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

## Part 4:

# Permissible operational parameters for calculation of multi-lobed and tilting pad journal bearings

## 1 Scope

This document establishes the permissible operational parameters in terms of guide values for the calculation of selected multi-lobed and tilting-pad journal bearings.

In order to attain a sufficient operational safety of multi-lobed and tilting-pad journal bearings by the calculation according to ISO/TS 31657-1, it is necessary for the operational characteristic value  $h_{\min}$  to be significantly above the permissible operating parameter  $h_{\lim, \text{min}}$  and for the permissible operating parameters  $T_{\lim}$  and  $p_{\lim}$  not to be exceeded by the calculated operational characteristic values  $T_{\max}$  and  $p_{\max}$ .

The guide values represent geometrically and technologically rounded operational limiting values in the tribological system of plain bearings.

They are empirical values that enable sufficient operational safety even in the event of smaller disturbing influences (see ISO/TS 31657-1). The empirical values indicated can be modified for special application areas.

NOTE The explanations for the symbols and calculation examples are contained in ISO/TS 31657-1.

## 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 Operational guide values for start-up and run-down

The minimum lubricant film thickness,  $h_{\min}$ , is calculated for the operating point. Its size primarily determines the requirements for the lubricant with respect to its cleanliness and defines the fineness of the oil filter to be used.

At the transition of a hydrodynamic plain bearing into mixed friction, the minimum lubricant film thickness,  $h_{\min}$ , at the transition sliding speed,  $U_{\text{tr}}$  attains the value  $h_{\min, \text{tr}}$ .

In the range  $0 < U < U_{\text{tr}}$  the load percentage carried by solid body contact increases significantly with decreasing rotational frequency.