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Foreword

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Belt drives — V-ribbed belts, joined V-belts and V-belts including wide section belts and hexagonal belts — Electrical conductivity of antistatic belts: Characteristics and methods of test

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the maximum electrical resistance of antistatic endless V-ribbed belts, joined V-belts, and single V-belts including wide section belts and hexagonal belts, as well as corresponding production control and individual proof methods of measurements.

The application of this International Standard is limited to new belts intended to be used in an explosive atmosphere or in situations where there is a fire risk. The test is intended to ensure that the belt is sufficiently conductive to dissipate charges of electricity which can form on it in service.

In case of a production control test, the decision is left to national standards or agreement between interested parties as to whether the test shall be carried out on each belt in a batch or on only a percentage of belts in a batch.

NOTE For each proof test, it is intended that the belt manufacturer determine which type of electrode and conductive coating material can be used.

2 Normative references

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

ISO 1604, *Belt drives — Endless wide V-belts for industrial speed-changers and groove profiles for corresponding pulleys*

ISO 2790, *Belt drives — V-belts for the automotive industry and corresponding pulleys — Dimensions*

ISO 3410, *Agricultural machinery — Endless variable-speed V-belts and groove sections of corresponding pulleys*

ISO 4183, *Belt drives — Classical and narrow V-belts — Grooved pulleys (system based on datum width)*

ISO 4184, *Belt drives — Classical and narrow V-belts — Lengths in datum system*

ISO 5289, *Agricultural machinery — Endless hexagonal belts and groove sections of corresponding pulleys*

ISO 5290, *Belt drives — Grooved pulleys for joined narrow V-belts — Groove sections 9N/J, 15N/J and 25N/J (effective system)*

ISO 5291, *Belt drives — Grooved pulleys for joined classical V-belts — Groove sections AJ, BJ, CJ and DJ (effective system)*

ISO 9981, *Belt drives — Pulleys and V-ribbed belts for the automotive industry — PK profile: Dimensions*

ISO 9982, *Belt drives — Pulleys and V-ribbed belts for industrial applications — PH, PJ, PK, PL and PM profiles: dimensions*

ISO 23529, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*

3 Electrical conductivity characteristics

The electrical conductivity of an individual belt, when tested by the production control test method (factory test) in accordance with Clause 7, shall have an electrical resistance not greater than that given by the appropriate limit value specified in Table 1, 2, or 3.

The electrical conductivity of an individual belt, when proof-tested in accordance with Clause 8, shall have an electrical resistance not greater than that given by Formula (1).

4 Principle

The electrical resistance along a fixed length of belt is measured by an insulation tester under specified conditions. The belt(s) is (are) accepted as suitable for antistatic duties if the electrical conductivity is sufficiently high that a specified level of electrical resistance is not exceeded.

5 Test apparatus and material

5.1 Insulation tester, with a nominal open-circuit voltage of 500 V d.c. capable of applying a voltage of not less than 40 V with a power of not more than 3 W in the belt section under test and capable of measuring the electrical resistance with an accuracy of ±5 %.

The voltage shall be applied no longer than is necessary to carry out the test, in order to reduce the risk of overheating the test piece.

For values of resistance above 10^6 Ω, an instrument with a nominal open-circuit voltage of 1 000 V may be used.

5.2 Metal electrodes

5.2.1 Two metal electrodes, of low electrical resistance, preferably brass, having contact surfaces of minimum width of 25 mm, arranged in a nominal distance of 100 mm apart on an electrically insulated base (see Figure 1).

5.2.2 Electrodes for testing single V-belts (driving surfaces). The dimensions of the V-groove of the fixed electrodes shall be as specified for the pulley groove profile associated with the belt. The groove angle shall be specified by the manufacturer according to the design and type of belt being tested (see Figure 3).

In order to maintain continuity with previous editions of this International Standard, the movable electrodes applicable to classical and narrow V-belts are retained as alternatives to the fixed electrodes. These electrodes have contact surfaces which are free to rotate around an axis parallel to the drive side surfaces of the belt (see Figures 5 and 6 and Table A.1).

These types of electrodes are not applicable to V-ribbed belts or joined V-belts.

5.2.3 Electrodes for testing V-ribbed belts (driving surfaces).

5.2.3.1 Electrodes for testing the flank of the belt of V-ribbed belts (driving surfaces). The dimensions of the grooved electrode shall be as specified for the pulley groove profile associated with the belt (see Figure 4).

For V-ribbed belts with more than four ribs, it is necessary to move the belt so that the entire number of ribs are tested. If the material permits to test a higher number of ribs, it is not useful to move the belt.

NOTE The angle, α, is the same for the belt and the pulley.

5.2.3.2 Electrodes for testing the back of the belt of V-ribbed belts (driving surfaces). For the measurement on the back of the belt, the length, *l*, shall be considered equal to the pitch, *P*, multiplied by the number of ribs, in accordance with ISO 9981 or ISO 9982, as applicable.

EXAMPLE PK with six ribs

$l = 3{,}56 \times 6 = 21{,}36$ mm

5.2.4 Electrodes for testing joined V-belts (driving surfaces). When testing the joined V-belt as a whole, the dimensions of the grooved electrodes shall be as specified for the pulley groove profile associated with the belt. The groove angle shall be specified by the manufacturer according to the design and type of belt being tested (see Figure 4).

When testing the individual belts comprising the joined V-belt, the electrodes shall consist of two V-grooves. The groove angle shall be specified by the manufacturer according to the design and type of belt being tested.

For joined V-belts with more than two strands, it is necessary to move the belt so that the entire belt is tested.

5.3 Belt loading, used as a means of applying a force of 1 N per millimetre nominal width of the belt to ensure adequate contact between the electrode and the belt shall be provided (see Figure 1). The force may be applied indirectly by a lever arm (see Figure 2 for typical apparatus).

For joined V-belts inserted in an electrode arrangement, as shown in Figure 4, the specified test force shall be applied on each single belt. The groove spacing is considered to be the belt top width.

For V-ribbed belts, the nominal width is equal to the pitch, *P*, multiplied by the number of ribs.

EXAMPLE PK with 6 ribs

Width = 3,56 × 6 = 21,36 mm

The load will be 21,36 N

6 Test piece

The test piece is a complete endless V-ribbed belt, joined V-belt, or single V-belt.

7 Production control test method (factory method)

7.1 Conditioning and test conditions

The test shall be carried out at ambient temperature between 15 °C and 30 °C with the product allowed to cool to within this temperature range before testing.

7.2 Test procedure

Straighten the belt between the electrodes. To ensure adequate electrical contact between the belt and the electrode, apply the force as given in 5.3.

Avoid breathing on the test surfaces as any condensation of moisture can falsify the result.

Measure the resistance in ohms, 5 s ± 1 s after applying the voltage.

7.3 Number of tests

For belts up to 2 000 mm in length, test as follows:

— test single V-belts at two points along the length of the belt;

— test hexagonal belts on both sets of driving surfaces at two points each along the length of the belt;

— for joined V-belts, when testing the belt as a whole, test at two points along the length of the belt; when testing each strand of belt within the joined V-belt, test each belt at two points along the length of the belt (see Note 1 to Table 3);

— for V-ribbed belts, for standard widths up to and including 20 ribs, test each belt at two points along the length of the belt (see Note 1 to Table 2).

For longer belts, increase the number of test points by one for each increase in length of 1 000 mm or part thereof.

7.4 Belt electrical resistance criteria

None of the individual values obtained in 7.3 shall be greater than the values specified in Tables 1, 2, and 3.

For marking belts, the electrical conductivity of belts shall fulfil the values given in Tables 1, 2, and 3.

8 Proof test method for individual belts (laboratory method)

8.1 Conditioning and test conditions

The following treatments and the test shall be carried out in a standard atmosphere 23/50 in accordance with ISO 23529 at a temperature of (23 ± 2) °C and (50 ± 5) % relative humidity.

8.2 Electrical conductive coating

To ensure minimum electrical resistance between the test metal electrodes and the test belt surfaces, a conductive coating shall be provided comprising either

a) a conductive silver lacquer or colloidal graphite, which shall be of the type that dries at room temperature and the surface resistivity of the dried film shall be below 10 Ω·m, or

b) a conductive liquid consisting of

— 800 parts of anhydrous polyethylene glycol of molecular mass 600,

— 200 parts of water,

— 1 part of wetting agent, and

— 10 parts of potassium chloride.

In the latter case, the electrode contact areas shall be completely wetted and remain so until the end of the test.

8.3 Preparation

The belt shall be maintained in an unstrained state, for a period not less than 2 h in a standard atmosphere 23/50, in accordance with ISO 23529.

Immediately following this conditioning, clean the belt surfaces that are to be placed against the test electrodes by rubbing with dry Fuller's earth using a clean cloth.

After cleaning away all traces of the powder, wipe the surface with a cloth moistened with distilled water and rub dry with a clean dry cloth, while avoiding straining the test piece. Then, immediately apply the conductive coating material (see 8.2) on each of the belt/electrode contact areas for a length of 25 mm along the belt; these two zones shall be separated by a dry distance of 100 mm ± 6 mm.

8.4 Test procedure

The test shall be carried out in a place having a standard atmosphere 23/50, in accordance with ISO 23529.

Clean the electrodes. With the belt being in an unstrained state, apply the electrodes on the coated contact areas so only these surfaces of the belt are in contact.

The belt being tested shall not be deformed (flexed). To ensure adequate electrical contact between the belt and electrode, apply the force as detailed in 5.3.

Avoid breathing on the test surface as any condensation of moisture can falsify the result.

Measure the resistance in ohms, 5 s ± 1 s after applying the voltage. The voltage applied shall not be less than 40 V.

Measure the distance, L, between the contact areas of the belt and the sum, l, of the contact lengths of the face or faces of the belt.

8.5 Number of tests

Make at least five tests, spaced at regular intervals along the complete length of the belt.

NOTE If the belt is too short to carry out this minimum of five tests, the number of tests can be reduced accordingly.

8.6 Belt electrical resistance criteria

The specified maximum value belt electrical resistance, R, expressed in ohms, in Tables 1, 2, and 3, is derived from Formula (1):

$$R \leq 6 \times 10^5 \frac{L}{l} \tag{1}$$

where

L is the dry distance between the electrodes;

l is the total length of contact across the width of the belt with the electrode.

For example:

a) narrow V-belt: sum of two equal flank lengths of the belt section;

b) V-ribbed belts:

1) on ribs: sum of the measured flank contact lengths per rib multiplied by the number of ribs;

2) on back: pitch, P, multiplied by the number of ribs;

c) back of a joined V-belt: width of electrode or width of belt, whichever is the lesser;

d) joined V-belts: sum of two equal flank lengths of the belt section multiplied by the number of belts.

None of the individual values obtained in 8.5 shall be greater than the specified value.