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classification and symbols —**

**Part 5:
Application of symbols**

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Foreword

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ISO 4378 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plain bearings — Terms, definitions, classification and symbols*:

- *Part 1: Design, bearing materials and their properties*
- *Part 2: Friction and wear*
- *Part 3: Lubrication*
- *Part 4: Basic symbols*
- *Part 5: Application of symbols*

Introduction

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 uncertainty leads to the continuous addition of supplementary designations, which only serves to increase the misunderstanding.

This part of ISO 4378 specifies practical applications of the general symbols used in the field of plain bearings.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 4378 specifies practical applications of the general symbols defined in ISO 4378-4, with regard to the calculations, design and testing of plain bearings.

ISO 4378-4 distinguishes between basic characters and additional signs. Additional signs are subscripts and superscripts. The symbols necessary for plain bearing calculations, design, manufacture and testing are just basic characters or combinations of basic characters and additional signs.

This part of ISO 4378 lists symbols which have been found necessary for the calculations, design and testing of plain bearings. They have been defined in accordance with the recommendations given in ISO 4378-4.

Angles and directions of rotation are defined positively as rotating in a left-hand (anticlockwise) direction; the same applies to rotational frequencies, and circumferential and angular velocities.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 4378-4, *Plain bearings — Terms, definitions, classification and symbols — Part 4: Basic symbols*

3 Symbols and terms

The following listings are not necessarily complete. They may be enlarged, if necessary.

NOTE Some letters of the Roman and Greek alphabet have not yet been used. Therefore, these letters are not listed below.

3.1 Symbols of the Roman alphabet

A	heat-emitting surface area (bearing housing), elongation at fracture
A^*	heat-emitting surface area parameter [thrust bearing, $A^* = A/(B \times L \times Z_{ax})$]
A_B	area of segment or pad
A_G	area of groove cross-section
A_i	heat-emitting surface area (bearing housing) inside of the machine (flange bearing)

A_{lan}	land area
A_{lan}^*	relative land area ($A_{\text{lan}}^* = A_{\text{lan}}/(\pi \times D \times B)$ for hydrostatic journal bearings)
A_{o}	heat-emitting surface area (bearing housing) outside of the machine (flange bearing)
A_{p}	area of lubricant pocket
A_{s}	area of cross-section
$\bar{A}_{\text{T}}$	specific area of tube
$A_{\text{T,i}}$	area of tube cross-section flowed through
a	distance, acceleration, thermal diffusivity, inertia factor
a_{F}	distance between leading edge and pivot position of pad (tilting-pad bearing)
a_{F}^*	relative distance between leading edge and pivot position of pad (tilting-pad bearing)
a_{min}	minimum distance between two circular thrust pads
a_{T}	distance between temperature measuring point and bearing sliding surface
B	width parallel to the sliding surface, normal to the direction of motion; bearing width, nominal bearing width, pad width, nominal pad width
B^*	relative width, relative bearing width, relative pad width, width ratio ($B^* = B/D$)
B_{ax}	width of thrust bearing or thrust pad [$B_{\text{ax}} = (D_{\text{o}} - D_{\text{i}})/2$]
B_{eff}	effective bearing width (without grooves, chamfers, etc.), effective pad width
B_{H}	outer width of bearing housing in axial direction
B_{tot}	total bearing width
b	width parallel to the sliding surface, normal to the direction of motion or flow
b_{c}	width of circumferential discharge (hydrostatic bearing, $b_{\text{c}} = B - b_{\text{lan}}$)
b_{G}	width of lubricant groove, width of lubricant supply groove, width of bleed groove
b_{lan}	land width parallel to the sliding surface, normal to the direction of flow
b_{p}	width of lubricant pocket, width of lubricant supply pocket
b_{p}^*	relative width of lubricant pocket, relative width of lubricant supply pocket
C	bearing clearance, nominal bearing clearance, chamfer, concentration
C_{ax}	axial bearing clearance (thrust bearing)
$C_{\text{ax,m}}$	mean value of C_{ax} [$C_{\text{ax,m}} = (C_{\text{ax,min}} + C_{\text{ax,max}})/2$]
$C_{\text{ax,max}}$	maximum value of C_{ax}
$C_{\text{ax,min}}$	minimum value of C_{ax}
C_{D}	bearing clearance, bearing diametral clearance (difference between bearing bore and journal diameter of a journal bearing, $C_{\text{D}} = D - D_{\text{j}}$)
$C_{\text{D,m}}$	mean value of C_{D} [$C_{\text{D,m}} = (C_{\text{D,min}} + C_{\text{D,max}})/2$]

$C_{D,eff}$	effective bearing diametral clearance
$C_{D,max}$	maximum value of C_D
$C_{D,min}$	minimum value of C_D
C_G	circumference of groove cross-section
C_R	bearing radial clearance (difference between bearing bore and journal radius of a journal bearing, $C_R = R - R_J$)
$\Delta C_{R,el}$	elastic change of C_R
$C_{R,eff}$	effective bearing radial clearance
$C_{R,m}$	mean value of C_R [$C_{R,m} = (C_{R,min} + C_{R,max})/2$]
$C_{R,max}$	maximum value of C_R
$C_{R,min}$	minimum value of C_R
$\Delta C_{R,th}$	thermal change of C_R
$\Delta C_{R,tot}$	total change of C_R ($\Delta C_{R,tot} = \Delta C_{R,el} + \Delta C_{R,th}$)
c	specific heat capacity, lubricant specific heat capacity, stiffness
c_{ax}	axial bearing stiffness
$c_{ax,i}$	axial stiffness of the bearing when load is directed into the machine (flange bearing)
$c_{ax,o}$	axial stiffness of the bearing when load is directed out of the machine (flange bearing)
c_{dw}	vertical stiffness of the bearing loaded downwards
c_F	stiffness of pad pivot support in direction of load (tilting-pad bearing)
c_h	horizontal bearing stiffness
c_{ik}	lubricant film stiffness coefficient of journal bearing ($i, k = 1, 2$)
c_{ik}^*	non-dimensional lubricant film stiffness coefficient of journal bearing
$c_{ik}^* = \frac{\psi^3}{2 \times B \times \eta \times \omega} \times c_{ik}(i, k) = (1, 2)$	
$c_{ik,i}$	inner lubricant film stiffness coefficient of journal bearing ($i, k = 1, 2$)
$c_{ik,o}$	outer lubricant film stiffness coefficient of journal bearing ($i, k = 1, 2$)
c_{JR}	flexural stiffness of the Jeffcott Rotor
c_p	specific heat capacity of the lubricant (at constant pressure)
$c_{p,cl}$	specific heat capacity of the coolant (at constant pressure)
c_{sh}	flexural stiffness of shaft
c_{sup}	stiffness of isotropic bearing or bearing shell support
$c_{sup,ik}$	stiffness coefficient of anisotropic bearing or bearing shell support ($i, k = 1, 2$)
c_{up}	vertical stiffness of the bearing loaded upwards