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**Part 4:**  
**Tests on half-bearings of a metallic**  
**multilayer bearing material**

*Paliers lisses — Fatigue des paliers —*

*Partie 4: Essais sur demi-coussinets en matériau antifriction  
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- [Annex A](#) has been revised;
- the Bibliography has been revised.

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# Plain bearings — Bearing fatigue —

## Part 4:

# Tests on half-bearings of a metallic multilayer bearing material

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the endurance limit in fatigue of half-bearings of a multilayer bearing material.

## 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 4386-3, *Plain bearings — Metallic multilayer plain bearings — Part 3: Non-destructive penetrant testing*

## 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 Symbols

The symbols used in this document are described in [Table 1](#).

**Table 1 — Symbols**

Symbol	Description	Unit
$A_1$	coefficient of stress at the bearing backing	—
$a_{1,i}$	3 coefficients at the outside of the bearing back with $i = 0, 1, 2$	—
$A_2$	coefficient of stress at the surface of the lining	—
$a_{2,i}$	3 coefficients at the surface of the lining with $i = 0, 1, 2$	—
$b$	bearing width	mm
$B_1$	coefficient of stress at the bearing backing	—
$b_{1,i}$	3 coefficients at the outside of the bearing back with $i = 0, 1, 2$	—
$B_2$	coefficient of stress at the surface of the lining	—
$b_{2,i}$	3 coefficients at the surface of the lining with $i = 0, 1, 2$	—
$E$	Young's modulus	MPa
$E_1$	Young's modulus, steel bearing backing, $E_1 = 210 \cdot 10^3$	MPa

Table 1 (continued)

Symbol	Description	Unit
$E_2$	Young's modulus, lining	MPa
$E_2^*$	dimensionless Young's modulus, $E_2^* = E_2/E_{2,0}$	—
$E_{2,0}$	Young's modulus of bearing used to construct curves in Figure A.2, $E_{2,0} = 50 \cdot 10^3$	MPa
$E_3$	Young's modulus, overlay	MPa
$F$	radial force at clamping end	N
$\bar{F}$	mean value of radial force	N
$F_A$	amplitude of radial force	N
$N$	number of cycles to failure	
$\bar{r}$	radius of mean thickness $\bar{r} = (r_3 + r_4) \cdot 0,5$	mm
$r_2$	radius of interface between the bearing backing and lining	mm
$r_3$	radius of running surface (overlay thickness negligible)	mm
$r_4$	outer radius of bearing steel back	mm
$s$	total thickness of bearing	mm
$s^*$	dimensionless total thickness, $s^* = 2 \cdot [(r_4 - r_3)/(r_4 + r_3)]$	—
$s_1$	thickness of steel backing	mm
$s_1^*$	dimensionless steel backing thickness, $s_1^* = (r_4 - r_2)/(r_4 - r_3)$	—
$t$	time	s
$\sigma$	stress	MPa
$\sigma^*$	dimensionless stress, $\sigma^* = \sigma/\sigma_{\text{nom}}$	—
$\sigma_{\text{el}}$	stress amplitude	MPa
$\sigma_{\text{nom}}$	nominal stress, $\sigma_{\text{nom}} = (6 \cdot F \cdot \bar{r})/(b \cdot s^2)$	MPa
$\sigma_1$	stress at the outside of the bearing back	MPa
$\sigma_1^*$	dimensionless stress at the bearing steel back	—
$\sigma_2$	stress at the surface of the lining	MPa
$\sigma_2^*$	dimensionless stress, lining surface	—
$\sigma_3$	stress in overlay	MPa
$\nu_1$	Poisson's ratio, steel backing	—
$\nu_2$	Poisson's ratio, lining	—
$\nu_3$	Poisson's ratio, overlay	—
$\omega$	angular frequency of the radial load	$\text{s}^{-1}$
$\Delta x$	displacement	mm
$\bar{\Delta x}$	mean value of displacement	mm
$\Delta x_A$	amplitude of displacement	mm

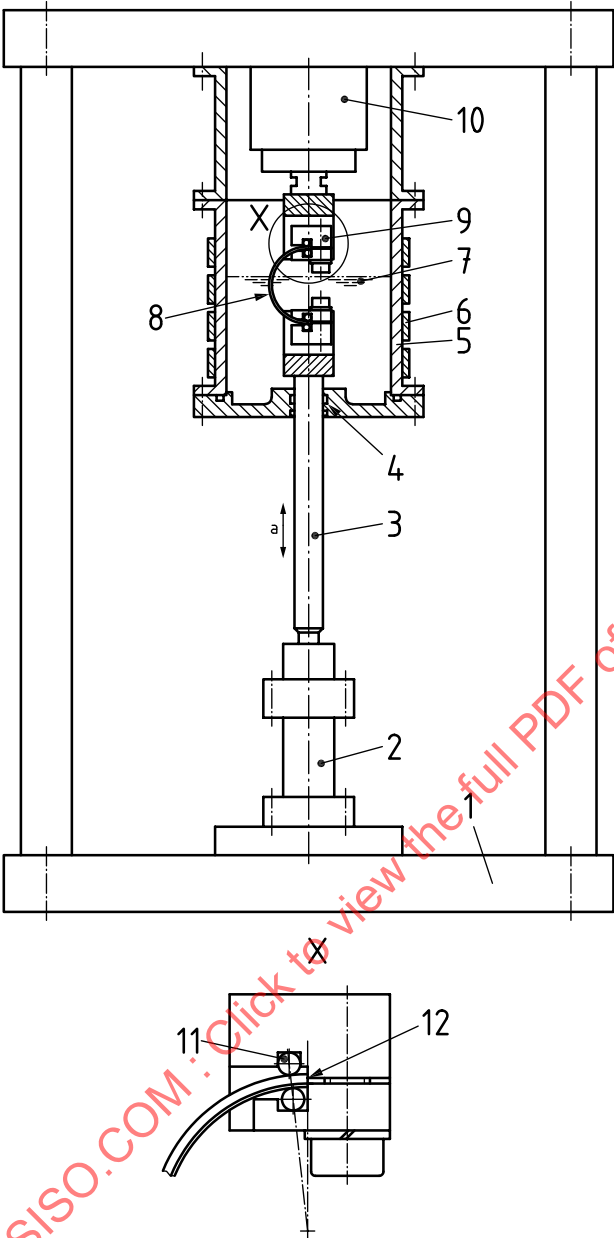
## 5 Test specimens

The test specimen shall be half bearings ready for use. Normally, as a result of the loading conditions, the major stresses are located in the crown area of the bearing. Care should be taken before and during the test not to damage the surface mechanically or by corrosion. The advantage of this method is the presence of residual stress associated with the bearing manufacturing process.

## 6 Test methods

The test principle is illustrated in [Figure 1](#). The specimens shall be clamped at one end and loaded at the other end by force or displacement applied radially at the relief parting line runout. The load shall fluctuate from tension to compression within the running surface. Additionally, a tensile or compressive prestress can 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 with a tolerance of  $\pm 2$  °C. Alternatively, tests can be conducted in air at fixed levels of temperature with a tolerance of  $\pm 2$  °C.

Surface stress on the back surface of the bearing at mid-peripheral length is used as nominal stress and can be measured by a strain gauge at this position. The required stress in the lining can be calculated if the steel and lining thicknesses and Young's moduli are known. Alternatively, the radial force at the clamping end  $F$  can be measured by a load cell or calculated from cantilever beam theory and the value of stress in the lining calculated according to [Annex A](#). The values are critically dependent upon the lining and steel thickness which shall be determined by microsection after the tests. The test frequency shall have a range of 50 Hz to 80 Hz. Crack detection shall be performed by dye penetrant method in accordance with ISO 4386-3 or by microscope.



Key

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|---|--------------------|----|------------------------|
| 1 | frame              | 7  | testing fluid          |
| 2 | hydraulic cylinder | 8  | half bearing           |
| 3 | connecting shaft   | 9  | hinged clamping beam   |
| 4 | seal               | 10 | load cell              |
| 5 | sample receptacle  | 11 | rollers on radial line |
| 6 | strip heater       | 12 | fulcrum clamping beam  |

<sup>a</sup>  $F = \bar{F} + F_A \cdot \sin(\omega \cdot t)$  or  $\Delta x = \bar{\Delta x} + \Delta x_A \cdot \sin(\omega \cdot t)$ .

Figure 1 — Test principle

The amplitude shall be controlled by force,  $F$ , or displacement,  $\Delta x$ .



## 7 Evaluation and presentation of test results

The endurance limit stresses should be presented in the form of  $\sigma_{el}$ - $N$  curves at a predetermined temperature with a tolerance of  $\pm 2$  °C against a detailed description of the bearing material. Normally  $\sigma_{el}$ - $N$  curve testing is terminated for practical considerations at  $50 \cdot 10^6$  stress cycles. The endurance limit stress can be quoted at a specified number of cycles, for example,  $3 \cdot 10^6$ ,  $10 \cdot 10^6$ ,  $25 \cdot 10^6$  or  $50 \cdot 10^6$ . 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, the results should be evaluated based on a statistical method.

Another presentation of the endurance limit stress can be affected 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.

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## Annex A (informative)

### Evaluation of stress

#### A.1 Evaluation of stresses

A half-bearing system is described in [Figure A.1](#) by radial dimensions,  $r_4$ , thickness,  $s_1$ , and related to Young's modulus,  $E_{2,0} = 50 \cdot 10^3$  MPa, and to nominal stress,  $\sigma_{\text{nom}}$ .

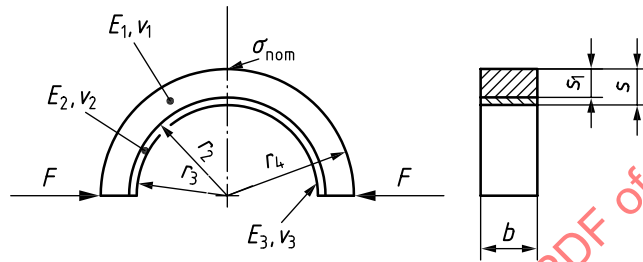


Figure A.1 — Half-bearing system

The bearing stress calculations are given in [Figure A.2](#) for a two-layer bearing. The data used to construct the charts in [Figure A.2](#) were based on a bearing having a Young's Modulus of  $50 \cdot 10^3$  MPa.

#### A.2 Worked example

##### A.2.1 General

Given data for a half-bearing:

$$b = 30 \text{ mm}$$

$$E_1 = 210 \cdot 10^3 \text{ MPa}$$

$$E_2 = 69 \cdot 10^3 \text{ MPa}$$

$$E_3 = 22 \cdot 10^3 \text{ MPa}$$

$$F = 100 \text{ N}$$

$$r_2 = 49,10 \text{ mm}$$

$$r_3 = 48,52 \text{ mm}$$

$$r_4 = 51,50 \text{ mm}$$

It is assumed that since the overlay (PbSn11) is relatively thin (0,02 mm), it does not affect the stresses in the other layers. All values in this example are calculated to three decimal places.

### A.2.2 Calculation of related dimensions

To correct for the actual Young's modulus:

$$E_2^* = E_2 / E_{2,0}$$

$$E_2^* = 69 \cdot 10^3 / 50 \cdot 10^3$$

$$E_2^* = 1,380$$

To calculate the dimensionless steel thickness:

$$s_1^* = (r_4 - r_2) / (r_4 - r_3)$$

$$s_1^* = (51,50 - 49,10) / (51,50 - 48,52)$$

$$s_1^* = 0,805$$

To calculate the dimensionless total thickness:

$$s^* = 2 \cdot [(r_4 - r_3) / (r_4 + r_3)]$$

$$s^* = 2 \times [(51,50 - 48,52) / (51,50 + 48,52)]$$

$$s^* = 0,060$$

To calculate the radius of mean thickness,

$$\bar{r} = (r_3 + r_4) \cdot 0,5$$

$$\bar{r} = (48,52 + 51,50) \times 0,5$$

$$\bar{r} = 50,01 \text{ mm}$$

### A.2.3 Calculation of nominal stress

$$\sigma_{\text{nom}} = (6 \cdot F \cdot \bar{r}) / (b \cdot s^2)$$

$$\sigma_{\text{nom}} = (6 \times 100 \times 50,01) / [30 \times (51,50 - 48,52)^2]$$

$$\sigma_{\text{nom}} = 112,630 \text{ MPa}$$

### A.2.4 Coefficients $a$ and $b$

Using [Figure A.2](#) and the dimensionless steel thickness,  $s_1^*$ , the coefficients  $a$  and  $b$  can either be calculated or read from the charts.

Running surface:

$$a_{2,0} = 0,014 \quad a_{2,1} = 0,488 \quad a_{2,2} = -0,083$$

$$b_{2,0} = 0,031 \quad b_{2,1} = 0,335 \quad b_{2,2} = -0,077$$

Bearing back:

$$a_{1,0} = 1,553 \quad a_{1,1} = -0,281 \quad a_{1,2} = 0,046$$

$$b_{1,0} = -0,441 \quad b_{1,1} = -0,090 \quad b_{1,2} = 0,032$$

## A.2.5 Calculation of coefficients A and B

Running surface:

$$A_2 = a_{2,0} + a_{2,1} \cdot E_2^* + a_{2,2} \cdot E_2^{*2}$$

$$A_2 = 0,014 + 0,488 \times 1,380 - 0,083 \times 1,380^2$$

$$A_2 = 0,529$$

$$B_2 = b_{2,0} + b_{2,1} \cdot E_2^* + b_{2,2} \cdot E_2^{*2}$$

$$B_2 = 0,031 + 0,335 \times 1,380 - 0,077 \times 1,380^2$$

$$B_2 = 0,347$$

Bearing back:

$$A_1 = a_{1,0} + a_{1,1} \cdot E_2^* + a_{1,2} \cdot E_2^{*2}$$

$$A_1 = 1,553 - 0,281 \times 1,380 + 0,046 \times 1,380^2$$

$$A_1 = 1,253$$

$$B_1 = b_{1,0} + b_{1,1} \cdot E_2^* + b_{1,2} \cdot E_2^{*2}$$

$$B_1 = -0,441 - 0,090 \times 1,380 + 0,032 \times 1,380^2$$

$$B_1 = -0,504$$

## A.2.6 Calculation of dimensionless stress

Running surface:

$$\sigma_2^* = A_2 + B_2 \cdot s^*$$

$$\sigma_2^* = 0,529 + 0,347 \times 0,060$$