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This first edition of ISO 31657-3 cancels and replaces ISO/TS 31657-3:2020, which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- the title has been modified;
- [Figure 1](#) has been updated.

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# Plain bearings — Hydrodynamic plain journal bearings under steady-state conditions —

## Part 3: Characteristic values for calculation of tilting pad journal bearings

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the characteristic values for selected tilting-pad journal bearings with four or five centrally or eccentrically supported tilting pads, and with angular spans of pad sliding surfaces of  $\Omega = 80^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$ .

### 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 31657-1:2025, *Plain bearings — Hydrodynamic plain journal bearings under steady-state conditions — Part 1: Calculation of multi-lobed and tilting pad journal bearings*

### 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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 4 Characteristic values for calculation of multi-lobed journal bearings

#### 4.1 General

The characteristic values plotted and listed in this clause are required for the operationally safe design of hydrodynamic tilting-pad journal bearings in accordance with ISO 31657-1. They are based on the presumptions and boundary conditions indicated there and only apply to stationary operating states. The symbols used shall be in accordance with ISO 31657-1:2025, Table 1; calculation examples are also given in ISO 31657-1:2025, Annex A.

The calculation method described in ISO 31657-1 can also be used for other tilting-pad journal bearing designs, if the numerical solutions of the basic equations are available in the same manner for these designs.

**NOTE** Equivalent calculation procedures exist that enable operating conditions to be estimated and checked against acceptable conditions. Another calculation procedure is equally admissible.

The characteristic values for symmetrically loaded tilting-pad journal bearings with four and five centrally (relative angular distance between leading edge and pivot position of pad  $\Omega_F^* = 0,5$ ) or eccentrically ( $\Omega_F^* = 0,6$ ) supported tilting pads are indicated.

The characteristic values were calculated for the geometrical parameters summarised in [Figure 1](#) (angular spans of pad sliding surface  $\Omega$ , angular coordinates of pivot position of pad  $\phi_{F,1}$ , profile factors  $K_p$ , bearing width ratios  $B^*$ ) in the operating range  $0,02 \leq h_{\min}^* \leq 1$ . The following (dimensionless) characteristic values are individually listed from [Tables 1](#) to [56](#):

a) Static characteristic values

The Sommerfeld number is given as [Formula \(1\)](#):

$$So = \frac{F \cdot \psi_{\text{eff}}^2}{B \cdot D \cdot \eta_{\text{eff}} \cdot \omega} \quad (1)$$

The relative eccentricity is given as [Formula \(2\)](#):

$$\varepsilon = \frac{e}{C_{R,\text{eff}}} \quad (2)$$

Attitude angle  $\beta$  in °C.

For the product of maximum lubricant film pressure parameter and Sommerfeld number, see [Formula \(3\)](#):

$$p_{\max}^* \cdot So = \frac{p_{\max} \cdot \psi_{\text{eff}}^2}{\eta_{\text{eff}} \cdot \omega} \quad (3)$$

For the minimum relative lubricant film thickness, see [Formula \(4\)](#):

$$h_{\min}^* = \frac{h_{\min}}{C_{R,\text{eff}}} \quad (4)$$

For the friction force parameter, see [Formula \(5\)](#):

$$F_f^* = \frac{f}{\psi_{\text{eff}}} \cdot So \quad (5)$$

For the lubricant flow rate parameter due to hydrodynamic pressure build-up, see [Formula \(6\)](#):

$$Q_3^* = \frac{Q_3}{Q_0} \quad (6)$$

For the lubricant flow rate parameter due to supply pressure, see [Formula \(7\)](#):

$$Q_p^* = \frac{Q_p}{P_{\text{en}}^* \cdot Q_0} \quad (7)$$

For the lubricant flow rate parameter at the exit of the lubricant gap, see [Formula \(8\)](#):

$$Q_2^* = \frac{Q_2}{Q_0} \quad (8)$$

For non-dimensional difference between maximum temperature of lubricant film and lubricant temperature in the lubricant pocket, see [Formula \(9\)](#):

$$\Delta T_{\max}^* = \frac{\rho \cdot c_p \cdot \psi_{\text{eff}}}{\bar{p} \cdot f} \cdot \Delta T_{\max} \quad (9)$$

b) Dynamic characteristic values

For non-dimensional lubricant film stiffness coefficients, see [Formula \(10\)](#):

$$c_{i,k}^* = \frac{\psi_{\text{eff}}^3}{2 \cdot B \cdot \eta_{\text{eff}} \cdot \omega} \cdot c_{i,k} \quad (i, k = 1, 2) \quad (10)$$

For non-dimensional lubricant film damping coefficients, see [Formula \(11\)](#):

$$d_{i,k}^* = \frac{\psi_{\text{eff}}^3}{2 \cdot B \cdot \eta_{\text{eff}} \cdot \omega} \cdot \omega \cdot d_{i,k} \quad (i, k = 1, 2) \quad (11)$$

For some selected tilting-pad journal bearings ( $\Omega_F^* = 0,6$ ,  $\Omega = 45^\circ$ ,  $\varphi_{F,1} = 36^\circ$ ), these characteristic values are shown graphically as a function of the Sommerfeld number,  $So$ , and the profile factor,  $K_p$  in [Annex A, Figures A.1 to A.11](#).

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