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## Introduction

ISO 20816-1 provides the general requirements for evaluating the vibration of various machine types when the vibration measurements are made on both non-rotating and rotating parts. This document provides specific provisions for assessing the vibration of the bearing housings or pedestals and rotating shafts of large, land-based gas turbines, steam turbines and generators. Measurements at these locations characterize the state of vibration reasonably well. Evaluation criteria, based on previous experience, are presented. These can be used for assessing the vibratory condition of such machines. It should be noted that in those cases where there is a high ratio between the mass of the bearing supports and the rotor, lower values of vibration of the bearing housings or pedestals can be appropriate.

Two criteria are provided for assessing the machine vibration when operating under steady-state conditions. One criterion considers the magnitude of the observed vibration; the second considers changes in the magnitude. In addition, different criteria are provided for transient operating conditions.

The evaluation procedures presented in this document are based on broad-band measurements. However, because of advances in technology, the use of narrow-band measurements or spectral analysis has become increasingly widespread, particularly for the purposes of vibration evaluation, condition monitoring and diagnostics. The specification of criteria for such measurements is beyond the scope of this document. They are dealt with in greater detail in the relevant parts of ISO 13373 which establish provisions for the vibration condition monitoring of machines.

## American National Standard

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These are in terms of the following:

- vibration under normal steady-state operating conditions;
- vibration during other (non-steady-state) conditions when transient changes are taking place, including run up or run down, initial loading and load changes;
- changes in vibration which can occur during normal steady-state operation.

This document is not applicable to the following:

- i) electromagnetic excited vibration with twice line frequency at the generator stator windings, core and housing;
- ii) aero-derivative gas turbines (including gas turbines with dynamic properties similar to those of aero-derivatives);

NOTE ISO 3977-3 defines aero-derivatives as aircraft propulsion gas generators adapted to drive mechanical, electrical or marine propulsion equipment. Large differences exist between heavy-duty and