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**Plain bearings — Bearing fatigue —  
Part 3:  
Test on plain strips of a metallic  
multilayer bearing material**

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- Adjustment to ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2:2018;
- Update of Bibliography.

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# Plain bearings — Bearing fatigue —

## Part 3:

# Test on plain strips of a metallic multilayer bearing material

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the endurance limit in fatigue of plain strips of multilayer bearing materials. Additionally, it provides the opportunity of studying the influence on the strips of hydraulic pressure and variable temperature.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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

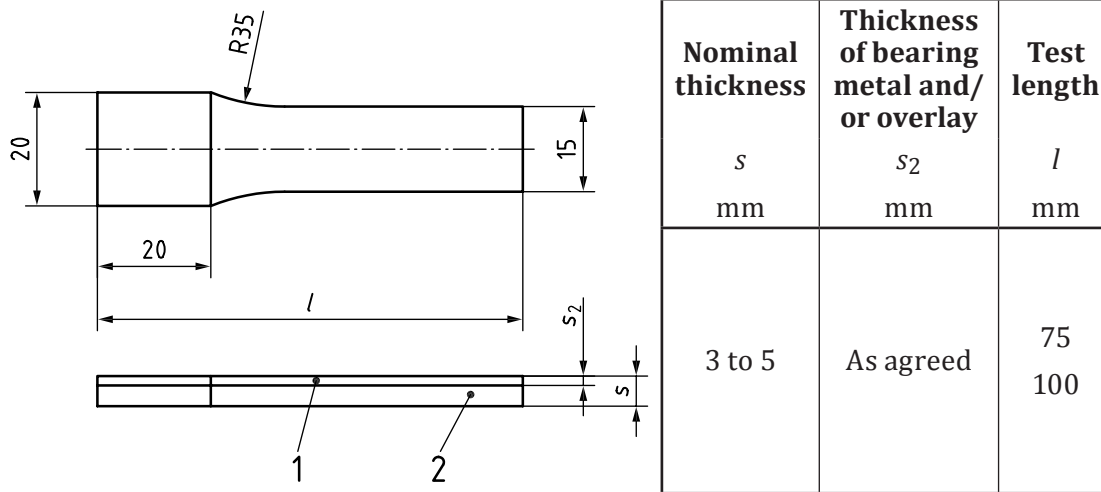
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

## 4 Test specimens

The test specimens shall be flat thin strips of rectangular cross-section to the dimensions shown in [Figure 1](#). To avoid fracture starting at the clamped portion, the edges shall be carefully chamfered by grinding and the test section shall be contoured as shown in [Figure 1](#).

For a multilayer bearing material, the layer dimensions of the test specimen shall be representative of the manufacturing sequence and the test specimen shall be finished to the same surface texture. Care should be taken before and during the test not to damage the surface mechanically or by corrosion. The deficiency of this test method lies in the absence of possible residual stress associated with the bearing manufacturing process.

Dimensions in millimetres



**Key**

- 1 bearing metal
- 2 steel

**Figure 1 — Specimen dimensions and configuration**

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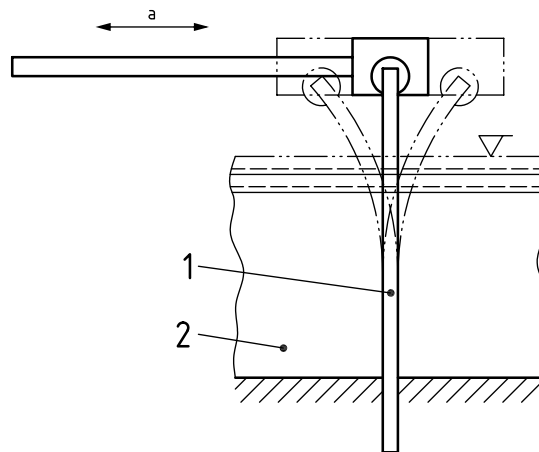
**5 Test method**

The test principle is illustrated in [Figure 2](#). The specimens shall be clamped at one end and loaded at the other end by force or displacement. The load shall fluctuate from tension to compression over the running surface. Additionally, a tensile or compressive prestress may be applied in order to evaluate dependency upon mean stress. The test equipment is preferably located in a chamber containing a lubricant at fixed levels of temperature  $\pm 2$  °C. Alternatively, tests may be conducted in air at fixed levels of temperature  $\pm 2$  °C.

Bending stress shall be measured by a strain gauge near the clamping point on the back of the specimen. The required bending stress at the damaged section may be evaluated by calculation, knowing the relative location of the strain gauge and first crack, and the thickness and Young's modulus of the lining and steel backing.

The stresses in plain layered strips under condition of bending may be evaluated theoretically.

The test frequency shall have a range of 50 Hz to 80 Hz. Crack detection shall be performed by dye penetrant method or by microscope. The amplitude shall be controlled by force ( $F$ ) or displacement ( $d$ ).

**Key**

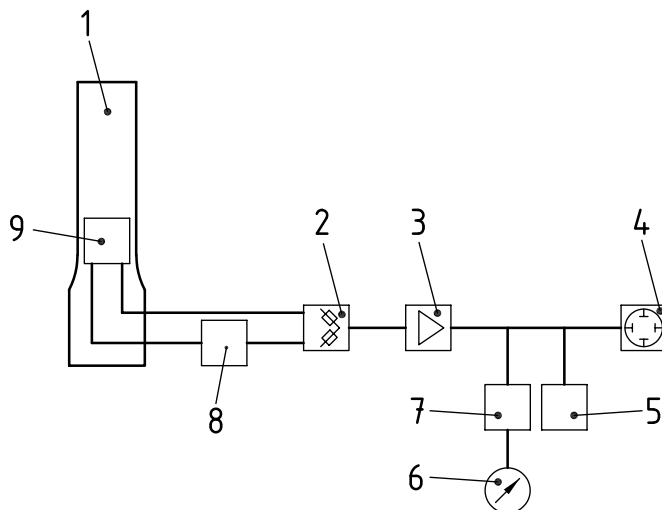
- 1 specimen
- 2 medium

a  $F = \bar{F} + F_A \times \sin(\omega \times t)$  or  $s = \bar{s} + s_A \times \sin(\omega \times t)$

**Figure 2 — Test principle****6 Evaluation and presentation of test results**

The measurement instrumentation for the proposed test principle is illustrated in [Figure 3](#). The endurance limit stresses should be presented in the form of  $\sigma_{el}-N$  curves at predetermined temperature ( $\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ) against a detailed description of the bearing material. Normally,  $\sigma_{el}-N$  curve testing is terminated for practical considerations at  $50 \times 10^6$  stress cycles. The endurance limit stress may be quoted at a specified number of cycles, e.g.  $3 \times 10^6$ ,  $10 \times 10^6$ ,  $25 \times 10^6$  or  $50 \times 10^6$ . A specimen without failure during fatigue testing to a specified endurance should be identified in the report. Due to the scatter of test results normally experienced and the statistical nature of the fatigue limit, it is recommended that the results be evaluated on the basis of a statistical method.

The endurance limit stress may be presented by means of the Haigh diagram which plots stress amplitude against mean stress. Metallographic examination provides detailed evidence of the damage mechanism, corrosive attack and diffusion resulting from thermal effects.



**Key**

- 1 test piece
- 2 completion bridge
- 3 amplifier
- 4 oscilloscope
- 5 event counter
- 6 indicator
- 7 peak detector
- 8 compensating strain gauge
- 9 active strain gauge

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**Figure 3 — Event counter recorder**



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