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## Foreword

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This document was prepared jointly by Technical Committee ISO/TC 108, *Mechanical vibration, shock and condition monitoring*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Measurement and evaluation of mechanical vibration and shock as applied to machines, vehicles and structures*, and Technical Committee IEC/TC 4 *Hydraulic turbines*. The draft was circulated for voting to the national bodies of both ISO and IEC.

This first edition of ISO 20816-5 cancels and replaces ISO 7919-5:2005 and ISO 10816-5:2000, which have been technically revised. The main changes are:

- Vibrations of different type of machines and different shaft orientation are clearly identified.
- Demonstration that for each machine type, the vibration follows a similar statistical distribution profile (Burr distribution), which resulted in revised vibration values.
- A strong recommendation to look at both shaft vibration and the vibration of non-rotating parts together with physical parameters like bearing metal temperature and physical bearing clearances in order to obtain a complete assessment of the machine health.
- Recommendation of a collaborative approach between supplier and customer to investigate cases where vibration is larger than the statistical values instead of a rigid approach based only on vibration values.

A list of all parts in the ISO 20816 series can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

ISO 20816-1 is the basic document which specifies the general requirements for evaluating vibration of various machine types. The present document provides specific guidance for the vibration of housings and shafts of machine sets installed in hydraulic power generating and pump-storage plants.

Two criteria are provided for assessing machine vibration:

- a) the first criterion considers the magnitude of the measured vibration;
- b) the second criterion considers changes in the magnitude and phase of the measured vibration.

This document covers the analysis of both shaft vibration and vibration of fixed, non-rotating parts.

Vibration criteria have been established for horizontal axis and vertical axis machines and have been developed for each type of turbine (Bulb, Francis, Pelton, Kaplan) when used for generating and also for pumping where appropriate. The vibration magnitudes criteria provided in this document are guidelines based on statistics; the magnitude values given should not be used as guarantees. It is recommended that the vibration assessment is performed by a vibration expert selected in common agreement by all parties. To identify the good behaviour of a hydraulic machine, it is essential to look at the following points together:

- the magnitude of the relative shaft vibration;
- the magnitude of the bearing housing vibration;
- the percentage of the guide bearings cold diametral clearance that is used;
- the operating temperature of the metal parts of the guide bearings;
- the operating regime (head and flow or head and power), to make sure the machine is operating within the normal operating range.

Recommended actions are given for those cases where the vibration magnitudes are above the action limits given in the tables in [Annex A](#) in order to establish if the machine is suitable for continued long-term operation without restriction.

Guidelines are presented both for the vibrations present when machines are operating and also for any changes in the amplitude or phase of those vibration values which can occur. The numerical values given in [Annex A](#) for vibration are intended to serve as the basis for the evaluation for the condition of the machine and, if required, further investigation. It is recommended in this document that the machine condition is assessed by considering both the bearing housing vibration and shaft vibration.

# Mechanical vibration — Measurement and evaluation of machine vibration —

## Part 5:

# Machine sets in hydraulic power generating and pump-storage plants

## 1 Scope

This document provides guidelines for evaluating the vibration measurements made at the bearings, bearing pedestals or bearing housings and also for evaluating relative shaft vibration measurements made on machine sets in hydraulic power generating and pump-storage plants when the machine is operating within its normal operating range. The normal operating ranges for each type of turbine covered by this document are defined in [Annex A](#).

This document is applicable to machine sets in hydraulic power generating plants and in pump-storage plants with typical rotational speeds of 60 r/min to 1 000 r/min fitted with shell or pad (shoe) type oil-lubricated bearings.

NOTE The current database includes machine speeds ranging from 60 r/min to 750 r/min (with a very small sample of 1 000 r/min machines).

This document defines different limit values of bearing housing and shaft vibration depending on the type of turbine, the orientation of the shaft (i.e. horizontal or vertical) and for each of the bearing locations.

This document is based on statistical analysis and provides criteria for the most common types of turbines, pump-turbines and pumps. For specific information on which types of units are covered in this document, see [Annex A](#).

Machine sets covered by this document can have the following configurations:

- a) generators driven by hydraulic turbines;
- b) motor-generators driven by pump-turbines;
- c) motor-generators driven by hydraulic turbines and separate pumps;
- d) pumps driven by electric motors.

This document is not applicable to the following unit configurations, parameters and operating conditions:

- hydraulic machines with water-lubricated bearings;
- hydraulic machines or machine sets having rolling element bearings (for these machines, see IEC 62006 and/or ISO 10816-3);
- pumps in thermal power plants or industrial installations (for these machines, see ISO 10816-7);
- electrical machines operating as motors except for the use of these machines in pump-storage applications;
- hydro generators operating as synchronous condensers (with the water in the turbine depressed by compressed air);