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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The aim of balancing any rotor is to achieve satisfactory running when installed *in-situ*. In this context, “satisfactory running” means that not more than an acceptable magnitude of vibration is caused by the unbalance remaining in the rotor. In the case of a rotor with flexible behaviour, it also means that not more than an acceptable magnitude of deflection occurs in the rotor at any speed up to the maximum service speed.

Most rotors are balanced in manufacture prior to machine assembly because afterwards, for example, there might be only limited access to the rotor. Furthermore, balancing of the rotor is often the stage at which a rotor is approved by the purchaser. Thus, while satisfactory running *in-situ* is the aim, the balance quality of the rotor is usually initially assessed in a balancing machine. Satisfactory running *in-situ* is, in most cases, judged in relation to vibration from all causes, while in the balancing machine, primarily, once-per-revolution effects are considered.

This part of ISO 21940 classifies rotors in accordance with their balancing requirements and establishes methods of assessment of residual unbalance.

This part of ISO 21940 also shows how criteria for use in the balancing machine can be derived from either vibration limits specified for the assembled and installed machine or unbalance limits specified for the rotor. If such limits are not available, this part of ISO 21940 shows how they can be derived from ISO 10816 and ISO 7919 if desired in terms of vibration, or from ISO 21940-11, if desired in terms of permissible residual unbalance. ISO 21940-11 is concerned with the balance quality of rotating rigid bodies and is not directly applicable to rotors with flexible behaviour because rotors with flexible behaviour can undergo significant bending deflection. However, in this part of ISO 21940, methods are presented for adapting the criteria of ISO 21940-11 to rotors with flexible behaviour.

There are situations in which an otherwise acceptably balanced rotor experiences an unacceptable vibration level *in situ*, owing to resonances in the support structure. A resonance or near resonance condition in a lightly damped structure can result in excessive vibratory response to a small unbalance. In such cases, it can be more practicable to alter the natural frequency or damping of the structure rather than to balance to very low levels, which might not be maintainable over time (see also ISO 21940-31).



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## 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<sup>1</sup>, *Mechanical vibration — Balancing — Vocabulary*

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

ISO 21940-11<sup>2</sup>, *Mechanical vibration — Rotor balancing — Part 11: Procedures and tolerances for rotors with rigid behaviour*

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<sup>1</sup> To become ISO 21940-2 when revised.