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Foreword

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ISO 4378-5 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 123, *Plain bearings*, Subcommittee SC 6, *Terms and common items*.

This first edition cancels and replaces ISO 4378-4:1997 as well as ISO 7904-2:1995, which have been technically revised.

ISO 4378 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plain bearings — Terms, definitions, classification and symbols*:

- *Part 1: Design, bearing materials and their properties*
- *Part 2: Friction and wear*
- *Part 3: Lubrication*
- *Part 4: Basic symbols*
- *Part 5: Application of symbols*

Introduction

As there is a large number of multiple designations in the domain of plain bearings, there is a considerable risk of error in the interpretation of standards and technical literature. This uncertainty leads to the continuous addition of supplementary designations, which only serves to increase the misunderstanding.

This part of ISO 4378 specifies practical applications of the general symbols used in the field of plain bearings.

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Part 5: Application of symbols

1 Scope

This part of ISO 4378 specifies practical applications of the general symbols defined in ISO 4378-4, with regard to the calculations, design and testing of plain bearings.

ISO 4378-4 distinguishes between basic characters and additional signs. Additional signs are subscripts and superscripts. The symbols necessary for plain bearing calculations, design, manufacture and testing are just basic characters or combinations of basic characters and additional signs.

This part of ISO 4378 lists symbols which have been found necessary for the calculations, design and testing of plain bearings. They have been defined in accordance with the recommendations given in ISO 4378-4.

Angles and directions of rotation are defined positively as rotating in a left-hand (anticlockwise) direction; the same applies to rotational frequencies, and circumferential and angular velocities.

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2 Normative references

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

ISO 4378-4, *Plain bearings — Terms, definitions, classification and symbols — Part 4: Basic symbols*

3 Symbols and terms

The following listings are not necessarily complete. They may be enlarged, if necessary.

NOTE Some letters of the Roman and Greek alphabet have not yet been used. Therefore, these letters are not listed below.

3.1 Symbols of the Roman alphabet

A	heat-emitting surface area (bearing housing), elongation at fracture
A^*	heat-emitting surface area parameter [thrust bearing, $A^* = A/(B \times L \times Z_{ax})$]
A_B	area of segment or pad
A_G	area of groove cross-section
A_i	heat-emitting surface area (bearing housing) inside of the machine (flange bearing)

A_{lan}	land area
A_{lan}^*	relative land area ($A_{lan}^* = A_{lan}/(\pi \times D \times B)$ for hydrostatic journal bearings)
A_o	heat-emitting surface area (bearing housing) outside of the machine (flange bearing)
A_p	area of lubricant pocket
A_s	area of cross-section
\bar{A}_T	specific area of tube
$A_{T,i}$	area of tube cross-section flowed through
a	distance, acceleration, thermal diffusivity, inertia factor
a_F	distance between leading edge and pivot position of pad (tilting-pad bearing)
a_F^*	relative distance between leading edge and pivot position of pad (tilting-pad bearing)
a_{min}	minimum distance between two circular thrust pads
a_T	distance between temperature measuring point and bearing sliding surface
B	width parallel to the sliding surface, normal to the direction of motion; bearing width, nominal bearing width, pad width, nominal pad width
B^*	relative width, relative bearing width, relative pad width, width ratio ($B^* = B/D$)
B_{ax}	width of thrust bearing or thrust pad [$B_{ax} = (D_o - D_i)/2$]
B_{eff}	effective bearing width (without grooves, chamfers, etc.), effective pad width
B_H	outer width of bearing housing in axial direction
B_{tot}	total bearing width
b	width parallel to the sliding surface, normal to the direction of motion or flow
b_c	width of circumferential discharge (hydrostatic bearing, $b_c = B - b_{lan}$)
b_G	width of lubricant groove, width of lubricant supply groove, width of bleed groove
b_{lan}	land width parallel to the sliding surface, normal to the direction of flow
b_p	width of lubricant pocket, width of lubricant supply pocket
b_p^*	relative width of lubricant pocket, relative width of lubricant supply pocket
C	bearing clearance, nominal bearing clearance, chamfer, concentration
C_{ax}	axial bearing clearance (thrust bearing)
$C_{ax,m}$	mean value of C_{ax} [$C_{ax,m} = (C_{ax,min} + C_{ax,max})/2$]
$C_{ax,max}$	maximum value of C_{ax}
$C_{ax,min}$	minimum value of C_{ax}
C_D	bearing clearance, bearing diametral clearance (difference between bearing bore and journal diameter of a journal bearing, $C_D = D - D_j$)
$C_{D,m}$	mean value of C_D [$C_{D,m} = (C_{D,min} + C_{D,max})/2$]

$C_{D,eff}$	effective bearing diametral clearance
$C_{D,max}$	maximum value of C_D
$C_{D,min}$	minimum value of C_D
C_G	circumference of groove cross-section
C_R	bearing radial clearance (difference between bearing bore and journal radius of a journal bearing, $C_R = R - R_J$)
$\Delta C_{R,el}$	elastic change of C_R
$C_{R,eff}$	effective bearing radial clearance
$C_{R,m}$	mean value of C_R [$C_{R,m} = (C_{R,min} + C_{R,max})/2$]
$C_{R,max}$	maximum value of C_R
$C_{R,min}$	minimum value of C_R
$\Delta C_{R,th}$	thermal change of C_R
$\Delta C_{R,tot}$	total change of C_R ($\Delta C_{R,tot} = \Delta C_{R,el} + \Delta C_{R,th}$)
c	specific heat capacity, lubricant specific heat capacity, stiffness
c_{ax}	axial bearing stiffness
$c_{ax,i}$	axial stiffness of the bearing when load is directed into the machine (flange bearing)
$c_{ax,o}$	axial stiffness of the bearing when load is directed out of the machine (flange bearing)
c_{dw}	vertical stiffness of the bearing loaded downwards
c_F	stiffness of pad pivot support in direction of load (tilting-pad bearing)
c_h	horizontal bearing stiffness
c_{ik}	lubricant film stiffness coefficient of journal bearing ($i, k = 1, 2$)
c_{ik}^*	non-dimensional lubricant film stiffness coefficient of journal bearing
	$c_{ik}^* = \frac{\psi^3}{2 \times B \times \eta \times \omega} \times c_{ik}(i, k) = (1, 2)$
$c_{ik,i}$	inner lubricant film stiffness coefficient of journal bearing ($i, k = 1, 2$)
$c_{ik,o}$	outer lubricant film stiffness coefficient of journal bearing ($i, k = 1, 2$)
c_{JR}	flexural stiffness of the Jeffcott Rotor
c_p	specific heat capacity of the lubricant (at constant pressure)
$c_{p,cl}$	specific heat capacity of the coolant (at constant pressure)
c_{sh}	flexural stiffness of shaft
c_{sup}	stiffness of isotropic bearing or bearing shell support
$c_{sup,ik}$	stiffness coefficient of anisotropic bearing or bearing shell support ($i, k = 1, 2$)
c_{up}	vertical stiffness of the bearing loaded upwards

c_v	vertical bearing stiffness
c_θ	angular stiffness of pad pivot support (tilting-pad bearing)
D	bearing diameter (inside diameter of journal bearing), nominal bearing diameter
D_B	twice the lobe or pad bore radius of a multi-lobed or tilting-pad journal bearing
$D_{B,m}$	mean value of D_B [$D_{B,m} = (D_{B,min} + D_{B,max})/2$]
$D_{B,max}$	maximum value of D_B
$D_{B,min}$	minimum value of D_B
$D_{B,o}$	outside diameter of bearing shell or pad of a fixed-pad or tilting-pad journal bearing
D_{fi}	(outside) diameter of lubricating ring fixed to the shaft
$D_{H,i}$	inside diameter of bearing housing
$D_{H,o}$	outside diameter of bearing housing
D_i	inside diameter of thrust bearing sliding surface
D_J	journal diameter (diameter of the shaft section located inside of a journal bearing)
$D_{J,m}$	mean value of D_J [$D_{J,m} = (D_{J,min} + D_{J,max})/2$]
$D_{J,max}$	maximum value of D_J
$D_{J,min}$	minimum value of D_J
D_{lo}	(outside) diameter of loose lubricating ring
D_m	mean diameter of thrust bearing sliding surface [$D_m = (D_i + D_o)/2$]
D_{max}	maximum value of D
D_{min}	minimum value of D
D_o	outside diameter of thrust bearing sliding surface
$D_{T,i}$	inside diameter of tube
$D_{T,o}$	outside diameter of tube
d	diameter, distance, depth, damping
d_B	diameter of circular thrust pad
d_{cp}	diameter of capillary
d_e	damping of eigenfrequency, system damping
d_F	damping of pad pivot support in direction of load (tilting-pad bearing)
d_G	diameter of groove
$d_{G,m}$	mean diameter of groove
d_{ijk}	lubricant film damping coefficient of journal bearing ($i, k = 1, 2$)

d_{ik}^*	non-dimensional lubricant film damping coefficient of journal bearing
$\left[d_{ik}^* = \frac{\psi^3}{2 \times B \times \eta \times \omega} \times \omega \times d_{ik} \quad (i, k = 1, 2) \right]$	
d_L	lubrication hole diameter
$d_{\text{orf},i}$	inside diameter of orifice
$d_{\text{orf},o}$	outside diameter of orifice
d_P	diameter of lubricating pocket
d_{sup}	damping of isotropic bearing or bearing shell support
$d_{\text{sup},ik}$	damping coefficient of anisotropic bearing or bearing shell support ($i, k = 1, 2$)
d_θ	angular damping of pad pivot support (tilting-pad bearing)
E	Young's modulus (modulus of elasticity)
E_B	Young's modulus of bearing material
E_J	Young's modulus of journal material
E_{res}	resultant Young's modulus
E_{sh}	Young's modulus of shaft material
e	eccentricity (distance between journal and bearing axis)
e_B	eccentricity of bearing sliding surfaces (segments or pads) of a multi-lobed or tilting-pad journal bearing
$e_{B,h}$	eccentricity of bearing sliding surfaces (segments) of a multi-lobed journal bearing in the horizontal direction
$e_{B,v}$	eccentricity of bearing sliding surfaces (segments) of a multi-lobed journal bearing in the vertical direction
e_{CG}	eccentricity of centre of gravity (distance between centre of gravity and shaft axis)
e_x	component of eccentricity normal to direction of load
e_y	component of eccentricity in direction of load
F	bearing force, bearing load, nominal bearing load, load-carrying capacity
F^*	bearing force parameter
ΔF	additional dynamic force
ΔF^*	additional dynamic force parameter ($\Delta F^* = \frac{\Delta F \times \psi^2}{B \times D \times \eta \times \omega}$ for journal bearings)
F_{ax}	axial bearing force, axial bearing load, thrust bearing load (nominal load)
$F_{\text{ax},\text{lim}}$	maximum admissible thrust bearing load
$F_{\text{ax},\text{lim},i}$	maximum admissible thrust bearing load directed into the machine (flange bearing)
$F_{\text{ax},\text{lim},o}$	maximum admissible thrust bearing load directed out of the machine (flange bearing)