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Standard Test Method for Determining Fretting Wear Resistance of Lubricating Greases Under High Hertzian Contact Pressures Using a High-Frequency, Linear-Oscillation (SRV) Test Machine¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers a procedure for determining the lubricating action of greases in order to prevent “fretting” wear under linear oscillation with associated low strokes and high Hertzian contact pressures under high-frequency linear-oscillation motion using the SRV test machine. By performing additional, nonmandatory extreme-pressure tests in accordance with Test Method D5706, the test grease should be shown to be able to withstand a Hertzian contact pressure of at least 2200 MPa without adhesive failure.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

A295/A295M Specification for High-Carbon Anti-Friction Bearing Steel

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D02 on Petroleum Products, Liquid Fuels, and Lubricants and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D02.G0.04 on Functional Tests - Tribology.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

D217 Test Methods for Cone Penetration of Lubricating Grease

D235 Specification for Mineral Spirits (Petroleum Spirits) (Hydrocarbon Dry Cleaning Solvent)

D4175 Terminology Relating to Petroleum Products, Liquid Fuels, and Lubricants

D5706 Test Method for Determining Extreme Pressure Properties of Lubricating Greases Using a High-Frequency, Linear-Oscillation (SRV) Test Machine

D6425 Test Method for Measuring Friction and Wear Properties of Extreme Pressure (EP) Lubricating Oils Using SRV Test Machine

D7421 Test Method for Determining Extreme Pressure Properties of Lubricating Oils Using High-Frequency, Linear-Oscillation (SRV) Test Machine

D7755 Practice for Determining the Wear Volume on Standard Test Pieces Used by High-Frequency, Linear-Oscillation (SRV) Test Machine

E45 Test Methods for Determining the Inclusion Content of Steel

G40 Terminology Relating to Wear and Erosion

2.2 Other Standards:³

DIN 51834-3:2008-12 Testing of Lubricants—Tribological Test in Translatory Oscillation Apparatus—Part 3: Determination of Tribological Behaviour of Materials in Cooperation with Lubricants

DIN 51631:1999 Special-Boiling-Point Spirits—Requirements and Testing

DIN EN ISO 683-17 Heat-Treated Steels, Alloy Steels and Free-Cutting Steels—Part 17: Ball and Roller Bearing Steels [Replaces DIN 17230-1980]

DIN EN ISO 13565-2:1998 Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS)—Surface Texture: Profile Method—Surfaces Having Stratified Functional Properties—Part 2: Height Characterization Using the Linear Material Ratio Curve

³ Available from Available from Beuth Verlag GmbH (DIN—DIN Deutsches Institut für Normung e.V.), Burggrafenstrasse 6, 10787, Berlin, Germany, <http://www.en.din.de>.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard



[Replaces DIN 4776-1990]

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *break-in*, *n*—in tribology, an initial transition process occurring in newly established wearing contacts, often accompanied by transients in coefficient of friction or wear rate, or both, that are uncharacteristic of the given tribological system's long-term behavior. **G40**

3.1.2 *coefficient of friction*, μ or *f*, *n*—in tribology, the dimensionless ratio of the friction force (*F*) between two bodies to the normal force (*N*) pressing these bodies together. **G40**

3.1.3 *Hertzian contact area*, *n*—apparent area of contact between two nonconforming solid bodies pressed against each other, as calculated from Hertz's equations of elastic deformation. **G40**

3.1.4 *Hertzian contact pressure*, *n*—magnitude of the pressure at any specified location in a Hertzian contact area, as calculated from Hertz's equations of elastic deformation. The Hertzian contact pressure can also be calculated and reported as maximum value $P_{\max}$ in the centre of the contact or as P_{average} as average over the total contact area. **D7421**

3.1.5 *lubricant*, *n*—any material interposed between two surfaces that reduces the friction or wear between them. **D217**

3.1.6 *lubricating grease*, *n*—a semi-fluid to solid product of a dispersion of a thickener in a liquid lubricant. **D217**

3.1.6.1 *Discussion*—The dispersion of the thickener forms a two-phase system and immobilizes the liquid lubricant by surface tension and other physical forces. Other ingredients are commonly included to impart special properties.

3.1.7 *Ra (C.L.A.)*, *n*—in measuring surface finish, the arithmetic average of the absolute distances of all profile points from the mean line for a given distance.

3.1.7.1 *Discussion*—C.L.A. means center line average, and it is a synonym to Ra. **Amstutz⁴**

3.1.8 *Rpk*, *n*—reduced peak height according to DIN EN ISO 13565-2:1998. *Rpk* is the mean height of the peak sticking out above the core profile section.

3.1.9 *Rvk*, *n*—reduced valley height according to DIN EN ISO 13565-2:1998. *Rvk* is the mean depth of the valley reaching into the material below the core profile section.

3.1.10 *Rz (DIN)*, *n*—in measuring surface finish, the average of all *Ry* values (peak to valley heights) in the assessment length. **Amstutz⁵**

3.1.11 *thickener*, *n*—in lubricating grease, a substance composed of finely divided particles dispersed in a liquid lubricant to form the product's structure. **D217**

3.1.11.1 *Discussion*—The thickener can be fibers (such as various metallic soaps) or plates or spheres (such as certain non-soap thickeners) which are insoluble or, at most, only very

slightly soluble in the liquid lubricant. The general requirements are that the solid particles be extremely small, uniformly dispersed, and capable of forming a relatively stable, gel-like structure with the liquid lubricant.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *extreme pressure*, *adj*—in lubrication, characterized by metal surface in contact under high-stress rubbing conditions.

3.2.2 *fretting wear*, *n*—wear arising as a result of fretting. Small amplitude oscillatory motion, usually tangential, between two solid surfaces in contact.

3.2.3 *seizure*, *n*—localized fusion of metal between the rubbing surfaces of the test pieces. **D5706**

3.2.3.1 *Discussion*—In this test method, seizure is indicated by a sharp rise in the coefficient of friction, over steady state, of greater than 0.2 for over 20 s, or a coefficient of friction >0.35 or by any examples shown in Test Method **D5706** and **D7421**). If any of these conditions occur, the test is not valid. (These criteria were believed to be right, because this standard is related to greases.) The evidence of adhesive wear morphologies should be controlled by micro-optical examination of the wear scar and track. In severe cases, a stoppage in the motor will occur.

3.3 Abbreviations:

3.3.1 *SRV*, *n*—Schwingung, Reibung, Verschleiß (German); oscillating, friction, wear (English translation).

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 This test method is performed on an SRV test machine using a steel test ball oscillating under constant frequency, short stroke amplitude and under constant load (F_n), against a stationary steel test disk with a grease lubricant between them in order to determine the coefficient of friction and wear scar diameter.

4.2 For the nonmandatory extreme pressure test (see **Appendix X1**), the test load is increased in 100 N increments until seizure occurs (see Test Method **D5706**). The load, immediately prior to the load at which seizure occurs, is measured and reported.

NOTE 1—Test frequency, stroke length, temperature, and ball and disk material can be varied to simulate field conditions. The test ball yields point-contact geometry. To obtain line or area contact, test pieces of differing configurations can be substituted for the test balls.

4.3 The friction force, F_f , is measured by a piezo-electric device in the test disk assembly. Peak values of coefficient of friction, *f*, are determined and recorded as a function of time for SRV I and II models. SRV III and IV models can display the hysteresis (friction force or coefficient of friction over stroke length) and save test data electronically.

4.4 After a preset test period, the test machine and chart recorder stopped and the wear scar on the ball is measured. If a profilometer is available, a trace of the wear track on the test disk and the wear scar of the ball (See DIN 51834-3 and **Appendix X1**) can also be used to obtain additional wear information (wear volume in mm³ and wear rate of disk and ball in mm³/Nm).

⁴ Amstutz, Hu, "Surface Texture: The Parameters," Bulletin MI-TP-003-0785, Sheffield Measurement Division, Warner and Swasey, 1985, p. 21.

⁵ Amstutz, Hu, "Surface Texture: The Parameters," Bulletin MI-TP-003-0785, Sheffield Measurement Division, Warner and Swasey, 1985, p. 29, 31.