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This second edition cancels and replaces the editions (ISO 21940-14:2012 and ISO 21940-14:2012/Amd 1:2022), which have been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- the extension of the term “error” to “deviations” of the rotor’s state of assembly on the balancing machine from the fully assembled rotor in service.

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Introduction

The balance quality of a rotor is assessed in accordance with the requirements of ISO 21940-11 [\[1\]](#) or ISO 21940-12 [\[2\]](#) by measurements taken on the rotor. These measurements can contain errors which originate from a number of sources. Where those errors are significant, they should be taken into account when defining the required balance quality of the rotor.

ISO 21940-11 [\[1\]](#) and ISO 21940-12 [\[2\]](#) do not consider balancing errors in detail. Therefore this document gives examples of typical errors that can occur and provides recommended procedures for their evaluation.

Mechanical vibration — Rotor balancing —

Part 14: Procedures for assessing balance errors

1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements for

- identifying errors in the unbalance measuring process of a rotor including all factors similar to errors in their effect on the balancing precision,
- assessing the identified errors, and
- taking errors into account in preparation and realization of the balancing process and in the evaluation of the residual unbalance.

For the main typical errors this document lists methods for their reduction in an [Annex A](#).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 21940-2, *Mechanical vibration — Rotor balancing — Part 2: Vocabulary*

ISO 21940-11:2016, *Mechanical vibration — Rotor balancing — Part 11: Procedures and tolerances for rotors with rigid behaviour*

ISO 21940-21, *Mechanical vibration — Rotor balancing — Part 21: Description and evaluation of balancing machines*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions given in ISO 21940-2, apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

4 Balance error sources

4.1 General

Balancing machine balance errors can be classified into:

- a) systematic errors, in which the magnitude and angle can be evaluated either by calculation or measurement;