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## Part 1:

# **Principles and guidelines**

Vibrations et chocs mécaniques — Caractérisation des propriétés mécaniques dynamiques des matériaux visco-élastiques —

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- Part 1: Principles and guidelines
- Part 2: Resonance method
- Part 3: Cantilever shear beam method
- Part 4: Dynamic stiffness method
- Part 5: Poisson ratio based on comparison between measurements and finite element analysis

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### Introduction

Visco-elastic materials are used extensively to reduce vibration amplitudes in structural systems through dissipation of energy (damping) or isolation of components, and in acoustical applications that require a modification of the reflection, transmission or absorption of energy. Such systems often require specific dynamic mechanical properties in order to function in an optimum manner. Energy dissipation is due to interactions on the molecular scale and can be measured in terms of the lag between stress and strain in the material. The visco-elastic properties, modulus, and loss factor of most materials depend on frequency, temperature, strain amplitude, and pre-strain. In addition to modulus and loss factor, sometimes Poisson ratio is an important property required for predictions. The choice of a specific material for a given application determines the system performance. The goal of this International Standard is to provide brief descriptions of the three methods for elastic modulus and loss factor and two methods for Poisson ratio, the details of construction of each apparatus, measurement range, and the limitations of each apparatus. This International Standard applies to the linear behaviour observed at small strain amplitudes.