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

In addition, this document is specifically intended for the field of plain bearings the content can be adopted in general to the field of tribology and being adopted to other machinery elements.