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

## Part 3:

## Functions 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  $45^\circ$ .

The functions plotted and listed in table form below are required for the operationally safe design of hydrodynamic tilting-pad journal bearings according to ISO/TS 31657-1. They are based on the presumptions and boundary conditions indicated there and only apply to stationary operating states. The symbols used are explained in ISO/TS 31657-1; calculation examples are also included there.

The calculation method described in ISO/TS 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.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

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

### 4 Functions for calculation of multi-lobed journal bearings

#### 4.1 General

The characteristic values for symmetrically loaded tilting-pad journal bearings with four and five pads (centrally ( $\Omega_F^* = 0,5$ ) or eccentrically ( $\Omega_F^* = 0,6$ ) supported tilting pads are indicated below in table form.

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  $\varphi_{F,1}$ , profile factors