
**Condition monitoring and
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condition monitoring —**

**Part 3:
Guidelines for vibration diagnosis**

*Surveillance et diagnostic d'état des machines — Surveillance des
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Partie 3: Lignes directrices pour le diagnostic des vibrations





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Foreword

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ISO 13373 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Condition monitoring and diagnostics of machines — Vibration condition monitoring*:

- *Part 1: General procedures*
- *Part 2: Processing, analysis and presentation of vibration data*
- *Part 3: Guidelines for vibration diagnosis*
- *Part 9: Diagnostic techniques for electric motors*

Introduction

This part of ISO 13373 has been developed as a set of guidelines for the general procedures to be considered when carrying out vibration diagnostics of machines. It is intended to be used by vibration practitioners, engineers and technicians and it provides them with useful diagnostic tools. These tools include diagnostic flowcharts, process tables and fault tables. The material contained herein presents a structured approach of the most basic, logical and intelligent steps to diagnose vibration problems associated with machines. However, this does not preclude the use of other diagnostic techniques.

ISO 13373-1 presents the basic procedures for vibration signal analysis. It includes: the types of transducers used, their ranges and their recommended locations on various types of machines, online and off-line vibration monitoring systems, and potential machinery problems.

ISO 13373-2 which leads to the diagnostics of machines includes: descriptions of the signal conditioning equipment that is required, time and frequency domain techniques, and the waveforms and signatures that represent the most common machinery operating phenomena or machinery faults that are encountered when performing vibration signature analysis.

The present part of ISO 13373 provides general guidelines for a range of machinery. Guidance for specific machines is provided in other parts of this International Standard (currently under development).

ISO 13373 does not define vibration limits; these are specified in ISO 7919 (all parts) for rotating shafts and ISO 10816 (all parts) for non-rotating parts.

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Part 3: Guidelines for vibration diagnosis

1 Scope

This part of ISO 13373 sets out guidelines for the general procedures to be considered when carrying out vibration diagnostics of rotating machines. It is intended to be used by vibration practitioners, engineers and technicians and provides a practical structured approach to fault diagnosis. In addition it gives examples of faults common to a wide range of machines.

NOTE Guidance for specific machines is provided in other parts of ISO 13373.

2 Normative references

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 1925,¹⁾ *Mechanical vibration — Balancing — Vocabulary*

ISO 2041, *Mechanical vibration, shock and condition monitoring — Vocabulary*

ISO 7919-1, *Mechanical vibration of non-reciprocating machines — Measurements on rotating shafts and evaluation criteria — Part 1: General guidelines*

ISO 13372, *Condition monitoring and diagnostics of machines — Vocabulary*

ISO 13373-1, *Condition monitoring and diagnostics of machines — Vibration condition monitoring — Part 1: General procedures*

ISO 13373-2, *Condition monitoring and diagnostics of machines — Vibration condition monitoring — Part 2: Processing, analysis and presentation of vibration data*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1925, ISO 2041 and ISO 13372 apply.

4 Measurements

4.1 Vibration measurements

Reliable measurement is the essential basis of using this part of ISO 13373 (see Reference [1]).

1) To become ISO 21940-2 when revised.