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The major changes have been incorporated in this revision are as follows:

- a) Thorough editorial revision of the standard has been done;
- b) Six new figures have been added; and
- c) Clause numbers of the standard have been revised.

This standard has been published in five parts. Other parts in this series are:

- Part 1 Design, bearing materials and their properties
- Part 3 Lubrication
- Part 4 Basic symbols
- Part 5 Application of symbols

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## **Introduction**

As there is a large number of multiple designations in the domain of plain bearings, there is a considerable risk of error in the interpretation of standards and technical literature. This uncertainty leads to the continuous addition of supplementary designations, which only serves to increase the misunderstanding.

This document is an attempt to establish a uniform basic system of designations of friction and wear.

*Indian Standard*

PLAIN BEARINGS — TERMS, DEFINITIONS, CLASSIFICATION  
AND SYMBOLS

**PART 2 FRICTION AND WEAR**

( *Second Revision* )

## **1 Scope**

This document specifies the most commonly used terms relating to friction and wear of plain bearings with their definitions and classification.

For some terms and word combinations, their short forms are given, which can be used where they are unambiguous. Self-explanatory terms are given without definitions.

## **2 Normative references**

There are no normative references in this document.

## **3 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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### **3.1 General terms**

#### **3.1.1**

##### **external friction**

force and its phenomenon of resistance to the relative motion between two bodies, originating at the contact area of their surfaces and directed tangentially to them

#### **3.1.2**

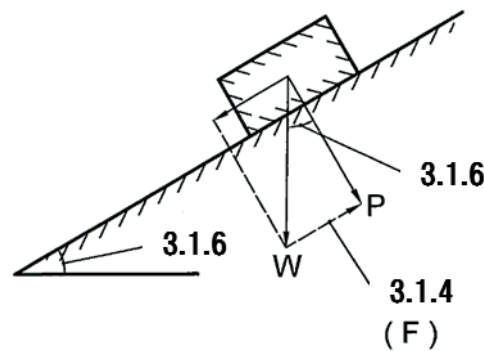
##### **internal friction**

force and its phenomenon of resistance to the relative motion of particles or mass of a body with respect to other particles or mass in the same body

**3.1.3**  
**friction**

force and its phenomenon of resistance to the relative motion working tangentially with respect to the common boundary between two bodies when, under the action of an external force, one body moves or is at rest relative to the surface of the other

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).



**Key**

- W weight of material
- P normal force
- F friction force

**Figure 1 — Friction**

**3.1.4**  
**friction force**

force due to *friction* ([3.1.3](#))

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).

**3.1.5**  
**coefficient of friction**

ratio of the *friction force* ([3.1.4](#)) between two bodies to the normal force pressing these bodies together

**3.1.6**  
**friction angle**

angle, the tangent of which is equal to the ratio of the *friction force* ([3.1.4](#)) to the normal force, or *coefficient of friction* ([3.1.5](#))

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).

**3.1.7**  
**wear**

process of wear or the result of a *wear process* ([3.1.8](#))

**3.1.8**  
**wear process**

process of a loss of substance from a solid body surface in frictional conditions, which appears as a gradual decrease of body dimensions and/or change of shape

Note 1 to entry: Rarely, in a broader sense, is there a process of permanent increase of body dimensions on the surface without loss of substance.

### 3.1.9

#### wear rate

amount of *wear* (3.1.7) per unit sliding distance or per interval of time

Note 1 to entry: A distinction is made between “momentary” (at a definite moment) and “mean” wear rate (during a definite interval of time).

### 3.1.10

#### specific wear rate

#### wear intensity

value of amount of *wear* (3.1.7) divided by the product of sliding distance (or time) and load; that is, the ratio of *wear rate* (3.1.9) to the load

Note 1 to entry: Wear can be expressed in the units of length, volume, mass, etc.

Note 2 to entry: Wear intensity is distinguished as “momentary” or as “mean” wear intensity.

## 3.2 Types and characteristics of external friction and classification

### 3.2.1 Classification according to the presence of relative motion

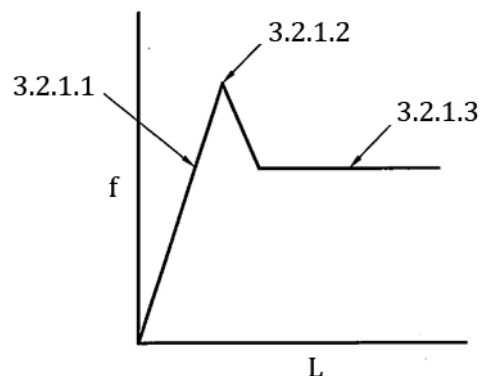
#### 3.2.1.1

#### static friction

*friction* (3.1.3) and its phenomena that occur between two contacting bodies before the start of relative motion under increasing external force

Note 1 to entry: Friction that occurs at an extremely low sliding speed is also referred to as static friction.

Note 2 to entry: See [Figure 2](#).



#### Key

f friction

L sliding distance

**Figure 2 — Friction according to relative motion**

#### 3.2.1.2

#### maximum static friction

*friction* (3.1.3) and its phenomena that occur between two contacting bodies just before the start of relative motion under gradually increasing external force

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 2](#).

### 3.2.1.3

#### **dynamic friction**

*friction* (3.1.3) and its phenomena between two bodies in relative motion

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 2](#).

## 3.2.2 Classification according to the mode of relative motion

### 3.2.2.1

#### **sliding motion**

relative motion between two bodies in contact when the contact areas of both bodies move with different magnitudes and/or directions of tangential velocity

### 3.2.2.2

#### **sliding friction**

force and its phenomena of resistance to the *sliding motion* (3.2.2.1) between two bodies

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).

### 3.2.2.3

#### **sliding velocity**

difference between tangential velocities of two bodies in contact, at their contact point, during sliding

### 3.2.2.4

#### **sliding surface**

body surface subjected to *sliding motion* (3.2.2.1)

### 3.2.2.5

#### **rolling motion**

relative motion between two bodies in contact when the contact areas of both bodies move with the same magnitude and direction of tangential velocity

### 3.2.2.6

#### **rolling velocity**

revolutional velocity of rolling bodies

### 3.2.2.7

#### **rolling friction**

force and its phenomena of resistance to the *rolling motion* (3.2.2.5) between two bodies

### 3.2.2.8

#### **combined rolling and sliding friction**

*dynamic friction* (3.2.1.3) that occurs between two contacting bodies when rolling and *sliding motion* (3.2.2.1) take place simultaneously within the contact area

### 3.2.2.9

#### **traction**

force and its phenomena that occur during the *rolling motion* (3.2.2.5) of a body on another body, accompanied by sliding at the contact area in the tangential direction, and which are utilized for power transmission

### 3.2.2.10

#### **traction force**

force that occurs during the *rolling motion* (3.2.2.5) of a body on another body, accompanied by sliding at the contact area in the tangential direction

### 3.2.2.11

#### **coefficient of traction**

dimensionless value obtained by dividing the *traction force* (3.2.2.10) by the normal load on the contact area



### 3.2.3 Classification according to the presence of lubricant

#### 3.2.3.1

##### **unlubricated friction**

##### **dry friction**

*friction* (3.1.3) that occurs between two contacting bodies with no lubricant on the interacting surfaces

#### 3.2.3.2

##### **lubricated friction**

*friction* (3.1.3) that occurs between two contacting bodies with a lubricant applied on the interacting surfaces

#### 3.2.3.3

##### **boundary friction**

*friction* (3.1.3) and its phenomena that occur in a boundary lubrication condition

#### 3.2.3.4

##### **mixed friction**

*friction* (3.1.3) and its phenomena that occur in a mixed-film lubrication

#### 3.2.3.5

##### **fluid friction**

*friction* (3.1.3) and its phenomena of resistance to the relative motion between individual molecules of the fluid or between the fluid and the wall of the container

### 3.3 Types and characteristics of wear process and classification

#### 3.3.1 Mechanical wear

##### 3.3.1.1

##### **mechanical wear**

*wear process* (3.1.8) due to mechanical actions

##### 3.3.1.2

##### **abrasive wear**

*wear process* (3.1.8) of a material caused by cutting or scratching actions of hard bodies or hard particles

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 3](#).

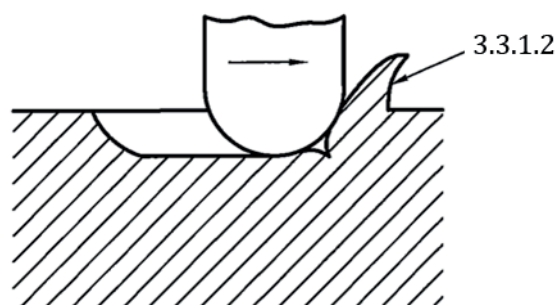


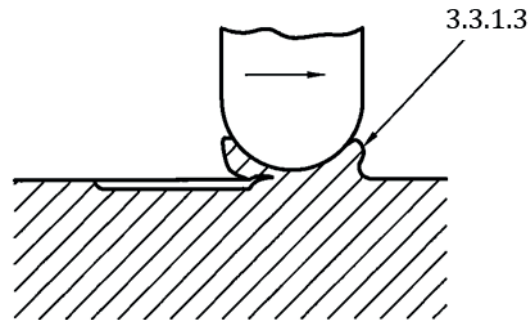
Figure 3 — Abrasive wear

### 3.3.1.3

#### **adhesive wear**

*wear process* (3.1.8) due to adhesion and extraction of material out of the body surface

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 4](#).



**Figure 4 — Adhesive wear**

### 3.3.1.4

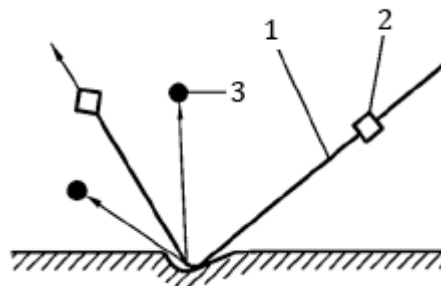
#### **hydro-abrasive wear**

#### **fluid-abrasive wear**

*wear process* (3.1.8) due to the action of hard bodies or hard particles carried in a flowing liquid or gas

Note 1 to entry: Hydro-abrasive wear is also known as gas-abrasive wear.

Note 2 to entry: See [Figure 5](#).



#### **Key**

- 1 flowing liquid or gas
- 2 hard particles
- 3 wear debris

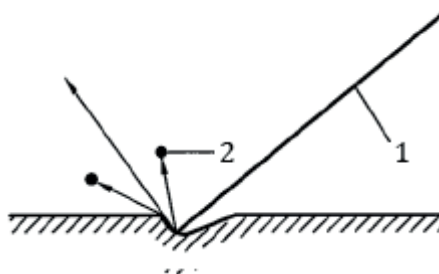
**Figure 5 — Hydro abrasive wear**

### 3.3.1.5

#### **fluid erosion**

*wear process* (3.1.8) due to the action of streaming liquid or gas

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 6](#).



#### **Key**

- 1 streaming liquid or gas
- 2 wear debris

**Figure 6 — Fluid erosion**

### 3.3.1.6

#### **fatigue wear**

*wear process* (3.1.8) caused by fatigue fracture when micro volumes of the frictional surface material are subjected to repeated stress

Note 1 to entry: Fatigue wear may occur during both sliding and rolling.

### 3.3.1.7

#### **cavitation wear**

#### **cavitation erosion**

*wear process* (3.1.8) when liquid moves along a solid wall or when a solid body moves relatively with respect to liquid in which vapour bubbles generated by reduction of pressure collapse close to the surface, thus, causing locally high impact pressure or high temperature

### 3.3.1.8

#### **fretting wear**

*wear process* (3.1.8) of the contacting bodies under a condition of oscillatory relative micro-displacement

## 3.3.2 Mechano-chemical wear

### 3.3.2.1

#### **mechano-chemical wear**

#### **tribo-chemical wear**

*wear process* (3.1.8) due to mechanical action accompanied by chemical and/or electrochemical interaction of the material with the environment

### 3.3.2.2

#### **fretting corrosion**

mechanical and chemical *wear process* (3.1.8) of the contacting bodies under a condition of oscillatory relative micro-displacement

Note 1 to entry: In case of ferrous materials under lubricated conditions, brownish oxidative wear particles are generated.

### 3.3.2.3

#### **oxidative wear**

*wear process* ([3.1.8](#)) in which chemical reaction of material with oxygen or oxidizing media predominates

### 3.3.3 Other wear

#### 3.3.3.1

##### **electroerosive wear**

*wear process* ([3.1.8](#)) caused by electrical discharge that occurs at the contact surfaces of two bodies when electric current flows between them

#### 3.3.3.2

##### **thermal wear**

wear due to softening and melting of the friction area caused by the heating of the surroundings and *friction* ([3.1.3](#))

### 3.4 Phenomena and processes in friction and wear

#### 3.4.1

##### **stick-slip motion**

phenomenon of alternation of relative sliding and relative state of rest or alternately increasing and decreasing relative *sliding velocity* ([3.2.2.3](#)) developing spontaneously during *dynamic friction* ([3.2.1.3](#))

Note 1 to entry: As an example of stick-slip motion, self-excited vibration occurs when the friction coefficient decreases with the increase of relative sliding velocity.

#### 3.4.2

##### **adhesion in friction**

##### **adhesion**

phenomenon of local attraction of two bodies in relative sliding due to the action of molecular forces

#### 3.4.3

##### **transfer of material**

phenomenon developed during *friction* ([3.1.3](#)) when the material of one body adheres to another body and, being detached from the first, remains on the surface of the second body

#### 3.4.4

##### **seizure**

process of formation and developing of damage on *sliding surfaces* ([3.2.2.4](#)) due to *adhesion* ([3.4.2](#)) and *transfer of material* ([3.4.3](#))

Note 1 to entry: Seizure may result in rapid stopping of relative motion.

#### 3.4.5

##### **fatigue**

damage and fracture due to the repetition of stress produced by external load

#### 3.4.6

##### **scoring**

damage of surface(s) in relative sliding in the form of severe scratches in the direction of sliding

#### 3.4.7

##### **scratching**

formation of fine scratches on the surface in the direction of sliding due to irregularities on the harder *sliding surface* ([3.2.2.4](#)) or due to hard particles

**3.4.8**  
**spalling**  
**flaking**

separation of material from a surface in the form of flakes due to *fatigue wear* ([3.3.1.6](#))

Note 1 to entry: This phenomenon is observed mainly in rolling bearings and gears.

**3.4.9**  
**pitting**

process of pit formation on the surface(s) in relative sliding due to detaching of particles of material during *fatigue wear* ([3.3.1.6](#))

Note 1 to entry: This phenomenon is observed mainly in rolling bearings and gears.

**3.4.10**  
**running-in**

process of changing the geometry of surface(s) in relative sliding as well as physical and mechanical properties of material surface layers during the initial period of *friction* ([3.1.3](#)) usually displayed as decrease of *friction force* ([3.1.4](#)), temperature and *wear intensity* ([3.1.10](#)) under constant outside conditions

**3.4.11**  
**initial running-in**

*running-in* ([3.4.10](#)) that occurs in the initial stage of a running-in period

**3.4.12**  
**edge loading**

condition in which the shaft and the bearing come extremely close to, or in contact with, each other at an end or both ends of the bearing due to bending or tilting of the shaft or improper installation of the bearing and in which brinelling or wear occurs on the bearing as a result

**3.5 Vibration and vibration-related terms regarding a rotating shaft supported by plain bearings**

**3.5.1**  
**oil whip**

phenomenon of the static equilibrium state of an elastic rotating shaft supported by journal bearings becoming unstable when the rotational speed exceeds the limit speed determined by the characteristics of lubricant film force, the shaft weight and the rigidity of bending of the shaft, which starts a whirling motion at high amplitude at the frequency closely corresponding to the minimum bending frequency

Note 1 to entry: This phenomenon leads to catastrophic breakdown of machines.

**3.5.2**  
**oil whirl**

phenomenon of the static equilibrium state of a rigid rotating shaft supported by journal bearings becoming unstable and starting a whirling motion at a frequency corresponding to a little less than half of the rotational speed,  $\omega$ , when the rotational speed exceeds the limit speed determined by the characteristics of lubricant film force and the shaft weight

**3.5.3**  
**friction whirl**

phenomenon of a rotating shaft making a whirling motion in a journal bearing while intermittently making solid contact

**3.5.4**  
**stiffness coefficient of lubricant film**

spring constant of lubricant film in a journal bearing, determined by the ratio of increase of lubricant film force with the increase of displacement of the shaft centre

### 3.5.5

#### **damping coefficient of lubricant film**

damping constant of lubricant film in a journal bearing, determined by the ratio of increase of lubricant film force with the increase of velocity of the shaft centre

### 3.5.6

#### **creep of bearing**

phenomenon of the plain bearing under rotating load sliding slowly in the housing in the opposite direction to that of shaft rotation, resulting in damage such as *wear* ([3.1.7](#)), *seizure* ([3.4.4](#)) or deformation on the fitting surfaces



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