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- reference made to all International Standards in the ISO 21940 series;
- deletion of former Table 2 "Guidelines for balancing procedures";
- deletion of former Annex C "How to determine rotor flexibility based on an estimation from its geometric design".

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## **Introduction**

Vibration caused by rotor unbalance is one of the most critical issues in the design and maintenance of rotating machines. It gives rise to dynamic forces which adversely affect both machine and human health and well-being. The purpose of this document is to give guidance on the usage of the other parts of the ISO 21940 series.

Balancing is explained in a general manner, using the specific terms and definitions, to help readers to select the appropriate balancing approach for their application.