

Bearing test rig EELPRA-130

Specification

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1 Tabular overview

Purpose	Lifetime tests on radial bearings (outer diameter from 70 mm to 130 mm)
Number of test stations	2
Number of test bearings	4
Load direction	Radial
Max. load	110 kN
Max speed	6 000 rpm (max. 15 00 W per station; optional with larger drives)
Lubrication	Oil circuit with tank, filter and air cooler. Optional: electric heating. (Grease and oil sump lubrication are possible as well.)
Sensors	Outer ring temperature, oil supply and oil drain temperature, vibration sensor, and motor current. Optional: particle counting system, friction torque
Outer dimensions	2 000 mm x 1 400 mm x 1 700 mm (L x W x H)

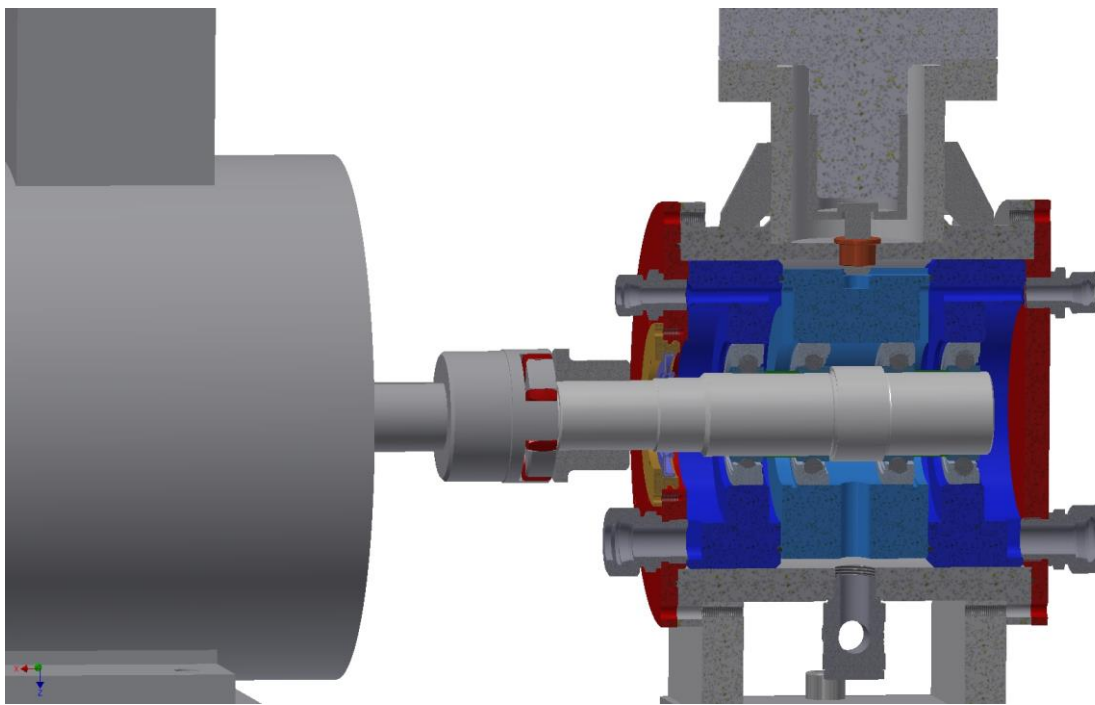


Figure 1: Sketch of test unit



Figure 2: EELPRA-130

2 Purpose

This test rig is suitable for a broad spectrum of lifetime tests on bearings with outer diameters in the range from 70 mm to 130 mm. The EELPRA-130 can be used for the following bearing types:

- Deep groove ball bearings
- Cylindrical roller bearings
- Spherical roller bearings
- Barrel roller bearings
- Angular contact ball bearings
- Tapered roller bearings
- Needle roller bearings

The test parameters are defined by rotational speed, axial load and temperature, which are controlled parameters with limits 6 000 rpm, 110 kN and 100°C respectively. Where friction power is insufficient to

reach the desired temperature, optional electric heating can be applied. Precise control of the test parameters ensures maximum precision and repeatability of test results. Complex load cycles or load steps may be programmed, including conditional steps. For example, should a bearing survive the prescribed test duration, a conditional step may be triggered to increase the load to cause bearing failure to provide data for subsequent damage accumulation calculations.

3 Function

The test rig consists of a coated steel frame, a control box, a control PC and two test stations (Figure 2). The PC can either be co-located with the machine or positioned remotely.

The parts of each test station comprise a base plate, a speed controlled electric drive system (frequency converter, asynchronous motor with forced ventilation), a hydraulic system (tank, pump, pipes, valves, cylinder etc.) and the test head in which the shaft with four test is situated. This is loaded radially by the cylinder and driven by the motor. A circulating lubrication system (oil pump, pipes, air cooler and optional controlled electric test head heating) may form part of the test head. The shaft and the outer ring seats have to be individually adapted and manufactured for each bearing size.

Both test heads are independent from each other, allowing them to be driven with different test parameters, and different lubricants; one test station may be assembled/disassembled while the other is in operation.

Sensor signals are logged to PC at 1 Hz and recorded in a *.txt file for post processing. The operator can define limits for all measured values for automatic shut-down in the event of bearing failure.