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**Plain bearings — Hydrodynamic plain  
thrust pad bearings under steady-  
state conditions —**

**Part 2:  
Functions for the calculation of thrust  
pad bearings**

*Paliers lisses — Butées hydrodynamiques à patins géométrie fixe  
fonctionnant en régime stationnaire —*  
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- *Part 1: Calculation of thrust pad bearings*
- *Part 2: Functions for the calculation of thrust pad bearings*
- *Part 3: Guide values for the calculation of thrust pad bearings*

## Introduction

Assuming hydrodynamic conditions with full lubrication, the functions of the type covered by this part of ISO 12131 are necessary for the calculation of oil-lubricated pad thrust bearings in accordance with ISO 12131-1. They are based on the premises and boundary conditions specified. The values necessary for the calculation can be determined by means of the given formulae, as well as from diagrams and tables. The formulae in this part of ISO 12131 are approximations of the numerically determined values traced as curves according to Reference [2]. The explanation of the symbols, as well as examples for the calculation, are included in ISO 12131-1.

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