
**Foil bearings — Performance testing
of foil journal bearings — Testing of
static load capacity, friction coefficient
and lifetime**

*Paliers-feuilles — Essais de performance des paliers radiaux à feuilles
non lubrifiés — Essais de la capacité de charge statique, du coefficient
de frottement et de la durée de vie*



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- The content of Scope has been changed to a clearer expression.
- [Table 1](#), [Table 2](#), all figures and all formulae have been reviewed.
- The wording of definitions has been reviewed for consistency with ISO rules.

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1 Scope

This document describes a method for comparing the performance test results of foil journal bearings, which are lubricated by air (gas) and supported by the gas-dynamic force generated via the rotations of the rotating shaft. The test procedure proposed in this document aims to predict and evaluate the static load capacity, friction coefficient and lifetime of foil journal bearings and compare the results of these parameters under different test conditions, i.e. at varying dimensions of foil bearing, rotational speed of a shaft, pressure and humidity of the surroundings. The magnitude of the static load capacity can change according to the test setting, as the test conditions can be changed.

The test method described in this document has the following application coverage.

- a) The criterion for evaluating the static load capacity is the steady-state condition; i.e. the method is applicable under limited operating conditions with uniform magnitude, load direction and rotational speed.
- b) The evaluation procedure can be applied only if the foil journal bearing is under a uniform rotating inertia at an arbitrary rotational speed.
- c) The dynamic load with time-variant magnitude and direction is not considered.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

take-off

stage aimed to secure the distance between the rotating shaft and the top foil by developing aerodynamic pressure between them

3.2

clearance

shortest distance between the rotating shaft and the top foil when the axis of the shaft coincides with the axis of the housing

3.3

bearing torque

torque developed by rotational friction between the rotating shaft and the top foil

Note 1 to entry: The measurement of the bearing torque is described in [6.4](#).