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## Part 3-54: Examinations and measurements – Angular misalignment between ferrule bore axis and ferrule axis for cylindrical ferrules

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61300 describes the procedure to measure the angular misalignment between the ferrule bore axis and the outside diameter datum axis of a cylindrical ferrule.

### 2 Normative references

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ISO 1938-1, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) – Dimensional measuring equipment – Part 1: Plain limit gauges of linear size*

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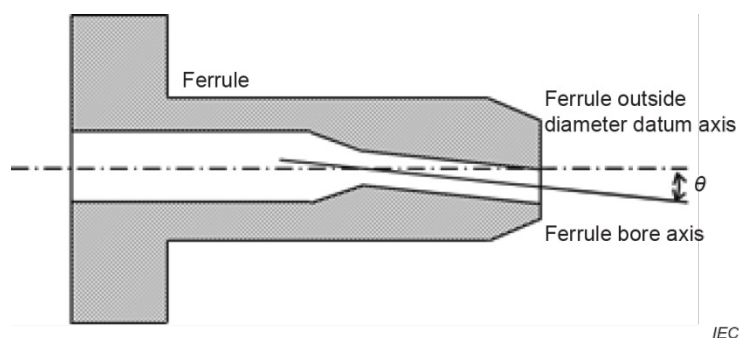
#### 3.1

##### angular misalignment

angle  $\theta$  between the ferrule outside diameter datum and the ferrule bore axis

Note 1 to entry: The angular misalignment is measured in degrees.

Note 2 to entry: See Figure 1.



**Figure 1 – Angular misalignment between ferrule bore axis and ferrule outside diameter datum axis**

**3.2 ferrule bore axis**

centre axis of the largest cylinder inscribed within the ferrule bore

**4 General description**

This procedure describes the measurement of the angular misalignment between the ferrule bore axis and the outside diameter datum axis of a cylindrical ferrule.

This procedure measures the angular misalignment  $\theta$  by measuring the tip image deviation of a pin gauge fitted into the ferrule bore as the ferrule is rotated around its axis.

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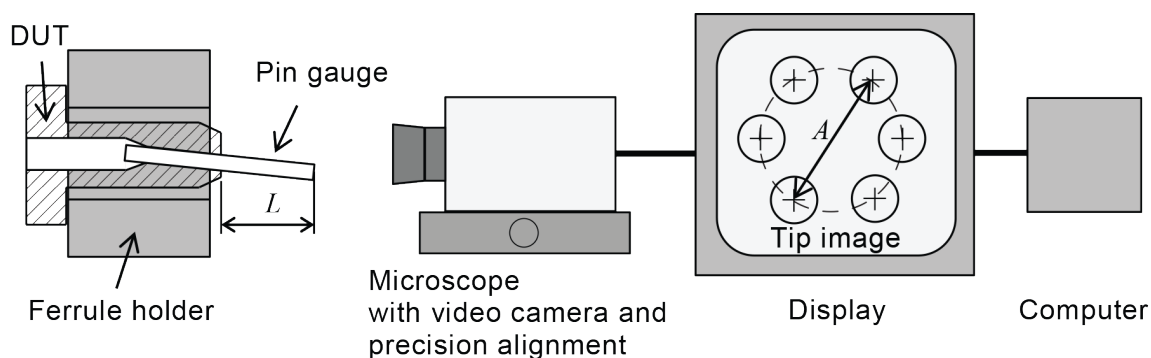
**5 Apparatus**

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**5.1 General**

The apparatus shown in Figure 2 consists of the items described in 5.2 to 5.7. Alternative apparatus may be used if it does not have a negative impact on the measurement uncertainty. The most significant terms in the uncertainty budget are described in Annex A.



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**Figure 2 – Example of test apparatus**

**5.2 Pin gauge**

The pin gauge outer diameter shall closely match the bore diameter of the ferrule under test. The pin gauge shall be in accordance with ISO 1938-1.



### 5.3 Ferrule holder

The ferrule holder shall have a precise V-groove or other outer diameter (OD) reference mechanism so that the ferrule is placed and rotated around its axis. ISO 2538-1 recommends an optimal angle of 108° for the V-groove.

### 5.4 Microscope with video camera

The microscope shall include a video camera so that the spatial location of the tip of the pin gauge can be measured when the ferrule is rotated in the ferrule holder about its outside diameter datum axis. The video camera and microscope optical axis shall be parallel to the axis of the V-groove or OD reference mechanism to within 0,01°. Recommended video image plane resolution is less than 0,3  $\mu\text{m}$  per pixel.

### 5.5 Precision alignment stage

The precision alignment stage shall have enough adjustment accuracy to measure the protrusion ( $L$  in Figure 2) of the pin gauge from the ferrule endface. Recommended adjustment accuracy is less than 0,01 mm.

### 5.6 Display

The display shall show the image from the video camera so that the spatial position of the pin gauge can be measured while the ferrule is rotated about its outside diameter datum axis.

### 5.7 Computer

The computer shall utilize image measurement software that can measure the centre of the pin gauge tip image and calculate a virtual circle by the least square method from multiple measurement points.

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## 6 Procedure

The procedure consists of the following steps.

- a) Insert the pin gauge into the bore of the ferrule under test so that the pin gauge protrudes from the ferrule endface. The pin gauge should engage a minimum of 3 mm of the ferrule bore region closest to the ferrule end face. The pin gauge should protrude from the end face by at least 5 mm ( $L$  in Figure 2).
- b) Place the ferrule into the ferrule holder.
- c) Measure the protrusion ( $L$  in Figure 2) of the pin gauge by successively focusing the optical system on the ferrule endface and pin gauge endface and noting the distance ( $L$ ) between the two planes of focus using the precision alignment stage.
- d) The ferrule shall be rotated in steps of 60° or less, until a complete rotation is made.
- e) Measure each tip image centre position using the computer imaging software as detailed in 5.7.  
To minimize thermal-induced drift, it is recommended all measurements should be made consecutively in a short amount of time (less than one minute).
- f) Use the computer and associated software to calculate the diameter ( $A$ ) of the virtual circle shown in Figure 2.
- g) The angular misalignment ( $\theta$ ) between the ferrule bore axis and the ferrule outside diameter datum axis is given by Formula (1):

$$\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{A}{2L}\right) \quad (1)$$

where

$L$  is the protrusion of the pin gauge;

$A$  is the maximum tip image deviation of the pin gauge.

## 7 Details to be specified

The following details, as applicable, shall be specified in the detail specification:

- a) specification and required accuracy of the apparatus;
- b) allowable angular misalignment;
- c) dimensions of the pin gauge used (length, outer diameter);
- d) ferrule bore diameter;
- e) protrusion of the pin gauge from the ferrule endface;
- f) magnification of the microscope;
- g) image plane resolution per pixel;
- h) accuracy of the precision alignment stage;
- i) deviation from the test procedure;
- j) measurement uncertainty of the procedure.

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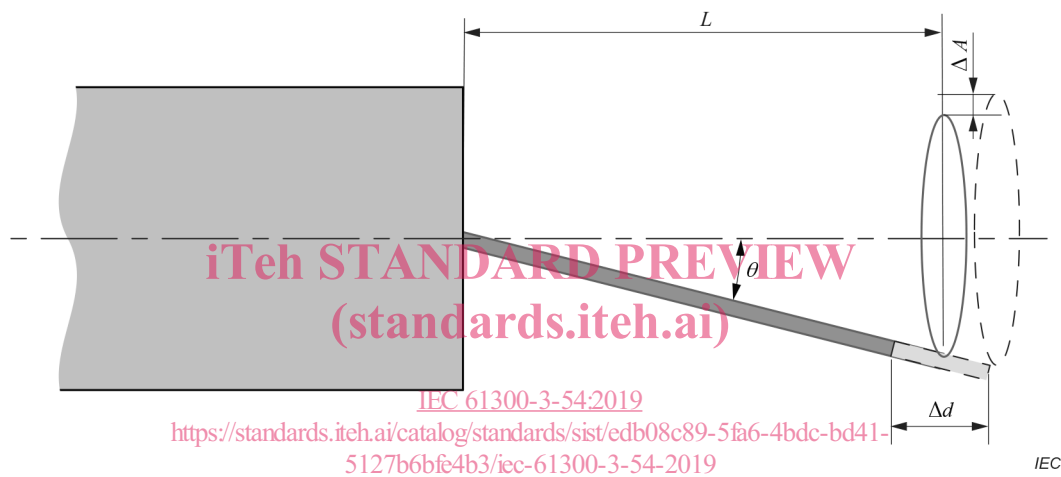
### Measurement uncertainty

#### A.1 General

The measurement uncertainty is considered to be mainly caused by the items described in Clauses A.2 to A.6.

#### A.2 Precision alignment stage accuracy

The error caused by the precision alignment stage accuracy is shown in Figure A.1.



#### Key

$L$  pin gauge protrusion

$\theta$  angle between the ferrule outside diameter datum axis and the ferrule bore axis

$\Delta d$  precision alignment stage accuracy

$\Delta A$  deviation of virtual circle image caused by precision alignment stage accuracy

**Figure A.1 – Diagram of error caused by the precision alignment stage accuracy**

The measurement error  $\Delta\theta$  associated with  $\Delta d$  can be calculated by Formulae (A.1) and (A.2).

$$\Delta\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{2\Delta A}{2L}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{\Delta A}{L}\right) \quad (\text{A.1})$$

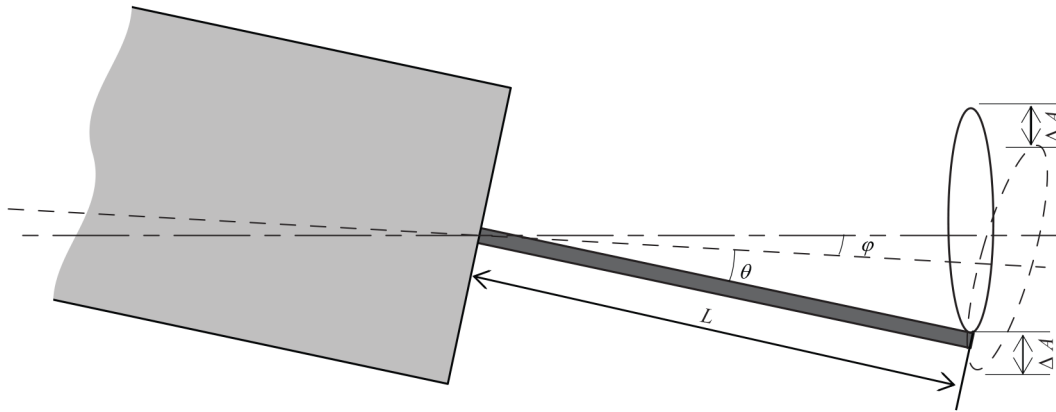
$$\Delta A = \sin\theta \times (L + \Delta d) - \sin\theta \times L = \sin\theta \times (\Delta d) \quad (\text{A.2})$$

The measurement error caused by the precision alignment accuracy is given by Formula (A.3):

$$\therefore \Delta\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{\sin\theta \times (\Delta d)}{L}\right) \quad (\text{A.3})$$

### A.3 Misalignment between ferrule holder axis and camera axis

The error caused by the misalignment between the ferrule holder axis and the camera axis is shown in Figure A.2.



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#### Key

$L$  pin gauge protrusion

$\theta$  angle between the ferrule outside diameter datum axis and the ferrule bore axis

$\varphi$  misalignment between the ferrule holder axis and the camera axis

$\Delta A$  deviation of virtual circle image by the misalignment between the ferrule holder axis and the camera axis

**Figure A.2 – Diagram of error caused by the misalignment between the ferrule holder axis and the camera axis**

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The measurement error  $\Delta\theta$  associated with  $\varphi$  can be calculated by Formulae (A.4) and (A.5).

$$\Delta\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{2\Delta A}{2L}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{\Delta A}{L}\right) \quad (\text{A.4})$$

$$\Delta A = \frac{A - A \times \cos\varphi}{2} = \frac{2L \times \sin\theta \times (1 - \cos\varphi)}{2} = L \times \sin\theta \times (1 - \cos\varphi) \quad (\text{A.5})$$

The measurement error caused by the misalignment between the ferrule holder axis and the camera axis is given by Formula (A.6):

$$\therefore \Delta\theta = \arctan\left[\frac{L \times \sin\theta \times (1 - \cos\varphi)}{L}\right] = \arctan[\sin\theta \times (1 - \cos\varphi)] \quad (\text{A.6})$$

### A.4 Image plane resolution per pixel

The diagram of maximum error caused by the image plane resolution per pixel is shown in Figure A.3.