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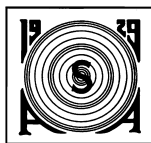
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## 1 Scope

The words and phrases provided here are descriptive of the instruments and methods in common use for shaft alignment of industrial and utility machines. The machines have rotating shafts at speeds of several hundred revolutions per minute and higher. The machines are typically stationary, being attached to a fixed location on a structure, but could also be on a vehicle, such as a watercraft.

The definitions are intended to be used in other standards for shaft alignment and general machinery servicing.

## 2 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 2.1

#### **air gap**

the internal open space in an electrical machine between the stationary and movable components that transmits energy via the magnetic field

NOTE In a motor or generator, this is the radial space between the rotor and stator.

### 2.2

#### **alignment, machinery**

the relative orientation of components which results in the least amount of vibration or wear

NOTE See “shaft alignment.”

### 2.3

#### **alignment tolerance**

the maximum allowable deviation, plus or minus, from desired values

NOTE In machinery, perfect alignment is not achievable. This tolerance provides a range that is economically achievable within a reasonable time and will not cause premature wear or excessive vibration.

### 2.4

#### **anchor bolts**

fasteners embedded in concrete used to secure a machine to a foundation

NOTE 1 Also known as a “J-bolt.”

NOTE 2 The fasteners could be male or female threaded.

NOTE 3 See “base” and “foundation.”