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Fatigue test method for transmission precision roller chains and leaf chains

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies an axial force fatigue test method for transmission roller chains and leaf chains. The tests being of the fluctuating tension type, carried out at room temperature in air, with the force applied along the longitudinal axis of the chain. It also specifies procedures for statistically analysing the test results and gives formats and elements for presenting the results of fatigue tests and analyses.

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 606, *Short-pitch transmission precision roller and bush chains, attachments and associated chain sprockets*

ISO 4347:2015, *Leaf chains, clevises and sheaves — Dimensions, measuring forces, tensile strengths and dynamic strengths*

ISO 10190, *Motorcycle chains — Characteristics and test methods*

3 Symbols

Symbol	Description	Unit
d	Step size — the interval between adjacent force levels in a staircase test [see Formula (5)]	N
F_{\max}	Maximum force — maximum value of force in the cycle	N
F_{\min}	Minimum force — minimum value of force in the cycle	N
F_m	Mean force — half the sum of the maximum and minimum forces in the force cycle [see Formula (1)]	N
F_a	Force amplitude — half the difference between the maximum force and minimum force [see Formula (2)]	N
F_b	Mean Fatigue Strength — the test force, corrected to zero minimum force, at which there is a 50 % probability of failure at endurance [see Formula (8)]	N
F_{dx}	Fatigue limit — the test force, corrected to zero minimum force, at which there is a calculated 0,135 % probability of failure at 10^7 force cycles. This approximates the force below which a chain can endure an infinite number of force cycles [see Formula (10)]	N
F_d	Test force — the maximum force, corrected to zero minimum force, at which a test was run [see Formula (3)]	N
F_u	Minimum UTS — the minimum tensile strength of chain as specified in ISO 606, ISO 10190 or ISO 4347	N
N	Cycles — the number of cycles, at a given alternating force, applied to a specimen chain at a particular time in the test	—