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Draft International Standards adopted by the technical committees are circulated to the member bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the member bodies casting a vote.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this part of ISO 7148 may be the subject of patent rights. ISO shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

International Standard ISO 7148-1 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 123, *Plain bearings*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Materials and lubricants, their properties, characteristics, test methods and testing conditions*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 7148-1:1985) which has been technically revised.

ISO 7148 consists of the following parts under the general title *Plain bearings — Testing of the tribological behaviour of bearing materials*:

— *Part 1: Testing of bearing metals*

— *Part 2: Testing of polymer-based bearing materials*

Annex A of this part of ISO 7148 is for information only.

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# Plain bearings — Testing of the tribological behaviour of bearing materials —

## Part 1: Testing of bearing metals

### 1 Scope

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This part of ISO 7148 specifies tribological tests of metallic bearing materials for plain bearings under conditions of boundary lubrication.

The test procedures, described in this part of ISO 7148 enable the friction and wear behaviour of bearing material/mating/lubricant combinations to be compared with that of other combinations, thus facilitating the selection of a bearing material for running repeatedly or for long periods under conditions of boundary lubrication, low speed and continuous sliding. Owing to differences in test conditions, measured friction and wear values can be expected to vary from one test facility to another.

The test results give useful information for practical application only if all parameters of influence are identical. The more the test conditions deviate from the actual application the greater will be the uncertainty of the applicability of the results.

### 2 Normative reference

The following normative document contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 7148. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 7148 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the normative document indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 4385, *Plain bearings — Compression testing of metallic bearing materials.*

### 3 Symbols and units

See Table 1.

Table 1 — Symbols and units

Symbol	Term	Unit
A, B	Test method	–
$a$	Sliding distance	km
$A_5$	Elongation at fracture	%
$f$	Coefficient of friction; ratio between friction force and normal force, i.e.: $f = \frac{F_f}{F_n}$	–
$F_f$	Friction force	N
$F_n$	Normal force	N
$K_A$	Overlap ratio (area of contact divided by area of wear track)	–
$K_w$	Coefficient of wear, volumetric wear rate related to the normal force, i.e.: $K_w = \frac{V_w}{F_n \times a} = \frac{w_v}{F_n}$	mm <sup>3</sup> /(N·km)
$l_w$	Linear wear as measured by change in distance	mm
me	Metallic bearing material	–
$m_w$	Mass of material removed by wear	g
$Ra$	Surface roughness	µm
$R_{d0,2}$	Compression limit 0,2 %	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$R_m$	Tensile strength	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$R_{p0,2}$	0,2 % Proof stress	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$T$	Specimen's temperature near the sliding surface during testing under steady-state conditions	°C
$T_{amb}$	Ambient temperature	°C
$T_L$	Lubricant temperature	°C
$t_{Ch}$	Test duration	h
$U$	Sliding velocity	m/s
$V_w$	Material removed by wear as measured by change in volume	mm <sup>3</sup>
$w_l$	Linear wear rate, i.e.: $w_l = \frac{l_w}{a}$	mm/km
$w_v$	Volumetric wear rate, i.e.: $w_v = \frac{V_w}{a}$	mm <sup>3</sup> /km
$\eta$	Lubricant viscosity	mPa·s



## 4 Special features for the tribological testing of metallic bearing materials

Plain bearings made of metallic materials usually require lubrication (e.g. oil or grease) to ensure a low rate of friction and wear.

If possible, lubricated plain bearings should be designed to run under hydrodynamic conditions, where the sliding surfaces of the journal and the plain bearing are always fully separated by a film of lubricant. Under such conditions friction depends on the rheological properties of the lubricant and wear normally does not occur.

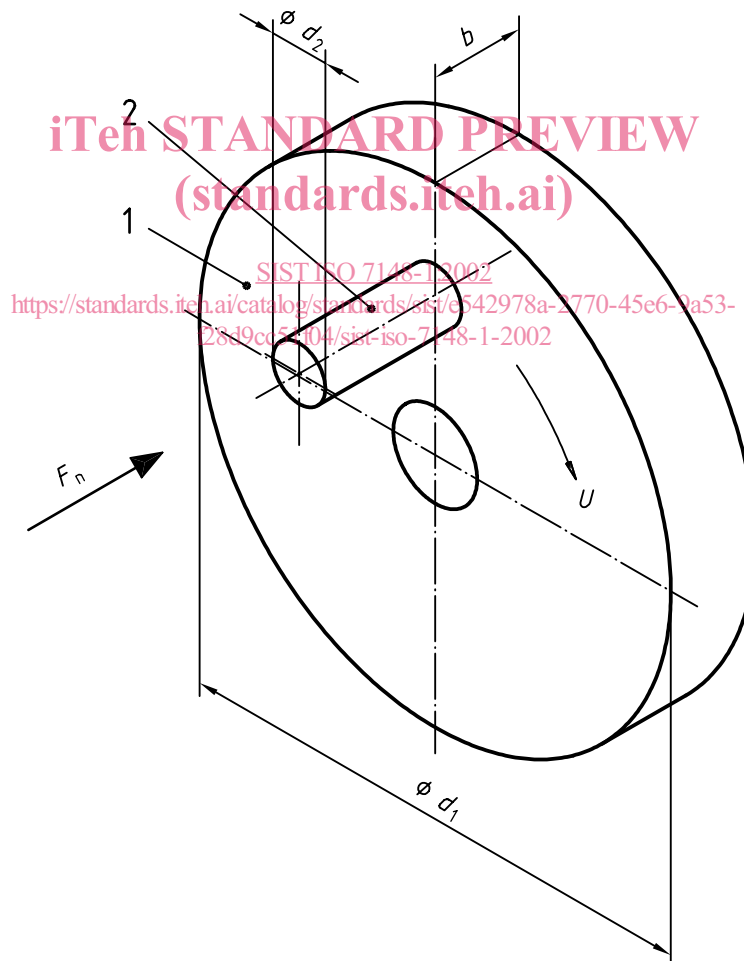
If hydrodynamic operation cannot be ensured, boundary lubrication prevails and wear of the bearing and mating material is likely. This may be during the starting or running down phase of a hydrodynamic plain bearing or when high loads, low sliding velocities, poor lubrication or oscillating movements prevent hydrodynamic action.

## 5 Test methods

Figures 1 and 2 show schematic drawings of the two possible specimen assemblies.

### 5.1 Test method A: pin-on-disc

See Figure 1.



#### Key

- 1 Disc or ring
- 2 Pin or block

Figure 1 — Test method pin-on-disc