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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 15312:2003), of which it constitutes a minor revision with the following changes:

- a) the term “coefficients” has been deleted from the title;
- b) the normative references have been updated and modified;
- c) [Formula \(11\)](#) has been corrected;
- d) Clause 7 has been moved to a new informative [Annex B](#);
- e) content from [Annex B](#) has been moved to a new informative [Annex C](#).

Rolling bearings — Thermal speed rating — Calculation

1 Scope

This document defines the thermal speed rating for oil bath lubricated rolling bearings and defines calculation principles for the determination of this parameter. The parameter determined in accordance with this document applies to rolling bearings of the given series and sizes of standard design or of a design that, from a frictional point of view, can be related to a standard design bearing.

In most cases of standard assembly, the permissible temperature determines the maximum operating speed. Heating of the assembly is then generated by the bearing.

Thrust ball bearings are excluded from this document as kinematic effects do not allow the thermal speed rating defined in this document to be applied.

NOTE 1 In [Annex A](#) mean values for the coefficients f_{0r} and f_{1r} are given — f_{0r} for calculating viscous losses of oil bath lubricated bearings and f_{1r} for calculating frictional losses of bearings.

NOTE 2 Explanatory notes on the limiting criterion are given in [Annex B](#).

NOTE 3 In [Annex C](#) the reference conditions for grease lubrication are defined. The reference conditions are chosen such that the thermal speed rating for grease lubrication is identical to that for oil bath lubrication.

2 Normative references (standards.iteh.ai)

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 76, *Rolling bearings — Static load ratings*

ISO 1132-1, *Rolling bearings — Tolerances — Part 1: Terms and definitions*

ISO 5593, *Rolling bearings — Vocabulary*

ISO 5753-1, *Rolling bearings — Internal clearance — Part 1: Radial internal clearance for radial bearings*

ISO 15241, *Rolling bearings — Symbols for physical quantities*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1132-1 and ISO 5593, and the following, apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 thermal speed rating

inner ring or shaft washer rotational speed at which equilibrium is reached between the heat generated by the friction in the bearing and the heat flow emitted through the bearing seating (shaft and housing) under the reference conditions

Note 1 to entry: The thermal speed rating is one among various criteria which permit comparison of the different rolling bearing types and sizes with regard to their suitability for operation at high speed.

Note 2 to entry: Mechanical and kinematic criteria which could lead to further speed limitations are not taken into account by the thermal speed rating.

3.2 reference conditions

conditions for the thermal speed rating related to

- a) the mean temperature of the stationary outer ring or housing washer of the bearing, i.e. the reference temperature, and the mean environmental temperature, i.e. the reference ambient temperature;
- b) the factors determining the friction losses in the bearing, such as:
 - the magnitude and direction of the bearing load;
 - the method of lubrication, type of lubricant, its kinematic viscosity and quantity;
 - other general reference conditions;
- c) the heat flow emitted from the rolling bearing defined as the product of the “heat emitting reference surface area of the rolling bearing” and the “reference heat flow density specific to the rolling bearing”.

Note 1 to entry: The heat emission under the reference conditions is based on empirical values and represents the heat emission of the real bearing arrangement. It is, however, independent of the real design of the bearing arrangement.

3.3 heat emitting reference surface area

sum of the contact areas, between inner ring (shaft washer) and shaft and between outer ring (housing washer) and housing, through which the heat flow is emitted

3.4 reference load

bearing load, determined by the reference conditions, which causes the load-dependent frictional moment

3.5 reference heat flow

heat flow, emitted by thermal conduction through the heat emitting reference surface, and caused by frictional resistance, when the bearing is operating under the reference conditions

3.6 reference heat flow density

reference heat flow divided by the heat emitting reference surface area

3.7 reference ambient temperature

mean environmental temperature of the bearing arrangement under the reference conditions

3.8 reference temperature

mean temperature of the stationary outer ring or housing washer of the bearing under the reference conditions

4 Symbols and units

For the purposes of this document, the symbols given in ISO 15241 and the following apply.

Table 1 — Symbols and units

Symbol	Term	Unit
A_r	Heat emitting reference surface area	mm ²
B	Width of rolling bearing	mm
C_{0a}	Basic static axial load rating in accordance with ISO 76	N
C_{0r}	Basic static radial load rating in accordance with ISO 76	N
D	Bearing outside diameter	mm
D_1	Inside diameter of the outer ring of thrust spherical roller bearing	mm
d	Bearing bore diameter	mm
d_m	Mean diameter of rolling bearing $d_m = 0,5 \times (D + d)$	mm
d_1	Outside diameter of the inner ring of thrust spherical roller bearing	mm
f_{0r}	Coefficient for the load-independent frictional moment for the reference conditions	1
f_{1r}	Coefficient for the load-dependent frictional moment for the reference conditions	1
M_0	Load-independent frictional moment	N·mm
M_{0r}	Load-independent frictional moment under the reference conditions at the thermal speed rating, $n_{\theta r}$	N·mm
M_1	Load-dependent frictional moment	N·mm
M_{1r}	Load-dependent frictional moment under the reference conditions at the thermal speed rating, $n_{\theta r}$	N·mm
N_r	Bearing power loss under the reference conditions at the thermal speed rating, $n_{\theta r}$	W
$n_{\theta r}$	Thermal speed rating	min ⁻¹
P_{1r}	Reference load	N
q_r	Reference heat flow density	W/mm ²
T	Total width of tapered roller bearing	mm
ν_r	Kinematic viscosity of the lubricant under the reference conditions (at the reference temperature, θ_r , of the rolling bearing)	mm ² /s
α	Contact angle	°
θ_{Ar}	Reference ambient temperature	°C
θ_r	Reference temperature	°C
Φ_r	Reference heat flow	W

5 Reference conditions

5.1 General

The reference conditions in this document are mainly based on the operating conditions of the most frequently used bearing types and sizes.

5.2 Reference conditions determining the frictional heat generation

5.2.1 Reference temperatures

Reference temperature of the bearing on the stationary outer ring or housing washer: $\theta_r = 70$ °C.

Reference temperature of the bearing environment: $\theta_{Ar} = 20$ °C.

5.2.2 Reference load

5.2.2.1 Radial bearings with contact angle $0^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 45^\circ$

5 % of the basic static radial load rating C_{0r} as pure radial load.

In the case of a single-row angular contact bearing, the reference load refers to the radial component of that load which causes a purely radial displacement of the bearing rings in relation to each other.

$$P_{1r} = 0,05 \times C_{0r}$$

5.2.2.2 Thrust roller bearings with contact angle $45^\circ < \alpha \leq 90^\circ$

2 % of the basic static axial load rating C_{0a} as centrically acting axial load.

$$P_{1r} = 0,02 \times C_{0a}$$

5.2.3 Lubrication

5.2.3.1 Lubricant

A mineral oil without EP additives having the following kinematic viscosity, ν_r , at $\theta_r = 70^\circ\text{C}$:

- a) Radial bearings $\nu_r = 12 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$ (ISO VG 32);
- b) Thrust roller bearings $\nu_r = 24 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$ (ISO VG 68);

5.2.3.2 Method of lubrication

Oil bath lubrication with an oil level up to the centre of the rolling element in the lowest position.

5.2.4 Other reference conditions

5.2.4.1 Bearing characteristics

size range	standard type bearings up to and including a bore diameter of 1 000 mm
internal clearance	complying with group "N" as specified in ISO 5753-1
seals	not provided with contacting seals
double row radial bearings and double direction thrust bearings	presumed to be symmetrical
rolling bearings where the rolling elements operate directly on the shaft or in the housing	presumed that the running surface of the shaft or housing is equivalent in all respects to the raceway of the bearing ring or washer which it replaces

5.2.4.2 Arrangement of the bearing

bearing rotational axis horizontal

NOTE For thrust cylindrical roller and needle roller bearings, care should be taken to supply oil to the upper rolling elements.

outer ring or housing washer stationary

angular contact bearing setting zero operating clearance

5.3 Reference conditions determining the heat emission

5.3.1 Heat emitting reference surface area

The following surface areas are defined as the heat emitting reference surface area A_r .

- a) For radial bearings with the exception of tapered roller bearings, see [Figure 1](#) and [Formula \(1\)](#).

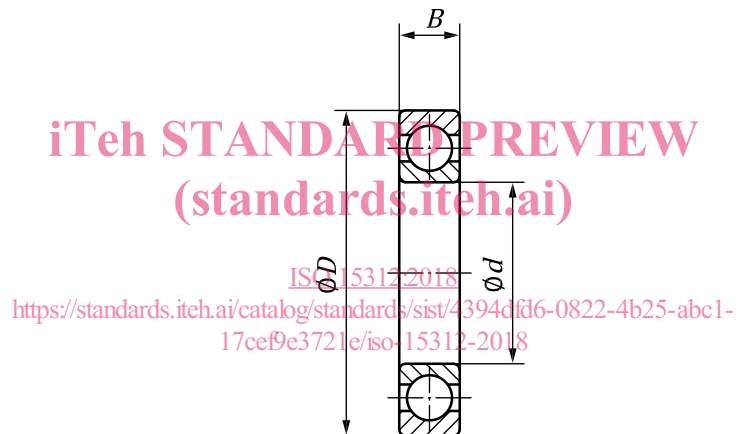


Figure 1 — Radial bearings with the exception of tapered roller bearings

$$A_r = \pi \times B(D + d) \quad (1)$$

- b) For tapered roller bearings, see [Figure 2](#) and [Formula \(2\)](#).

