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- Part 1: *Primary vibration calibration by laser interferometry*
- Part 2: *Primary shock calibration by light cutting*
- Part 3: *Secondary vibration calibration*
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- Part 5: *Calibration by Earth's gravitation*
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# Methods for the calibration of vibration and shock pick-ups —

## Part 22:

### Accelerometer resonance testing — General methods

#### 1 Scope

ISO 5347 comprises a series of documents dealing with methods for the calibration of vibration and shock pick-ups.

This part of ISO 5347 lays down detailed specifications for the instrumentation and procedures to be used for accelerometer resonance testing. It applies to rectilinear accelerometers of the piezoresistive, piezoelectric and variable capacitance types in the frequency range 50 Hz to 200 kHz.

The procedures are in general contrary to those described in ISO 5347-14 which is limited to undamped accelerometers. The frequency response of a piezoelectric accelerometer depends on the value of the (lowest) resonance frequency of the instrument when mounted on the structure to be tested. It does not appear possible to specify a test which will determine this frequency for all installations of a given accelerometer. This procedure gives the accelerometer resonance frequency under a set of standard reproducible conditions, with the understanding that the resonance frequency in actual use will in all probability be appreciably different (generally lower, by a factor depending on the mass and compliance of the test structure and the method of attachment). The procedure is not suitable for evaluating the mounted resonance frequency for a field of application; a suitable method is given in ISO 5348.

#### 2 Normative reference

The following standard contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 5347. At the time of publication, the edition indicated was valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 5347 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the standard indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 5348:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Mechanical vibration and shock — Mechanical mounting of accelerometers.*

<sup>1)</sup> To be published. (Revision of ISO 5348:1987)

### 3 Apparatus

**3.1 Equipment capable of maintaining room temperature** at  $23\text{ °C} \pm 3\text{ °C}$ .

**3.2 Frequency generator and indicator**, having a frequency range of 50 Hz to 200 kHz.

**3.3 Power amplifier — vibrator combination**, having a frequency range of 50 Hz to 200 kHz.

**3.4 Oscilloscope**, having a frequency range of 50 Hz to 200 kHz.

**3.5 Vibrator and reference accelerometer**, having a resonance frequency greater than 50 kHz.

**3.6 Analysing equipment**, having a frequency range of less than 10 MHz.

**3.7 Reference block**, a steel block 28 mm × 28 mm × 28 mm, having a mass of about 180 g, for resonance frequencies up to 50 kHz. A beryllium block of the same dimensions shall be used for resonance frequencies up to 100 kHz. For frequencies above 100 kHz a beryllium rod having a diameter of 14 mm and 400 mm long, may be used. One ground surface of the block, and one end of the rod, which shall be used for mounting the accelerometer shall have a surface roughness value (expressed as the arithmetical mean deviation)  $R_a$ , of less than  $1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ .

The flatness of the ground surface shall be such that the surface is constrained between two parallel planes at a distance apart of  $5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ .

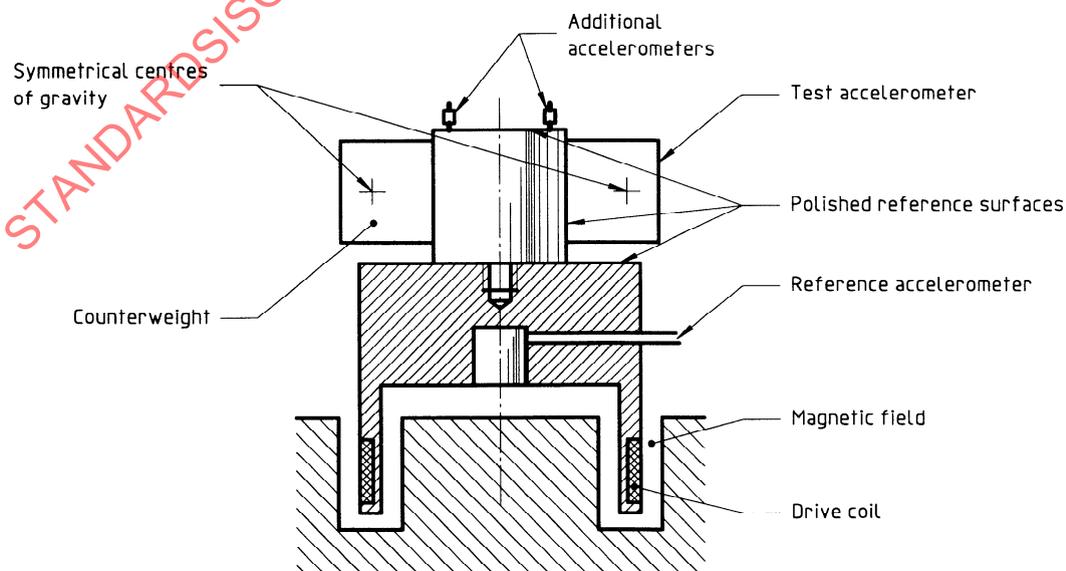
The drilled and tapped holes for connecting the transducer shall have a perpendicularity tolerance to the surface of less than  $0,5^\circ$ .

**3.8 Transverse test block**, a beryllium block 28 mm × 28 mm × 28 mm with four ground surfaces, each of which shall have a roughness value, expressed as the arithmetical mean deviation  $R_a$ , of less than  $1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ .

The flatness of the ground surfaces shall be such that the surface can be constrained between two parallel planes at a distance apart of  $5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ .

The drilled and tapped holes for connecting the transducer and accessories shall have a perpendicularity tolerance to the surface of less than  $0,5^\circ$ .

This test accelerometer shall be mounted on one ground side of this block. A mass identical to the accelerometer mass shall be symmetrically mounted in the opposite side for counterbalance (see figure 1).



**Figure 1 — Accelerometer transverse resonance frequency testing**

## 4 Procedure

### 4.1 Mounting

The testing shall be carried out under well-defined conditions in accordance with ISO 5348.

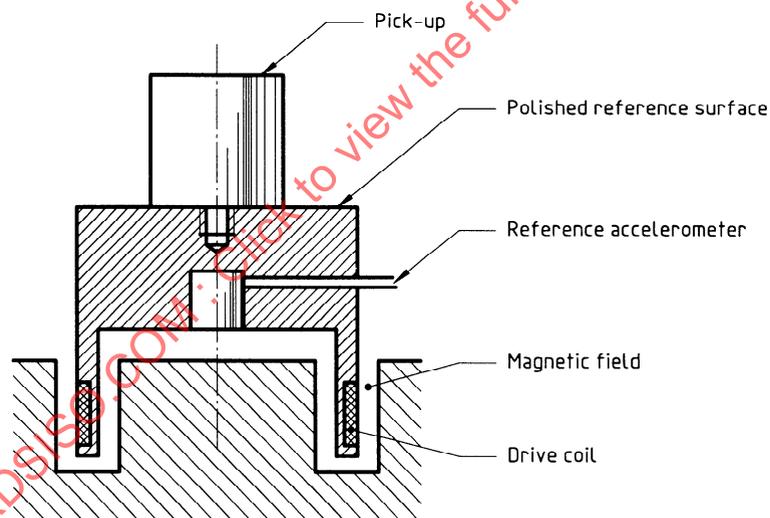
The accelerometer and its accessories shall be mounted according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

### 4.2 Mounted resonance frequency, sinusoidal vibrator method

Measure the accelerometer output using the comparison method throughout the frequency range including and above the resonance frequency of the accelerometer. The resonance frequency is the frequency of maximum sensitivity. The phase angle relative to the standard accelerometer changes by about  $180^\circ$  in the range of frequencies near the resonance frequency of the accelerometer. There may be minor or local resonances detected where the phase angle changes to about  $90^\circ$  but returns to  $0^\circ$  at a slightly higher frequency. Report these frequencies as local resonances where minor increases in sensitivity are detected.

The standard accelerometer with known resonance frequencies should be built into the vibrator armature (see figure 2). The resonance frequency of the vibrator is determined by measuring the transfer function between the drive coil current and the standard accelerometer output. Use the vibrator only throughout the range up to 95 % of its moving parts including accelerometer resonance frequency.

NOTE — The low-frequency suspension and rigid-body rise in amplitude and change in phase may be ignored.



**Figure 2 — Accelerometer resonance frequency testing**

The resonance frequency of the vibrator armature may also be determined with an accelerometer whose damped natural frequency has been determined by the shock method and found to be above the vibrator resonance frequency.

Damped natural frequency of accelerometers may be determined by comparison of the phase angle. The frequency where  $90^\circ$  phase shift is detected is defined as the damped natural frequency. This measurement is typically used for accelerometer with damping ratios equal to, or greater than, about 0,7.

### 4.3 Mounted cross axis resonance frequency

The mounted cross axis resonance frequency may be determined using the same vibrator as in 4.2. The accelerometer mounted on the transverse test block described in 3.8 shall be mounted on the vibrator with the accelerometer's sensitive axis perpendicular to the axis of vibration. Two additional accelerometers shall be

mounted on the transverse test block to determine that the entire vibrator, block, accelerometer structure is moving uniaxially. The two accelerometers should be in phase to ensure that the assembly is not rotating. Rotation would result in a false transverse resonance frequency.

NOTE — Alternatively, laser interferometric vibration sensors may be used to detect such rotational or differential velocity components, these are advantageous (non-contact) load-free measurement. True differential laser vibrometers generate the difference signal within the optical system and therefore do not encounter the matching problems suffered by pairs of individual sensors.

The accelerometer under test should be rotated in 30° intervals over 90° to determine the maximum response and lowest resonance frequency (see figure 1).

#### 4.4 Mounted damped natural frequency, shock method

The accelerometer is mounted on the block or rod described in 3.7. This assembly shall be supported by a soft elastic suspension.

The damped natural frequency of the accelerometer shall be determined by mechanical excitation due to a short transient shock pulse whose pulse duration is about three times the natural period of the accelerometer. If the transient shock pulse is generated by an impact the rise time will decrease with decreasing contact area of the impact tool or hammer. For frequencies greater than 300 kHz, short rise time shock pulses shall be generated by fracture of a glass or lead rod on the end surface of the rod.

The output of the accelerometer shall be captured in memory through an analogue-to-digital convertor or on a storage oscilloscope whose sampling rate shall not be less than two times the resonance frequency of the accelerometer. The frequency response of all electronic equipment must be adequate for fidelity of accelerometer output at these high frequencies.

An analysis of the transducer output will indicate the frequency with highest output. This frequency is the natural damped resonance of the accelerometer. There may be other frequencies where a significant increase in accelerometer output is observed. If these output levels are less than 50 % of the output at the natural damped resonance frequency the frequencies at which these lower output levels are observed shall be reported as local or minor resonances.

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