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IMPORTANT — The electronic file of this document contains colours which are considered to be useful for the correct understanding of the document. Users should therefore consider printing this document using a colour printer.

1 Scope

This document provides information on how to assess the severity of machine tool spindle vibrations measured on the spindle housing. It gives specific guidance for assessing the severity of vibration measured on the spindle housing at customer sites or at the machine tool manufacturer's test facilities.

Its vibration criteria apply to gear-driven spindles intended for stationary machine tools with nominal operating speeds between 600 r/min and 12 000 r/min.

It is applicable to those spindles of the rolling bearing type only, to spindles assembled on metal cutting machine tools, and for testing, periodic verification, and continuous monitoring.

It does not address:

- geometrical accuracy of axes of rotation (see ISO 230-7);
- unacceptable cutting performance with regards to surface finish and accuracy;
- vibration severity issues of machine tool spindles operating at speeds below 600 r/min or exceeding 12 000 r/min (due to lack of supporting vibration data); or
- frequency domain analyses such as fast Fourier transform (FFT) analyses, envelope analyses or other similar techniques.

[Annex A](#) presents an introduction to alternative bearing condition assessment techniques.

2 Normative references

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 1925, *Mechanical vibration — Balancing — Vocabulary*

ISO 2041, *Mechanical vibration, shock and condition monitoring — Vocabulary*

ISO 2954, *Mechanical vibration of rotating and reciprocating machinery — Requirements for instruments for measuring vibration severity*

ISO 13372, *Condition monitoring and diagnostics of machines — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1925, ISO 2041, ISO 2954, ISO 13372 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 alarm

<spindle condition monitoring> condition where the vibration velocity magnitude [*LTSC* (3.6.1)] indicates increased dynamic load on the bearings and/or vibration acceleration magnitude [*STSC* (3.6.2)] indicates a moderate spindle bearing degradation

3.2 alert

<spindle condition monitoring> condition where a significant change in spindle vibration magnitude [*STSC* (3.6.2) or *LTSC* (3.6.1)], with respect to normal values, has been detected

3.3 gear-driven spindle

machine tool spindle with one or more power transmitting gear units in the power train

Note 1 to entry: Gear-driven spindles can also incorporate coupling and/or belts in the power train.

3.4 long term

<spindle condition monitoring> time period of longer than six months

Note 1 to entry: Time period can differ for specific spindle types and/or operational conditions.

3.5 short term

<spindle condition monitoring> time period of six months or shorter

Note 1 to entry: Time periods can differ for specific spindle types and/or operational conditions.

3.6 spindle condition

root-mean-square (r.m.s) values for vibration velocity and acceleration of machine tool spindles as defined by specifications

3.6.1 long-term spindle condition

LTSC

parameter indicating the condition of a machine tool spindle in the *long term* (3.4)

3.6.2 short-term spindle condition

STSC

parameter indicating the condition of a machine tool spindle in the *short term* (3.6)

3.7 steady-state operating temperature

<spindle condition monitoring> condition where the machine tool spindle has been running for a sufficient time to reach a stable operating temperature

3.8

threshold for shutdown

<spindle condition monitoring> condition where the vibration velocity magnitude [LTSC (3.6.1)] indicates severe dynamic load on the bearings and/or vibration acceleration magnitude [STSC (3.6.2)] indicate a severe spindle bearing degradation

4 Preliminary operations

4.1 General

When measuring spindle vibration, the operational condition of the machine tool is of great importance. This document is applicable to all normal operational conditions of the machine tool when machining.

For any spindle vibration measurement intended to characterize the spindle condition according to this document, important operational conditions should be recorded. Such operational conditions include, but are not limited to, the characteristics listed in 4.2 to 4.12.

When using vibration measurement results for evaluation of spindle condition, other factors contributing to or interfering with the measured signals should be taken into consideration. Such factors include spindle motor current control signals with their associated frequencies, influences of machine foundation and the position of the other moving components affecting the dynamic response of the overall system, and possible high level of scatter due to low energy content in the frequency range of interest. If such interfering signals or conditions are suspected, frequency analysis techniques can be used to differentiate bearing signals from other contributing factors.

4.2 Process load

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All vibration measurements should be made under no-load conditions (no cutting, milling, or grinding).

4.3 Spindle speed

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This document is applicable for every speed within the nominal speed range of the machine tool/spindle. The manufacturer may specify non-continuous speed ranges such as 600 r/min to 9 000 r/min and 10 000 r/min to 12 000 r/min in order to avoid unreasonable limits at resonance speeds. Two such resonance speed intervals are allowed, together occupying a maximum of 10 % of the nominal operating speed range of the spindle. The possibility of excluding certain speed ranges only applies to the vibration velocity parameter as defined in 6.1, i.e. indicators for long term spindle condition (LTSC). The vibration acceleration parameter as defined in 6.2, i.e. indicators for short-term spindle condition (STSC), applies to any speed within the nominal speed range of the spindle.

When measuring vibration magnitude as a function of spindle speed, it is important to execute the spindle speed changes in such a way that a steady-state vibration of the spindle is reached before recording the measurements. The following are typical methods.

- **Step:** Increase or decrease the spindle speed in steps not greater than 3 % of spindle maximum speed with 10 s of constant speed at each such selected speed.
- **Acceleration:** Increase or decrease the spindle speed with a rate of not more than 20 % of maximum spindle speed per minute.

Both the above methods result in approximately 5 min measurement time.

4.4 Thermal conditions

Thermal conditions need to be agreed between manufacturer/supplier and user. If no conditions are specified, the tests should be made under conditions as near as possible to those of normal operation with regards to lubrication and warm-up. Therefore, the machine should have an idle running performance in accordance with the conditions of use and the instructions of the manufacturer until

the machine/spindle has reached steady-state operating temperature. See ISO 230-1 for the installation of the machine before testing and warming up of the spindle and other moving components.

4.5 Spindle position and orientation

Spindle position: This document is applicable for all possible linear axis positions.

Spindle orientation: This document is applicable for all possible spindle orientations.

Spindle direction of rotation: For spindles that can be operated in either direction, this document applies to both clockwise and counter clockwise spindle rotation.

Spindle position, orientation, and direction of rotation for vibration measurements need to be agreed between manufacturer/supplier and user.

4.6 Gear selection

This document is applicable for all possible gear selections of the machine tool.

4.7 Tool or workpiece balancing

4.7.1 General

A tool or workpiece mounted in the spindle can influence the vibration measurements due to the unbalance of the tool or workpiece itself. It should be recorded whether or not a tool/workpiece is used during the measurements. If used, the mass, balancing grade according to ISO 21940-11 and angular orientation (if applicable) of tool/workpiece used during vibration measurements should be recorded.

4.7.2 Spindle vibration measurements with a tool/workpiece mounted in the spindle

Care should be taken to avoid errors introduced by the unbalance of the tool/workpiece. For most machine tools/spindles, this implies that a balance quality grade of G2.5 or better according to ISO 21940-11:2016 is required. If possible, the same tool/workpiece should be used for each measurement of the same machine tool/spindle. If available, refer to the spindle manufacturer's recommendations.

4.7.3 Spindle vibration measurements without tool/workpiece

Spindles that can be operated throughout their entire operating speed range without any tool/workpiece mounted and which do not require tool/workpiece for balance can be measured without a tool/workpiece mounted in the spindle.

4.8 Spindle chuck

Spindle chuck mechanical settings — such as chuck front-end position with respect to spindle gauge line for clamped and unclamped positions — as well as jaw positions, should be recorded.

4.9 Spindle cooling

The spindle cooling system settings should be set appropriately and the performance confirmed. All settings should be recorded.

4.10 Drawbar

The drawbar status should be recorded as tool clamped, tool unclamped, or tool improperly clamped. It is recommended that all spindle vibration measurements be performed with tool clamped or without tool (see 4.7).

4.11 Background vibration

If the measured vibration magnitude is greater than an acceptance criterion established by mutual agreement between the manufacturer/supplier and user, and background vibration is suspected, measurements should be made with the machine shut down to determine the degree of external influence. If the vibration magnitude with the machine shut down exceeds 10 % of the value measured when the machine is running, corrective action may be necessary to reduce the effect of background vibration.

NOTE In some cases, the effect of background vibration can be nullified by spectrum analysis or by eliminating the offending external source.

4.12 Idle operation

It can be beneficial to conduct vibration measurements with the spindle idle but other machine tool systems, such as pumps, fans, and hydraulic systems, active. Vibration data acquired this way can be useful when comparing spindle vibration changes over time.

Idle spindle vibration measurements should be taken at the same measurement locations/directions as running spindle vibration measurements (see 5.2).

5 Measurement and operational procedures

5.1 Measuring instruments

The measuring instrument should comply with the requirements of ISO 2954 for a specified frequency range of 10 Hz to 10 kHz.

Various methods exist for computing the r.m.s. value of a specified frequency band. Refer to ISO 2954:2012, Annex A, for further information on how to test the r.m.s. indicator of any measuring instrument.

Care should be taken to ensure that the measurements are not influenced by environmental factors or other external factors including, but not limited to, the following:

- temperature variations;
- magnetic fields;
- sound pressure fields;
- sensor cable length;
- power supply noise.

See 5.3 for further information on sensor mounting procedures.

5.2 Measurement locations/directions

5.2.1 General

For vibration criteria presented in this document, measurements should be taken on the spindle housing at the front end of the spindle, as well as at the back end. Preferably, sensor longitudinal locations should coincide with spindle bearing longitudinal locations as close as possible. Measurements should be taken in a minimum of two radial directions at both ends of the spindle and in axial direction in at least one end of the spindle (see Figure 1). It is recognized that the back end of the spindle in many cases can be hard to access, requiring dismantling of covers, etc.