natural frequencies. It is therefore necessary to design overall system torsional frequencies with sufficient margin from the grid system frequencies to compensate for such inaccuracies. The acceptable margins will vary depending on the extent to which any experimental validation of the calculated torsional frequencies is carried out. The main objective of this part of ISO 22266 is to provide guidelines for the selection of frequency margins in design and on the fully coupled machine on site.

In general, the presence of a natural frequency is only of concern if it coincides with an excitation frequency within the margins defined in this part of ISO 22266 and has a modal distribution allowing energy to be fed into the corresponding vibration mode. If either of these conditions is not satisfied, the presence of a natural frequency is of no practical consequence, i.e. a particular mode of vibration is of no concern if it cannot be excited. In the context of this part of ISO 22266, the excitation is due to variations in the electromechanical torque, which is induced at the air gap of the generator. Any shaft torsional modes that are insensitive to these induced excitation torques do not present a risk to the integrity of the turbine generator, regardless of the value of the natural frequency of that mode (see 4.2 and 5.2).

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## 1 Scope

This part of ISO 22266 provides guidelines for applying shaft torsional vibration criteria, under normal operating conditions, for the coupled shaft system and long blades of a turbine generator set. In particular, these apply to the torsional natural frequencies of the coupled shaft system at line and twice line frequencies of the electrical network to which the turbine generator set is connected. In the event that torsional natural frequencies do not conform with defined frequency margins, other possible actions available to vendors are defined.

This part of ISO 22266 is applicable to

- land-based steam turbine generator sets for power stations with power outputs greater than 50 MW and normal operating speeds of 1 500 r/min, 1 800 r/min, 3 000 r/min and 3 600 r/min, and
- land-based gas turbine generator sets for power stations with power outputs greater than 50 MW and normal operating speeds of 3 000 r/min and 3 600 r/min.

Methods currently available for carrying out both analytical assessments and test validation of the shaft system torsional natural frequencies are also described.

## 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 2041:—[1], *Mechanical vibration, shock and condition monitoring — Vocabulary*

ISO 2710-1, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Vocabulary — Terms for engine design and operation*

ISO 2710-2, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Vocabulary — Terms for engine maintenance*

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[1] To be published. (Revision of ISO 2041:1990)