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**Condition monitoring and diagnostics  
of machines — Requirements for  
qualification and assessment of  
personnel —**

Part 2:

**Vibration condition monitoring and  
diagnostics**

*Surveillance et diagnostic d'état des machines — Exigences relatives à  
la qualification et à l'évaluation du personnel —*

*Partie 2: Surveillance des vibrations et diagnostic d'état des machines*



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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 108, *Mechanical vibration, shock and condition monitoring*, Subcommittee SC 5, *Condition monitoring and diagnostics of machine systems*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 18436-2:2003), of which it is a minor revision.

ISO 18436 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Condition monitoring and diagnostics of machines — Requirements for qualification and assessment of personnel*:

- *Part 1: Requirements for assessment bodies and the assessment process*
- *Part 2: Vibration condition monitoring and diagnostics*
- *Part 3: Requirements for training bodies and the training process*
- *Part 4: Field lubricant analysis*
- *Part 5: Lubricant laboratory technician/analyst*
- *Part 6: Acoustic emission*
- *Part 7: Thermography*
- *Part 8: Ultrasound*

The following part is planned:

- *Part 9: Condition monitoring specialists*

## Introduction

Non-intrusive technologies used in condition monitoring and fault diagnosis include vibration, infrared thermography, oil and wear debris analysis, acoustic and ultrasonic analysis, and electric signature analysis.

Those in manufacturing industry who have diligently and consistently applied these techniques have experienced a return on investment far exceeding their expectations. However, the effectiveness of these programmes depends on the capabilities of individuals who perform the measurements and analyse the data.

A programme, specified in this part of ISO 18436, has been developed to train and assess the competence of personnel whose duties require the appropriate theoretical and practical knowledge and relevant experience in VA for machinery condition monitoring and diagnostics.

This part of ISO 18436 defines the requirements against which personnel associated with vibration measurement and analysis for machinery condition monitoring and diagnostics are to be assessed, and the methods of assessing such personnel. Applicants should be aware that employers and customers are likely to have the greatest confidence in those vibration analysts certified by accredited bodies. Alternately, applicants can choose to seek recognition from other party assessment bodies which may provide the next lower level of confidence. Lastly, applicants may rely upon their own self-assessment and declaration of competence but in doing so they should be aware that employers and customers are likely to have the least confidence in this option.



# Condition monitoring and diagnostics of machines — Requirements for qualification and assessment of personnel —

## Part 2: Vibration condition monitoring and diagnostics

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 18436 specifies requirements for the training, relevant experience, and examination of personnel performing condition monitoring and diagnostics of machines using vibration analysis (VA).

A certificate or declaration of conformity to the requirements of this part of ISO 18436 in accordance with ISO 18436-1, provides recognition and evidence that individuals are able to perform vibration measurements and analysis for machinery condition monitoring and diagnostics using a range of vibration measurement equipment.

This part of ISO 18436 specifies a four-category classification programme that is based on the technical areas delineated herein.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1925, *Mechanical vibration — Balancing — Vocabulary*

ISO 2041, *Mechanical vibration, shock and condition monitoring — Vocabulary*

ISO 13372, *Condition monitoring and diagnostics of machines — Vocabulary*

ISO 18436-1, *Condition monitoring and diagnostics of machines — Requirements for qualification and assessment of personnel — Part 1: Requirements for assessment bodies and the assessment process*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1925, ISO 2041, ISO 13372, and ISO 18436-1 apply.

### 4 Classification of personnel

#### 4.1 General

Depending upon their competence in VA, individuals meeting the requirements of this part of ISO 18436 shall be classified in one of four categories (4.2 to 4.5). They shall have demonstrated competence appropriate to their classification category as indicated in [Annex A](#), in the concepts of machine condition monitoring using VA.

The classification of individuals at all categories shall be subject to the scope and any limitations of the award issued by the assessing body. Authority to work shall be limited or specified by the employer or