
**Plain bearings — Testing of the
tribological behaviour of bearing
materials —**

**Part 1:
Testing of bearing metals**

*Paliers lisses — Essai du comportement tribologique des matériaux
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Partie 1: Essai des matériaux métalliques





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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Testing of bearing metals*
- *Part 2: Testing of polymer-based bearing materials.*

Plain bearings — Testing of the tribological behaviour of bearing materials —

Part 1: Testing of bearing metals

1 Scope

This part of ISO 7148 specifies tribological tests of metallic bearing materials for plain bearings under conditions of boundary lubrication.

The test procedures described in this part of ISO 7148 enable the friction and wear behaviour of bearing material/mating/lubricant combinations to be compared with that of other combinations, thus facilitating the selection of a bearing material for running repeatedly or for long periods under conditions of boundary lubrication, low speed and continuous sliding. Owing to differences in test conditions, measured friction and wear values can be expected to vary from one test facility to another.

The test results give useful information for practical application only if all parameters of influence are identical. The more the test conditions deviate from the actual application, the greater the uncertainty of the applicability of the results.

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 4385, *Plain bearings — Compression testing of metallic bearing materials*

3 Symbols and units

See Table 1.

Table 1 — Symbols and units

Symbol	Term	Unit
A, B, C	Test method	—
a	Sliding distance	km
A_5	Elongation at fracture	%
f	Coefficient of friction; ratio between friction force and normal force, i.e.: $f = \frac{F_f}{F_n}$	—
F_f	Friction force	N
F_n	Normal force	N
K_A	Overlap ratio (area of contact divided by area of wear track)	—