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# Foreword

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## American National Standard

# Mechanical vibration — Rotor balancing —Part 2: Vocabulary

## 1 Scope

This document defines terms on balancing. It complements ISO 2041, which is a general vocabulary on mechanical vibration and shock.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions 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>

NOTE An illustrated terminology for balancing machines is provided in Annex A.

### 3.1 Mechanics

#### 3.1.1

##### **principal axis of inertia**

one of three mutually perpendicular axes intersecting each other at a given point about which the products of inertia of a solid body are zero

Note 1 to entry: In *balancing* (3.4.1), the term principal axis of inertia is used to designate the central principal axis of inertia (of the three such axes) most nearly coincident with the *shaft axis* (3.2.7) of the rotor.

[SOURCE: ISO 2041:2009, 1.34, modified — converted to singular and the notes to entry have been changed.]

#### 3.1.2

##### **speed**

angular velocity of a rotor

Note 1 to entry: Speed is measured in revolutions per unit time or in angle (in radians) per unit time.