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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 14635-2:2004), of which it constitutes a minor revision. The changes are as follows:

- ISO 1328-1:1995¹⁾ has been dated as this document uses accuracy grade which is numerically different than tolerance class in ISO 1328-1:2013;
- replacement of ISO 4287 which has been withdrawn and replaced by ISO 21920-2;
- replacement of ISO 4964 which has been withdrawn and similar information can be found in ISO 18265;
- replacement of some bibliography entries which were withdrawn, and changes from dated to undated references;
- [subclause 6.2](#), wording harmonized with the ISO 14635 series;
- [Table 2](#), description "pitch diameter circumferential speed (v_w)" has been replaced by "circumferential velocity at the pitch line" to harmonize the wording with the ISO 6336 series;
- [Table 5](#), insertion of line "Test lubrication volume" to conform to the information in the ISO 14635 series;
- [Figure A.1](#), addition of the figure title.

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1) Cancelled and replaced by ISO 1328-1:2013.

Introduction

The types of gear failures which can be influenced by the lubricant in use are scuffing, low-speed wear and the gear-surface fatigue phenomena known as micro- and macropitting. In the gear design process, these gear damages are taken into consideration by the use of specific lubricant and service-related characteristic values. For an accurate, field-related selection of these values, adequate lubricant test procedures are required. The FZG²⁾ test procedures specified in this document, ISO 14635-1 and ISO 14635-3 can be regarded as tools for the determination of the lubricant-related characteristic values to be introduced into the load-carrying capacity calculation of gears.

FZG test method A/8,3/90 for the relative scuffing load-carrying capacity of oils described in ISO 14635-1 is typical for the majority of applications in industrial and marine gears. This document is related to the relative scuffing load-carrying capacity of oils of very high extreme pressure (EP) properties, as used for the lubrication of automotive driveline components. Other FZG test procedures for the determination of low-speed wear, micro- and macropitting load-carrying capacity of gears are intended to be added to the ISO 14635 series as further parts.

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2) FZG = Forschungsstelle für Zahnräder und Getriebebau, Technische Universität München (Gear Research Centre, Technical University, Munich).

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FZG step load test A10/16, 6R/120 for relative scuffing load-carrying capacity of high EP oils

1 Scope

This document specifies a test method based on a FZG four-square test machine to determine the relative load-carrying capacity of high EP oils defined by the gear surface damage known as scuffing. This test method is useful for evaluating the scuffing load capacity potential of oils typically used with highly stressed cylindrical gearing found in many vehicle and stationary applications. It is not suitable for establishing the scuffing load capacity potential of oils used in highly loaded hypoid bevel gearing applications, for which purpose other methods are available in the industry.

NOTE This method is technically equivalent to CEC L-84-02.

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 1328-1:1995³⁾, *Cylindrical gears — ISO system of accuracy — Part 1: Definitions and allowable values of deviations relevant to corresponding flanks of gear teeth*

ISO 14635-1, *Gears — FZG test procedures — Part 1: FZG test method A/8,3/90 for relative scuffing load-carrying capacity of oils*

ISO 18265, *Metallic materials — Conversion of hardness values*

ISO 21920-2, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile — Part 2: Terms, definitions and surface texture parameters*

ASTM D 235, *Standard Specification for Mineral Spirits (Petroleum Spirits) (Hydrocarbon Dry Cleaning Solvent)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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

3) Cancelled and replaced by ISO 1328-1:2013.

3.1 scuffing

particularly severe form of gear tooth surface damage in which seizure or welding together of areas of tooth surface occur, owing to the absence or breakdown of a lubricant film between the contacting tooth flanks of mating gears, typically caused by high temperature and high pressure

Note 1 to entry: Scuffing is most likely when surface velocities are high. It can also occur at relatively low sliding velocities when tooth surface pressures are high enough either generally or, because of uneven surface geometry and loading, in discrete areas.

3.2 scuffing load-carrying capacity

(of a lubricant) maximum load which can be sustained under a defined set of conditions

Note 1 to entry: It is the minimum load stage at which the failure criterion given in [Clause 4](#) is reached. See [Table 1](#).

3.3 FZG test condition A10/16,6R/120

test condition where A10 is the particular tooth form of the test gears, according to [Tables 2](#) and [3](#), 16,6 is the speed at the pitch circle, in metres per second, "R" indicates the reverse direction of rotation (wheel drives pinion) and 120 is the initial oil temperature in degrees Celsius, from load stage 4 onward in the oil sump

3.4 failure load stage

load stage reached when the sum of the damage to the 16 pinion teeth exceeds 100 mm² in total area damaged

Note 1 to entry: See [Clause 4](#) and [Table 1](#).

3.5 high EP oils

lubricants containing chemical additives appropriate for improving their scuffing load capacity

Note 1 to entry: EP = extreme pressure.

Note 2 to entry: These oils typically exceed the limits of the FZG test according to ISO 14635-1.

4 Failure criteria

Risk of scuffing damage varies with the properties of gear materials, the lubricant used, the surface roughness of tooth flanks, the sliding velocities and the load. Consequences of scuffing include a tendency to high levels of dynamic loading owing to an increase of vibrations, which usually leads to further damage by scuffing, pitting or tooth breakage.

Because of the particular gear design and test loads used, an interference area typically results at the tip of the pinion and root of the mating wheel. This area is usually about 1 mm in length (profile direction) on the pinion and across the entire facewidth. Examples of various levels of distress occurring with this test are shown in [Annex A](#). The effect of the surface distress in these two regions is addressed as follows.

- a) For the purpose of the visual rating for scuffing, the top 1 mm near the tip of the pinion is not included in the assessment until the damage extends below that level. The rated damage region is then expressed as the total area scuffed over all 16 pinion teeth (see [Figure 1](#)). The failure load stage is reached when the sum of the damage to the 16 pinion teeth exceeds 100 mm² in total area damaged.
- b) For a valid test, the wheel shall be visually checked for signs of excessive wear after each pass load stage, as this can alter the results of the test. If there is evidence of wear in the dedendum of the wheel, then the gear shall be weighed to the nearest milligram (0,001 g) [see [Annex A](#), [Figure A.1 d](#)].

The test may be considered valid only if the loss in mass of the wheel is ≤ 20 mg; if the loss in mass of the wheel exceeds 20 mg, the test shall not be considered valid.

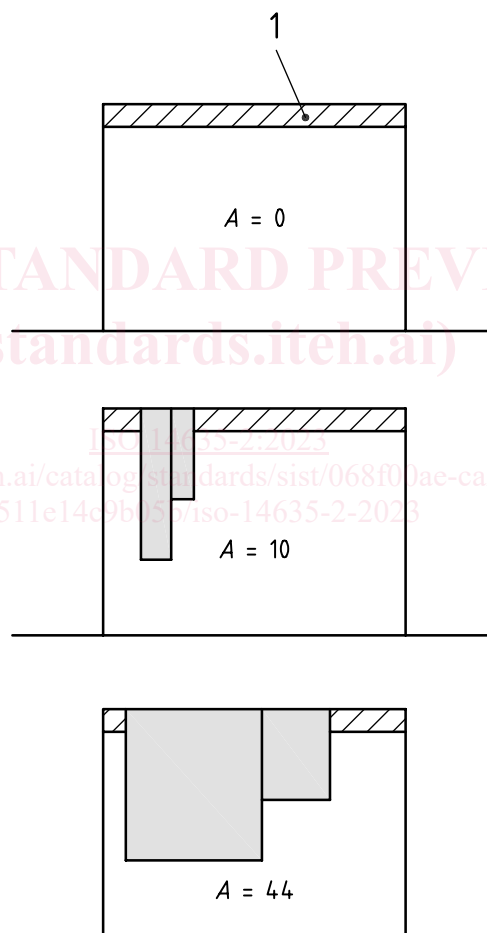
See [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Test criteria

| Pinion failure area A mm^2 | Wheel wear Δm mg | Result |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| ≤ 100 | ≤ 20 | PASS |
| ≤ 100 | > 20 | INVALID ^a |
| > 100 | Not required | FAIL |

^a No statement on the scuffing load is possible.

Area in square millimetres



Key

1 exclusion zone (1 mm)

Figure 1 — Schematic of distress rating for pinion

5 Brief description of method

5.1 General principle

A set of test gears as defined in [Tables 2](#) and [3](#) is run with the test lubricant at constant speed for a fixed number of revolutions using dip-lubrication mode. Loading of the gear teeth is increased in steps outlined in [Table 4](#). Beginning with load stage 4, the initial oil temperature is controlled between 117 °C and 123 °C. During the test run of each load stage, the oil temperature is allowed to rise freely. After load stage 5, the pinion tooth flanks are inspected for surface damage at the end of each load stage and any changes in appearance are noted. A test is considered complete when either the failure criteria have been met or when load stage 10 has been completed without meeting the failure criteria.

It is the responsibility of the operator to ensure that all local legislative and statutory requirements are met.

NOTE It has been assumed by the compilers of this test method that anyone using the method will either be fully trained and familiar with all normal engineering and laboratory practice, or will be under the direct supervision of such a person.

WARNING — When the rig is running, there are long loaded shafts and highly stressed test gears turning at high speed and precaution shall be taken to protect personnel.

WARNING — Protection from noise is also highly recommended.

5.2 Precision

The precision of the method has been evaluated according to ISO 5725-2 with two reference oils. The failure load stage of these oils covered the range 5 to 10 inclusive for the step load test.

Values of repeatability, r , and reproducibility, R , as defined in ISO 5725-2, for this test procedures are

$r = 1$ load stage,

$R = 2$ load stages.

6 Test materials

6.1 Test gears

A pair of type “A10” test gears with a specification according to [Tables 2](#) and [3](#) shall be used for testing. Each pair of test gears may be utilized twice for testing, using both tooth flanks as load-carrying flanks.

6.2 Cleaning fluid

Petroleum spirit conforming to ASTM D 235 shall be used.

7 Apparatus

7.1 FZG spur-gear test rig

7.1.1 The FZG spur-gear test machine utilizes a recirculating power loop principle, also known as a four-square configuration, to provide a fixed torque (load) to a pair of precision test gears. A schematic view of the test rig is shown in [Figures 2](#) and [3](#). The slave gearbox and the test gearbox are connected through two torsional shafts. Shaft 1 contains a load coupling used to apply the torque through the use of known weights, defined in [Table 4](#), hung on the loading arm.

7.1.2 The test gearbox contains heating elements to maintain and control the minimum temperature of the oil. A temperature sensor located in the side of the test gearbox is used to control the heating system as required by the test operating conditions.

7.1.3 The test machine is powered by an electric motor of minimum 7,4 kW at a speed of approximately 2 900 1/min. The direction of drive is reversed (anticlockwise when looking on the motor shaft), i.e. wheel drives pinion, as shown in [Figure 3](#). This is the opposite direction of rotation to that of ISO 14635-1.

7.1.4 A check list for maintenance of FZG gear test rig is given for information in [Annex C](#).

Table 2 — Details of FZG test gears type A10

| Dimension | | Symbol | Numerical value | Unit |
|--|--------|--------------|---|-------------------|
| Shaft centre distance | | a | 91,5 | mm |
| Effective tooth width | pinion | b_1 | 10 | mm |
| | wheel | b_2 | 20 | mm |
| Working pitch diameter | pinion | d_{w1} | 73,2 | mm |
| | wheel | d_{w2} | 109,8 | mm |
| Tip diameter | pinion | d_{a1} | 88,77 | mm |
| | wheel | d_{a2} | 112,5 | mm |
| Module | | m | 4,5 | mm |
| Number of teeth | pinion | z_1 | 16 | |
| | wheel | z_2 | 24 | |
| Profile-shift coefficient | pinion | x_1 | 0,853 2 | |
| | wheel | x_2 | - 0,50 | |
| Pressure angle | | α | 20 | ° |
| Working pressure angle | | α_w | 22,5 | ° |
| Circumferential velocity at the pitch line | | v_w | 16,6 | m/s |
| Addendum engagement | pinion | e_{a1} | 14,7 | mm |
| | wheel | e_{a2} | 3,3 | mm |
| Sliding speed at tooth tip | pinion | v_{ga1} | 11,16 | m/s |
| | wheel | v_{ga2} | 2,50 | m/s |
| Specific sliding at tooth tip | pinion | ζ_{E1} | 0,86 | |
| | wheel | ζ_{A2} | 0,34 | |
| Specific sliding at tooth root | pinion | ζ_{A1} | - 0,52 | |
| | wheel | ζ_{E2} | - 5,96 | |
| Hertzian contact pressure | | p_c | $20,8 \cdot \sqrt{F_{nt}}$ ^a | N/mm ² |

^a F_{nt} = normal tooth load in N (see [Table 3](#)).