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## Part 1: Fundamentals

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# Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 4, *Rolling bearings*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 15242-1:2004), which has been technically revised.

ISO 15242 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Rolling bearings — Measuring methods for vibration*:

— *Part 1: Fundamentals*

— *Part 2: Radial ball bearings with cylindrical bore and outside surface*

— *Part 3: Radial spherical and tapered roller bearings with cylindrical bore and outside surface*

— *Part 4: Radial cylindrical roller bearings with cylindrical bore and outside surface*


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# Introduction

Vibration in rotating rolling bearings can be of importance as an operating characteristic of such bearings. The vibration can affect the performance of the mechanical system incorporating the bearing and can result in audible noise when the vibration is transmitted to the environment in which the mechanical system operates, can lead to damages, and can even create health problems.

Vibration of rotating rolling bearings is a complex physical phenomenon dependent on the conditions of operation. Measuring the vibration of an individual bearing under a certain set of conditions does not necessarily characterize the vibration under a different set of conditions or when the bearing becomes part of a larger assembly. Assessment of the audible sound generated by the mechanical system incorporating the bearing is further complicated by the influence of the interface conditions, the location and orientation of the sensing device, and the acoustical environment in which the system operates. Assessment of airborne noise, which for the purpose of this part of ISO 15242 can be defined as any disagreeable and undesired sound, is further complicated by the subjective nature of the terms *disagreeable* and *undesired*. Structure-borne vibration can be considered the driving mechanism that ultimately results in the generation of airborne noise. Only selected methods for the measurement of the structure-borne vibration of rotating rolling bearings are addressed in the current edition of ISO 15242.

This part of ISO 15242 serves to define and specify the physical quantities measured and the general measurement conditions and environment utilized in the measurement of vibration generated by rolling bearings on a measuring device. Based on this part of ISO 15242, parties to the acceptance inspection of rolling bearings may, by agreement, establish acceptance criteria with which to control bearing vibration.

Vibration of rotating rolling bearings can be assessed by a number of means using various types of transducers and measurement conditions. No simple set of values characterizing the vibration of a bearing is adequate for the evaluation of the vibratory performance in all possible applications. Ultimately, a knowledge of the type of bearing, its application and the purpose of the vibration measuring (e.g. as a manufacturing process diagnostic or an assessment of product quality) is required to select the most suitable method for measuring. The field of application for standards on bearing vibration is therefore not universal. However, certain methods have established a wide enough level of application to be considered as standard methods.

This part of ISO 15242 serves to define the general principles involved in vibration measurement. It is intended that further parts will specify, in more detail, the methods for assessing vibration of different types of bearings with cylindrical bore and outside surface.

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# Part 1: Fundamentals

## 1 Scope

This part of ISO 15242 specifies measuring methods for vibration of rotating rolling bearings under established measuring conditions, together with calibration of the related measuring systems.

## 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 286-2, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — ISO code system for tolerances on linear sizes — Part 2: Tables of standard tolerance classes and limit deviations for holes and shafts*

ISO 2041:2009, *Mechanical vibration, shock and condition monitoring — Vocabulary*

ISO 5593, *Rolling bearings — Vocabulary*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 2041, ISO 5593 and the following apply.

**3.1**
**error motion**
undesired radial or axial (translational) motion or tilt (angular) motion of an axis of rotation, excluding motions due to changes of temperature or externally applied load

**3.2**
**vibration**
mechanical oscillations about an equilibrium point

Note 1 to entry: The oscillations may be periodic or random.

[SOURCE: ISO 2041:2009, 2.1, modified]

**3.3**
**transducer**
device designed to convert energy from one form to another in such a manner that the desired characteristics of the input energy appear at the output

Note 1 to entry: The output is usually electrical.

Note 2 to entry: The use of the term “pick-up” is deprecated.

Note 3 to entry: Examples of types of transducers used in vibration measurement are the following:

a) piezoelectric accelerometer;

b) piezoresistive accelerometer;

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