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# Cranes and related equipment — Accuracy requirements for measuring parameters during testing

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the principal requirements for instruments and measurement systems of test loads, distances, time and other relevant parameters when testing cranes and related equipment. It gives recommended limit values of relative errors in measurement during testing.

The basic relative error,  $\delta$ , shall be calculated using the following method and formulae:

for between two and five measurements:

$$\delta = 100 \left| \frac{x - \mu}{\mu} \right|$$

for over five measurements:

## 2 Principal requirements for instruments and measurement systems

**2.1** Instruments, measuring devices and measurement systems shall have calibration accuracy sufficient for the purposes of achieving the measurement accuracy which is required to evaluate basic relative errors as indicated in 3.1 and other relevant International Standards or product specifications.

**2.2** Instruments and measuring equipment shall be calibrated at recommended intervals or prior to taking measurements, as required for the particular device to be used.

## 3 Allowable basic relative error in measurement during testing

**3.1** Where no variation is expected in the measurements, only one measurement is sufficient and the relative error need not be determined.

**3.2** A basic relative error expressed as a percentage of the parameter's actual value shall be established as a measure of accuracy for measuring test loads, distances, time and other related parameters.

$$\delta'' = \frac{100}{\mu} \sqrt{\frac{N \left( \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 \right) - \left( \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \right)^2}{N(N-1)}}$$

where

$\mu$  is the arithmetic mean:

$$\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$$

$x$  is the extreme value;

$x_i$  is the value of the  $i$ th measurement;

$N$  is the number of measurements of the  $x_i$ ;

$\delta'$  and  $\delta''$  are the relative errors, in percent.

**3.3** Examples of recommended limit values of relative error during measurements of main parameters are given in table 1.

Table 1 — Examples of limit values of relative errors in the measurement of basic parameters

Parameter measured		Maximum values of relative error  %
1	Dimensions, in metres:	
	a) Overall basic dimensions if not determined by other specific International Standards or specifications for products	0,5
	b) Other dimensions, $d$ :	
	$d \leq 5$	2
$5 < d \leq 20$	1,5	
$d > 20$	1	
2	Mass (of crane parts, assemblies and components, of a test load, lifting capacity, etc.), in kilograms	1
3	Time, $t$ (of a cycle, operations, duration of testing, etc.), in seconds:	
	$t \leq 10$	4
	$10 < t \leq 60$	2
$t > 60$	1	
4	Temperature (of air, working fluid, oil, water, etc.), in degrees Celsius	2
5	Plane angle, $\alpha$ , if not determined by other specific International Standards or specifications for products, in radians:	
	$\alpha \leq 0,1$	5
	$0,1 < \alpha \leq 2 \pi$	2,5
	$\alpha > 2 \pi$	1,5
6	Speeds of working motions, in metres per second	5
7	Angular speed, in radians per second (or reciprocal minutes)	5
8	Force, $F$ (bearing ground pressure, loads on bridges and other components), in kilonewtons:	
	$F \leq 0,2$	2
	$0,2 < F \leq 100$	1,5
$F > 100$	1	
9	Voltage, $U$ , in volts:	
	$U \leq 40$	4
	$40 < U \leq 500$	3
$U > 500$	1	
10	Strength of current (for control and in power circuits), in amperes	2

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