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Machine Elements

Identifying and Solving Problems

Under Special Consideration of Lightweight Design

for

- Students
- Designer/Engineers
- Operators
- Quality assurance
- Maintenance and servicing
- Investigators
- Consultants/Experts

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Crack behaviour, fractures and its surfaces,
remaining lifetime.



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Foreword

This series of books has four volumes, each divided into parts (A,B, C because of printing reasons). It is intended as **extension of the standard books**, used for the dimensioning of machine elements. It is intended to aspects which get more and more importance for components of modern machines. A concern is the application orientation, i.e. the practice relevance. For this

the awareness of the problems is more important than the mere knowledge.

Energy efficiency, protection of resources and environment result in higher loads/stresses, utilisation of material strength and reduction of weight. Correspondent to the demands at the machine elements and its safety increase. Thus, the design/construction of the machine elements, is the task of the standard books. Anyway **problems and failures during operation** must be expected. Unknown, respectively disregarded operation loads /conditions and component properties show first with application specific **operation experience**. Hopefully in time in appropriate **tests and proofs**. To **avoid** in the future failures and to find **remedies** for problems of components which are already assembled or even in service, the **sourcing/identification of the causes** is essential. This is a step, which is not focus in the standard books for the design of machine elements. This shall be complemented with this book-series. The literature about failure analysis is especially oriented at materials. Thereby prior-ranking are investigation methods, its analysis and case studies. So an **assessment of the failure mode and the correlation to the failure mechanism** takes place. However, this are only partly aspects of a systematic problem/failure analysis. It is merely a matter of a so called **collection of facts**, belonging a multitude of further fields like operation data and atmosphere as well a chronological sequences. Here the designer and the practitioner are needed. They demand in cases of an extensive problem clarification also laboratory investigations.

Based on the causes of clarified problems and failures is the **experience and with this the awareness of problems**. This again requires experience. Helpful is a **systematic problem analysis**. Therein the determination of the facts, the development of the hypothesis and as last step the review of the hypothesis on the basis of the facts.

To **identify and the correct interpretation of first signs of a failure** should be aspired. This can only be realized at the right area/position of the component. For this the knowledge of the **failure mechanisms and the failure modes** of the concerned machine elements is required. So **weak points respectively faults of the design** can be identified. The application specific **know how** and **know why** increases, this is an important competitive advantage.

Against the assumption, the **computer and calculation programs** available today, would guarantee already the safety of the machine elements concerning operation problems, rather the opposite can be observed. The point is firstly, to **identify all relevant effects**. For this summaries of typical concerned components shall serve. Rising requirements respectively reduced safety distances demand the consideration of **effects**, which are **hardly accessible a calculation**. Because of this these and its mechanisms have been especially emphasized. Typical are production specific **faults and weak points** as well as **operation influences** in the form of wear, corrosion and aging. Combinations further aggravate the task. A calculation can be only as good, as it is component specific, lifetime and safety relevant. So the operation realistic testing often will be essential. For this, which detracts the calculation applies: „The engine will tell us“. Here, the understanding of this „language“ of a machine should be promoted. But keep also always in mind, if the machine „remains silent“, the possibility of an outage may be dangerously near if there have been changes to increase the performance or if there have been repairs.

The purpose of the special form of this book.

Motivation: Interesting and surprising headings of the illustrations.

Draw interest: Fast to understand illustrations of typical machine elements with features related to the content.

Meaningfulness and necessity shall be recognized during studies.

Relevancy to practice with the reference to the general own technical experience. The concerned matter should promote already the one another interest, of the learner/student and the industry

Explanations to find as simply as possible in the text with the help of cross-linking (with descriptions in the illustrations).

Suitable for practical use. Also after the studies this book shall serve as an adviser. For this, it supports

especially the identification of design relevant influences.

Possibility of deepening the knowledge with the help of literature references.

About the layout:

At the beginning of every chapter in a 'running text' a summary is given. The technical content however is based predominant on illustrations/**pictures with detailed explanations** in an **assigned text**. This is a situation similar to a lecture. Emphasized is also the evaluation by the 'lecturer'. This shall illustrate problems of the subject matter and last not least convey a feeling of personal contact.

To achieve those goals a **network** was chosen. It links the illustration descriptions with **hints at other pictures** and so enables to immerse oneself in the matter without fatiguing searching. This is especially useful for technical terms and failure mechanisms. Bibliographic references (literature at the end of each chapter) should, if requested, serve the consolidation of knowledge. Thereby it is also a matter of 'web-contents' which can be reached directly by the specified addresses in the 'literature'.

A very extensive **index** at the end of the book is intended for the use as general reference work in practice. As Pdf file this can be excellent used also in portable electronic devices with a **search engine** in the Acrobat Reader ®.

Example:

Ill. 1-0 (corresponding to Ill. 4.3-22, Lit. 4.3-21):
The **evaluation of the risk** for its minimizing at acute failure cases is of high importance for a whole concerned fleet of similar engines/components for the measures to be initiated. To this belongs the identification of concerned components, The **specification of inspection intervals**, the definition of the processes to be used and the development respectively introduction of remedies. For this approach the chance must be estimated to **intercept** the (incipient) crack in time before the failing of the component (mostly the fracture, Ill. 4.3-24). This

enables the exchange of the defective component. In the sketches A,B,C and D the risk of a fracture in spite of a crack monitoring, is assigned typical load features.

Criteria:

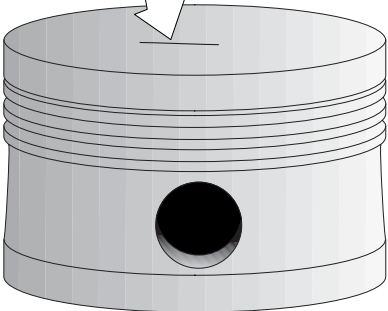
- **Stress gradient** (see Ill. 4.3-1)
- **Stress amplitude** (LCF, HCF, see Ill. 5.4-5)
- **Mean stress.**
- **Stress concentration** (influence of existing notches and incipient cracks).
- **Fracture toughness** of the material (Ill. 4.3-4 and Ill. 4.3-8)
- **Load frequency:** At high frequencies in a most shortly time (e.g., seconds) due to the many

How high is the chance to identify and handle a crack in time ?

Gradient: large
Stress amplitude: high
Frequency: low (thermal inertia!)

A

Example: Thermo fatigue crack in piston head.

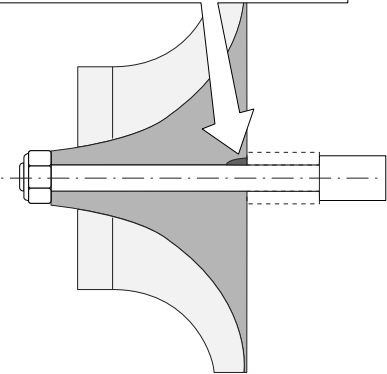


can be handled

Gradient: small
Stress amplitude: high
Frequency: low

B

Example: LCF-crack in the hub of the compressor wheel of a turbocharger.



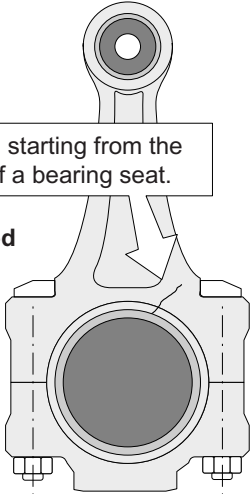
hardly to handle

Gradient: small
Stress amplitude: high
Frequency: high

Several cracked components..

C

Fatigue crack, starting from the fretting area of a bearing seat.



not to be handled

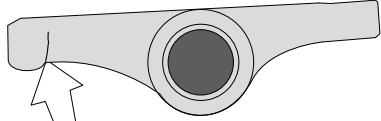
Gradient: large
Stress amplitude: small
Frequency: high

hardly to handle

D

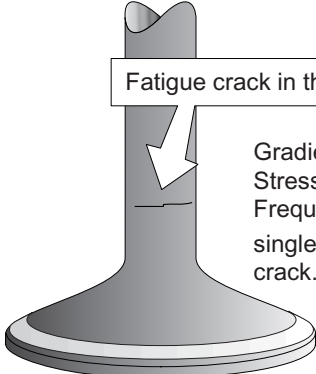
Single parts with a crack

Fatigue crack in a rocker lever.



hardly to handle

Fatigue crack in the valve shaft.



Gradient: small
Stress amplitude: small
Frequency: high
single parts with a crack.

III. 1-0

load cycles very much damage is accumulated and the temporal crack growth gets uncontrollable.

- Number of cracked components (see Ill.

4.3- 20 and Ill. 4.3-21).

- Experiences with failure relevant components.

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