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Foreword

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Introduction

The rolling bearing life theory emphasizes the use of pure and homogeneous lubricants as essential for a long bearing service life. The lubrication of rolling bearings is described in several national standards. The GfT worksheet 3[4] contains theoretical and practical knowledge of rolling bearing lubrication.

Grease lubrication is the most common type of rolling bearing lubrication. The purity grade of rolling bearing grease is influenced by thickeners, base oils, additives and solid lubricant additives as well as the manufacturing process and is reflected in the running noise. Therefore, noise testing of rolling bearing greases is recommended.

In addition, grease noise testing in accordance with this document allows the grease manufacturers to develop low-noise lubricants with better damping properties. This document can also support the rolling bearing manufacturers and end-users in the selection of low-noise grease with better damping properties.

This document covers requirements for the testing assembly and the test machine of method NQ to determine and assess the noise characteristics of rolling bearing grease jointly with ISO 21250-1, ISO 21250-2 and ISO 21250-3.