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**Plain bearings — Hydrodynamic plain  
tilting pad thrust bearings under  
steady-state conditions —**

Part 2:  
**Functions for calculation of tilting pad  
thrust bearings**

*Paliers lisses — Butées hydrodynamiques à patins oscillants  
fonctionnant en régime stationnaire —*

*Partie 2: Fonctions pour le calcul des butées à patins oscillants*



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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 123, *Plain bearings*, Subcommittee SC 4, *Methods of calculation of plain bearings*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 12130-2:2001), of which it constitutes a minor revision.

ISO 12130 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plain bearings — Hydrodynamic plain tilting pad thrust bearings under steady-state conditions*:

- *Part 1: Calculation of tilting pad thrust bearings*
- *Part 2: Functions for calculation of tilting pad thrust bearings*
- *Part 3: Guide values for the calculation of tilting pad thrust bearings*

## Introduction

The functions of the following type are necessary for the calculation of oil-lubricated tilting pad thrust bearings in accordance with ISO 12130-1, assuming hydrodynamic conditions with full lubrication. They are based on the premises and boundary conditions specified therein. The values necessary for the calculation can be determined by means of the given formulae as well as from diagrams and tables. The formulae are approximations of the numerically determined values traced as curves in accordance with Reference [1]. The explanation of the symbols and examples for the calculation are included in ISO 12130-1.

On account of the premises laid down in ISO 12130-1:2001, Clause 3, items g) and k), the following definitions are not applicable to the calculation of thrust bearings with centrally supported tilting pads ( $a_F^* = 0,5$ ), which, under the premises indicated therein, have no hydrodynamic load-carrying capacity. For the determination of the characteristic values of such bearings, it is necessary to consider at least the deformations of the tilting pads which occur during operation. Compare, e.g. References [2] and [3].

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# Plain bearings — Hydrodynamic plain tilting pad thrust bearings under steady-state conditions —

## Part 2: Functions for calculation of tilting pad thrust bearings

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 12130 specifies the derivation of mathematical functions to be applied when calculating tilting pad thrust bearings.

This part of ISO 12130 is not applicable to heavily loaded tilting pad thrust bearings.

### 2 Normative reference

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 12130-1, *Plain bearings — Hydrodynamic plain tilting pad thrust bearings under steady-state conditions — Part 1: Calculation of tilting pad thrust bearings*

### 3 Functions for the tilting pad thrust bearing

#### 3.1 General

An explanation of the symbols is given in ISO 12130-1.

#### 3.2 Characteristic value of load-carrying capacity, $F^*$ , as a function of the relative bearing width, $B/L$ , and the relative minimum lubricant film thickness, $h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}$

Approximation of the curves of [Figure 1](#) (range of application:  $0,2 \leq \frac{h_{\min}}{C_{\text{wed}}} \leq 2$ ):

$$F^* = 5 \left( \frac{h_{\min}}{C_{\text{wed}}} \right)^2 \times \left[ \frac{1 + (h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}})}{h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}} - \frac{2}{1 + 2 \times \frac{h_{\min}}{C_{\text{wed}}}} \right] \times \frac{A^* + B^* \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}} \right] + C \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}} \right]^2}{1 + a \left[ \frac{1}{B/L} \right]^2} \quad (1)$$

$$a = \frac{10}{\left( 1 + 2 \frac{h_{\min}}{C_{\text{wed}}} \right)^2} \times \left\{ \left[ \frac{h_{\min}}{C_{\text{wed}}} + \left( \frac{h_{\min}}{C_{\text{wed}}} \right)^2 \right]^2 + \frac{1 - 2 \left[ \frac{h_{\min}}{C_{\text{wed}}} + \left( \frac{h_{\min}}{C_{\text{wed}}} \right)^2 \right]}{12 \left[ \left( 1 + 2 \frac{h_{\min}}{C_{\text{wed}}} \right) \times \ln \frac{1 + (h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}})}{h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}} - 2 \right]} \right\} \quad (2)$$

$$A^* = 1,168\ 6 - 0,329\ 45 \times \left( \frac{B}{L} \right) + 0,222\ 67 \times \left( \frac{B}{L} \right)^2 - 0,046\ 51 \times \left( \frac{B}{L} \right)^3 \quad (3)$$

$$B^* = -0,100\ 95 + 0,197\ 43 \times \left(\frac{B}{L}\right) - 0,131\ 36 \times \left(\frac{B}{L}\right)^2 + 0,028\ 703 \times \left(\frac{B}{L}\right)^3 \quad (4)$$

$$C^* = -0,004\ 879\ 1 + 0,008\ 601 \times \left(\frac{B}{L}\right) - 0,005\ 401\ 5 \times \left(\frac{B}{L}\right)^2 + 0,001\ 127\ 8 \times \left(\frac{B}{L}\right)^3 \quad (5)$$

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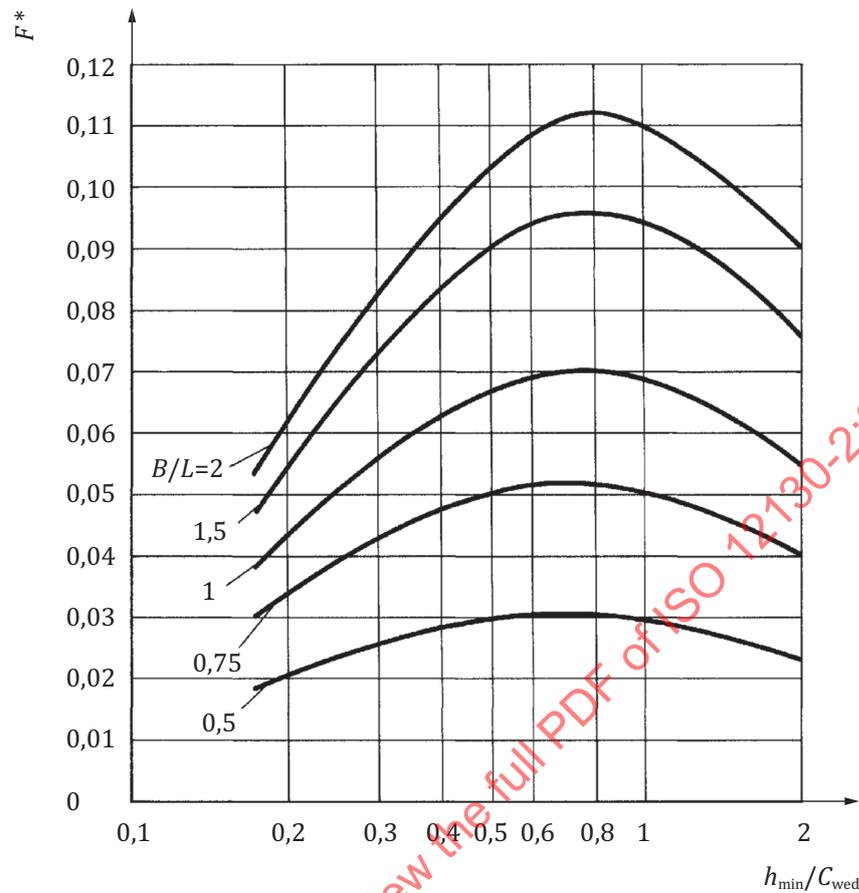


Figure 1 — Characteristic value of load-carrying capacity,  $F^*$ , as a function of the relative bearing width,  $B/L$ , and the relative minimum lubricant film thickness,  $h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}$

Table 1 — Values to Figure 1 [ $F^* = f(B/L, h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}})$ ]

$h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}$	$B/L$				
	2	1,5	1	0,75	0,5
2,000	0,089 95	0,077 21	0,055 75	0,040 39	0,022 88
1,000	0,109 6	0,094 57	0,068 94	0,050 37	0,028 92
0,667	0,109 5	0,094 97	0,069 97	0,051 58	0,030 05
0,500	0,103 2	0,090 01	0,067 01	0,049 83	0,029 45
0,333	0,087 19	0,076 88	0,058 36	0,044 09	0,026 76
0,250	0,072 85	0,064 87	0,050 11	0,038 37	0,023 82
0,200	0,061 27	0,055 05	0,043 20	0,033 45	0,021 17

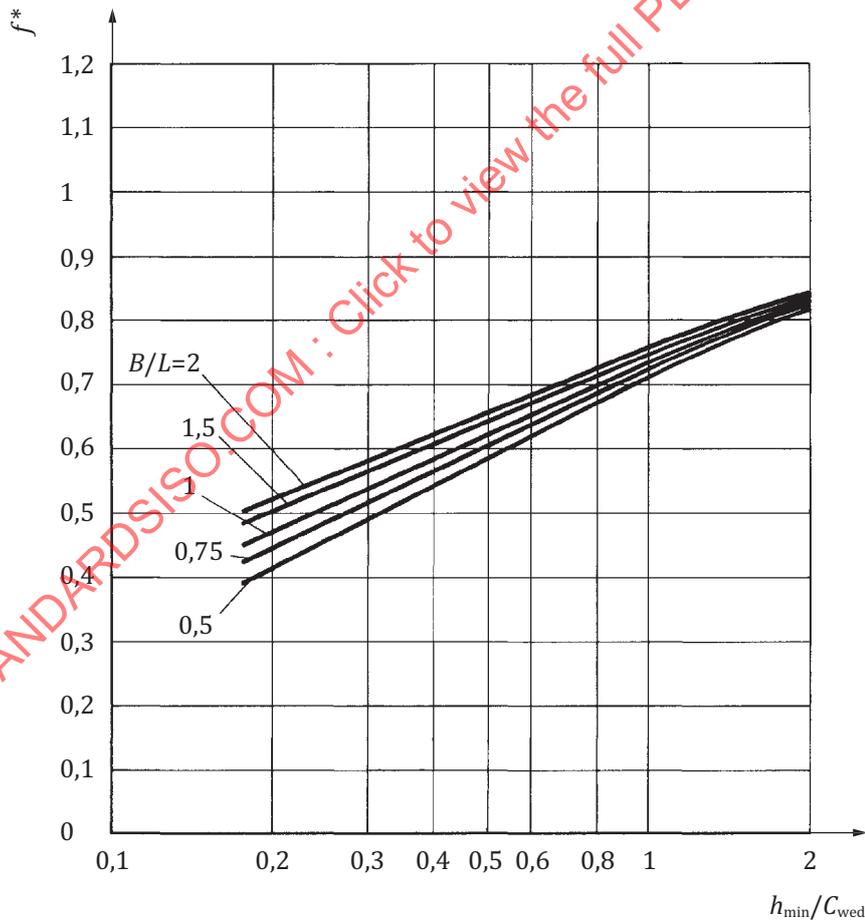
**3.3 Characteristic value of friction,  $f^*$ , as a function of the relative bearing width,  $B/L$ , and the relative minimum lubricant film thickness,  $h_{min}/C_{wed}$**

Approximation of the curves of [Figure 2](#) (range of application:  $0,2 \leq \frac{h_{min}}{C_{wed}} \leq 2$ ):

$$f^* = \frac{6}{5} \left\{ 4 \times \frac{h_{min}}{C_{wed}} \times \ln \frac{1 + (h_{min}/C_{wed})}{h_{min}/C_{wed}} - \frac{6 \times \frac{h_{min}}{C_{wed}}}{1 + 2 \times \frac{h_{min}}{C_{wed}}} \right\} \times \left\{ 1 + \alpha \left[ \frac{1}{B/L} \right]^2 \right\} A^* \tag{6}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{10}{\left[ 1 + 2 \times \frac{h_{min}}{C_{wed}} \right]^2} \left\{ \left[ \frac{h_{min}}{C_{wed}} + \left( \frac{h_{min}}{C_{wed}} \right)^2 \right]^2 + \frac{1 - 2 \left[ \frac{h_{min}}{C_{wed}} + \left( \frac{h_{min}}{C_{wed}} \right)^2 \right]}{12 \left[ \left( 1 + 2 \times \frac{h_{min}}{C_{wed}} \right) \times \ln \frac{1 + (h_{min}/C_{wed})}{h_{min}/C_{wed}} - 2 \right]} \right\} \tag{7}$$

$$A^* = -0,214\ 59 + 0,880\ 71 \left( \frac{B}{L} \right) - 0,297\ 60 \left( \frac{B}{L} \right)^2 + 0,037\ 91 \left( \frac{B}{L} \right)^3 \tag{8}$$



**Figure 2 — Characteristic value of friction,  $f^*$ , as a function of the relative bearing width,  $B/L$ , and the relative minimum lubricant film thickness,  $h_{min}/C_{wed}$**

Table 2 — Values to Figure 2 [ $f^* = f(B/L, h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}})$ ]

$h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}$	$B/L$				
	2	1,5	1	0,75	0,5
2,000	0,833 4	0,830 2	0,824 9	0,821 0	0,816 7
1,000	0,748 0	0,740 4	0,727 6	0,718 3	0,707 6
0,667	0,693 0	0,682 1	0,663 3	0,649 5	0,633 4
0,500	0,652 5	0,639 3	0,616 3	0,599 1	0,678 8
0,333	0,592 9	0,577 4	0,549 6	0,528 2	0,502 2
0,250	0,548 1	0,532 1	0,502 6	0,479 1	0,450 0
0,200	0,511 5	0,496 0	0,466 3	0,442 0	0,411 3

### 3.4 Relative lubricant flow rates $Q_1^*$ and $Q_3^*$ as a function of the relative bearing width, $B/L$ , and the relative minimum lubricant film thickness, $h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}$

Approximation of the curves of Figures 3 and 4 (range of application:  $0,2 \leq \frac{h_{\min}}{C_{\text{wed}}} \leq 2$ ):

$$Q_i^* = \frac{1 + (h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}})}{1 + 2 \times \frac{h_{\min}}{C_{\text{wed}}}} \times \left\{ A_i + B_i \times \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}} \right] \right\} \quad (9)$$

with constants  $A_i$  and  $B_i$

for  $Q_i^* = Q_1^*$ :

$$A_i = 1,549 4 - 0,344 48 \left( \frac{B}{L} \right) + 0,072 457 \left( \frac{B}{L} \right)^2 \quad (10)$$

$$B_i = -0,572 08 + 0,370 91 \left( \frac{B}{L} \right) - 0,079 18 \left( \frac{B}{L} \right)^2 \quad (11)$$

for  $Q_i^* = Q_3^*$ :

$$A_i = 2 \left[ 0,358 6 - 0,240 57 \left( \frac{B}{L} \right) + 0,052 129 \left( \frac{B}{L} \right)^2 \right] \quad (12)$$

$$B_i = 2 \left[ -0,276 82 + 0,186 07 \left( \frac{B}{L} \right) - 0,040 081 \left( \frac{B}{L} \right)^2 \right] \quad (13)$$

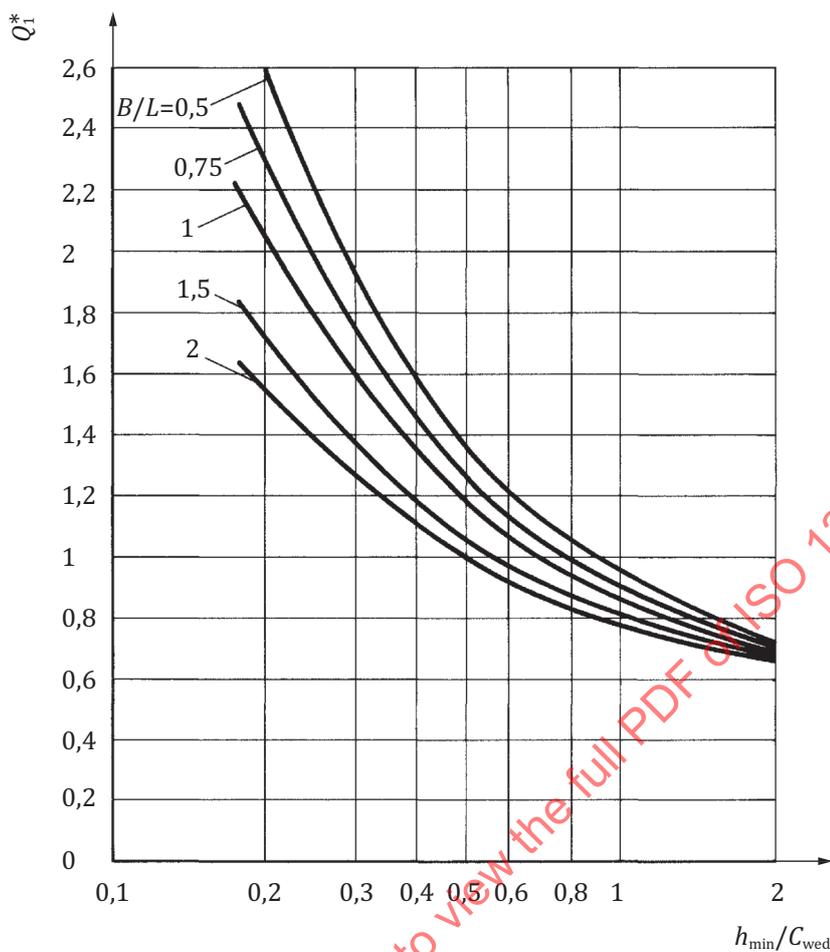


Figure 3 — Relative lubricant flow rate  $Q_1^*$  as a function of the relative bearing width,  $B/L$ , and the relative minimum lubricant film thickness,  $h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}$

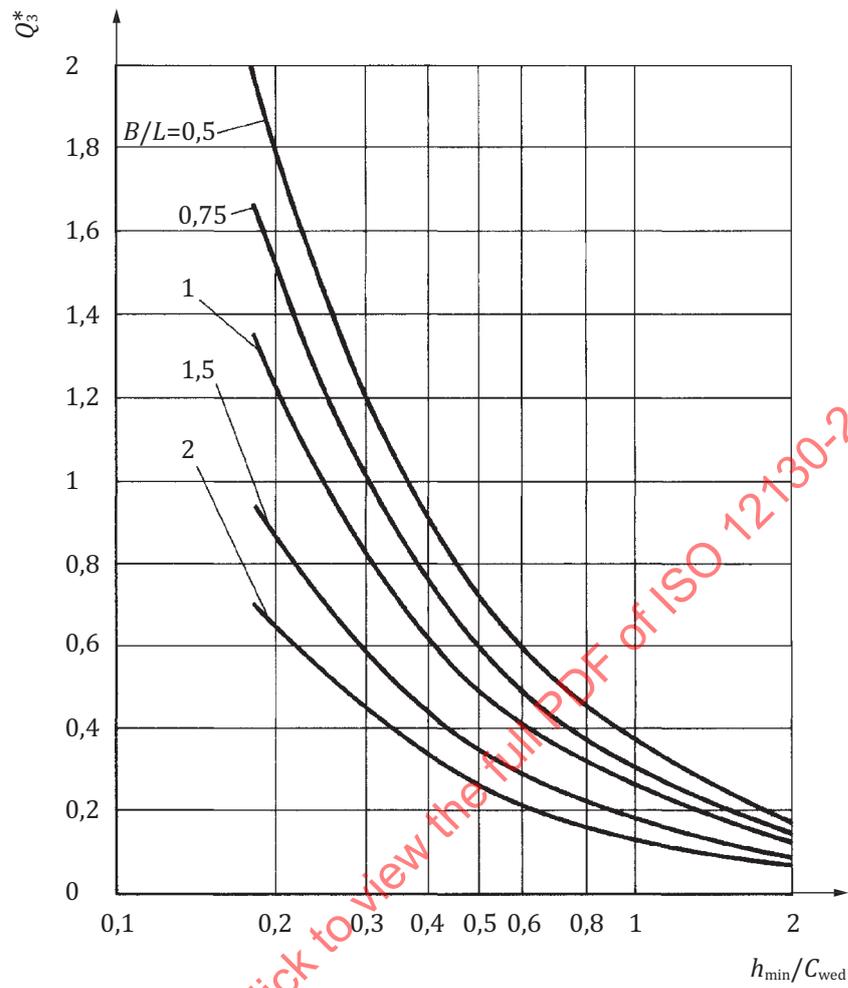


Figure 4 — Relative lubricant flow rate  $Q_3^*$  as a function of the relative bearing width,  $B/L$ , and the relative minimum lubricant film thickness,  $h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}$

**Table 3 — Values to Figure 3 [ $Q_1^* = f(B/L, h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}})$ ]**

$h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}$	$B/L$				
	2	1,5	1	0,75	0,5
2,000	0,643 5	0,657 1	0,678 6	0,696 0	0,715 2
1,000	0,765 5	0,796 0	0,847 3	0,884 3	0,927 0
0,667	0,876 0	0,925 3	1,008	1,068	1,137
0,500	0,979 5	1,049	1,165	1,249	1,345
0,333	1,173	1,283	1,470	1,607	1,761
0,250	1,362	1,510	1,769	1,960	2,174
0,200	1,544	1,731	2,063	2,311	2,588

**Table 4 — Values to Figure 4 [ $Q_3^* = f(B/L, h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}})$ ]**

$h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}$	$B/L$				
	2	1,5	1	0,75	0,5
2,000	0,064 75	0,086 07	0,122 3	0,147 7	0,178 1
1,000	0,129 4	0,172 4	0,246 2	0,297 2	0,357 6
0,667	0,194 6	0,259 5	0,370 7	0,447 9	0,539 0
0,500	0,259 8	0,347 1	0,496 4	0,600 1	0,721 4
0,333	0,390 8	0,522 8	0,750 0	0,907 7	1,091
0,250	0,522 0	0,699 3	1,006	1,219	1,463
0,200	0,653 5	0,876 0	1,263	1,531	1,838

**3.5 Relative pressure centre coordinate or tilting pad supporting point  $a_F^*$  as a function of the relative bearing width,  $B/L$ , and the relative minimum lubricant film thickness,  $h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}$**

Approximation of the curves of Figure 5:

$$a_F^* = f(h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}; B/L) :$$

$$a_F^* = 0,5 + \left[ a + \frac{b}{B/L} \right] \times \tanh \left\{ \left[ c + \frac{d}{B/L} \right] \times \frac{1}{h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}} \right\} \tag{14}$$

Permissible input values:  $0,2 \leq \frac{h_{\min}}{C_{\text{wed}}} < 2$

$$a = 0,138\ 107\ 909$$

$$b = 0,035\ 120\ 970\ 9$$

$$c = 0,476\ 542\ 662$$

$$d = 0,010\ 956\ 802\ 1$$

$$\frac{h_{\min}}{C_{\text{wed}}} = f(a_F^*; B/L): \frac{h_{\min}}{C_{\text{wed}}} = 2 \times \frac{c + \frac{d}{B/L}}{\ln \left[ \frac{a + \frac{b}{B/L} + a_F^* - 0,5}{a + \frac{b}{B/L} - a_F^* + 0,5} \right]}$$

Permissible values for calculation:

$$0,333 \leq \frac{h_{\min}}{C_{\text{wed}}} \leq 1$$

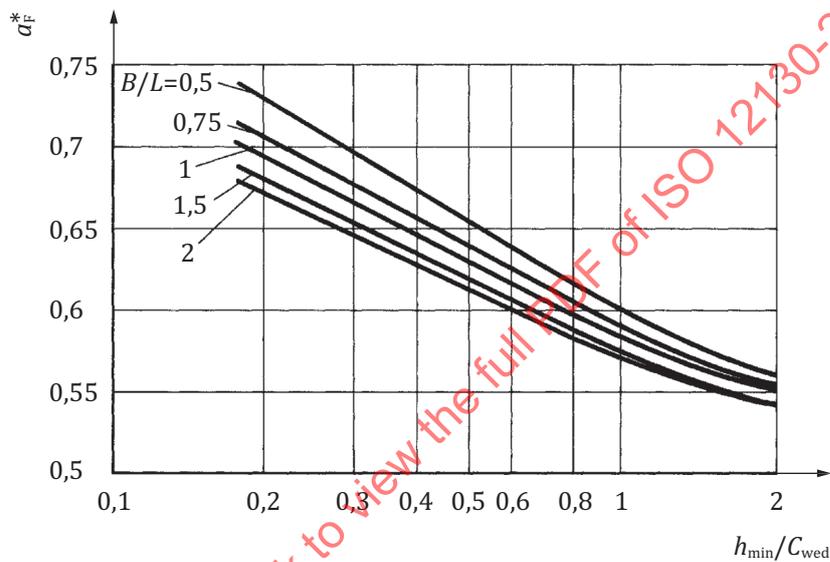


Figure 5 — Relative coordinate of the pressure centre or supporting point in the direction of motion (circumferential direction),  $a_F^*$ , as a function of the relative bearing width,  $B/L$ , and the relative minimum lubricant film thickness,  $h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}$

Table 5 — Values to Figure 5 [ $a_F^* = f(B/L; h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}})$ ]

$h_{\min}/C_{\text{wed}}$	$B/L$				
	2	1,5	1	0,75	0,5
2,000	0,543 1	0,544 6	0,548 3	0,552 2	0,559 7
1,000	0,573 0	0,575 6	0,581 8	0,588 3	0,600 5
0,667	0,595 5	0,599 0	0,606 9	0,615 2	0,630 7
0,500	0,613 2	0,617 4	0,626 8	0,636 4	0,654 1
0,333	0,639 7	0,645 1	0,656 7	0,667 9	0,688 5
0,250	0,658 6	0,665 2	0,678 3	0,690 6	0,712 7
0,200	0,672 9	0,680 4	0,695 0	0,707 8	0,730 9

**4 Effective dynamic viscosity of the lubricant,  $\eta_{\text{eff}}$ , as a function of the effective lubricant film temperature,  $T_{\text{eff}}$**

For liquid lubricants, the Reference [4] formula is generally applicable:

$$\eta = K_1 \times \exp\left(\frac{K_2}{T + K_3}\right) \tag{15}$$

For mineral oils, this formula can be completed with sufficient accuracy by the constant  $K_3 = 95 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  according to Reference [5].

Reference [6] shows that the operational viscosity,  $\eta$ , for mineral oils can also be calculated directly from the ISO viscosity grade (VG).

With density,  $\rho$ , in  $\text{kg/m}^3$ , it results in Formula (16):

$$\ln \frac{\eta}{\eta_x} = \left( \frac{159,56}{T + 95 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}} - 0,181\,913 \right) \times \ln \frac{\rho \times \text{VG}}{10^6 \times \eta_x} \tag{16}$$

In Formula (16),  $\eta_x = 0,18 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Pa}\cdot\text{s}$  is a constant coefficient.

The viscosity of ISO standard oils is given for a mean density  $\rho = 900 \text{ kg/m}^3$  in [Figure 6](#).

Engine and gear box oils for road vehicles are standardized in accordance with SAE international viscosity classes.

The SAE classification of these lubricants can only be incompletely compared with the ISO VG classification. The SAE classification is so inaccurate that, for especially precise calculations, viscosity data should be requested from the supplier.

As compared to pure mineral oils, multigrade oils have a more even viscosity-temperature behaviour.

Synthetic oils very often reach such conditions without intrinsically viscous additives as required for mineral oils.

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