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**Part 1:**  
V-belts

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ISO 8370 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Belt drives — Dynamic test to determine pitch zone location*:

- Part 1: *V-belts*
- Part 2: *V-ribbed belts*

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## Introduction

A V-belt pulley groove is defined by its effective width or datum width.

When a specific belt is placed in the groove, it will operate with a pitch zone at a finite position relative to the groove. This position needs to be defined for power transmission design calculations.

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# Belt drives — Dynamic test to determine pitch zone location —

## Part 1: V-belts

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 8370 specifies a dynamic method of determining the location of the pitch zone of a single V-belt in a single pulley groove or of a joined V-belt in a multiple pulley which is expressed as an effective line differential  $b_e$  (see figures 1 and 2), or of a single V-belt in a single pulley groove which is expressed as a datum line differential  $b_d$  (see figure 3). A hexagonal belt can be treated as a single V-belt.

### 2 Normative reference

The following standard contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 8370. 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 8370 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 1081:1980, *Drives using V-belts and grooved pulleys — Terminology.*

### 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 8370, the definitions given in ISO 1081 apply.

### 4 Principle

Calculation of the pitch diameter of the belt operating in the pulley on a test fixture by measuring the rotational frequency of the pulley and either the belt velocity over a straight span or the centre distance

between the pulleys and the time of the belt rotation, and calculation of the effective line differential or the datum line differential.

### 5 Apparatus

**5.1 Test fixture**, with two pulleys of equal diameter, of the dimensions specified for the measuring of the specific belt according to the appropriate International Standard. The centre distance between the pulley shafts shall be adjustable to accommodate the required belt lengths of a specific belt and a means of applying the measuring force specified in the appropriate International Standard shall be provided. A clamping device shall be provided to lock the centre distance.

The fixture shall include a means of mechanically rotating one of the pulleys at a reasonable speed. While the specific speed is not critical, it shall be fast enough to ensure smooth operation. About 1 000 r/min is suggested. A fixture shall be provided for measuring the rotational frequency and either the velocity of the belt or the centre distance between the pulleys and the time of rotation of the belt.

### 6 Procedure

Fit the belt onto the fixture described in clause 5. Apply the measuring force as specified in the appropriate International Standard to tension the belt. Start the machine and allow it to operate for 5 min to seat the belt fully in the pulleys.

After the run-in period, clamp the movable shaft in place so that the centre distance remains constant.

With the machine operating, take accurate and simultaneous measurements of the rotational frequency of

one pulley and either the speed of the belt in one of the straight spans or the centre distance between the pulleys and the time of the belt rotation. Record these measurements.

## 7 Calculations

### 7.1 Pitch diameter

Calculate the pitch diameter of the belt operating in the pulley from one of the two following equations:

$$d_p = \frac{60\,000}{\pi} \times \frac{v}{n} \quad \dots (1)$$

where

- $d_p$  is the pitch diameter, in millimetres;
- $v$  is the belt velocity, in metres per second;
- $n$  is the rotational frequency, in revolutions per minute.

$$d_p = \frac{120}{\pi} \times \frac{e}{nt - 60} \quad \dots (2)$$

where

- $d_p$  is the pitch diameter, in millimetres;
- $e$  is the centre distance between the pulleys, in millimetres;
- $n$  is the rotational frequency, in revolutions per minute;
- $t$  is the time of rotation of the belt, in seconds.

### 7.2 Effective line differential

See figures 1 and 2.

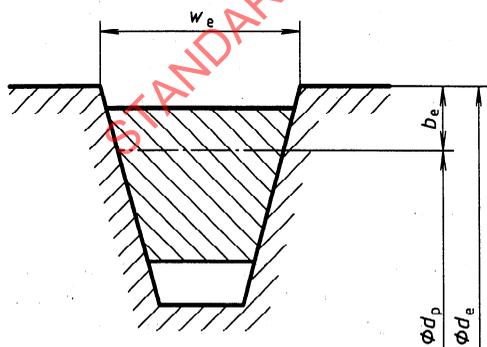


Figure 1 — Effective line differential of a single V-belt

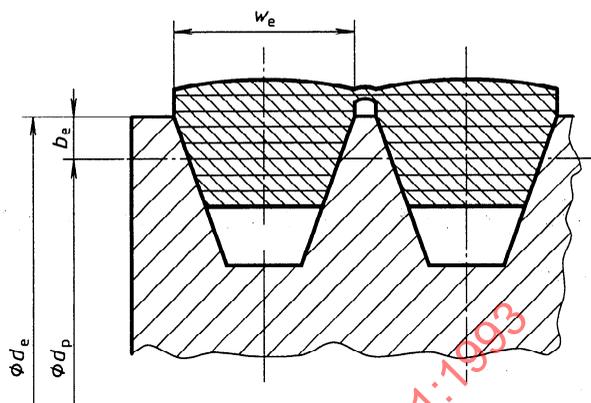


Figure 2 — Effective line differential of a joined V-belt

Calculate the effective line differential from the equation

$$b_e = \frac{d_e - d_p}{2} \quad \dots (3)$$

where

- $b_e$  is the effective line differential, in millimetres;
- $d_e$  is the effective diameter, in millimetres;
- $d_p$  is the pitch diameter, in millimetres.

In most cases, the pitch diameter of the belt operating in the pulley (determined by the location of the pitch zone of the belt) is smaller than the effective diameter described by the pulley. The effective line differential is therefore positive. A negative value for the effective line differential means that the pitch zone of the belt is at a diameter larger than the effective diameter (as is the case with some designs of joined V-belts or hexagonal belts).

### 7.3 Datum line differential

See figure 3.

Calculate the datum line differential from the equation

$$b_d = \frac{d_d - d_p}{2} \quad \dots (4)$$