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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 19973-4:2007), which has been technically revised.

ISO 19973 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Pneumatic fluid power — Assessment of component reliability by testing*:

— *Part 1: General procedures*

— *Part 2: Directional control valves*

— *Part 3: Cylinders with piston rod*

— *Part 4: Pressure regulators*

The following part is under preparation:

— *Part 5: Non-return valves, shuttle valves, dual pressure valves (AND function), one-way adjustable flow control valves, quick-exhaust valves*

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Introduction

In pneumatic fluid power systems, power is transmitted and controlled through a gas under pressure within a circuit. Pneumatic fluid power systems are composed of components and are an integral part of various types of machines and equipment. Efficient and economical production requires highly reliable machines and equipment. Within the ISO 19973 series, this part is intended to provide requirements and test conditions that permit the assessment of the inherent reliability of pneumatic pressure regulators.

It is necessary that machine producers know the reliability of the components that make up their machine's pneumatic fluid power system. Knowing the reliability characteristic of the component, the producers can model the system and make decisions on service intervals, spare parts inventory, and areas for future improvements.

There are three primary levels in the determination of component reliability:

a) preliminary design analysis — finite element analysis (FEA), failure mode and effect analysis (FMEA);

b) laboratory testing and reliability modelling — physics of failure, reliability prediction, pre-production evaluation;

c) collection of field data — maintenance reports, warranty analysis.

Each level has its application during the life of a component. A preliminary design analysis is useful to identify possible failure modes and eliminate them or reduce their effect on reliability. When prototypes are available, in-house laboratory reliability tests are run and initial reliability can be determined. Reliability testing is often continued into the initial production run and throughout the production lifetime as a continuing evaluation of the component. Collection of field data is possible when products are operating and data on their failures are available.

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Pneumatic fluid power — Assessment of component reliability by testing —

Part 4: Pressure regulators

1 Scope

This part of ISO 19973 provides test procedures for assessing the reliability of pneumatic pressure regulators by testing and the methods of reporting the results of testing. General test conditions and the calculation method are provided in ISO 19973-1. The methods specified in ISO 19973-1 apply to the first failure, as obtained with the three-points moving average (3PMA) method, without repairs, but excluding outliers.

The lifetime of pneumatic pressure regulators is usually given as a number of cycles. Therefore, whenever the term "time" is used in this part of ISO 19973, this variable shall be understood as either cycles or time.

This part of ISO 19973 applies to manually adjustable and remote-piloted pressure regulators, both relieving and non-relieving. This part of ISO 19973 does not apply to pressure regulators that have a permanent bleed.

This part of ISO 19973 also specifies test equipment and failure criteria (threshold levels) for tests to assess the reliability of pneumatic pressure regulators.

The life determined by the method in this part of ISO 19973 and in ISO 19973-1 will be more closely related to applications that have a large variation in flow rate.

NOTE See Annex A for a flow chart illustrating the test procedure specified in this part of ISO 19973.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1219-1, *Fluid power systems and components — Graphical symbols and circuit diagrams — Part 1: Graphical symbols for conventional use and data-processing applications*

ISO 5598, *Fluid power systems and components — Vocabulary*

ISO 6953-1, *Pneumatic fluid power — Compressed air pressure regulators and filter-regulators — Part 1: Main characteristics to be included in literature from suppliers and product-marking requirements*

ISO 6953-3, *Pneumatic fluid power — Compressed air pressure regulators and filter-regulators — Part 3: Alternative test methods for measuring the flow-rate characteristics of pressure regulators*

ISO 19973-1:—[1)], *Pneumatic fluid power — Assessment of component reliability by testing — Part 1: General procedures*

ISO 80000-1, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*

IEC 60050-191, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary. Chapter 191: Dependability and quality of service*

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