



PORTABLE BALANCER “**BALANSET-1A**”

A Dual-Channel
PC-Based Dynamic Balancing System

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1. General

Balanset-1A balancer provides single- and two-plane dynamic balancing services for fans, grinding wheels, spindles, crushers, pumps and other rotating machinery.

Balanset-1A balancer includes two vibration sensors (accelerometers), laser phase sensor (tachometer), 2-channels USB interface unit with pre-amplifiers, integrators and ADC acquired module, notebook (optionally) and Windows based balancing software.

Balanset-1A with vibration sensors (accelerometers) is used for field balancing or as a measuring system for soft-bearing balancing machines.

Balancing software provides the correct balancing solution for single-plane and two-plane balancing automatically. Balanset-1A is simple to use for non-vibration experts.

All balancing results saved in archive and can be used to create the reports.

Features:

- Easy to use
- Storage of unlimited balancing data
- User selectable trial mass
- Split weight calculation, drill calculation
- Trial mass validity automatically popup message
- Measuring RPM, amplitude and phase of vibration velocity overall and 1x vibration
- FFT spectrum
- Dual-channel simultaneous data collection
- Waveform and spectrum display
- Storage of vibration values and vibration waveform and spectra
- Balancing using saved influence coefficients
- Trim balancing
- Balancing mandrel eccentricity calculations (Index balancing)
- Remove or leave trial weights
- Balancing tolerance calculation (ISO 1940 G-classes)
- Changing correction planes calculations
- Polar graph
- Manual data input

2. Specification

Measurement range of the root-mean-square value (RMS) of the vibration velocity, mm/sec (for 1x vibration)	from 0.02 to 80
The frequency range of the RMS measurement of the vibration velocity, Hz	from 5 to 200
Number of the correction planes during balancing	1 or 2
Range of the frequency of rotation measurement, rpm	100 – 100000
Range of the vibration phase measurement, angular degrees	from 0 to 360
Error of the vibration phase measurement, angular degrees	± 1
Dimensions (in hard case), cm,	39*33*13
Mass, kg	<5
Overall dimensions of the vibrator sensor, mm, max	25*25*20
Mass of the vibrator sensor, kg, max	0.04
- Temperature range: from 5°C to 50°C	
- Relative humidity: < 85%, unsaturated	
- Without strong electric-magnetic field & strong impact	

3. Package

Balanset-1A balancer includes two single-axis accelerometers, laser phase reference marker (digital tachometer), 2-channel USB interface unit with per-amplifiers, integrators and ADC acquired module, notebook (or other PC) and Windows based balancing software.

Delivery set

Description	Number	Note
USB interface unit	1	
Laser phase reference marker (tachometer)	1	
Single-axis accelerometers	2	For field balancing or for soft-bearing balancing machines
Magnetic stand	1	
Digital scales	1	
Hard case for transportation	1	
“Balanset-1A”. User’s manual.	1	
Flash-disk with balancing software	1	

4. BALANCE PRINCIPLES

4.1. “Balanset-1A” include (fig. 4.1) USB interface unit (1), two accelerometers (2) and (3), phase reference marker (4) and portable PC (optionally) (5).

Delivery set also includes the magnetic stand used for mounting the phase reference marker (laser tachometer).

X1 and X2 connectors intended for connection of the vibration sensors respectively to 1 and 2 measuring channels, and the X3 connector used for connection of the phase reference marker.

The USB cable provides power supply and connection of the USB interface unit to the computer.

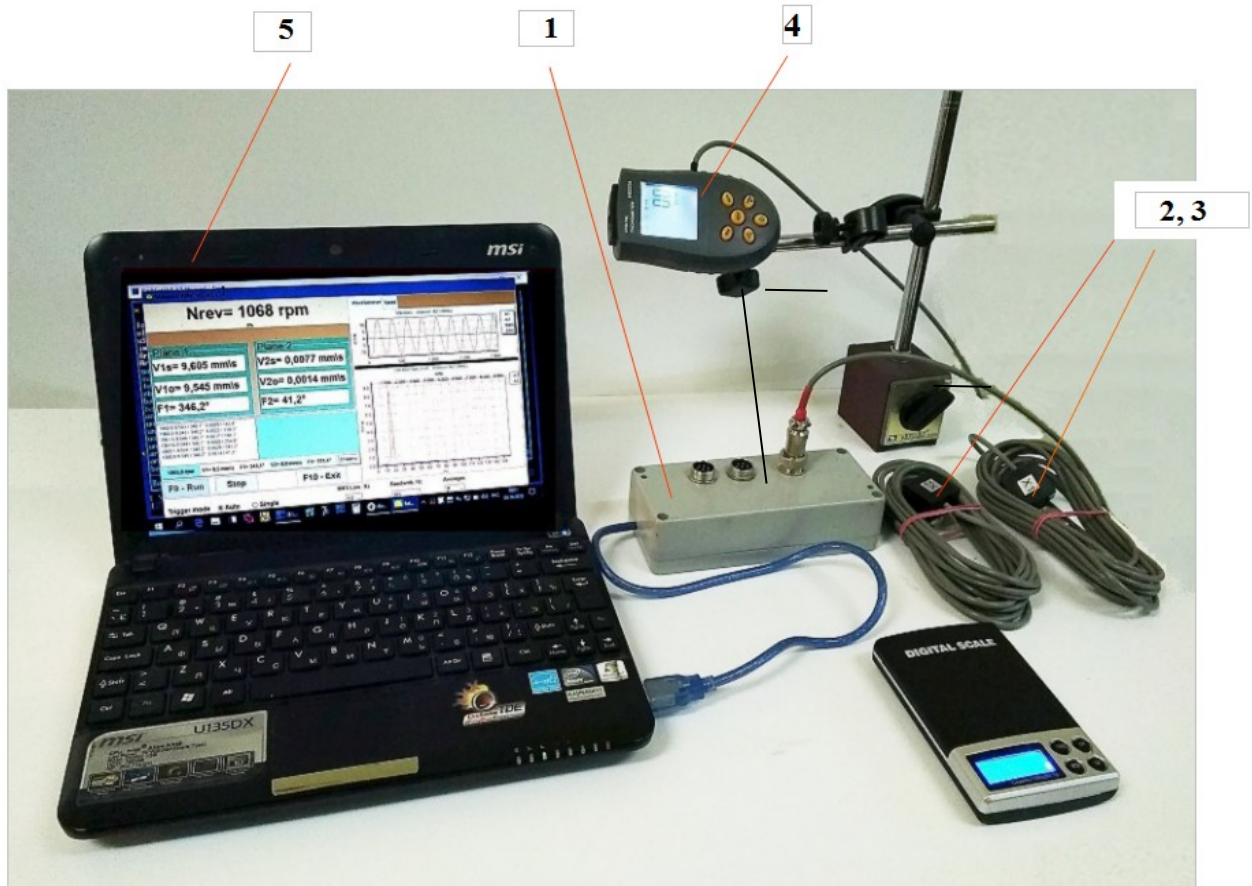


Fig. 4.1. Delivery set of the “Balanset-1A”

Mechanical vibrations cause an electrical signal proportional to the vibration acceleration on the output of the vibration sensor. Digitized signals from ADC module transferred via USB to the portable PC (5). Phase reference marker generate the pulse signal used to calculate rotation frequency and vibration phase angle.

Windows based software provides solution for single-plane and two-plane balancing, spectrum analyzing, charts, reports, storage of influence coefficients.

Balanset-1A with vibration sensors (accelerometers) is used for field balancing or as measuring system for soft-bearing balancing machines.

5. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

5.1. Attention! When operating on 220V electrical safety regulations must be observed. It is not allowed to repair the device when connected to 220 V.

5.2. If you use the appliance in a low quality AC power and weights of network interference it is recommended to use a standalone power from computer's battery pack.

6. Software and hardware settings.

6.1 General information

Before working with the “Balanset-1A”, it is necessary to make a connection to a PC and install drivers and balancing software.

6.2. Software installing and connection of USB interface unit to the computer.

6.2.1 Installing of USB drivers and specialized “Balanset-1A” software.

List of folders and files

Installation disk (flash drive or CD) contains the following files and folders:

Bs1AvNNN – folder with specialized “Balanset-1A” software (program for balancing)

BDE – folder with database installing files

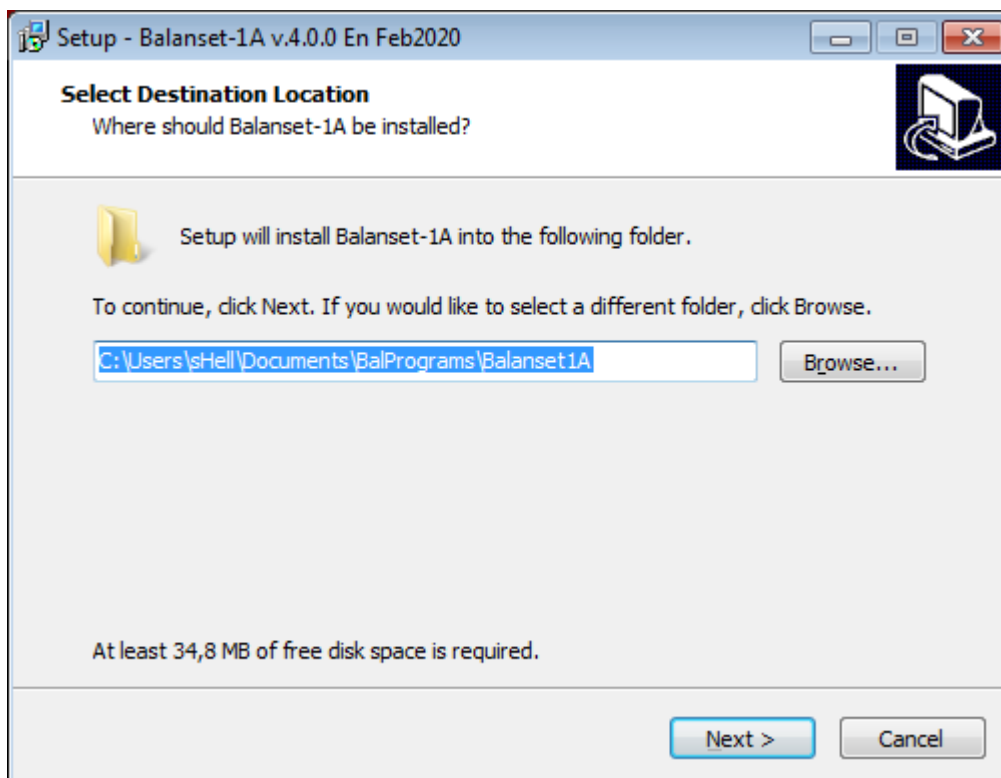
usbdrv.exe – USB drivers

EBalancer_manual.pdf – manual on balancing program

Bs1AvNNNSetup.exe – setup file. This file contains all archived files and folders mentioned above. NNN – version of “Balanset-1A” software.

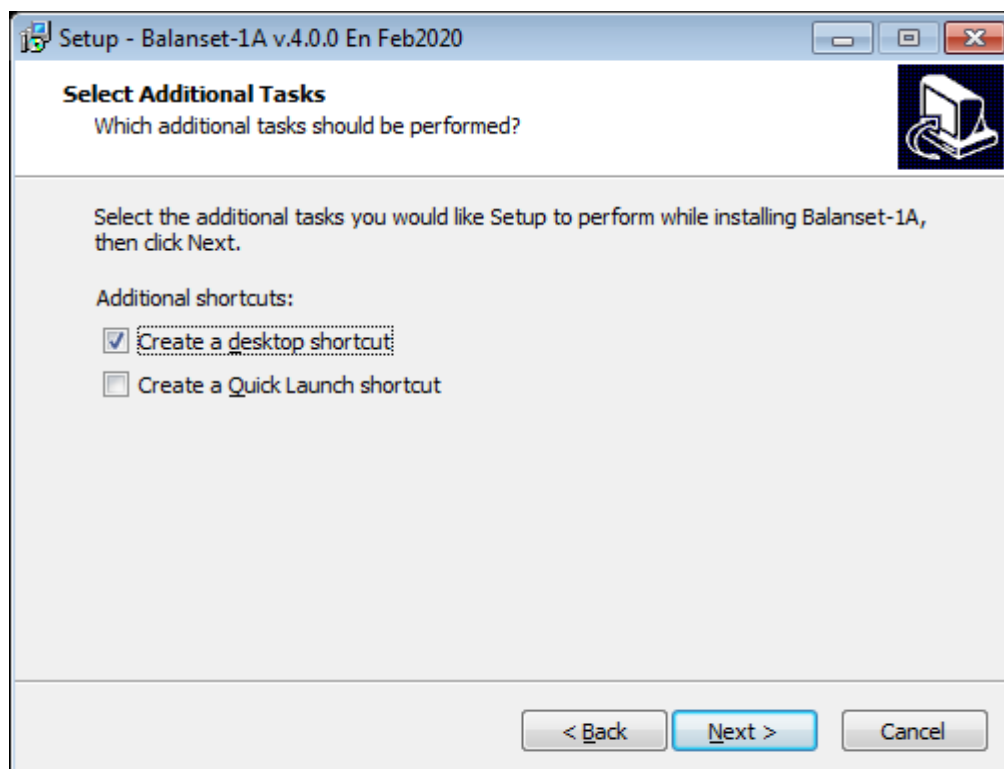
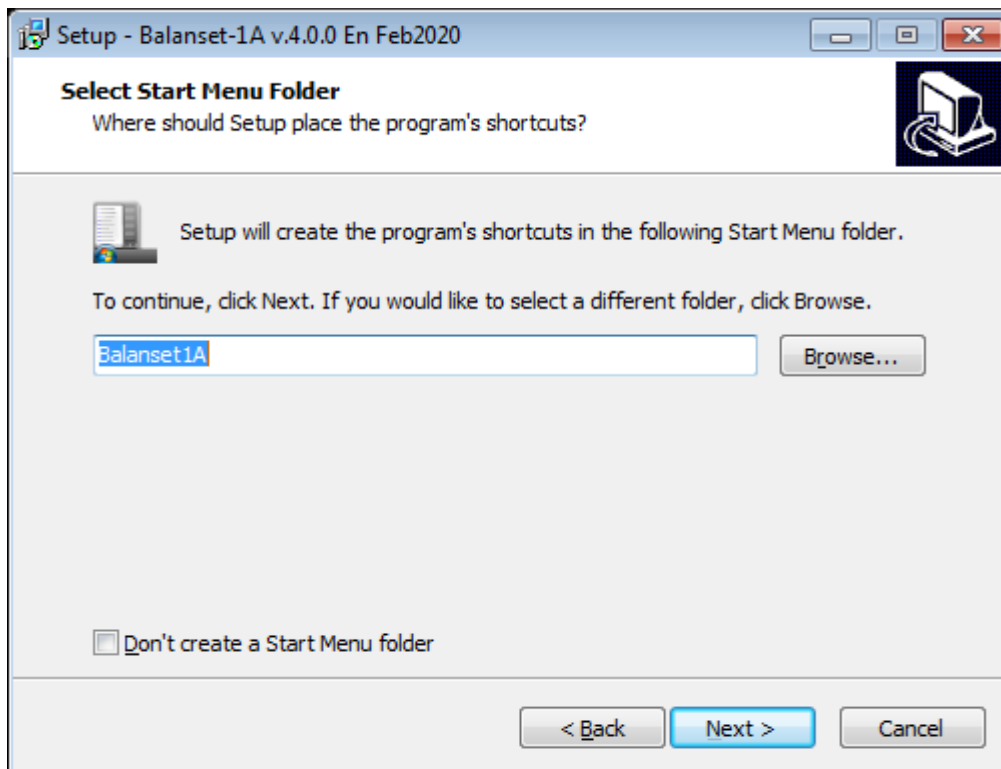
6.2.2.2. Software installing.

For installing drivers and specialized software run file Bs1AvNNNSetup.exe and follow setup instructions by pressing buttons «Next», «OK» etc.

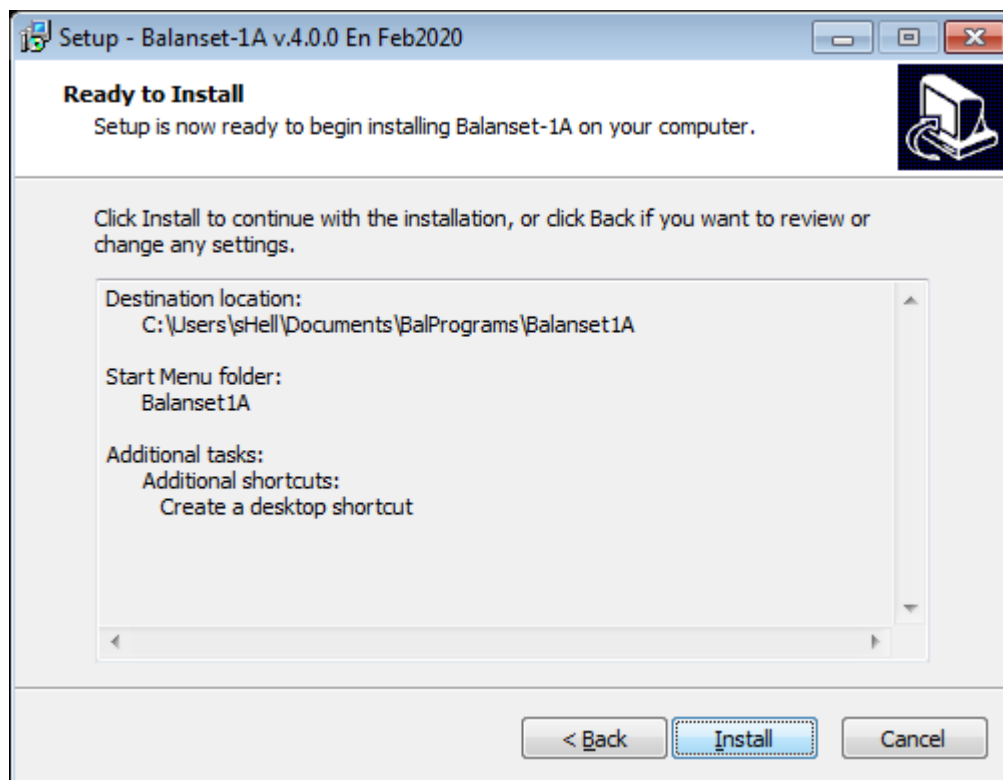


Choose setup folder. Usually the given folder should not be changed.

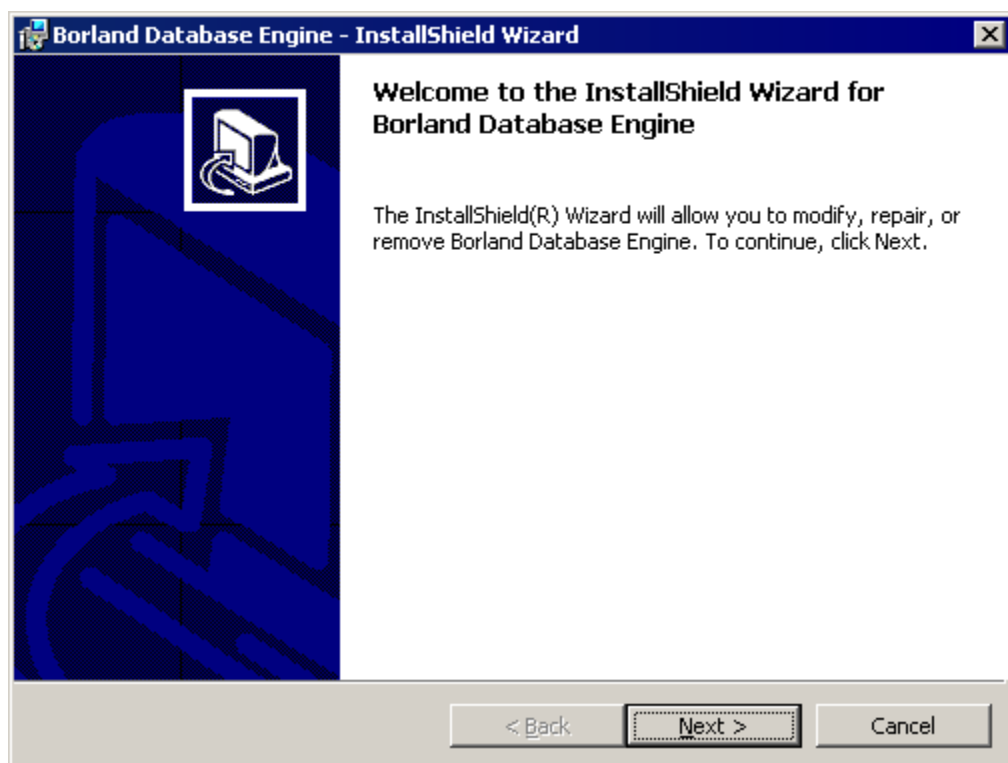
Then the program requires specifying Program group and desktop folders. Press button **Next**.

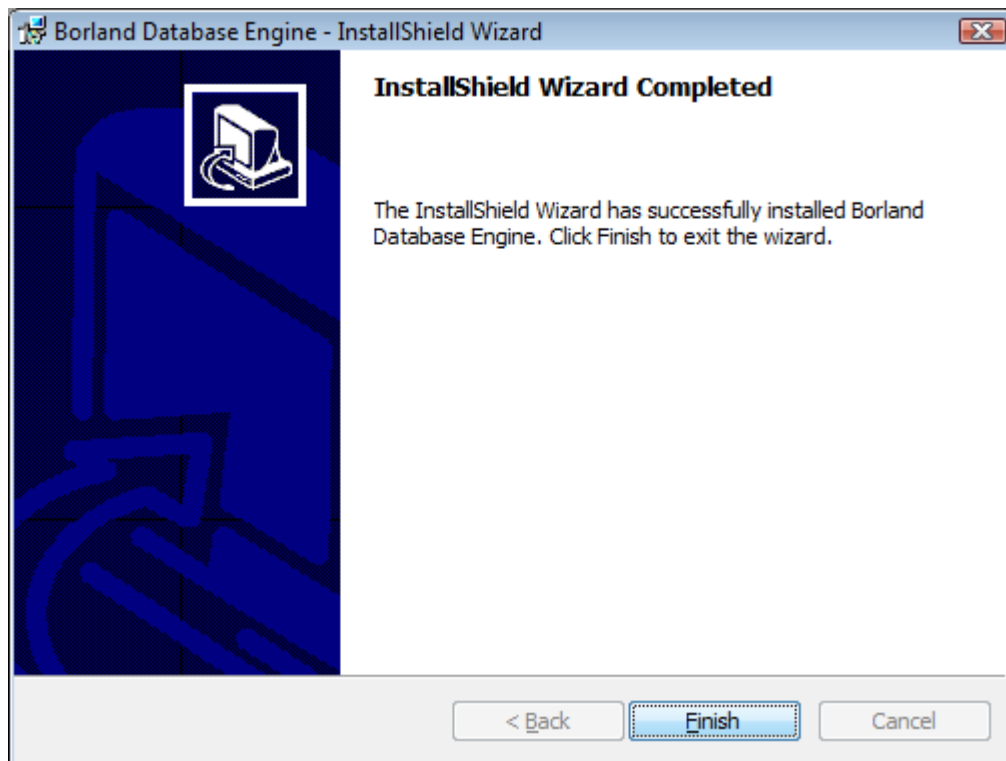
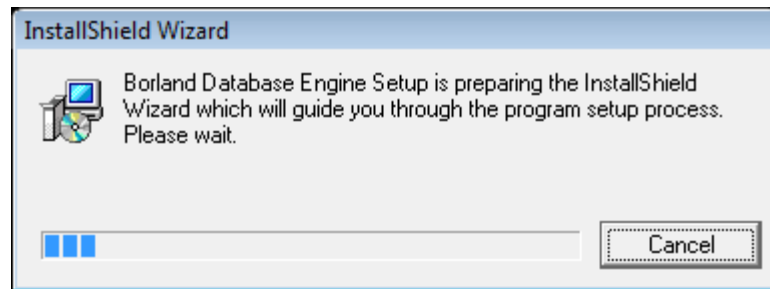


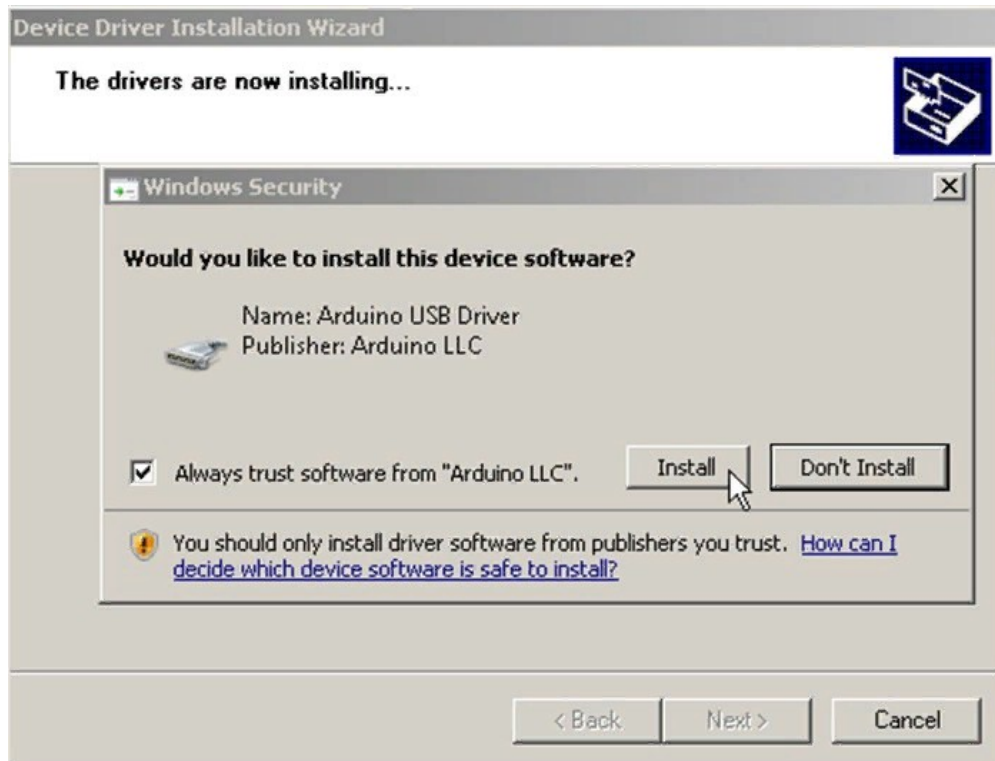
The window «**Ready to Install**» appears. Press button “**Install**”

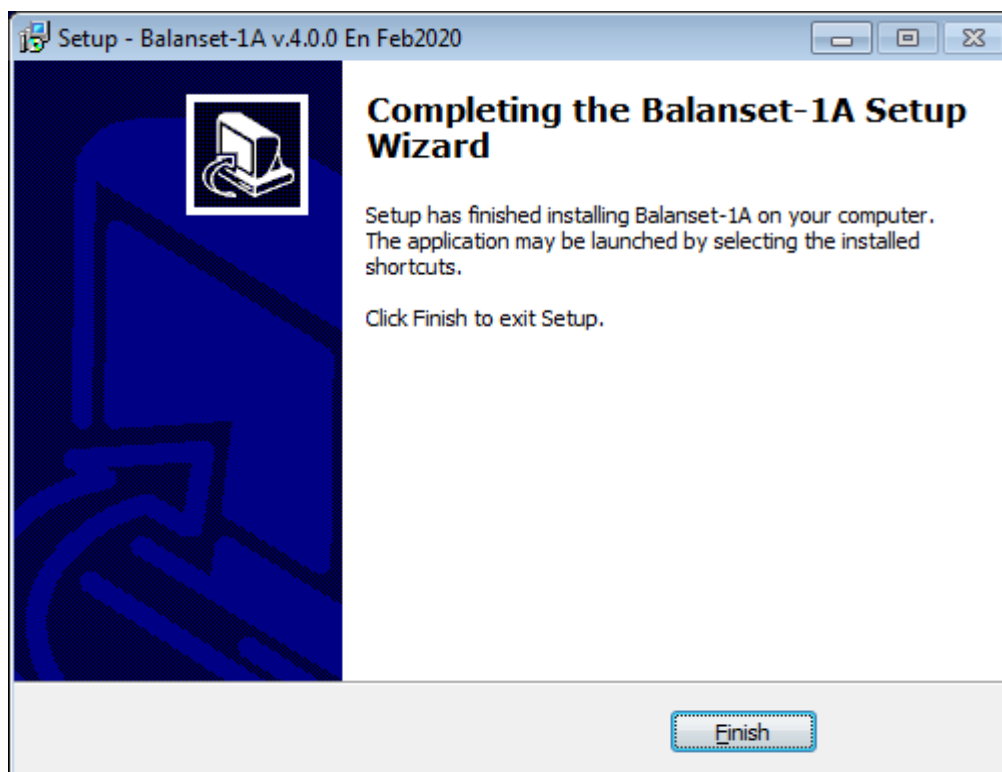


Then database engine will be installed.









And finally press button «Finish»

As a result all necessary drivers and the specialized “Balanset-1A” software are installed on the computer. After that it is possible to connect the USB interface unit to the computer.

In further work with the device "“Balanset-1A”" operating system will know where the driver for this type of device is stored, and it will weight automatically when you connect the USB interface unit to the computer.

6.3. Finishing installation.

6.3.1. Install sensors on the inspected or balanced mechanism (Detailed information about how to install the sensors is given in Annex 1)

6.3.2. Connect vibration sensors 2 and 3 to the inputs X1 and X2, and phase angle sensor to the input X3 of USB interface unit.

6.3.3. Connect USB interface unit to the USB-port of the computer.

6.3.4. When using the AC power supply connect the computer to the power mains. Connect the power supply to 220 V, 50 Hz.

6.3.5. Click shortcut “Balanset-1A” on desktop.

7 Balancing procedure.

7.1. Main operating window.

When running the program “Balanset-1A” the main operating window, shown in Fig. 7.1, appears on display.

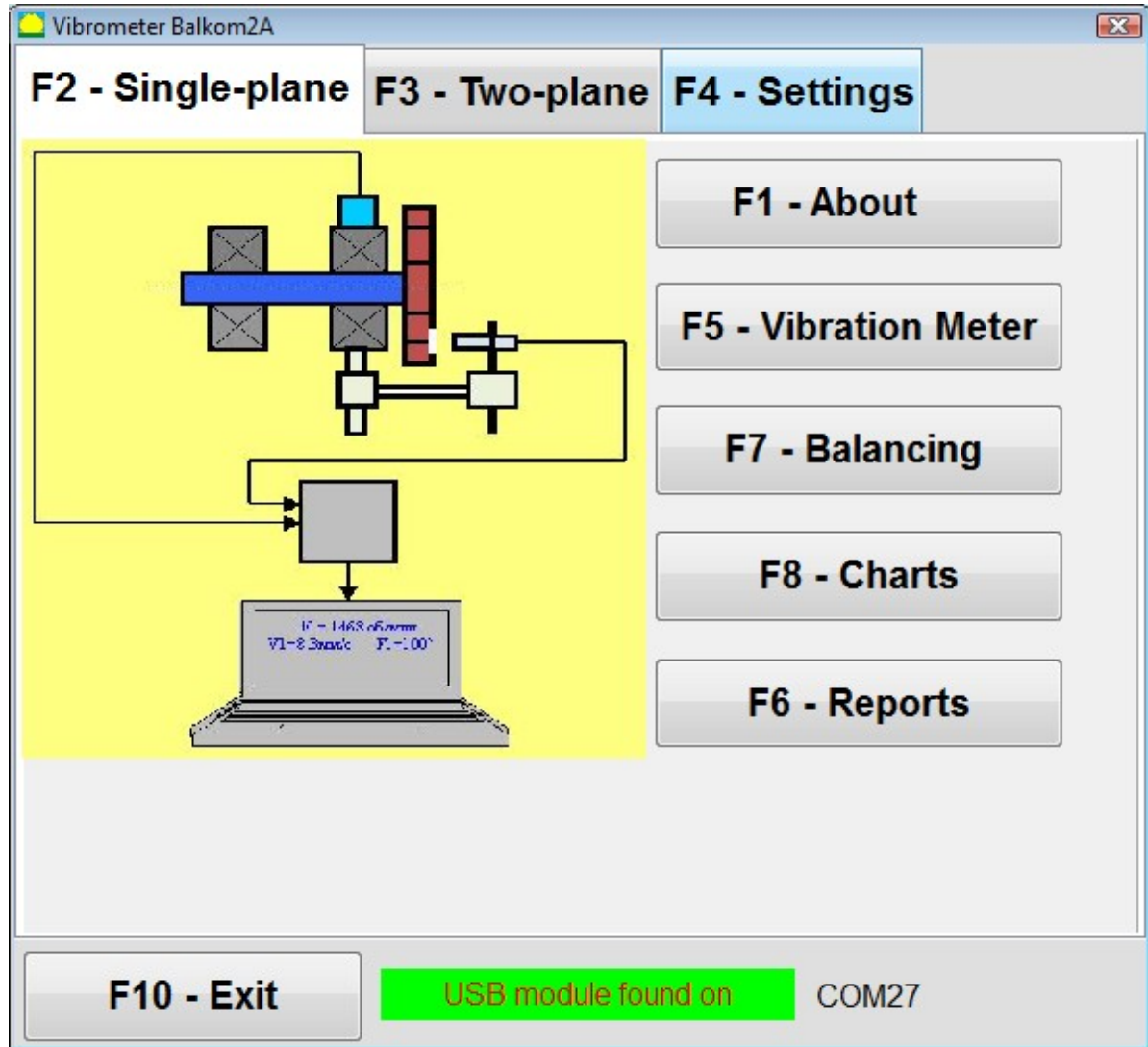


Fig. 7.1. Main operating window of the “Balanset-1A”

There are 9 buttons in the specified window with the names of the functions realized when click on them.

7.1.1. Button «F1-About».

When this button is clicked (or, equivalently, the F1 function key pressed on the computer keyboard) the user can get brief information about the purpose of the program and, if necessary, to get acquainted with the operating manual of the device “Balanset-1A”.

7.1.2. Buttons «F2-Single plane», «F3-Two plane».

Pressing “F2- Single-plane” (or F2 function key on the computer keyboard) selects the measurement mode on the **first channel** of vibration.

After clicking this button, the computer display saves mimic diagram shown in Fig. 7.1 illustrating a process of measuring the vibration only on the first measuring channel (or the balancing process in a single plane).

Pressing the “**F3-Two-plane**” (or **F3** function key on the computer keyboard) selects the mode of vibration measurements on two channels simultaneously. (Fig. 7.2.)

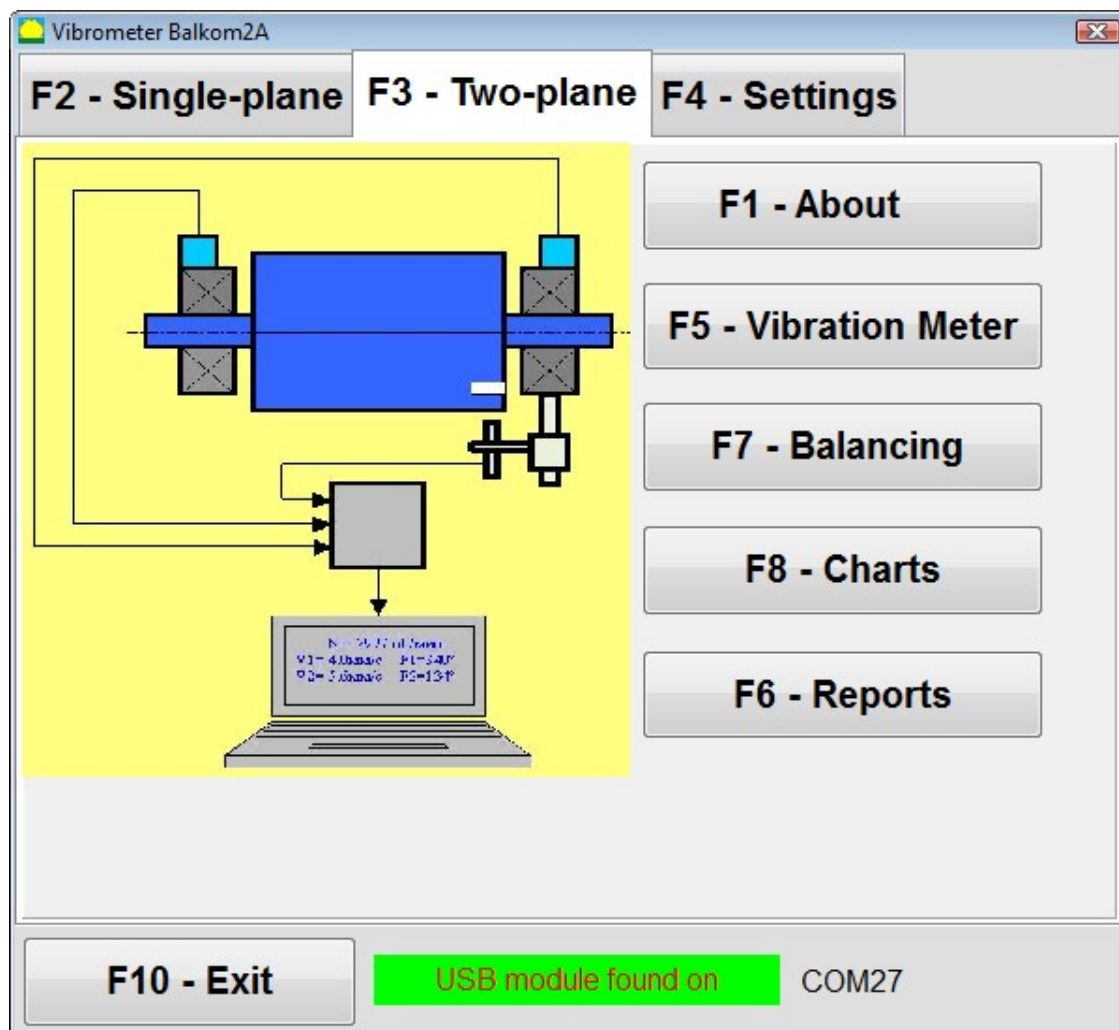


Fig. 7.2. Main operating window of the “Balanset-1A”. Two plane balancing.

7.1.3. Button «F4 – Settings».

Pressing this button opens the operating window “Settings” and the user can, if necessary, make adjustments to these factors.

Attention. Changing the sensitivity coefficients of sensors is required only when replacing sensors!

7.1.4. Button «F5 – Vibration meter».

Pressing this button (or a function key of **F5** on the computer keyboard) activates the mode of vibration measurement on one or two measuring channels of virtual vibrometer depending on the buttons condition “F2-single-plane”, “F3-two-plane”.

7.1.5. Button «F6 – Reports».

Pressing this button (or **F6** function key on the computer keyboard) switches on the balancing Archive, from which you can print the report with the results of balancing for a specific mechanism (rotor).

7.1.6. Button «F7 – Balancing».

Pressing this button (or function key F7 on your keyboard) activates balancing mode in one or two correction planes depending on which measurement mode is selected by pressing the buttons "F2-single-plane", "F3-two-plane".

7.1.7. Button «F8 – Charts».

Pressing this button (or F8 function key on the computer's keyboard) enables graphic vibrometer, the implementation of which displays on a computer screen simultaneously with the digital values of the amplitude and phase of the vibration graphics of its time function.

7.1.8. Button «F10 – Exit».

Pressing this button (or F10 function key on the computer's keyboard) completes the program "Balanset-1A".

7.2. Input or correction of the sensitivity coefficients of the vibration sensors.

When you click button "F4-Settings" in the main operating window on a computer screen appears the operating window " Settings " (see. Fig. 7.3). Then you can change sensitivity coefficients of the vibration sensors. The nominal value is about 20-30 mV / mm/s.

Attention!

When you enter a sensitivity coefficient its fractional part is separated from the integer part with the decimal point (the sign ",").

Changing the sensitivity coefficients of sensors is required only when replacing sensors!

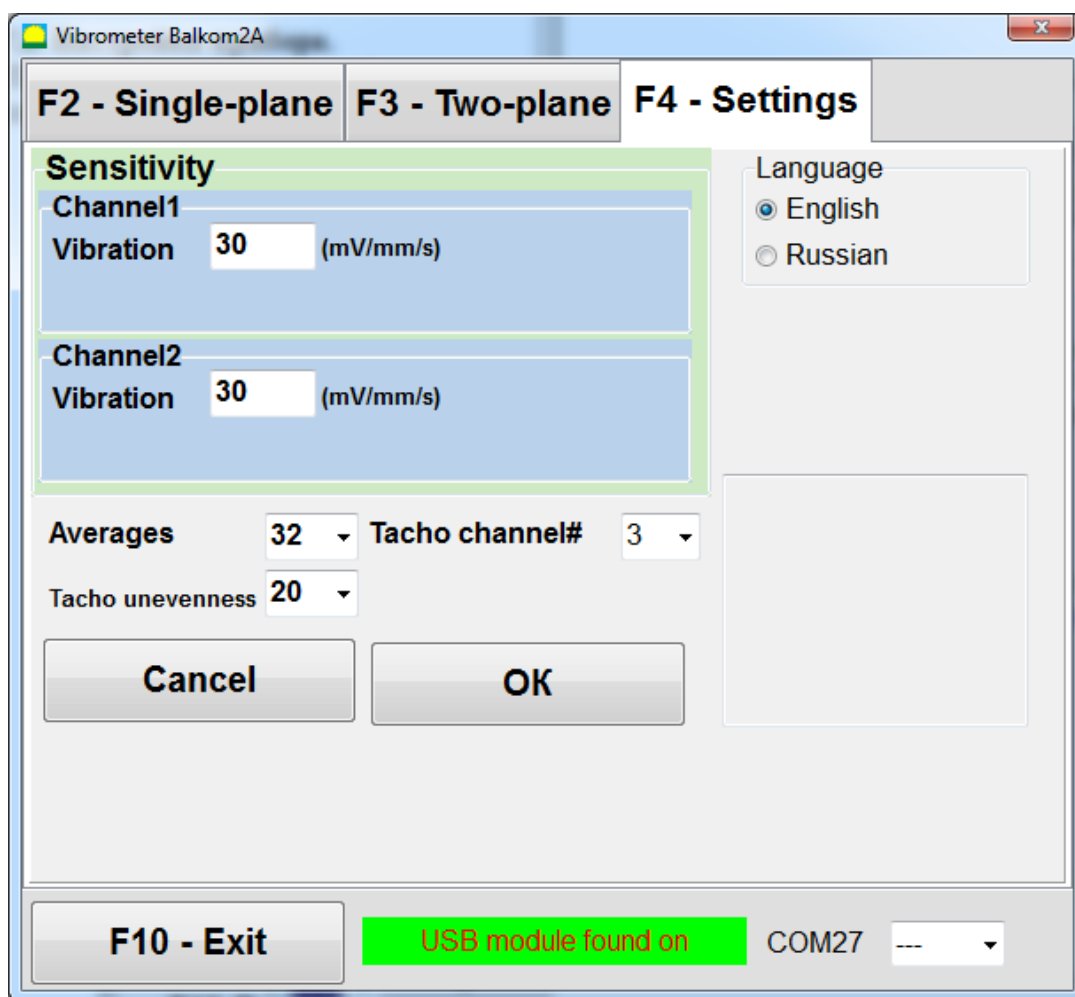


Fig. 7.3. Operating window for entering the sensitivity coefficients of the vibration sensors.

After completion of the input of the sensitivity coefficients on both measurement channels you should click the button "OK", then the new values of the coefficients will be stored in the program memory.

To continue work with the program click the button “F10 – Exit” and return to the main operating window.

7.3. “Vibrometer” mode.

Before working in the " **Vibrometer** " mode, install vibration sensors on the machine and connect them respectively to the inputs X1 and X2 of the USB interface unit. Photoelectric phase angle sensor should be connected to the input X3 of the USB interface unit.

Besides, for use of this sensor it is necessary to apply the reflective mark on the surface of a rotor.

Recommendations for the installation and configuration of sensors are given in Annex 1.

To begin the measurement in the Vibrometer mode click on the button “F5 – Vibration Meter” in the Main operating window of the program (see fig. 7.1).

At the same time an operating window appears on a computer screen (see. Fig.7.4), which periodically displays the results of measurement, including: RMS value of overall vibration (**V1s**, **V2s**), RMS values (**V1o**, **V2o**) and phase (**F1**, **F2**) of 1x vibration, and the rotor speed (**N rev**).

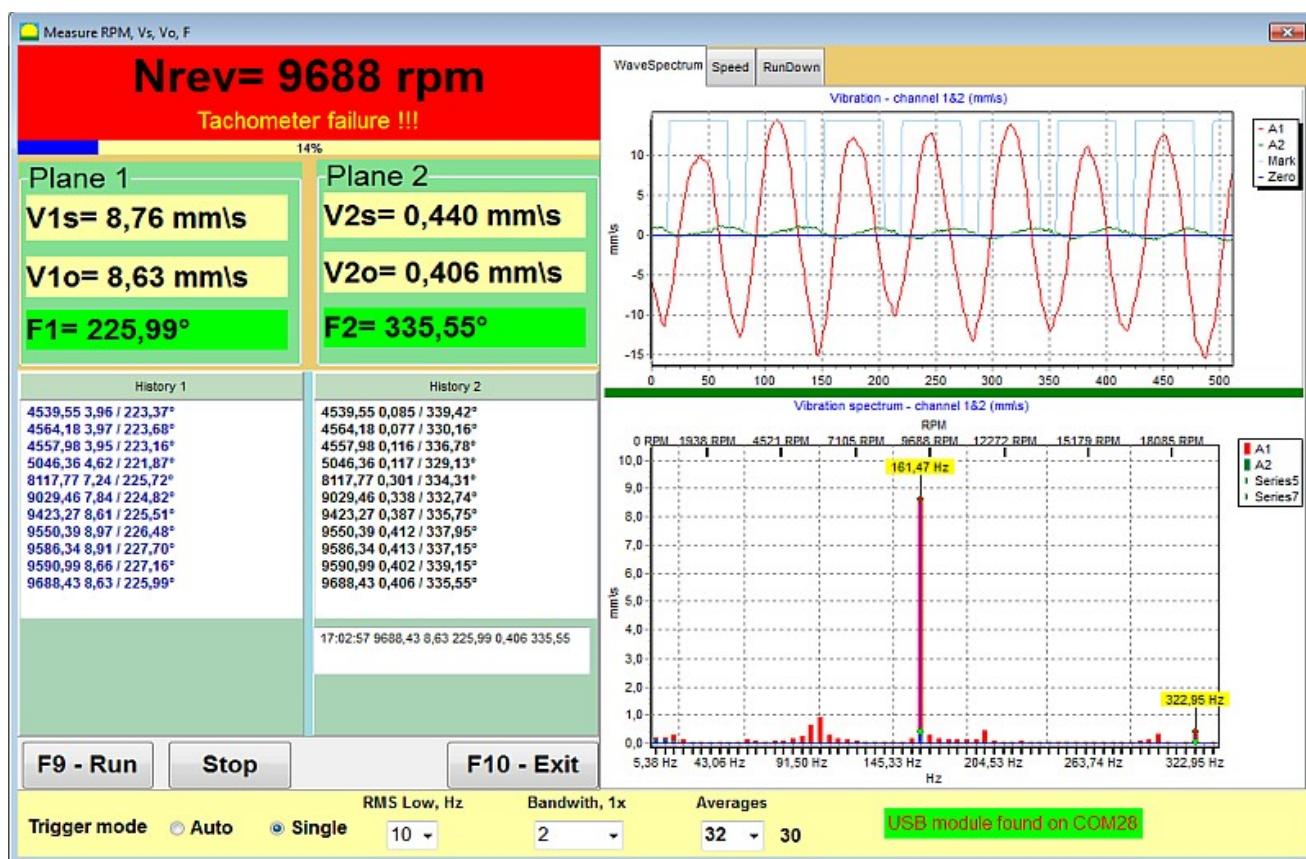


Fig. 7.4. Operating window of the Vibrometer mode. Wave and Spectrum.

To start vibration measurements in this window click button “F9 – Run” (or press the function key F9 on your keyboard).

After that, the results of measurements of vibration parameters of the object will be periodically displayed in the respective windows of the operating window.

In case of the vibration measuring only on a first channel the windows located beneath the words “Plane 1” in the left part of the operating window would be filled.

In case of simultaneous measurement of vibration on the first and second channels, the windows located beneath the words “**Plane 1**” and “**Plane 2**” will be filled.

Vibration measuring in the "Vibration" mode also may be carried out with disconnected phase angle sensor. In the main operating window of the program the value of the total RMS vibration (**V1s**, **V2s**) will only be displayed.

To complete the work in the "Vibrometer" mode click button “**F10 – Exit**” and return to the main operating window.

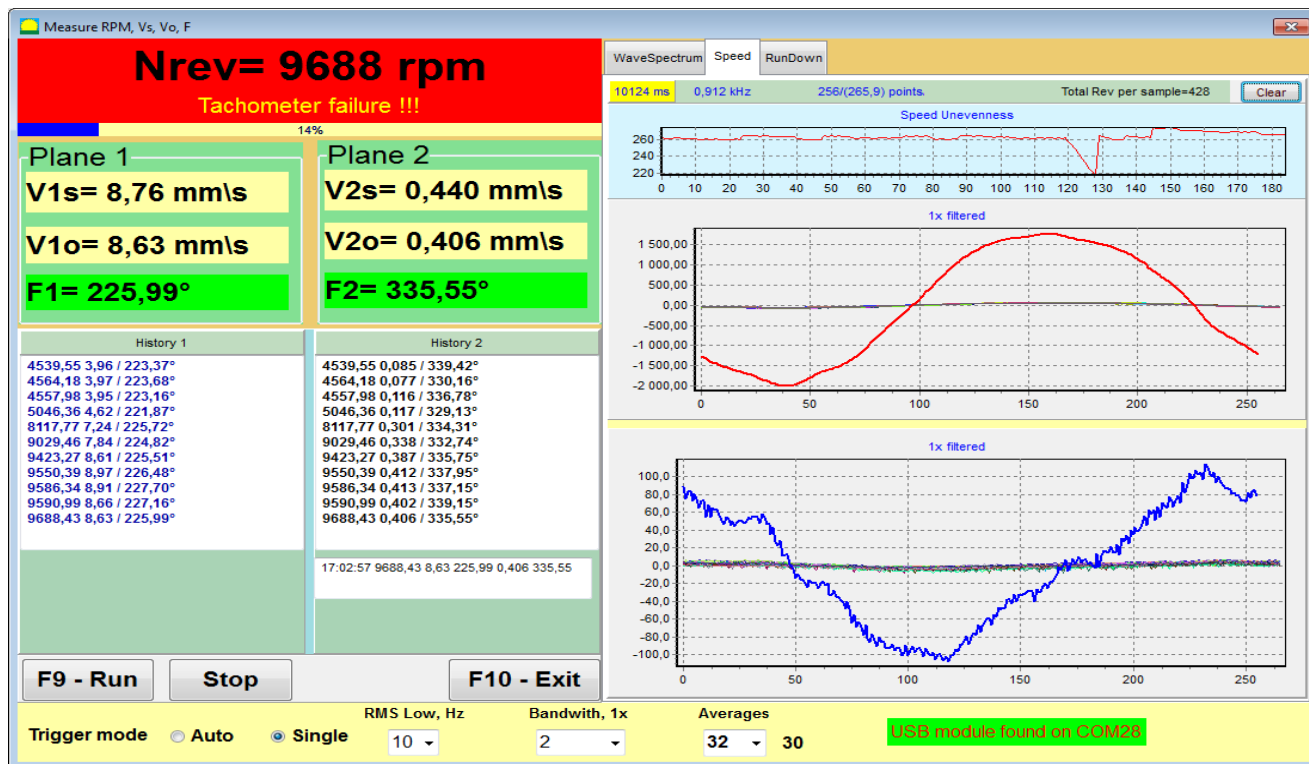


Fig. 7.6. Operating window of the Vibrometer mode. Speed Unevenness, 1x vibration wave form.

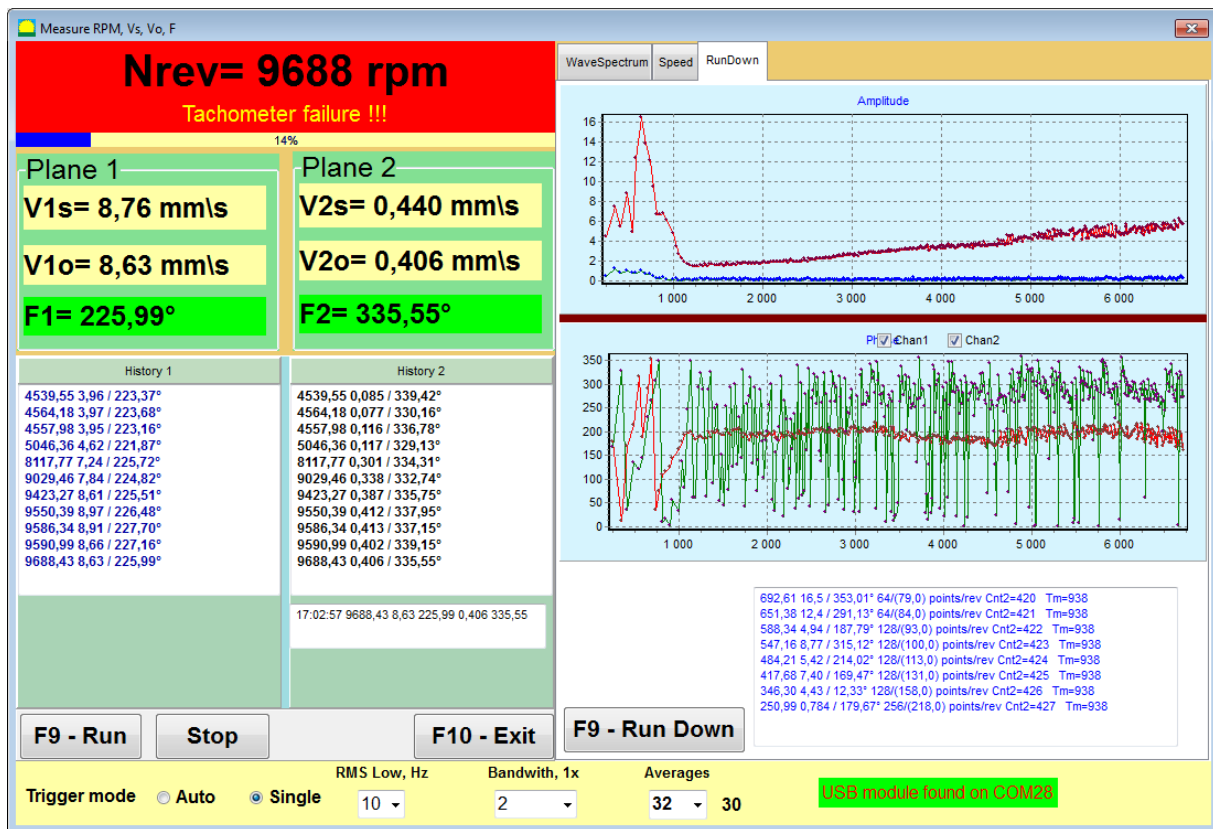


Fig. 7.6.1 Operating window of the Vibrometer mode. Rundown chart.

Rundown is experimental feature.

To start the measurement press the F9-Run Down button and stop the rotor rotation. The upper graph will show the vibration amplitude on frequency. The lower graph shows the dependence of the vibration phase on frequency.

7.4 Balancing procedure

Balancing is performed for mechanisms in good technical condition and correctly mounted. Otherwise, before the balancing the mechanism must be repaired, installed in proper bearings and fixed. Rotor should be cleaned of contaminants that can hinder from balancing procedure.

Before balancing measure vibration in Vibrometer mode (F5 button) to be sure that mainly vibration is 1x vibration.

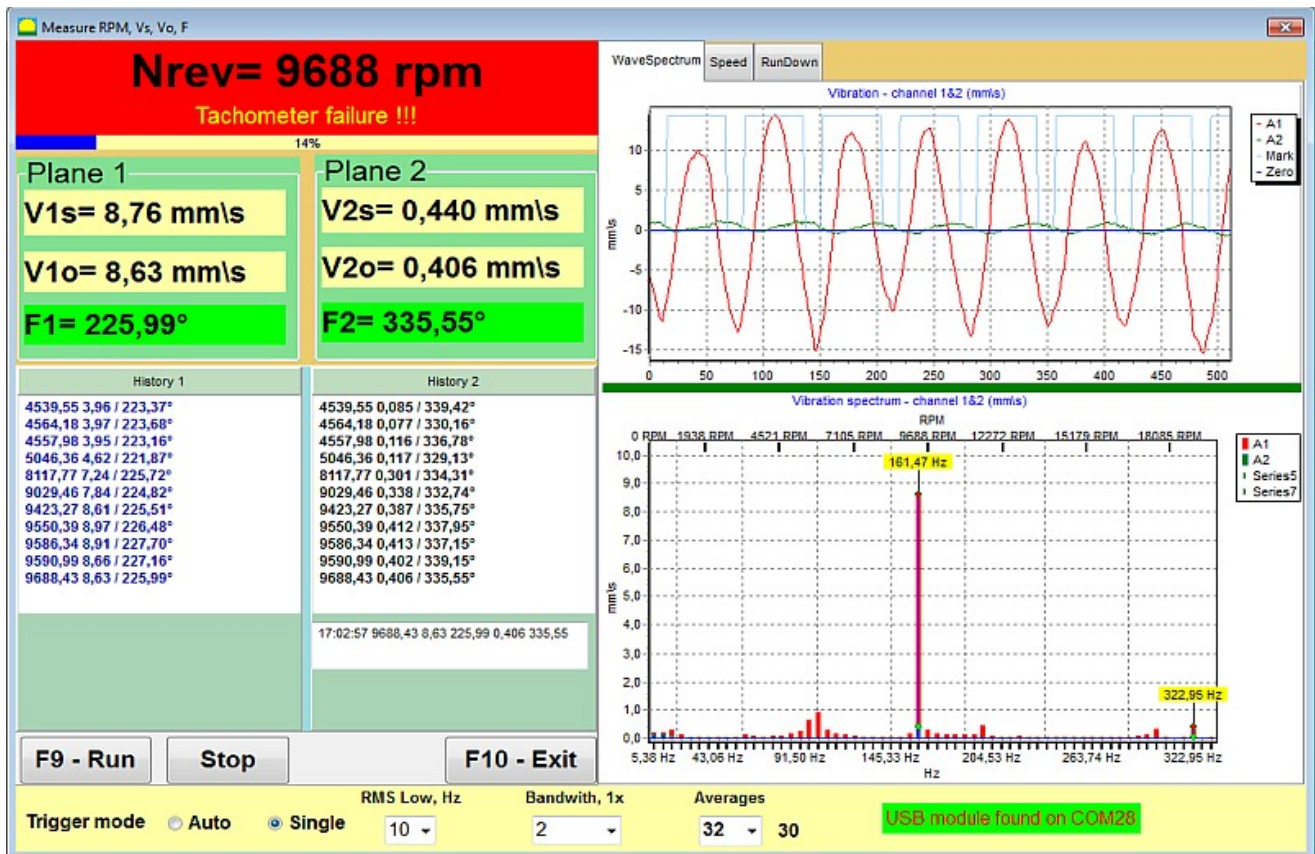


Fig. 7.7. Operating window of the Vibrometer mode. Checking overall and 1x vibration.

If the value of the overall vibration V1s (V2s) is approximately equal to the magnitude of the vibration at rotational frequency (1x vibration component) V1o (V2o), it can be assumed that the main contribution to the vibration mechanism pays an imbalance of the rotor. If the value of the overall vibration V1s (V2s) is much higher than the 1x vibration component V1o (V2o), it is recommended to check the condition of a mechanism - condition of bearings, its mount on the base, the lack of grazing for the fixed parts of the rotor during rotation, etc.

You should also pay attention to the stability of the measured values in Vibrometer mode - the amplitude and phase of the vibration should not vary by more than 10-15% in the measurement process. Otherwise, it can be assumed that the mechanism is running close-to-resonance domain. In this case, change the speed of rotation of the rotor, and if this is not possible - change the conditions of installation of the machine on the foundation (for example, temporarily setting on spring supports).

For rotor balancing **influence coefficient method** of balancing (**3-run method**) should be taken.

Trial runs are done to determine the effect of trial mass on vibration change, mass and place (angle) of installation of correction weights.

First determine the original vibration of a mechanism (first start without weight), and then set the trial weight to the first plane and made the second start. Then, remove the trial weight from the first plane, set in a second plane and made the second start.

The program then calculates and indicates on the screen the weight and location (angle) of installation of correction weights.

When balancing in a single plane (static), the second start is not required.

Trial weight is set to an arbitrary location on the rotor where it is convenient, and then the actual radius is entered in the setup program.

(Position Radius is used only for calculating the unbalance amount in grams * mm)

Important!

- **Measurements should be carried out with the constant speed of rotation of the mechanism!**
- **Correction weights must be installed on the same radius as the trial weights!**

Mass of the trial weight is selected so that after its installation phase ($> 20-30^\circ$) and (20-30%) the amplitude of vibration change significantly. If changes are too small, the error increases greatly in subsequent calculations. Conveniently set trial mass at the same place (the same angle) as the phase mark.

Important!

After each test run trial mass are removed! Correction weights set at an angle calculated from the place of trial weight installation in the direction of rotation of the rotor!

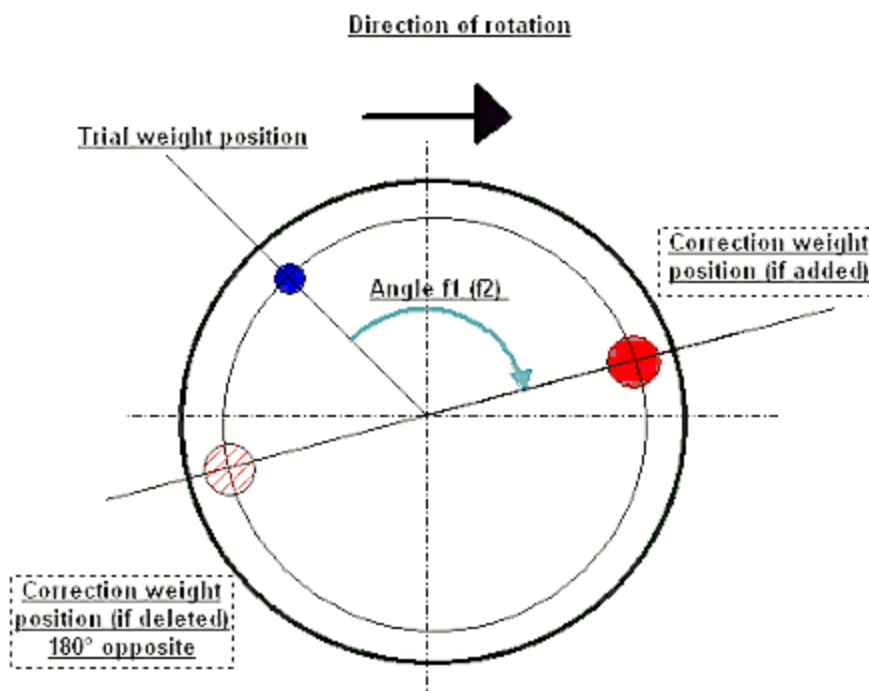


Fig. 7.7. Correction weight mounting.

Recommended!

Before performing balancing using the device, it is recommended to make sure that there are no significant quantities of static imbalance. For this purpose, for rotors with horizontal axis, the rotor can be manually rotated by an angle of 90 degrees from the current position. If the rotor is statically unbalanced, it will be rotated to a position of equilibrium. Once the rotor will assume the position of equilibrium, it is necessary to set the weight balancing in the top point approximately in the middle part of the rotor length. Weight of the weight should be chosen in such a way that the rotor is not moving in any position.

Such pre-balancing will reduce the amount of vibration at the first start of strongly unbalanced rotor.

Sensor installation and mounting.

Vibration sensor must be installed on the machine in the selected measuring point and connected to the input X1 of the USB interface unit.

There are two mounting configurations

- Magnets
- Threaded studs M4

Optical tacho sensor should be connected to the input X3 of the USB interface unit. Furthermore, for use of this sensor a special reflecting mark should be applied on surface of a rotor.

Detailed requirements on site selection of the sensors and their attachment to the object when balancing are set out in Annex 1.

7.4. Balancing in one plane (“static”).

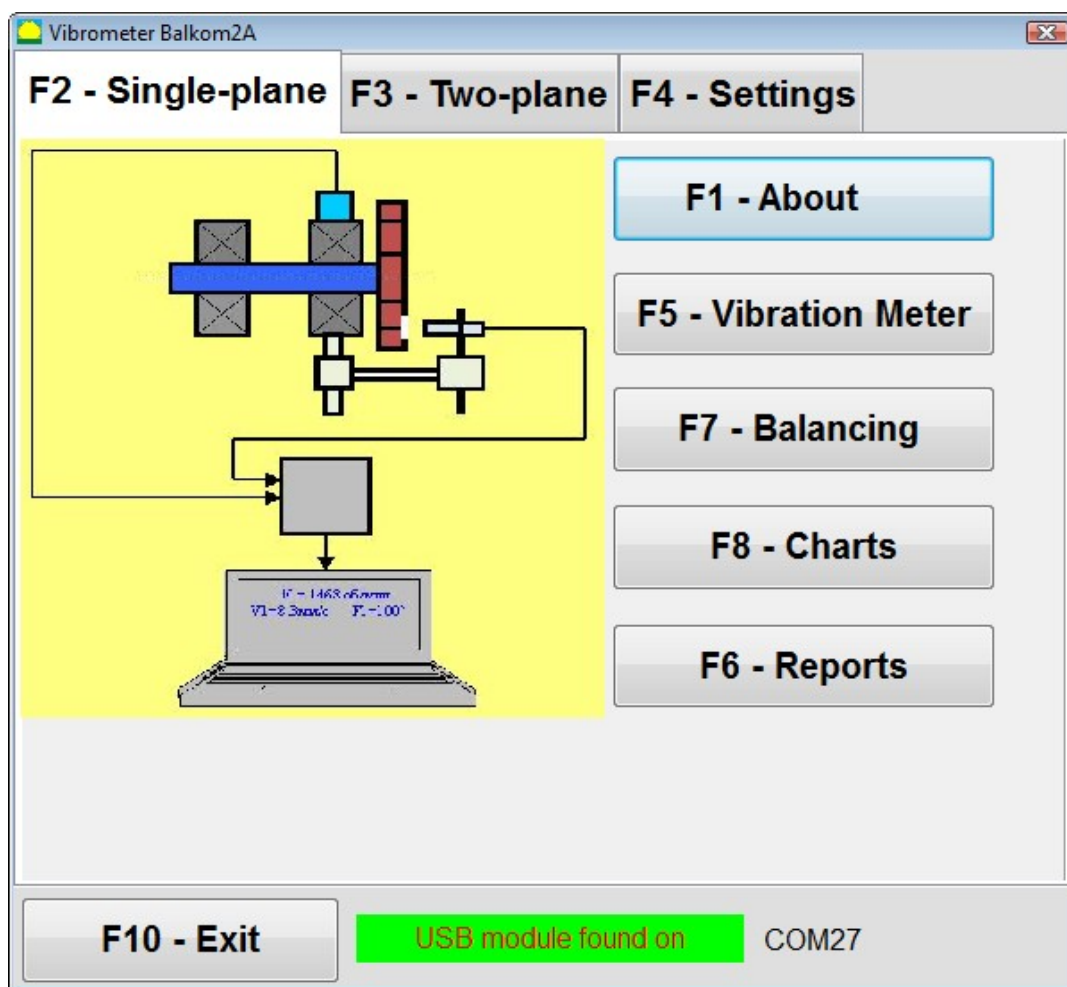


Fig. 7.8. "Balancing in 1 plane" window.

Work on the program in the "Balancing in 1 plane" starts from the main operating window.

7.4.1 Setting the measuring system (initial data input).

To start working on the program in the “**Single-Plane balancing**” mode, click on the “**F2-Single-plane**” button (or press the F2 key on the computer keyboard).

The mnemonic diagram shown in fig. 7.8 illustrating the process of measuring the amplitude and phase of vibration.

Then click on the “**F7 - Balancing**” button, after which the Single-Plane balancing archive window will appear on the computer display, in which the balancing data will be saved (see Fig. 7.9).

Single Plane balancing archive

Place: 111 Date and time: 27.10.2017 Rotor name: rotor2 Archive # 105

Vibration, mm/sec

Before Plane 1: 8,61 Tolerance: 22

After Plane 1: 1,53

Unbalance, g*mm

Before Plane 1: 21,66 Tolerance: 44

After Plane 1: 4,2

F9 - Report F10 - OK

Rotor name	Date:	Place:	Vo - initial	Vo - finite	Tolerance V	D- initial	D- finite	Tolerance.D	ArchNum
rotor2	27.10.2017	111	8,61	1,53	22	21,66	4,2	44	105
	08.01.2018		5,2	0		0	0		131
	08.01.2018		5,21	0		0	0		132
	12.04.2018		59,41	69,81		0	0		133

Fig. 7.9 The window for selecting the balancing archive in single plane.

In this window, you need to enter data on the name of the rotor (Rotor name), place of installation (Place), tolerances for vibration and residual imbalance (Tolerance), date of measurement. This data is stored in a database. Also, a folder of the form \ ArcPnnn is created in, where nnn is the number of the archive in which the charts, a report file, etc. will be saved. Subsequently, after the balancing is completed, a report file will be generated that can be edited and printed in the built-in editor.

After entering the necessary data, you need to click the “**F10-OK**” button, after which the “**Single-Plane balancing**” window will open (see Fig. 7.10)

Single-Plane balancing

0%

Run#0 (initial, no trial mass)

Nrev= rpm Vo1= mm/s F1= degree

F7 - Run#0

Run#1(Trial mass Plane 1)

Nrev= rpm Vo1= mm/s F1= degree

F5-Back to Run#0

F7 - Run#1

RunC (Check balance quality)

Nrev= rpm Vo1= mm/s F1= degree

F5-Back to Run#1

F7 - RunTrim

Tachometer failure! Try step again!

F10 - Exit

Balancing settings Charts Result Archive#105

Influence coefficients

☒ New rotor

☐ Saved coeff. Select

Weight Attachment Method

☒ Circum

☐ Fixed positions 0

☐ Leave trial weight in Plane1

Balancing tolerance

Rotor weight, kg 1

Balancing tolerance, g*mm 3 Calculate

☒ Use Polar

☐ Manual data input

Restore session data

Trial weight mass

☐ Percent 1st plane

☒ Gramm 1

Mass mount radius, mm

Plane1 33

Fig. 7.10. The working window for balancing in single plane.

In the right side of this window displays the data of vibration measurements and the measurement control buttons “**Run # 0**”, “**Run # 1**”, “**RunTrim**”.

In the right side of this window there are three tabs

- **Balancing settings**
- **Charts**
- **Result**

Balancing settings tab

The “**Balancing settings**” tab is used to enter the settings, namely:

1. "Influence coefficient" -

- “**New Rotor**” - selection of the primary balancing of the new rotor, for which there are no stored balancing coefficients and two starts are required to determine the weight and installation angle of the correction weight.

- “**Saved coeff.**” - selection of the rotor re-balancing, for which there are saved balancing coefficients and only one start is required for determining the weight and installation location of the corrective weight.

“**New Rotor**” balancing is usually performed for rotors that have not previously been balanced and for which there is no saved influence coefficients.

When performing “**New Rotor**” single-plane balancing, two machine runs are required to calibrate the measuring system.

In this case, during the first run (**Run#0**), the initial vibration of the machine is measured. The second start of the machine (**Run#1**) is carried out after installing a trial weight on the rotor..

“**Saved coeff.**” balancing can be performed only for the mechanisms of the same type with a previously balanced machine, for which the trial weight mass and balancing coefficients are determined and saved in PC memory. In this case, to determine the mass and installation angle of the corrective weight necessary to compensate for the imbalance, only one start is required.

2. "Trial weight mass" -

- “**Percent**” - corrective weight is calculated as a percentage of the trial weight.

- “**Gramm**” - the known mass of the trial weight is entered and the mass of the corrective weight is calculated in grams.

Attention!

If it is necessary to use the “**Saved coeff.**” Mode for further work during initial balancing, the trial weight mass must be entered in grams. Scales are included in the delivery package.

3. "Weight Attachment Method" -

- “**Circum**” - weights can be installed in an arbitrary position on the circumference of the rotor.

- “**Fixed position**” - weight can be installed in fixed places on the rotor, for example, on blades or holes (for example 12 holes – 30 degrees), etc. The number of fixed positions must be entered in the appropriate field. After balancing, the program will automatically split the weight into two parts and indicate the number of positions on which it is necessary to establish the masses obtained.

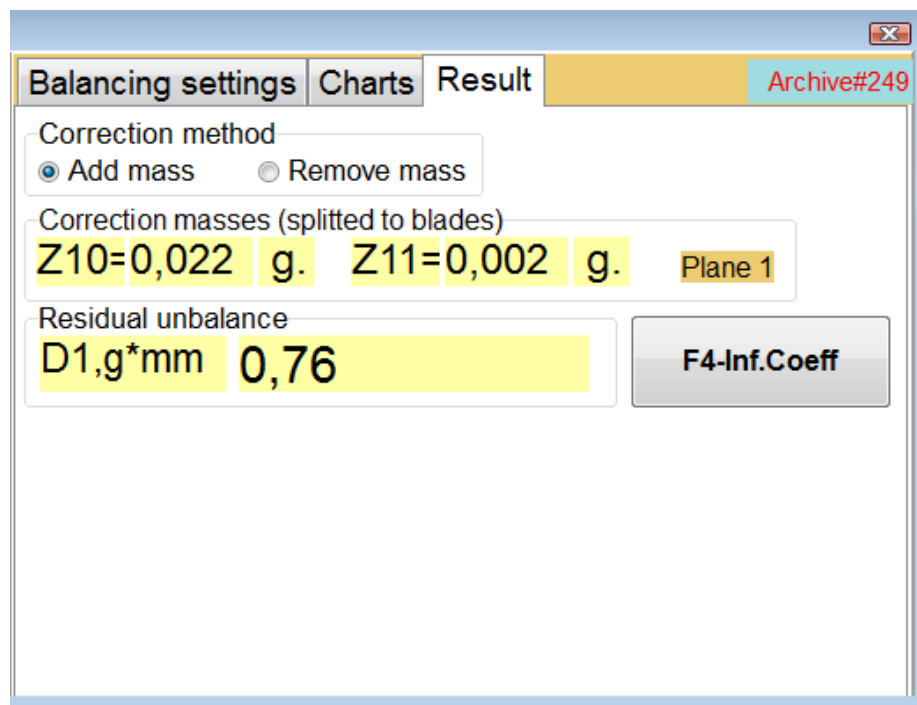


Fig. 7.11. Result tab. Fixed position of correction weight mounting.

Z10 and Z11 – positions of corrective weights installed, calculated from Z1 position according rotation direction. Z1 is position of trial weight was installed.

4. "Mass mount radius, mm" -

- "Plane1" - The radius of the trial weight in the 1 plane. It is required to calculate the magnitude of the initial and residual imbalance to determine compliance with the tolerance for residual imbalance after balancing.

5. "Leave trial weight in Plane1." Usually the trial weight is removed during the balancing process. But in some cases it is impossible to remove it, then you need to set a check mark in this to account for the trial weight mass in the calculations.

6. "Manual data input" - used to manually enter the vibration value and phase into the appropriate fields on the left side of the window and calculate the mass and installation angle of the correction weight when switching to the "Results" tab

7. Button "Restore session data". During balancing, the measured data is saved in the session1.ini file. If the measurement process was interrupted due to computer freezing or for other reasons, then by clicking this button you can restore the measurement data and continue balancing from the moment of interruption.

• Mandrel eccentricity elimination (Index balancing)

Balancing with additional start to eliminate the influence of the eccentricity of the mandrel (balancing arbor). Mount the rotor alternately at 0° and 180° relative to the. Measure the unbalances in both positions.

• Balancing tolerance

Entering or calculating residual imbalance tolerances in g x mm

• Use Polar Graph

Use polar graph to display balancing results

7.4.2. Measurements during balancing.

As noted above, “**New Rotor**” balancing requires two calibration run and at least one Trim run of the balancing machine.

After installing the sensors on the balancing object and entering the settings parameters, it is necessary to turn on the rotor rotation and, when it reaches working speed, press the “**Run#0**” button to start measurements and determine the parameters of the initial vibration. In this case, the “**Charts**” tab will open in the right panel, where the wave form and spectrum of the vibration will be shown (**Fig. 7.12.**). In the bottom part of the tab, a history file is kept, in which the results of all starts with a time reference are saved. On disk, this file is saved in the archive folder by the name memo.txt

Attention!

Before starting the measurement, it is necessary to turn on the rotation of the rotor of the balancing machine (**Run#0**) and make sure that the rotor speed is stable.

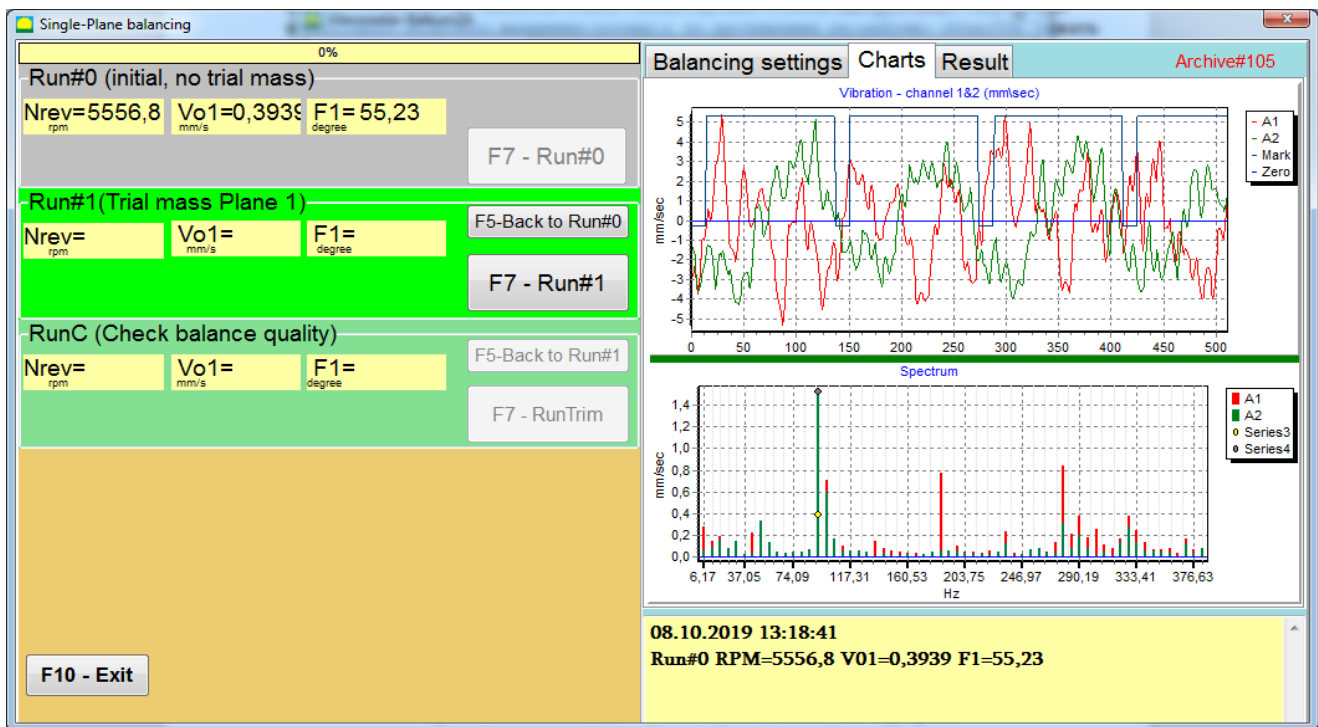


Fig. 7.12. The working window for balancing in one plane. Initial run (Run#0). Charts Tab

After measurement process finished, in the **Run#0** section the results of measuring appears - the rotor speed (RPM), RMS of 1x vibration (Vo1) and phase (F1) of vibration.

The “**F5-Back to Run#0**” button (or the F5 function key) is used to return to the Run#0 section and, if necessary, to repeat measure the vibration parameters.

Before starting the measurement of vibration parameters in the section “**Run#1 (Trial mass Plane 1)**”, a trial weight should be installed according “**Trial weight mass**” field. (see Fig. 7.10).

The goal of installing a trial weight is to evaluate how the vibration of the rotor changes when a known weight is installed at a known place (angle). Trial weight must changes the vibration amplitude by either 30% lower or higher of initial amplitude or change phase by 30 degrees or more of initial phase. This known as the 30/30 rule.

2. If it is necessary to use the “**Saved coeff.**” balancing for further work, the place (angle) of installation of the trial weight must be the same as the place (angle) of the reflective mark.

Turn on the rotation of the rotor of the balancing machine again and make sure that its rotation frequency is stable. Then click on the “**F7-Run#1**” button (or press the F7 key on the computer keyboard). “**Run#1 (Trial mass Plane 1)**” section (see Fig. 7.8),

After the measurement in the corresponding windows of the “**Run#1 (Trial mass Plane 1)**” section, the results of measuring the rotor speed (RPM), as well as the value of the RMS component (Vo1) and phase (F1) of 1x vibration appearing.

At the same time, the “**Result**” tab opens on the right side of the window (see Fig. 7.13).

This tab displays the results of calculating the mass and angle of corrective weight, which must be installed on the rotor to compensate imbalance.

Moreover, in the case of using the polar coordinate system, the display shows the value of the mass (M1) and the installation angle (f1) of the correction weight.

In the case of “**Fixed positions**” the numbers of the positions (Zi, Zj) and trial weight splitted mass will be shown.

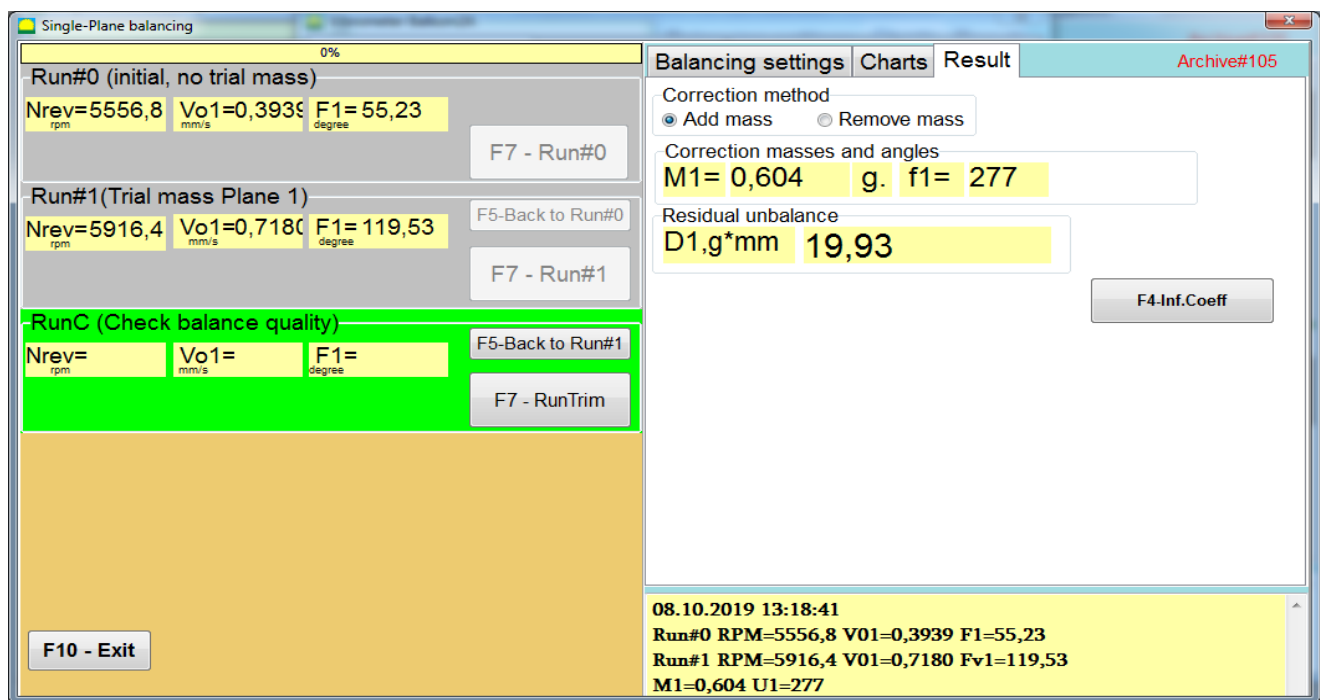


Fig. 7.13. The working window for balancing in one plane. Starting a trial weight (Run#1). “**Result**” Tab

Also if “**Polar graph**” was checked, Polar graph will be shown.

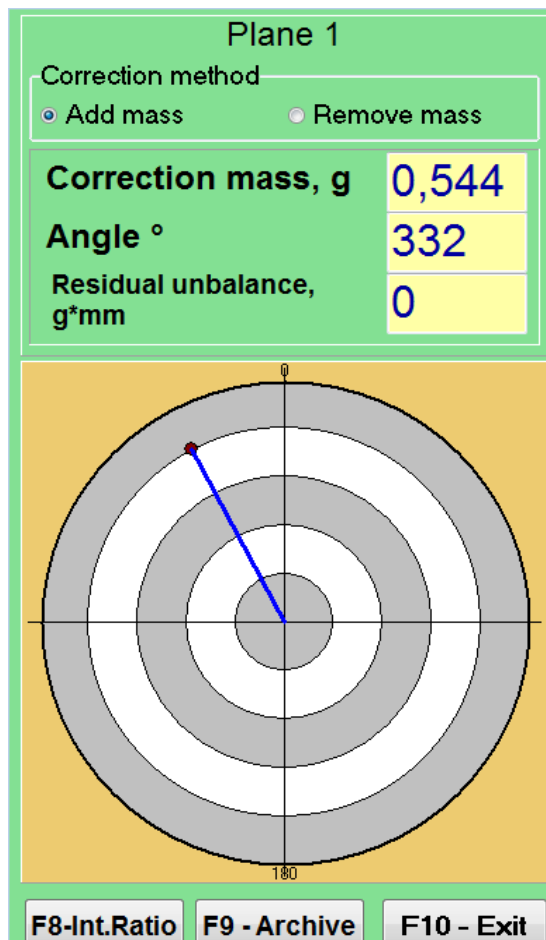


Fig. 7.14. The result of balancing. Polar graph.

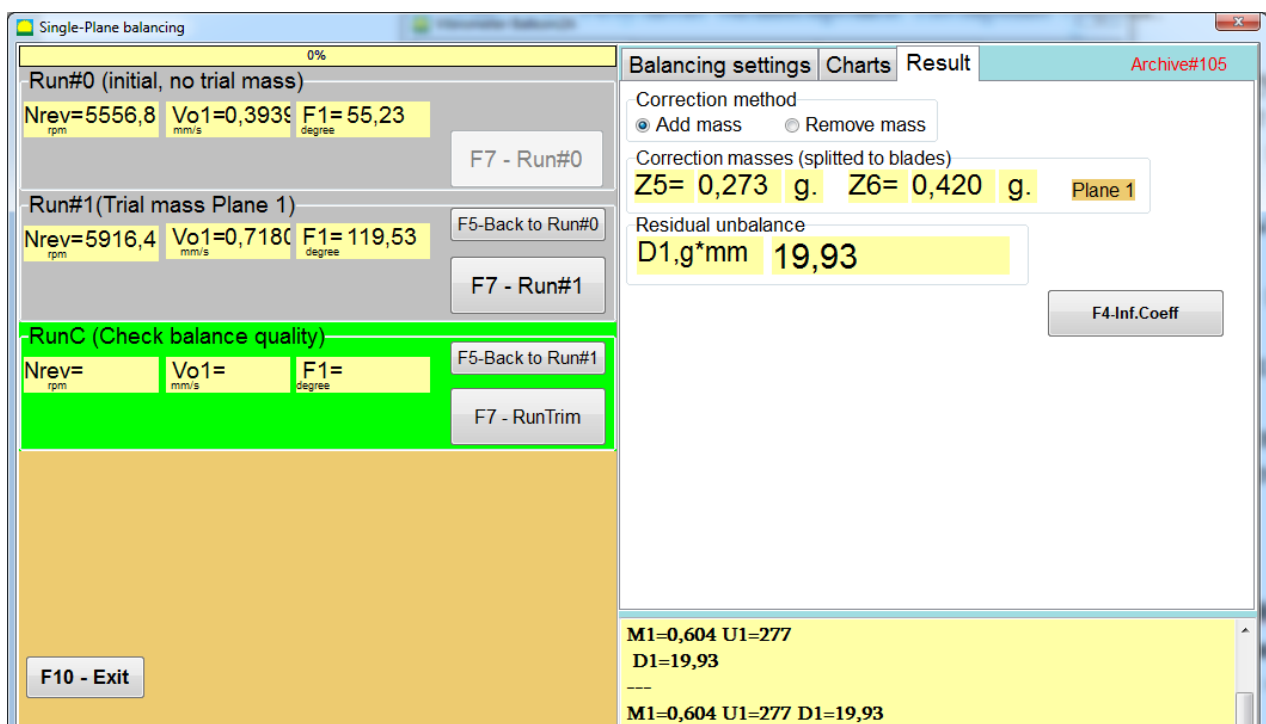


Fig. 7.15. The result of balancing. weight splitted by blades (fixed positions)

Attention!:

1. After completing the measurement process at the second run ("**Run#1 (Trial mass Plane 1)**") of the balancing machine, it is necessary to stop the rotation and remove the trial weight previously installed. Then install (or remove) the corrective weight on the rotor.

If the trial weight is not removed, you need to switch to the "**Balancing settings**" tab and turn on the checkbox in "**Leave trial weight in Plane1**". Then switch back to the "**Result**" tab. The weight and installation angle of the correction weight are recalculated automatically.

2. The angular position of the corrective weight is performed from the place of installation of the trial weight. The direction of reference of the angle coincides with the direction of rotation of the rotor.

3. In the case of "**Fixed position**" - the 1st position (Z1), coincides with the place of installation of the trial weight. The counting direction of the position number is in the direction of rotation of the rotor.

4. By default the corrective weight will be added to the rotor. This is indicated by the label set in the "**Add**" field. If removing the weight (for example, by drilling), you must set a mark in the "**Delete**" field, after which the angular position of the correction weight will automatically change by 180°.

After installing the correction weight on the balancing rotor in the operating window (see Fig. 7.15), it is necessary to carry out a test run (RunTrim) and evaluate the effectiveness of the performed balancing.

Attention!

Before starting the measurement on the third start, it is necessary to turn on the rotation of the rotor of the machine and make sure that it has entered the operating mode (stable rotation frequency).

To perform vibration measurement in the "**RunTrim (Check balance quality)**" section (see Fig. 7.15), click on the "**F7 - RunTrim**" button (or press the F7 key on the keyboard).

Upon successful completion of the measurement process, in the corresponding windows of the "**RunTrim (Check balance quality)**" section, the results of measuring the rotor speed (RPM) appear, as well as the value of the RMS component (Vo1) and phase (F1) of 1x vibration.

At the same time, in the "**Result**" tab, the results of calculating the parameters of the additional corrective weight are displayed.

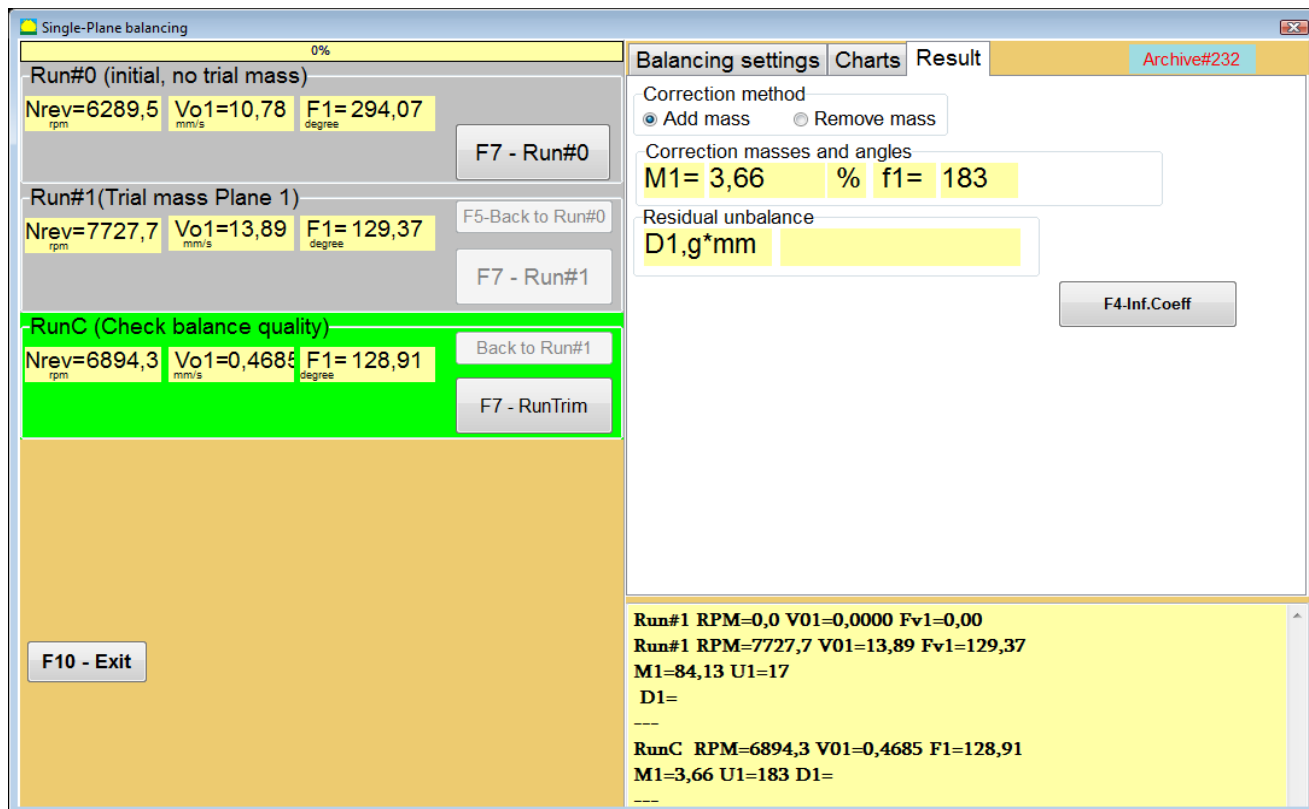


Fig. 7.16. The working window for balancing in one plane. Performing a RunTrim. Result Tab

This weight can be added to the correction weight that is already mounted on the rotor to compensate for the residual imbalance. In addition, the residual rotor unbalance achieved after balancing is displayed in the lower part of this window.

In the case when the amount of residual vibration and / or residual unbalance of the balanced rotor meets the tolerance requirements established in the technical documentation, the balancing process can be completed.

Otherwise, the balancing process may continue. This allows the method of successive approximations to correct possible errors that may occur during the installation (removal) of the corrective weight on a balanced rotor.

When continuing the balancing process on the balancing rotor, it is necessary to install (remove) additional corrective mass, the parameters of which are indicated in the section “**Correction masses and angles**”.

The “**F4-Inf.Coeff**” button in the “**Result**” tab (Fig. 7.16,) is used to view and store in the computer memory the coefficients of rotor balancing (Influence coefficients) calculated from the results of calibration runs.

When it is pressed, the “**Influence coefficients (single plane)**” window appears on the computer display (see Fig. 7.17), in which balancing coefficients calculated from the results of calibration (test) runs are displayed. If during the subsequent balancing of this machine it is supposed to use the “**Saved coeff.**” Mode, these coefficients must be stored in the computer memory.

To do this, click the “**F9 - Save**” button and go to the second page of the “**Influence coeff. archive. Single plane.**”(See Fig. 7.18)

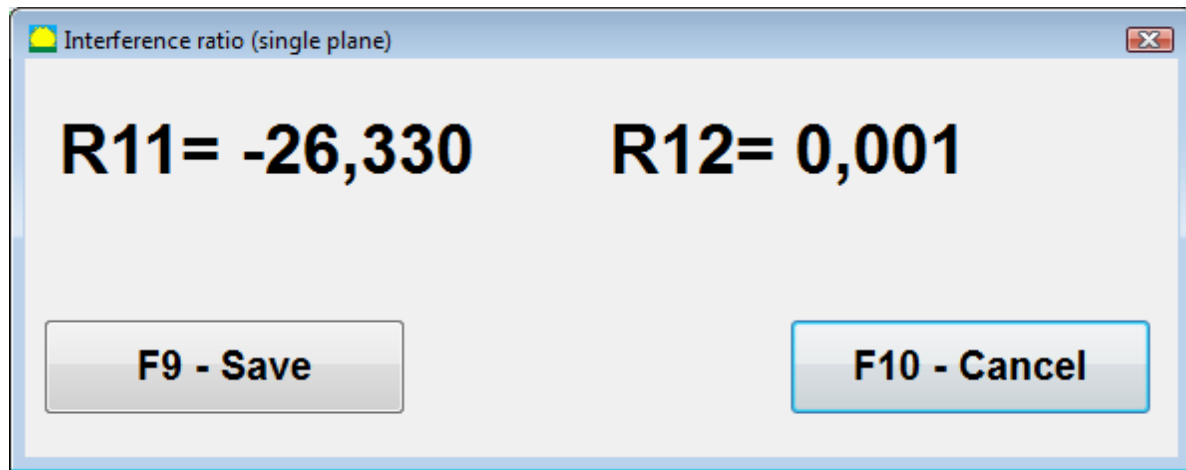


Fig. 7.17. Balancing coefficients in the 1st plane

Then you need to enter the name of this machine in the “**Rotor**” column and click “**F2-Save**” button to save the specified data on the computer. Then you can return to the previous window by pressing the “**F10-Exit**” button (or the F10 function key on the computer keyboard).

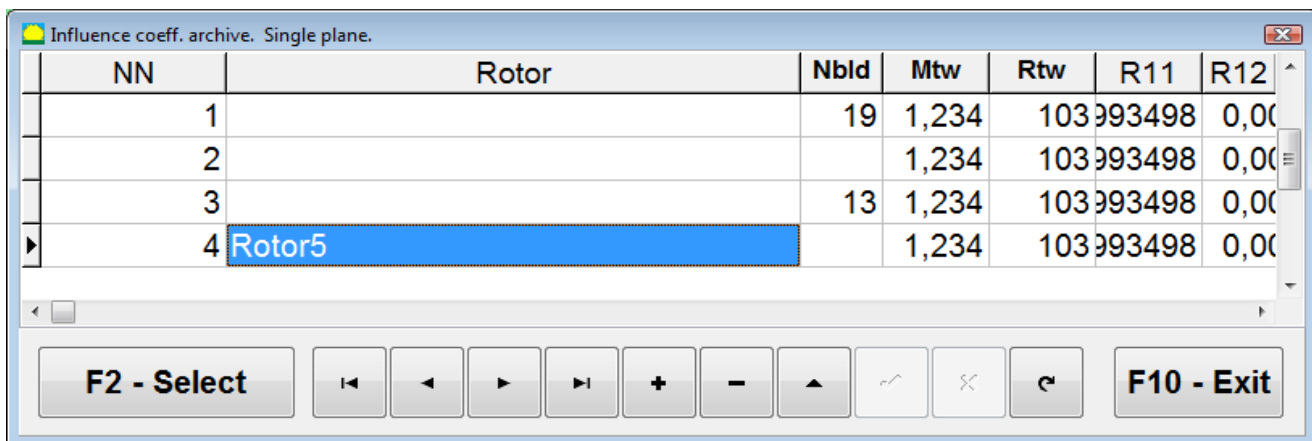


Fig. 7.18. “Influence coeff. archive. Single plane. ”

7.4.3 Balancing report.

After balancing all data saved and Balancing report created. You can view and edit report in built-in editor. In the window **“Balancing archive in one plane”** (Fig. 7.9) press button **“F9 -Report”** to access to the balancing report editor.

Balancing Report

1. Rotor ID: Impeller
2. Location: Garage
3. Balancer type: "Balanset-1 ";
4. Date: 26.10.2017

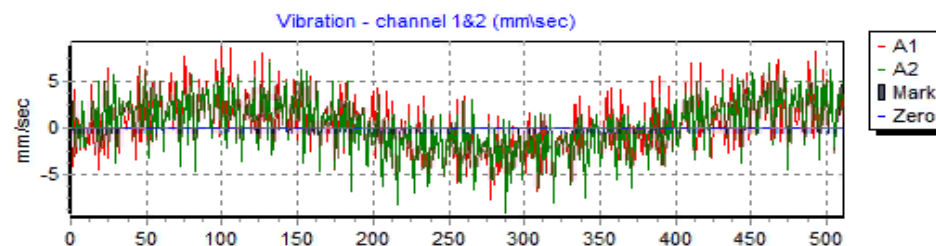
№	Run#	Vibration, mm/s			Unbalance, g*mm		
		Value		Tolerance	Value		Tolerance
		Plane.1	Plane.2		Plane.1	Plane.2	
1.	Before	0,724	0,798	777,0	41,6	23,5	8888,0
2.	After	0,5	0,4		33,7	5,7	

Note: _____;

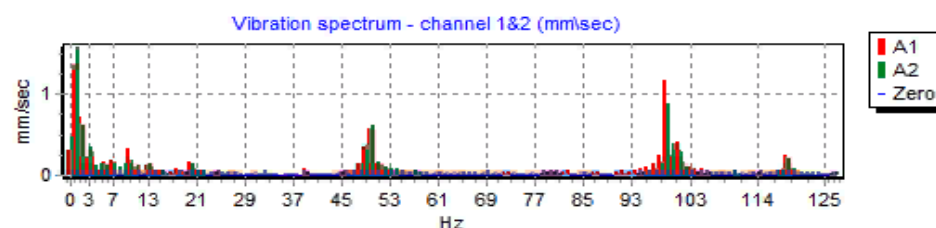
ORIGINAL VIBRATION (RUN №0)

RPM = 2959,1

PLANE. #1	PLANE. #2
VO1, mm/s=0,724	VO2, mm/s = 0,798
F1, ° =334,0	F2, ° =351,9



Wave chart (original vibration)



Spectrum chart (original vibration)

Fig. 7.19. Balancing report.

7.4.2. Saved coeff. balancing with saved influence coefficients in 1 plane.

7.4.2.1. Setting up the measuring system (input of initial data).

Saved coeff. balancing can be performed on a machine for which balancing factors have already been determined and entered into the computer memory.

Attention!

When re-balancing, the vibration sensor and the phase angle sensor must be installed in the same way as during the initial balancing.

Input of the initial data for **Saved coeff. balancing** (as in the case of primary(“**New rotor**”) balancing) begins in the “**Single plane balancing. Balancing settings.**”(See Fig. 7.10).

In this case, in the “**Influence coefficients**” section, select the “**Saved coeff**” item. In this case, the second page of the “**Influence coeff. archive. Single plane.**”(See Fig. 7.18), which stores an archive of the saved balancing coefficients.

NN	Rotor	Nbld	Mtw	Rtw	R11	R12
2			1,234	103 993498	0,00	
3		13	1,234	103 993498	0,00	
4	Rotor5		1,234	103 993498	0,00	
5	Rotor33	17	1,234	103 993498	0,00	

Fig. 7.20. Balancing with saved influence coefficients in 1 plane

Moving through the table of this archive using the “▶” or “◀” control buttons, you can select the desired record with balancing coefficients of the machine of interest to us. Then, to use this data in current measurements, press the “**F2 - Select**” button.

After that, the contents of all other windows of the “**Single plane balancing. Balancing settings.**” are filled in automatically.

After completing the input of the initial data, you can begin to measure.

7.4.2.2. Measurements during re-balancing (Balancing with saved influence coefficients).

Balancing with saved influence coefficients requires only one initial run and at least one test run of the balancing machine.

Attention!

Before starting the measurement, it is necessary to turn on the rotation of the rotor and make sure that rotating frequency is stable.

To carry out the measurement of vibration parameters in the “**Run#0 (Initial, no trial mass)**” section, press “**F7 - Run#0**” (or press the F7 key on the computer keyboard).

The screenshot shows the 'Single-Plane balancing' software interface. It has a title bar with a yellow icon and the text 'Single-Plane balancing'. The main window is divided into several sections. On the left, there are three main sections: 'Run#0 (initial, no trial mass)' with fields for Nrev=7574,9 rpm, Vo1=0,6055 mm/s, and F1=168,35 degree, and a button 'F7 - Run#0'; 'Run#1 (Trial mass Plane 1)' with empty fields for Nrev, Vo1, and F1, and buttons 'F5-Back to Run#0' and 'F7 - Run#1'; and 'RunC (Check balance quality)' with empty fields for Nrev, Vo1, and F1, and buttons 'Back to Run#0' and 'F7 - RunTrim'. At the bottom left is a large orange area with a button 'F10 - Exit'. On the right, there are tabs for 'Balancing settings', 'Charts', and 'Result'. The 'Result' tab is active, showing 'Archive#248'. Below the tabs, there are fields for 'Correction method' (Add mass selected, Remove mass unselected), 'Correction masses and angles' (M1=0,023 g, f1=192), and 'Residual unbalance' (D1,g*mm 0,76). A button 'F4-Inf.Coeff' is also present. At the bottom right, a yellow box displays 'M1=0,023 U1=192 D1=0,76'.

Fig. 7.21. The working window for re-balancing in one plane. Results after one run.

In the corresponding fields of “**Run#0**” section, the results of measuring the rotor speed (RPM), the value of the RMS component (Vo1) and phase (F1) of 1x vibration appear.

At the same time, the “**Result**” tab displays the results of calculating the mass and angle of the corrective weight, which must be installed on the rotor to compensate imbalance.

Moreover, in the case of using a polar coordinate system, the display shows the values of the mass and the installation angle of the correction weight.

In the case of splitting of the corrective weight on the fixed positions, the numbers of the positions of the balancing rotor and the mass of weight that need to be installed on them are displayed.

Further, the balancing process is carried out in accordance with the recommendations set out in section 7.4.2. for primary balancing.

7.5. Mandrel eccentricity elimination (Index balancing)

If during balancing the rotor is installed in a cylindrical mandrel, then the eccentricity of the mandrel may introduce an additional error. To eliminate this error, the rotor should be deployed in the mandrel 180 degrees and carry out an additional start. This is called index balancing.

To carry out index balancing, a special option is provided in the Balanset-1A program. When checked Mandrel eccentricity elimination an additional RunEcc section appears in the balancing window.

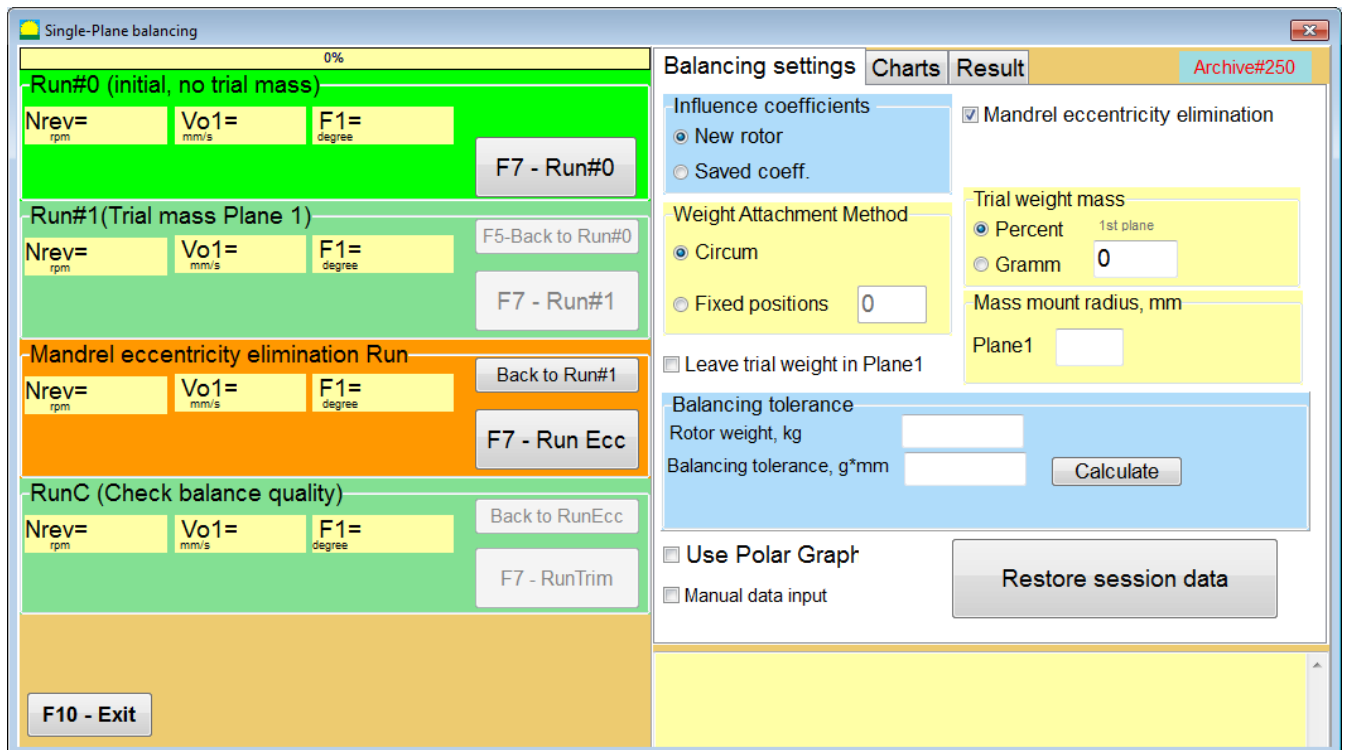
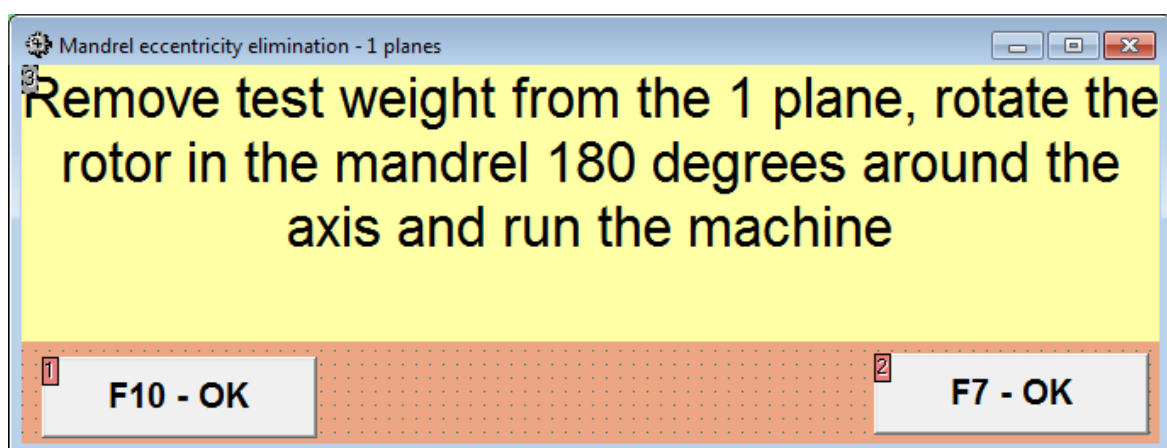


Fig. 7.22. The working window for Index balancing.

After running Run # 1 (Trial mass Plane 1), a window will appear



After installing the rotor with an 180 turn, Run Ecc must be completed.

The program will automatically calculate the true rotor imbalance without affecting the mandrel eccentricity.

7.6. Balancing in two planes (dynamic) (Two plane balancing).

Before starting work in the Two plane balancing mode, it is necessary to install vibration sensors on the machine body at the selected measurement points and connect them to the inputs X1 and X2 of the measuring unit, respectively.

An optical phase angle sensor must be connected to input X3 of the measuring unit. In addition, to use this sensor, a reflective tape must be glued onto the accessible rotor surface of the balancing machine.

Detailed requirements for choosing the installation location of sensors and their mounting at the facility during balancing are set out in Appendix 1.

The work on the program in the “**Two plane balancing**” mode starts from the Main window of the programs.

Click on the “**F3-Two plane**” button (or press the F3 key on the computer keyboard).

Further, click on the “F7 - Balancing” button, after which a working window will appear on the computer display (see Fig. 7.13), selection of the archive for saving data when balancing in two planes.

Two-Plane balancing archive

Rotor name: saved coeff Date and time: 09.10.2019 Place: 308 Archive #: 453

Vibration, mm/sec

	Plane 1	Plane 2	Tolerance
Before	8,7	0,39	
After	10,55	0,71	

Unbalance, g*mm

	Plane 1	Plane 2	Tolerance
Before	28,05	0,66	
After	33,99	0,66	

F9 - Report [Navigation Buttons] F10 - OK

Rotor name	Date:	Place:	Vo1-ini	Vo2-ini	Vo1-fin	Vo2-fin	Toler.V	D1-ini	D2-ini	D1-fin	D2-fin	Toler.D	ArchNum
333	09.10.2019		8,21	0,2	9,87	0,56		23,1	0,33	28,05	0,66		447
111	09.10.2019		0,42	0,14	0	0		1,32	0,33	1,32	0,33		448
	09.10.2019												449
▶ saved coeff	09.10.2019	308	8,7	0,39	10,55	0,71		28,05	0,66	33,99	0,66		453
saved coeff 11	09.10.2019		10,25	0,64	0	0		33	0,66	0	0		454
saved coeff, mandrell ecc	15.10.2019	308	0,6	0,2	0	0		0	0	0	0		463

Fig. 7.22 Two plane balancing archive window.

In this window you need to enter the data of the balanced rotor. After pressing the “**F10-OK**” button, a balancing window will appear.

Two plane balance

0%

Run#0 (initial, no trial mass)

Nrev= rpm Vo1= mm/s F1°= F7 - Run#0

Run#1 (Trial mass in Plane 1)

Nrev= rpm Vo1= mm/s F1°= F5-Back to Run#1 F7 - Run#1

Run#2 (Trial mass in Plane 2)

Nrev= rpm Vo1= mm/s F1°= F5-Back to Run#2 F7 - Run#2

Run Trim (Trim balancing)

Nrev= rpm Vo1= mm/s F1°= F5-Back to Run#2 F7 - RunTrim

Balancing settings Charts Result Archive#453

Influence coefficients ☐ Mandrel eccentricity elimination

☒ New rotor ☐ Saved coeff.

Weight Attachment Method

☒ Circum ☐ Drill

☐ Fixed positions

☐ Leave trial weight in Plane1

☐ Leave trial weight in Plane2

Trial weight mass

☒ Percent 1st plane 2nd plane

☐ Gramm

Mass mount radius, mm

Plane1 Plane2

Balancing tolerance

Rotor weight, kg

Balancing tolerance, g*mm Calculate

☒ Use Polar Graph

☐ Manual data input

Restore last session data

F10-Exit

Fig. 7.23. Balancing in two planes window.

On the right side of the window is the “**Balancing settings**” tab for entering settings before balancing.

- **Influence coefficients**

Balancing a new rotor or balancing using stored influence factors (balancing factors)

- **Mandrel eccentricity elimination**

Balancing with additional start to eliminate the influence of the eccentricity of the mandrel

- **Weight Attachment Method**

Installation of corrective weights in an arbitrary place on the circumference of the rotor or in a fixed position. Calculations for drilling when removing the mass.

- **Trial weight mass**

Trial weight

- **Leave trial weight in Plane1 / Plane2**

Remove or leave trial weight when balancing.

- **Mass mount radius, mm**

Radius of mounting trial and corrective weights

- **Balancing tolerance**

Entering or calculating residual imbalance tolerances in g x mm

- **Use Polar Graph**

Use polar graph to display balancing results

- **Manual data input**

Manual data entry for calculating balancing weights

- **Restore last session data**

Recovery of the measurement data of the last session in the event of failure to continue balancing.

- **Influence coefficients**

In this section, one of the possible balancing options is selected - “**New rotor**” or “**Saved coeff.**” balancing.

“**New rotor**” balancing is usually performed for rotors of machines that have not previously been balanced and for which there is no information in the archive memory of the computer necessary for balancing “**Saved coeff.**” (Numerical values of balancing coefficients and test mass).

When performing “**New rotor**” balancing in 2 planes, three machine starts are required to calibrate the measuring system of the device and at least one test start.

In this case, during the first start-up, the initial vibration of the machine is determined.

The second start of the machine is carried out after installing a trial weight on the rotor in the first balancing plane.

The third start of the machine is carried out after installing a trial weight on the rotor in the second balancing plane

“**Saved coeff.**” balancing can be performed only for a previously balanced machine, for which the trial weight mass and balancing coefficients are determined and stored in the device memory.

In this case, to determine the weight and installation location of the corrective weight necessary to compensate for the imbalance, only one start of the rotor of the balancing machine is required.

7.6.1. New rotor balancing in 2 planes.

7.6.1.1. Setting up the measuring system (input of initial data).

Input of the initial data for the primary balancing (**New rotor balancing**) begins in the “**Two plane balancing. Settings**”(see Fig. 7.13.).

In this case, in the “**Influence coefficients**” section, select the “**New rotor**” item.

Further, in the section “**Trial weight mass**”, you must select the unit of measurement of the mass of the trial weight - “**Gramm**” or “**Percent**”.

When choosing the unit of measure “**Percent**”, all further calculations of the mass of the corrective weight will be performed as a percentage in relation to the mass of the trial weight.

When choosing the “**Gramm**” unit of measurement, all further calculations of the mass of the corrective weight will be performed in grams. Then enter in the windows located to the right of the inscription “**Gramm**” the mass of trial weights that will be installed on the rotor.

Attention!

If it is necessary to use the “**Saved coeff.**” Mode for further work during initial balancing, the mass of trial weights must be entered in grams.

Then select “**Weight Attachment Method**” - “**Circum**” or “**Fixed position**”.

If you select “**Fixed position**”, you must enter the number of positions.

Calculation of tolerance for residual imbalance (Balancing tolerance)

The tolerance for residual imbalance (Balancing tolerance) can be calculated in accordance with the procedure described in ISO 1940 Vibration. Balance quality requirements for rotors in a constant (rigid) state. Part 1. Specification and verification of balance tolerances.

Disbalance tolerance

Operational speed, rpm 1000

- ☐ G 4000 Crankshaft-drives (note 3) of rigidly mounted slow marine diesel engines with uneven number of cylinders (*).
- ☐ G 1600 Crankshaft-drives of rigidly mounted large two-cycle engines
- ☐ G 630 Crankshaft-drives of rigidly mounted large fourcycle engines. Crankshaft-drives of elastically mounted marine diesel engines.
- ☒ G 250 Crankshaft-drives of rigidly mounted fast fourcylinder diesel engines (*).
- ☐ G 100 Crankshaft-drives of fast diesel engines with six and more cylinders (*). Complete engines (gasoline or diesel) for cars, trucks, and locomotives.
- ☐ G 40 Car wheels, wheel rims, wheel sets, drive shafts. Crankshaft-drives of elastically mounted fast fourcycle engines (gasoline or diesel) with six and more cylinders (*). Crankshaft-drives for engines of cars, tucks, and locomotives.
- ☐ G 16 Drive shafts (propeller shafts, cardan shafts) with special requirements. Parts of crushing machinery. Parts of agricultural machinery. Individual components of engines (gasoline or diesel) for cars, trucks, and locomotives. Crankshaft-drives of engines with six and more cylinders under special requirements.
- ☐ G 6,3 Parts of process plant machines. Marine main turbine gears (merchant service). Centrifuge drums. Fans. Assembled aircraft gas turbine rotors. Flywheels. Pump impellers. Machine-tool and general machinery parts. Normal electrical armatures. Individual components of engines under special requirements.
- ☐ G 2,5 Gas and steam turbines, including marine main turbines (merchant service). Rigid turbo-generator rotors. Rotors. Turbo-compressors.
- ☐ G 1 Tape recorder and phonograph (gramophone) drives. Grinding-machine drives. Small electrical armatures with special requirements.
- ☐ G 0,4 Spindles, discs, and armature of precision grinders. Gyroscopes.

(*) For the present purposes, slow diesel engines are those with a piston velocity of less than 9 m / s; fast diesel engines are those with a piston velocity of greater than 9 m/s.

Cancel OK

Fig. 7.24. Balancing tolerance calculation window

7.6.1.2. Measurements during balancing.

When balancing in two planes in the “**New rotor**” mode, balancing requires three calibration runs and at least one test run of the balancing machine.

The vibration measurement at the first start of the machine is performed in the “**Two plane balance**” working window (see Fig. 7.14) in the “**Run#0**” section.

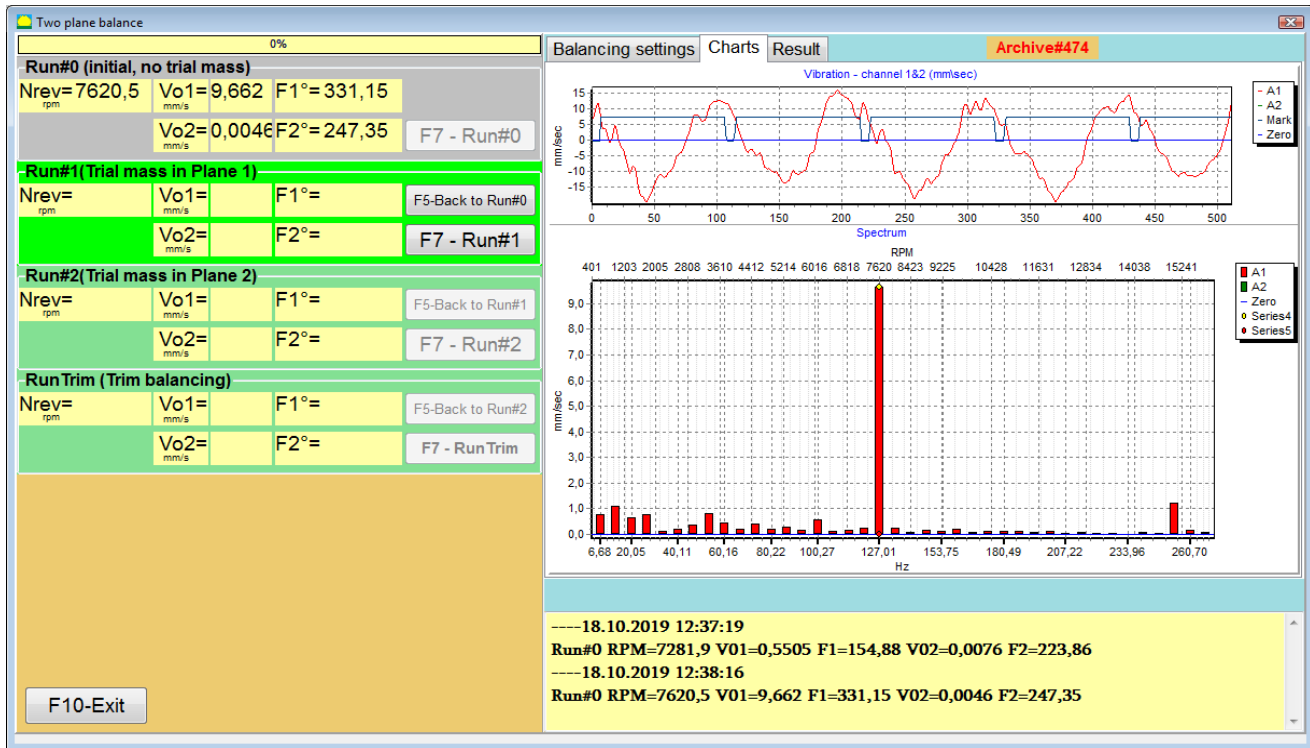


Fig. 7.25. Working window with a table of measurement results at balancing in two planes after the initial start-up.

Attention!

Before starting the measurement, it is necessary to turn on the rotation of the rotor of the balancing machine (first start) and make sure that it has entered the operating mode with a stable speed. To measure vibration parameters in the **Run#0** section, click on the “**F7 - Run#0**” button (or press the F7 key on a computer keyboard)

Upon successful completion of the measurement process, you are returned to the tab “**Result**” of measurement results (see Fig. 7.25).

At the same time, the results of measuring the rotor speed (RPM), as well as the value of the components of the RMS (VO1, VO2) and phases (F1, F2) of vibration appearing at the rotational speed of the balanced rotor (1x vibration) appear in the corresponding windows of the **Run#0** section.

Before starting to measure vibration parameters in the “**Run#1.Trial mass in Plane1**” section, you should stop the rotation of the rotor of the balancing machine and install a trial weight on it, the mass selected in the “**Trial weight mass**” section.

Attention!

1. The question of choosing the mass of trial weights and their installation places on the rotor of a balancing machine is discussed in detail in Appendix 1.
2. If it is necessary to use the **Saved coeff. Mode** in future work, the place for installing the trial weight must necessarily coincide with the place for installing the mark used to read the phase angle.

After this, it is necessary to turn on the rotation of the rotor of the balancing machine again and make sure that it has entered the operating mode.

To measure vibration parameters in the “**Run # 1.Trial mass in Plane1**” section (see Fig. 7.25), click on the “**F7 - Run#1**” button (or press the F7 key on the computer keyboard).

Upon successful completion of the measurement process, you are returned to the tab of measurement results (see Fig. 7.25).

In this case, in the corresponding windows of the "**Run#1. Trial mass in Plane1**" section, the results of measuring the rotor speed (RPM), as well as the value of the components of the RMS (Vo1, Vo2) and phases (F1, F2) of 1x vibration.

Before starting to measure vibration parameters in the section "**Run # 2.Trial mass in Plane2**", you must perform the following steps:

- stop the rotation of the rotor of the balancing machine;
- remove the trial weight installed in plane 1;
- install on a trial weight in plane 2, the mass selected in the section "**Trial weight mass**".

After this, it is necessary to turn on the rotation of the rotor of the balancing machine again and make sure that it has entered the operating mode.

To carry out the measurement of vibration parameters in the "**Run # 2.Trial mass in Plane2**" section (see Fig. 7.25), click on the "**F7 - Run # 2**" button (or press the F7 key on the computer keyboard).

At the same time, the "**Result**" tab opens.

In the case of using the "**Weight Attachment Method**" - "**Circum**", the display shows the values of the masses (M1, M2) and installation angles (f1, f2) of the corrective weights.

In the case of splitting of the corrective weight on the "**Fixed positions**" on the display for each plane displays the numbers of the blades (Z1i, Z1j and Z2i, Z2j) of the balanced rotor and the mass of weight that must be installed on them.

The screenshot displays the 'Two plane balance' software interface. It features a left sidebar with a tree view of three runs: Run#0 (initial, no trial mass), Run#1 (Trial mass in Plane 1), and Run#2 (Trial mass in Plane 2). The main area is divided into tabs: 'Balancing settings', 'Charts', and 'Result'. The 'Result' tab is active, showing 'Correction method' (Add mass selected), 'Correction masses and angles' for Plane 1 (M1=0,350 g, f1=324) and Plane 2 (M2=0,290 g, f2=40), and 'Residual unbalance' (D1.g*mm=11,55, D2.g*mm=9,57). At the bottom, a summary box for Run#2 shows RPM=6670,3, V01=8,066, F1=203,26, V02=0,0134, F2=163,51, and the calculated masses and angles. Buttons for 'F4-Inf.Coeff' and 'F5-Change corr. planes' are visible.

Run	Nrev (rpm)	Vo1 (mm/s)	F1 (°)	Vo2 (mm/s)	F2 (°)
Run#0 (initial, no trial mass)	7620,5	9,662	331,15	0,0046	247,35
Run#1 (Trial mass in Plane 1)	7943,6	7,573	102,78	0,0093	304,42
Run#2 (Trial mass in Plane 2)	6670,3	8,066	203,26	0,0134	163,51

Plane	Mass (g)	Angle (°)
Plane 1	M1 = 0,350	f1 = 324
Plane 2	M2 = 0,290	f2 = 40

Residual unbalance	Value (g*mm)
D1.g*mm	11,55
D2.g*mm	9,57

Run#2 RPM=6670,3 V01=8,066 F1=203,26 V02=0,0134 F2=163,51
M1=0,350 U1=324 M2=0,290 U2=40
D1=11,55 D2=9,57

Fig. 7.26. Working window with the results of calculation of parameters corrective weights

Attention!:

1. After completing the measurement process on the third start of the balancing machine, it is necessary to stop the rotation of its rotor and remove the trial weight previously installed from it. Only then can we begin to install (or remove) on the rotor corrective weights.

2. The angular position of the place of addition (or removal) from the rotor of the corrective weight in the polar coordinate system is counted from the place of installation of the trial weight in the direction of rotation of the rotor.

3. In the case of balancing on the blades, the blade of the balancing rotor, conditionally taken as the 1st, coincides with the place of installation of the trial weight. The counting direction of the blade number indicated on the computer display is in the direction of rotation of the rotor.

After installing corrective masses on the balancing rotor, it is necessary to carry out a test run ("**RunTrim**") to assess the quality of balancing.

Attention!

Before starting the measurement at the test run, it is necessary to turn on the rotation of the rotor of the machine and make sure that it has entered the operating mode.

To measure vibration parameters in the RunTrim (Check balance quality) section (see Fig. 7.26), click on the "**F7 - RunTrim**" button (or press the F7 key on the computer keyboard).

In this case, in the corresponding windows of the RunTrim (Trim balancing) section, the results of measuring the rotor rotation frequency (RPM), as well as the value of the RMS component (Vo1) and phase (F1) of 1x vibration.

At the same time, the "**Result**" tab appears on top of the working window with the table of measurement results (see Fig. 7.16), which displays the results of calculating the parameters of additional corrective weights.

These weights can be added to corrective weights that are already installed on the rotor to compensate for residual imbalance.

In addition, the residual rotor unbalance achieved after balancing is displayed in the lower part of this window.

In the case when the values of the residual vibration and / or residual unbalance of the balanced rotor satisfy the tolerance requirements established in the technical documentation, the balancing process can be completed.

Otherwise, the balancing process may continue. This allows the method of successive approximations to correct possible errors that may occur during the installation (removal) of the corrective weight on a balanced rotor.

When continuing the balancing process on the balancing rotor, it is necessary to install (remove) additional corrective mass, the parameters of which are indicated in the "Result" window.

In the "**Result**" window there are two control buttons can be used - "**F4-Inf.Coeff**", "**F5 - Change correction planes**".

The "**F4-Inf.Coeff**" button (or the F4 function key on the computer keyboard) is used to view and save rotor balancing coefficients in the computer memory, calculated from the results of two calibration starts.

When it is pressed, the "**Influence coefficients (two planes)**" working window appears on the computer display (see Fig. 7.27), in which balancing coefficients calculated based on the results of the first three calibration starts are displayed.

Influence coefficients (two planes)

R11= -10,117 R12= 12,074

R21= 0,007 R22= -0,003

R31= -15,865 R32= 1,515

R41= -0,011 R42= 0,008

F9 - Save F10 - Cancel

Fig. 7.27. Working window with balancing factors in 2 planes.

In the future, when balancing of such type of the machine it is supposed, require to use the “**Saved coeff.**” mode and balancing coefficients stored in the computer memory.

To save coefficients, click the “**F9 - Save**” button and go to the “**Influence coefficients archive (2planes)**” windows (see Fig. 7.28)

Influence coefficients archive (2 planes)

NN	Rotor	Nblades	Mtw.1	Rtw.1	Mtw.2	Rtw.2	R11	R12	R21	R22	R31	R32
1	rotor 1		1,23	101	3,17		102348622357922200364017808750555350076					
2		13	1,23	101	3,17		102348622357922200364017808750555350076					
3		17	1,23	101	3,17		102348622357922200364017808750555350076					
7	rotor 5		0,5	22	0,5		22340143114546741132237456351107010618					
8	rotor308		1	33	1		33365756784598313336724577948273555583					
9	rotor 1713 -11						397582132365701929348712511345364322					
11			1	33	1		33397582132365701929348712511345364322					
17			1	33	1		333979902991866125177305571294976769688					

F2 - OK F10 - Cancel

Fig. 7.28. The second page of the working window with balancing coefficients in 2 planes.

The “**F5 - Change correction planes**” button is used when require change the position of the correction planes, when it is necessary to recalculate the masses and installation angles corrective weights.

This mode is primarily useful when balancing rotors of complex shape (for example, crankshafts). When this button is pressed, the working window “**Recalculation of correction weights mass and angle to other correction planes**” is displayed on the computer display (see Fig. 7.29).

In this working window, you should select one of the 4 possible options by clicking corresponding picture.

The original correction planes (H1 and H2) in Fig. 7.29 are marked in green, and new (K1 and K2), for which it recounts, in red.

Then, in the “**Calculation data**” section, enter the requested data, including:

- the distance between the corresponding correction planes (a, b, c);

- new values of the radii of the installation of corrective weights on the rotor ($R1'$, $R2'$).

After entering the data, you must press the button "**F9-calculate**"

The calculation results (masses $M1$, $M2$ and installation angles of corrective weights $f1$, $f2$) are displayed in the corresponding section of this working window (see Fig. 7.29).

Recalculation of correction weights from correction planes H1, H2 to planes K1, K2

Correction weight installation option

Balancing results

Plane 1		Plane 2	
M1, gramm	0,350	M2, gramm	0,290
F1 °	324	F2 °	40
R1, mm	33	R2, mm	33

Calculation data

Distance a, mm	n.d.
Distance b, mm	n.d.
Distance c, mm	n.d.
New radius R1, mm	n.d.
New radius R2, mm	n.d.

Selected option of correction weights

Not selected

F9 - calculate **F10 - Exit**

Fig. 7.29 "**F5 - Change correction planes**". Window of recalculation of correction weights mass and angle to other correction planes.

7.6.2. Saved coeff. balancing in 2 planes.

7.6.2.1. Setting up the measuring system (input of initial data).

Saved coeff. balancing can be performed on a machine for which balancing coefficients have already been determined and saved in the computer memory.

Attention!

When re-balancing, the vibration sensors and the phase angle sensor must be installed in the same way as during the initial balancing.

Input of initial data for re-balancing begins in the "**Two plane balance. Balancing settings**" (see Fig. 7.23).

In this case, in the "**Influence coefficients**" section, select the "**Saved coeff.**" Item. In this case, the window "**Influence coefficients archive (2planes)**" will appear (see Fig. 7.30), in which the archive of the previously determined balancing coefficients is stored.

Moving through the table of this archive using the "►" or "◄" control buttons, you can select the desired record with balancing coefficients of the machine of interest to us. Then, to use this data in current measurements, press the "**F2 - OK**" button and return to the previous working window.

Influence coefficients archive (2 planes)													
NN	Rotor	Nblades	Mtw.1	Rtw.1	Mtw.2	Rtw.2	R11	R12	R21	R22	R31	R32	
1	rotor 1		1,23	101	3,17	102	348622	357922	200364	017808	750555	350076	
2		13	1,23	101	3,17	102	348622	357922	200364	017808	750555	350076	
3		17	1,23	101	3,17	102	348622	357922	200364	017808	750555	350076	
7	rotor 5		0,5	22	0,5	22	340143	114546	741132	237456	351107	010618	
8	rotor308		1	33	1	33	365756	784598	313336	724577	948273	555583	
9	rotor 1713 -11						397582	132365	701929	348712	511345	364322	
11			1	33	1	33	397582	132365	701929	348712	511345	364322	
17			1	33	1	33	799029	91866	125177	305571	294976	769688	

Fig. 7.30. The second page of the working window with balancing coefficients in 2 planes.

After that, the contents of all other windows of the “**Balancing in 2 pl. Source data**” is filled in automatically.

7.6.2.2. Measurements with Saved coeff. balancing

“**Saved coeff.**” balancing requires only one tuning start and at least one test start of the balancing machine.

Vibration measurement at the tuning start (**Run # 0**) of the machine is performed in the “**Balancing in 2 planes**” working window with a table of balancing results (see Fig. 7.14) in the **Run # 0** section.

Attention!

Before starting the measurement, it is necessary to turn on the rotation of the rotor of the balancing machine and make sure that it has entered the operating mode with a stable speed.

To measure vibration parameters in the **Run # 0** section, click the “**F7 - Run#0**” button (or press the F7 key on the computer keyboard).

The results of measuring the rotor speed (RPM), as well as the value of the components of the RMS (VO1, VO2) and phases (F1, F2) of the 1x vibration appear in the corresponding fields of the **Run # 0** section.

At the same time, the “**Result**” tab opens (see Fig. 7.15), which displays the results of calculating the parameters of corrective weights that must be installed on the rotor to compensate for its imbalance. Moreover, in the case of using the polar coordinate system, the display shows the values of the masses and installation angles of corrective weights.

In the case of decomposition of corrective weights on the blades, the numbers of the blades of the balancing rotor and the mass of weight that need to be installed on them are displayed.

Further, the balancing process is carried out in accordance with the recommendations set out in section 7.6.1.2. for primary balancing.

Attention!:

1. After completion of the measurement process after the second start of the balanced machine stop the rotation of its rotor and remove the previously set trial weight. Only then you can begin to install (or remove) correction weight on the rotor.
2. Counting the angular position of the place of adding (or removing) of the correction weight from the rotor is carried out on the installation site of trial weight in the polar coordinate system. Counting direction coincides with the direction of the angle of rotor rotation.

3. In case of balancing on the blades - the balanced rotor blade, conditionally accepted for the 1st, coincides with the place of the trial weight installation. Reference number direction of the blade shown on the computer display is performed in the direction of the rotor rotation.
4. In this version of the program it is accepted by default that correction weight will be added on the rotor. The tag established in the field "Addition" testifies to it.

In case of correction of imbalance by removal of a weight (for example by drilling) it is necessary to establish tag in the field "Removal" then the angular position of the correction weight will change automatically on 180°.

7.6.3. Mandrel eccentricity elimination (Index balancing)

If during balancing the rotor is installed in a cylindrical mandrel, then the eccentricity of the mandrel may introduce an additional error. To eliminate this error, the rotor should be deployed in the mandrel 180 degrees and carry out an additional start. This is called index balancing.

To carry out index balancing, a special option is provided in the Balanset-1A program. When checked Mandrel eccentricity elimination an additional RunEcc section appears in the balancing window.

The screenshot shows the 'Two plane balance' software window. The left pane contains several sections for data entry: 'Run#0 (initial, no trial mass)', 'Run#1 (Trial mass in Plane 1)', 'Run#2 (Trial mass in Plane 2)', 'Mandrel eccentricity elimination Run', and 'Run Trim (Trim balancing)'. Each section has input fields for 'Nrev=' (rpm), 'Vo1=' (mm/s), 'Vo2=' (mm/s), 'F1°=' and 'F2°=' (degrees), and buttons for 'F5-Back to Run#0', 'F5-Back to Run#1', 'F5-Back to Run#2', 'F7 - Run#0', 'F7 - Run#1', 'F7 - Run#2', 'F7 - Run Ecc', 'Back to RunEcc', and 'F7 - Run Trim'. The right pane is titled 'Balancing settings' and includes tabs for 'Charts' and 'Result'. It features a 'Mandrel eccentricity elimination' checkbox which is checked. Below this are sections for 'Influence coefficients' (New rotor/Saved coeff.), 'Weight Attachment Method' (Circum/Drill/Fixed positions), 'Trial weight mass' (Percent/Gramm), 'Mass mount radius, mm' (Plane1/Plane2), 'Balancing tolerance' (Rotor weight, kg; Balancing tolerance, g*mm), and 'Use Polar Graph'/'Manual data input' checkboxes. A 'Calculate' button and a 'Restore last session data' button are also present.

Fig. 7.22. The working window for Index balancing.

After running Run # 2 (Trial mass Plane 2), a window will appear

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled 'Mandrel eccentricity elimination - 2 planes'. The main text area contains the instruction: 'Remove trial weight from 2nd plane, rotate the rotor in the mandrel 180 degrees around the axis and run the machine'. At the bottom, there is a button labeled 'F10 - OK'.

After installing the rotor with an 180 turn, Run Ecc must be completed. The program will automatically calculate the true rotor imbalance without affecting the mandrel eccentricity.

7.7. Charts mode

Working in the "Charts" mode begins from the Main operating window (see. Fig. 7.1) by pressing “F8 – Charts”. Then opens a window "Measurement of vibration on two channels. Charts" (see. Fig. 7.19).

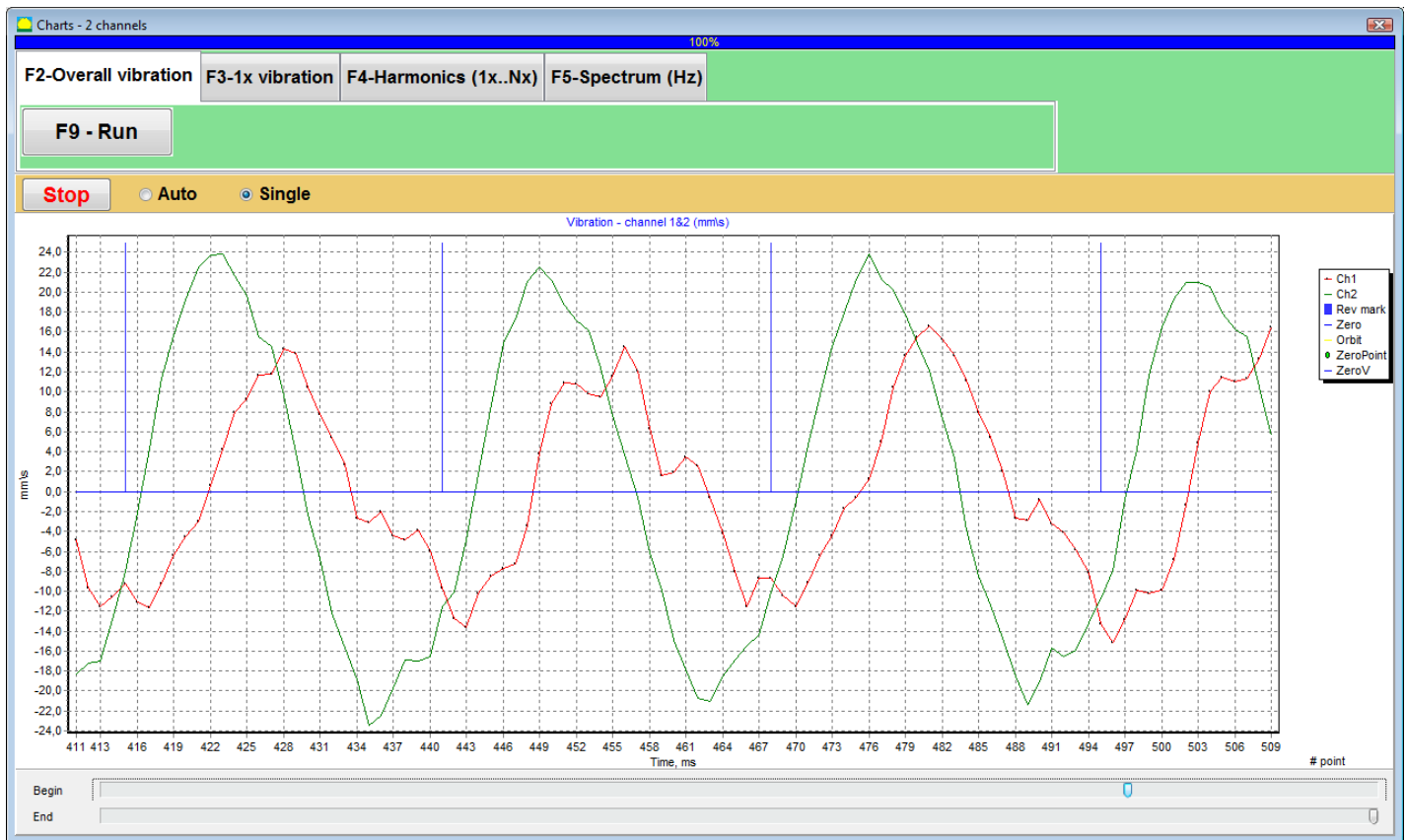


Fig. 7.19. Operating window "Measurement of vibration on two channels. Charts".

While working in this mode it is possible to plot four versions of vibration chart.

The first version allows to get a timeline function of the overall vibration (of vibration velocity) on the first and second measuring channels.

The second version allows you to get graphs of vibration (of vibration velocity), which occurs on rotation frequency and its higher harmonical components.

These graphs are obtained as a result of the synchronous filtering of the overall vibration time function.

The third version provides vibration charts with the results of the harmonical analysis.

The fourth version allows to get a vibration chart with the results of the spectrum analysis.

7.7.1. Charts of overall vibration.

To plot an overall vibration chart in the operating window "**Measurement of vibration on two channels. Charts**" it is necessary to select the operating mode "**overall vibration**" by clicking the appropriate button. Then set the measurement of vibration in the box "Duration, in seconds," by clicking on the button «▼» and select from the drop-down list the desired duration of the measurement process, which may be equal to 1, 5, 10, 15 or 20 seconds;

Upon readiness press (click) the “F9-Measure” button then the vibration measurement process begins simultaneously on two channels.

After completion of the measurement process in the operating window appear charts of time function of the overall vibration of the first (red) and the second (green) channels (see. Fig. 7.20).

On these charts time is plotted on X-axis and the amplitude of the vibration velocity (mm/sec) is plotted on Y-axis.

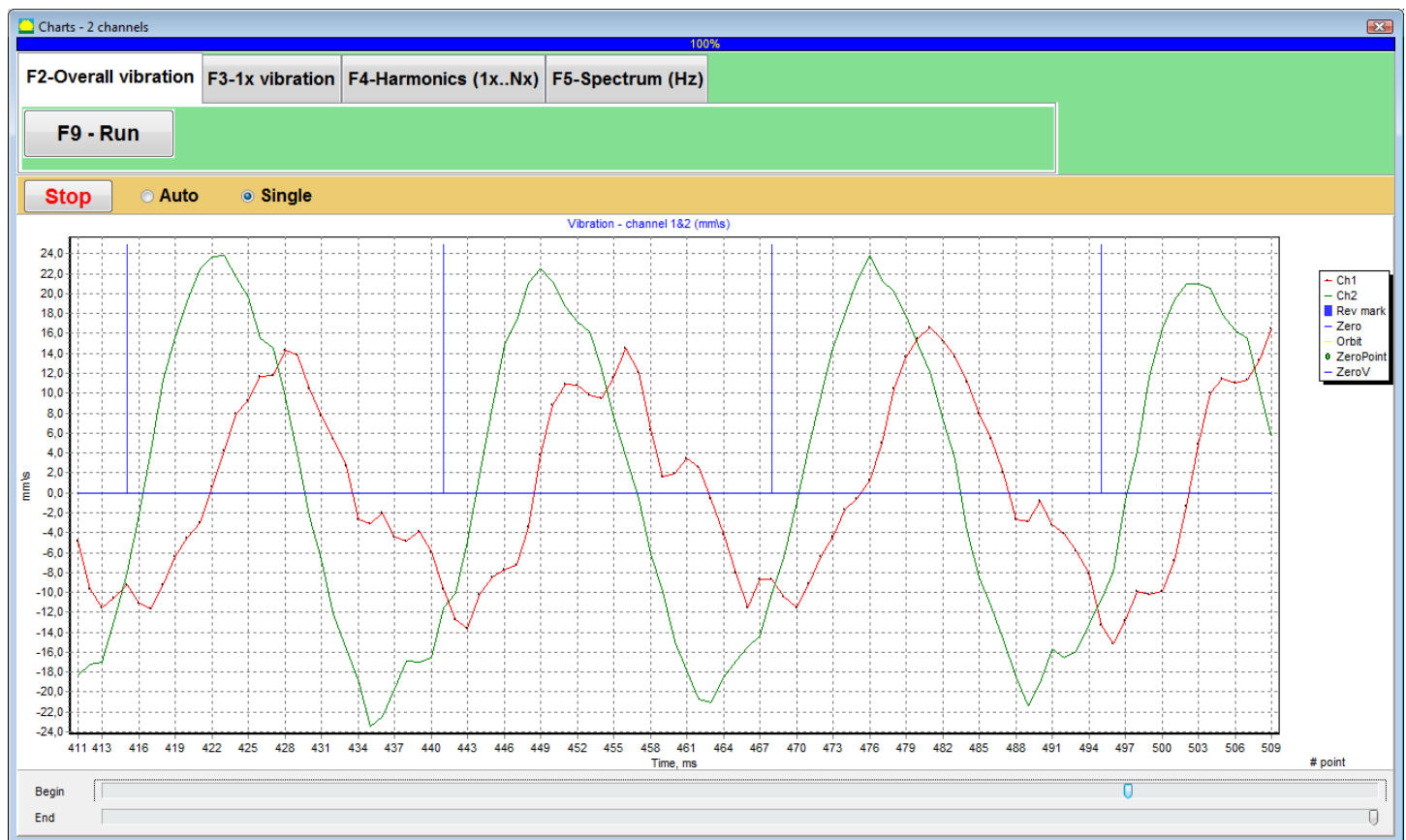


Fig. 7.20. Operating window for the output of the time function of the overall vibration charts

There are also marks (blue-colored) in these graphs connecting charts of overall vibration with the rotation frequency of the rotor. In addition, each mark indicates beginning (end) of the next revolution of the rotor.

In need of the scale change of the chart on X-axis the slider, pointed by an arrow on fig. 7.20, can be used.

7.7.2. Charts of 1x vibration.

To plot a 1x vibration chart in the operating window "**Measurement of vibration on two channels. Charts**" (see Fig. 7.19) it is necessary to select the operating mode "**1x vibration**" by clicking the appropriate button.

Then appears operating window "1x vibration" (see Fig. 7.21).

Press (click) the "**F9-Measure**" button then the vibration measurement process begins simultaneously on two channels.

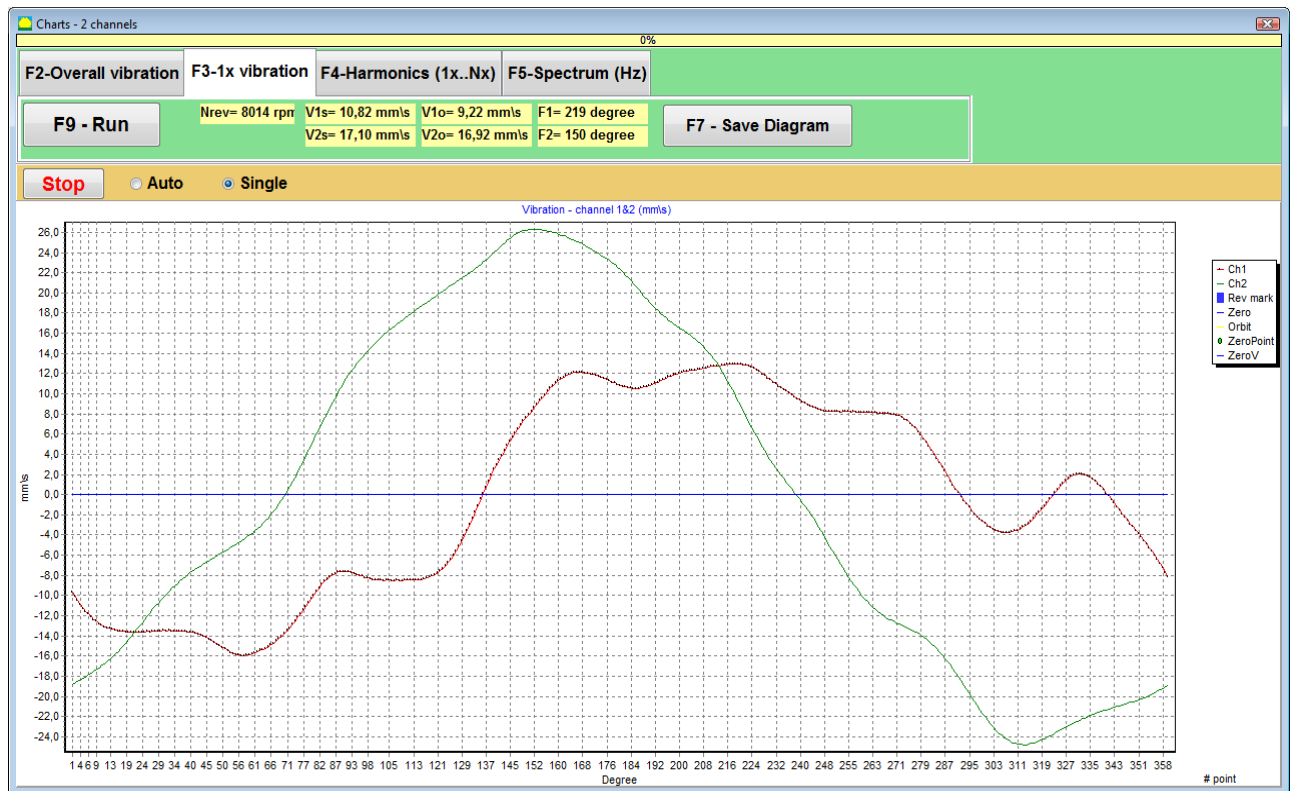


Fig. 7.21. Operating window for the output of the 1x vibration charts.

After completion of the measurement process and mathematical calculation of results (synchronous filtering of the time function of the overall vibration) on display in the main window on a period equal to **one revolution of the rotor** appear charts of the **1x vibration** on two channels.

In this case, a chart for the first channel is depicted in red and for the second channel in green. On these charts angle of the rotor revolution is plotted (from mark to mark) on X-axis and the amplitude of the vibration velocity (mm/sec) is plotted on Y-axis.

In addition, in the upper part of the working window (to the right of the button “F9 – Measure”) numerical values of vibration measurements of both channels, similar to those we get in the “Vibrometer” mode, are displayed.

In particular: RMS value of the overall vibration (**V1s**, **V2s**), the magnitude of RMS (**V1o**, **V2o**) and phase (**Fi**, **Fj**) of the 1x vibration and rotor speed (**Nrev**).

7.7.3. Vibration charts with the results of harmonical analysis.

To plot a chart with the results of harmonical analysis in the operating window “**Measurement of vibration on two channels. Charts**” (see Fig. 7.19) it is necessary to select the operating mode “**Harmonical analysis**” by clicking the appropriate button.

Then appears an operating window for simultaneous output of charts of temporary function and of spectrum of vibration harmonical aspects whose period is equal or multiple to the rotor rotation frequency (see Fig. 7.22).

Attention!

When operating in this mode it is necessary to use the phase angle sensor which synchronizes the measurement process with the rotor frequency of the machines to which the sensor is set.

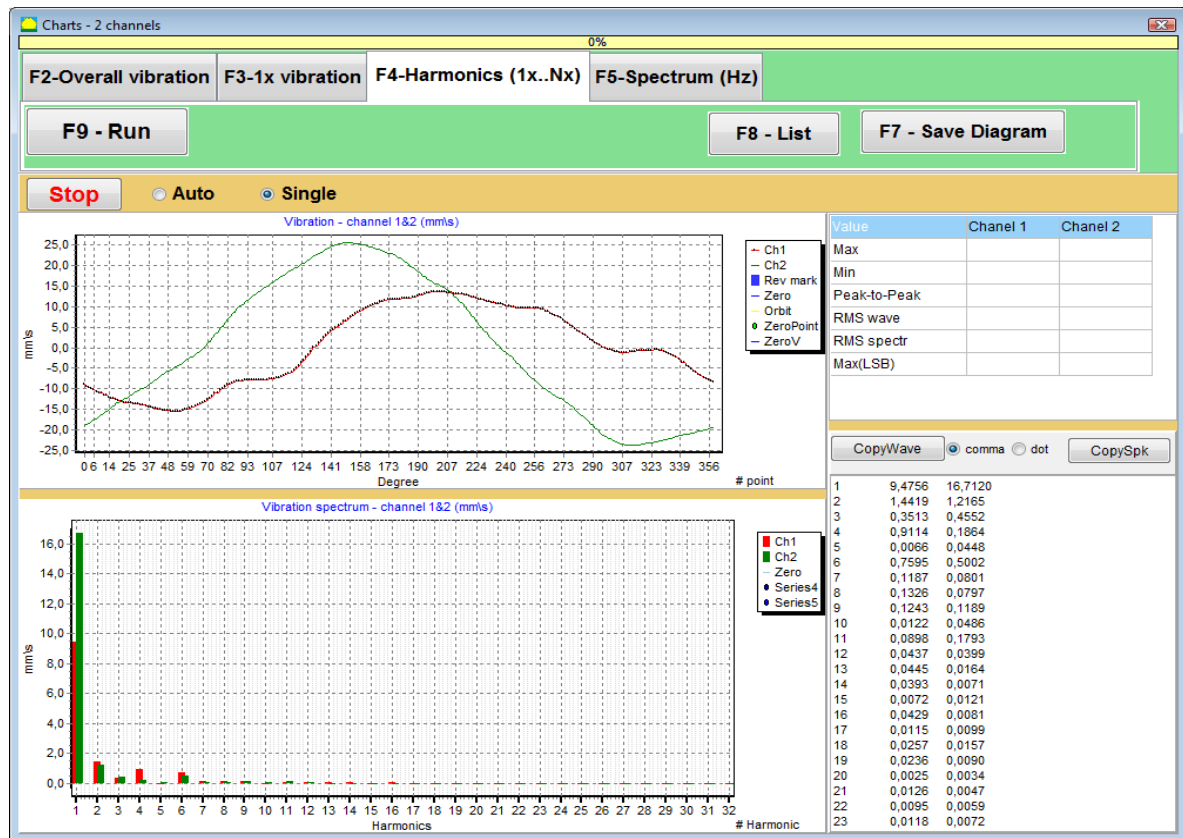


Fig. 7.22. Operating window harmonics of 1x vibration.

Upon readiness press (click) the “F9-Measure” button then the vibration measurement process begins simultaneously on two channels.

After completion of the measurement process in operating window (see Fig. 7.22) appear charts of time function (higher chart) and harmonics of 1x vibration (lower chart).

The number of harmonic components is plotted on X-axis and RMS of the vibration velocity (mm/sec) is plotted on Y-axis.

7.7.4. Charts of vibration with the results of spectral.

To plot a spectrum chart use “F5-Spectrum” tab:

Then appears an operating window for simultaneous output of charts of wave and spectrum of vibration (Fig. 7.23).

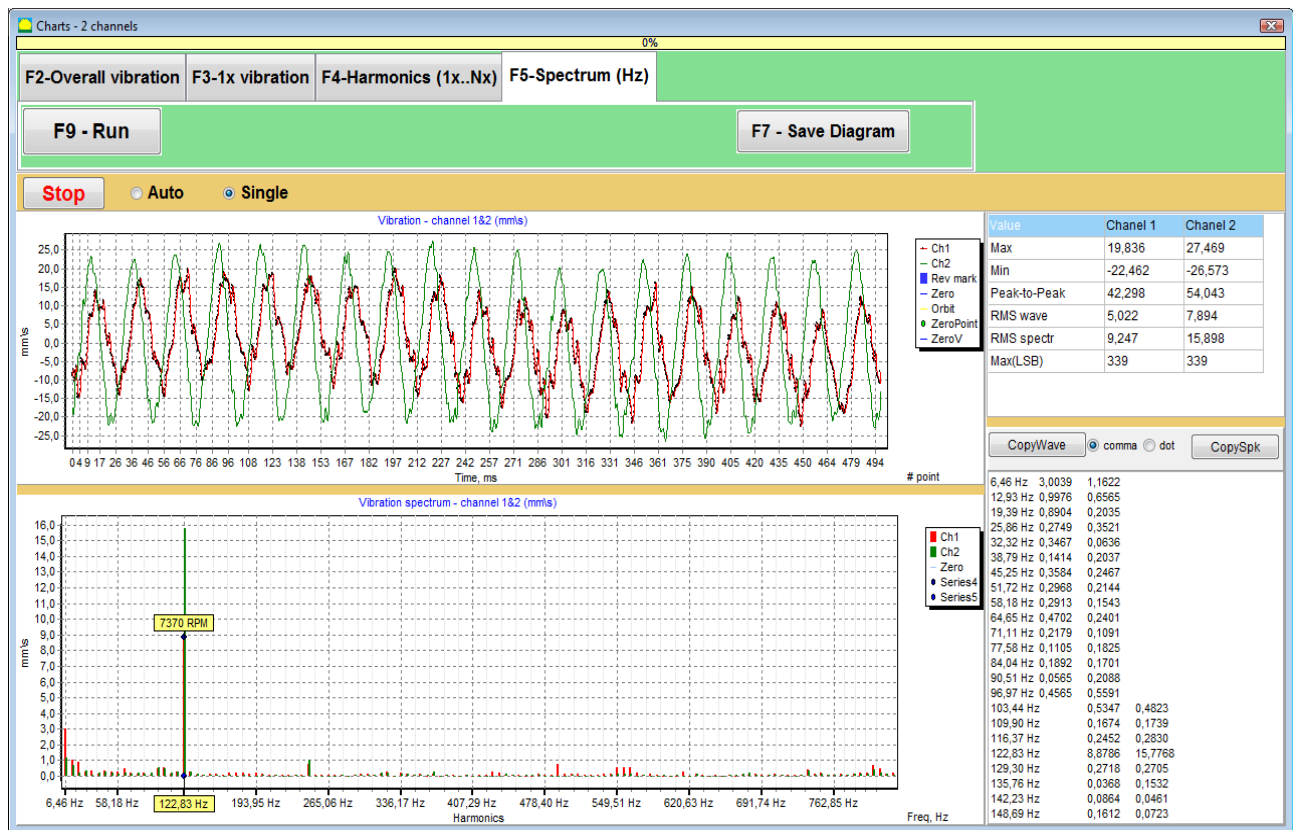


Fig. 7.23. Operating window for the output of the spectrum of vibration.

Upon readiness press (click) the “F9-Measure” button then the vibration measurement process begins simultaneously on two channels.

After completion of the measurement process in operating window (see Fig. 7.23) appear charts of time function (higher chart) and spectrum of vibration (lower chart).

The vibration frequency is plotted on X-axis and RMS of the vibration velocity (mm/sec) is plotted on Y-axis.

In this case, a chart for the first channel is depicted in red and for the second channel in green.

ANNEX 1

ROTOR BALANCING.

The rotor is a body that rotates around a certain axis and is held by its bearing surfaces in the supports. Bearing surfaces of the rotor transmit weights to the supports through rolling or sliding bearings. While using the term of "bearing surface" we simply refer to the Zapfen* or Zapfen-replacing surfaces.

*Zapfen (German for "journal", "pin") - is a part of an shaft or an axis, that is being carried by a holder (bearing box).

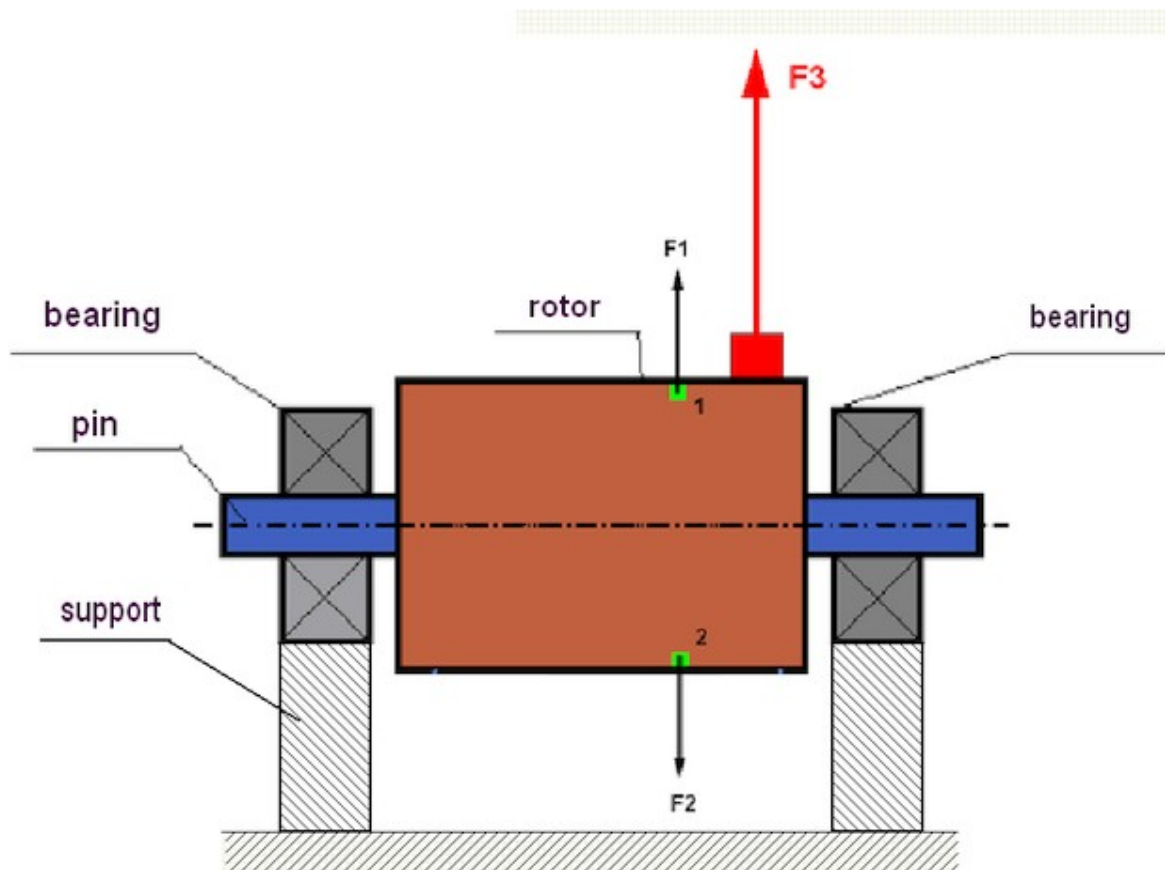


fig.1 Rotor and centrifugal forces.

In a perfectly balanced rotor, its mass is distributed symmetrically regarding the axis of the rotation. This means that any element of the rotor can correspond to another element located symmetrically in a relation to the axis of the rotation. During rotation, each rotor element acts upon by a centrifugal force directed in the radial direction (perpendicular to the axis of the rotor rotation). In a balanced rotor, the centrifugal force influencing any element of the rotor is balanced by the centrifugal force that influences the symmetrical element. For example, elements 1 and 2 (shown in fig.1 and colored in green) are influenced by centrifugal forces F_1 and F_2 : equal in value and absolutely opposite in directions. This is true for all symmetrical elements of the rotor and thus the total centrifugal force influencing the rotor is equal to 0 the rotor is balanced. But if the symmetry of the rotor is broken (in Figure 1, the asymmetric element is marked in red), then the unbalanced centrifugal force F_3 begins to act on the rotor.

When rotating, this force changes the direction together with the rotation of the rotor. The dynamic weight resulting from this force is transferred to the bearings, which leads to their accelerated wear. In addition, under the influence of this variable towards the force, there is a cyclic deformation of the supports and of the foundation on which the rotor is fixed, which out a vibration. To eliminate the imbalance of the rotor and the accompanying vibration, it is necessary to set balancing masses, that will restore the symmetry of the rotor. Rotor balancing is an operation to eliminate imbalance by adding balancing masses. The task of balancing is to find the value and places (angle) of the installation of one or more balancing masses.

The types of rotors and imbalance.

Considering the strength of the rotor material and the magnitude of the centrifugal forces influencing it, the rotors can be divided into two types: rigid and flexible.

Rigid rotors at operating conditions under the influence of centrifugal force may get slightly deformed and the influence of this deformation in the calculations may therefore be neglected.

Deformation of flexible rotors on the other hand should never be neglected. The deformation of flexible rotors complicates the solution for the balancing problem and requires the use of some other mathematical models in comparison with the task of balancing rigid rotors. It is important to mention that the same rotor at low speeds of rotation can behave like rigid one and at high speeds it will behave like flexible one. Further on we will consider the balancing of rigid rotors only.

Depending on the distribution of imbalanced masses along the length of the rotor, two types of imbalance can be distinguished - static and dynamic (quick, instant). It works correspondingly same with the static and the dynamic rotor balancing.

The static imbalance of the rotor occurs without the rotation of the rotor. In other words, it is quiescent when the rotor is under the influence of gravity and in addition it turns the "heavy point" down. An example of a rotor with the static imbalance is presented in Fig.2

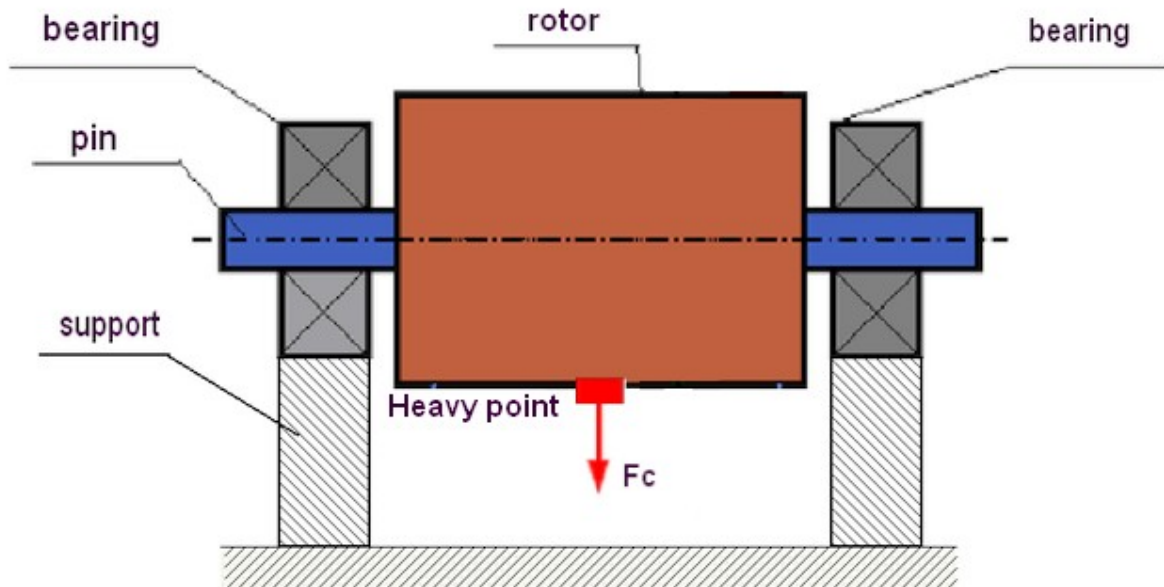


Fig.2

The dynamic imbalance occurs only when the rotor spins.

An example of a rotor with the dynamic imbalance is presented in Fig.3.

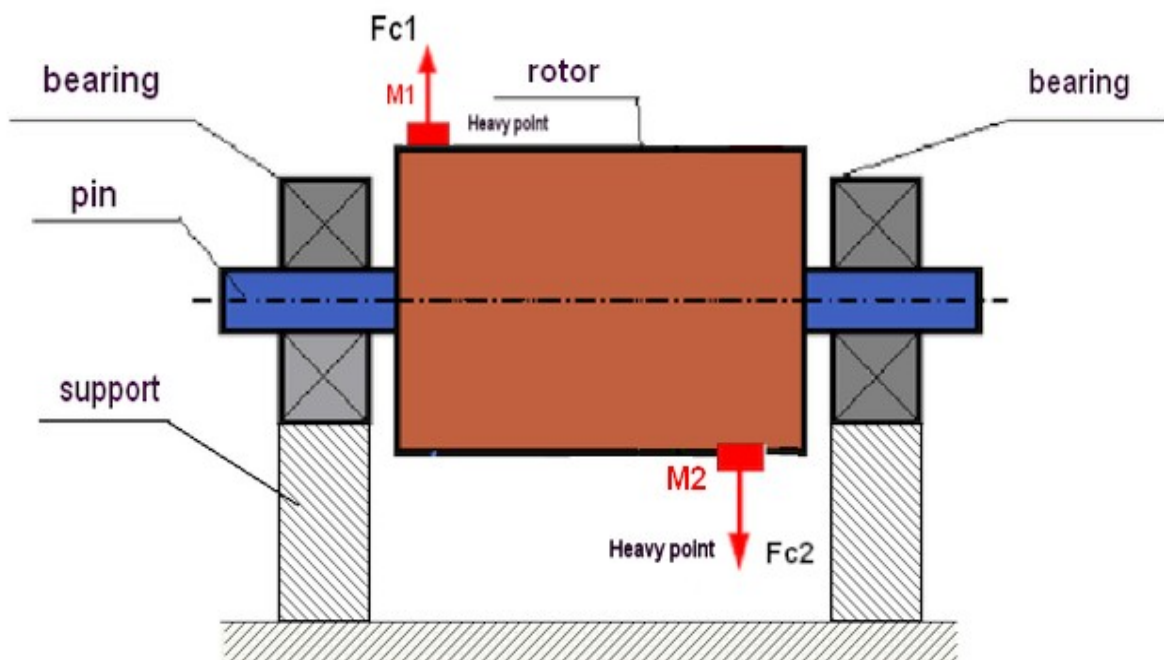


Fig.3. Dynamic imbalance of rotor - couple of the centrifugal forces

In this case, imbalanced equal masses $M1$ and $M2$ are located in different surfaces - in different places along the length of the rotor. In the static position, i.e. when the rotor does not spin, the rotor may only be influenced by gravity and the masses therefore will balance each other. In dynamics when the rotor is spinning, the

masses M_1 and M_2 start to be influenced by centrifugal forces F_1 and F_2 . These forces are equal in value and are opposite in the direction. However, since they are located in different places along the length of the shaft and are not on the same line, the forces do not compensate each other. The forces of F_1 and F_2 create a moment impacted to the rotor. That is why this imbalance has another name "momentary". Accordingly, non-compensated centrifugal forces influence the bearing supports, which can significantly exceed the forces that we relied on and also reduce the service life for the bearings.

Since this type of imbalance occurs only in dynamics during the rotor spinning, thus it is called dynamic. It can not be eliminated in the static balancing (or so called "on the knives") or in any other similar ways. To eliminate the dynamic imbalance, it is necessary to set two compensating weights that will create a moment equal in value and opposite in direction to the moment arising from the masses of M_1 and M_2 . Compensating masses do not necessarily have to be installed opposite to the masses M_1 and M_2 and be equal to them in value. The most important thing is that they create a moment that fully compensates right at the moment of imbalance.

In general, the masses M_1 and M_2 may not be equal to each other, so there will be a combination of static and dynamic imbalance. It is theoretically proved that for a rigid rotor to eliminate its imbalance it is necessary and sufficient to install two weights spaced along the length of the rotor. These weights will compensate both the moment resulting from the dynamic imbalance and the centrifugal force resulting from the asymmetry of the mass relative to the rotor axis (static imbalance). As usual the dynamic imbalance is typical for long rotors, such as shafts, and static - for narrow. However, if the narrow rotor is mounted skewed in reference to the axis, or worse, deformed (the so-called "wheel wobbles"), in this case it will be difficult to eliminate the dynamic imbalance (see Fig.4), due to the fact that it is difficult to set correcting weights, that create the right compensating moment.

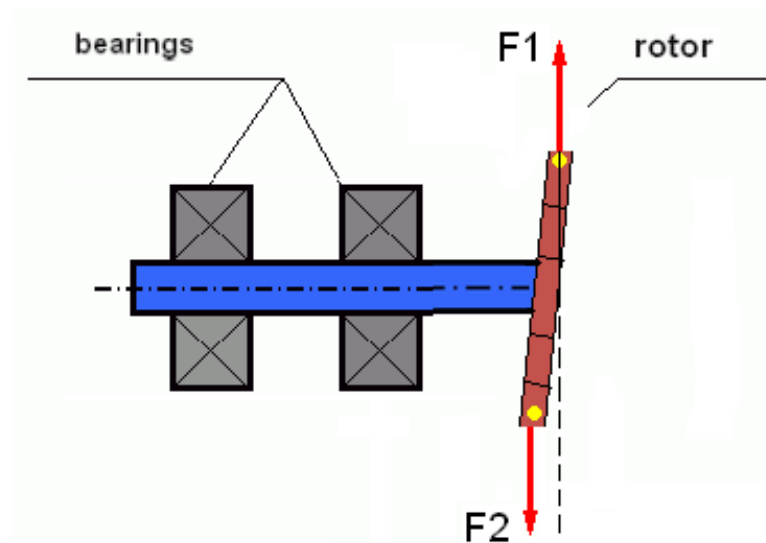


Fig.4 Dynamic balancing of the wobbling wheel

Since the narrow rotor shoulder creates a short moment, it may require correcting weights of a large mass. But at the same time there is an additional so-called "induced imbalance" associated with the deformation of the narrow rotor under the influence of centrifugal forces from the correcting masses.

See the example:

" Methodical instructions on rigid rotors balancing" ISO 1940-1:2003 Mechanical vibration - Balance quality requirements for rotors in a constant (rigid) state - Part 1: Specification and verification of balance tolerances

This is visible for narrow fan wheels, which, in addition to the power imbalance, also influences an aerodynamic imbalance. And it is important to bear in mind that the aerodynamic imbalance, in fact the aerodynamic force, is directly proportional to the angular velocity of the rotor, and to compensate it, the centrifugal force of the correcting mass is used, which is proportional to the square of the angular velocity. Therefore, the balancing effect may only occur at a specific balancing frequency. At other speeds there would be an additional gap. The same can be said about electromagnetic forces in an electromagnetic motor, which are also proportional to the angular velocity. In other words it is impossible to eliminate all causes of vibration of the mechanism by any means of balancing.

Fundamentals of Vibration.

Vibration is a reaction of the mechanism design to the effect of cyclic excitation force. This force can have a different nature.

- The centrifugal force arising due to the imbalance of the rotor is an uncompensated force influencing the "heavy point". Particularly this force and also the vibration caused by it are eliminated by the rotor balancing.
- Interacting forces, that have a "geometric" nature and arise out of errors in the manufacture and installation of mating parts. These forces can occur, for instance, due to the non-roundness of the shaft journal, errors in the tooth profiles in gears, the waviness of the bearing treadmills, misalignment of the mating shafts, etc. in case of non-roundness of the necks, the shaft axis will shift depending on the angle of rotation of the shaft. Although this vibration is manifested at the rotor speed, it is almost impossible to eliminate it with the balancing.
- Aerodynamic forces arising from the rotation of the impeller fans and other blade mechanisms. Hydrodynamic forces arising from the rotation of hydraulic pump impellers, turbines, etc.
- Electromagnetic forces arising from the operation of electric machines as a result, for example, due to the asymmetry of the rotor winding, the presence of short-circuited turns, etc. reasons.

The magnitude of vibration (for example, its amplitude AB) depends not only on the magnitude of the excitation force F_T acting on the mechanism with the circular frequency ω , but also on the stiffness k of the structure of the mechanism, its mass m , and damping coefficient C .

$$AB = \frac{F_B}{\sqrt{(k - m\omega^2)^2 + (C\omega)^2}} \quad (1)$$

Various types of sensors can be used to measure vibration and balance mechanisms, including:

- absolute vibration sensors designed to measure vibration acceleration (accelerometers) and vibration velocity sensors;
- relative vibration sensors eddy-current or capacitive, designed to measure vibration.

In some cases (when the structure of the mechanism allows it) sensors of force can also be used to examine its vibration weight.

Particularly, they are widely used to measure the vibration weight of the supports of pre-resonance balancing machines.

Therefore vibration is the reaction of the mechanism to the influence of external forces. The amount of vibration depends not only on the magnitude of the force acting on the mechanism, but also on the rigidity of the mechanism. Two forces with the same magnitude can lead to different vibrations. In mechanisms with a rigid support structure, even with the small vibration, the bearing units can be significantly influenced by dynamic weights. Therefore, when balancing mechanisms with stiff legs apply the force sensors, and vibration (vibroaccelerometers). Vibration sensors are only used on mechanisms with relatively pliable supports, right when the action of unbalanced centrifugal forces leads to a noticeable deformation of the supports and vibration. Force sensors are used in rigid supports even when significant forces arising from imbalance do not lead to significant vibration.

The resonance of the structure.

We have previously mentioned that rotors are divided into rigid and flexible. The rigidity or flexibility of the rotor should not be confused with the stiffness or mobility of the supports (foundation) on which the rotor is located. The rotor is considered rigid when its deformation (bending) under the action of centrifugal forces can be neglected. The deformation of the flexible rotor is relatively large: it cannot be neglected.

In this article we only study the balancing of rigid rotors. The rigid (non-deformable) rotor in its turn can be located on rigid or movable (malleable) supports. It is clear that this stiffness/mobility of the supports is relative depending on the speed of rotation of the rotor and the magnitude of the resulting centrifugal forces. The conventional border is the frequency of free oscillations of the rotor supports/foundation. For mechanical systems, the shape and frequency of the free oscillations are determined by the mass and elasticity of the elements of the mechanical system. That is, the frequency of natural oscillations is an internal characteristic of the mechanical system and does not depend on external forces. Being deflected from the equilibrium state, supports tend to return to its equilibrium position due to the elasticity. But due to the inertia of the massive ro-

tor, this process is in the nature of damped oscillations. These oscillations are their own oscillations of the rotor-support system. Their frequency depends on the ratio of the rotor mass and the elasticity of the supports.

$$f_c = 1/2\pi * \sqrt{k / m} \quad (2)$$

When the rotor begins to rotate and the frequency of its rotation approaches the frequency of its own oscillations, the vibration amplitude increases sharply, which can even lead to the destruction of the structure.

There is a phenomenon of mechanical resonance. In the resonance region, a change in the speed of rotation by 100 rpm can lead to an increase in a vibration tenfold. In this case (in the resonance region) the vibration phase changes by 180°.

If the design of the mechanism is calculated unsuccessfully, and the operating speed of the rotor is close to the natural frequency of oscillations, the operation of the mechanism becomes impossible due to unacceptably high vibration. Usual balancing way is also impossible, as parameters change dramatically even with a slight change in the speed of vibration. Special methods in the field of resonance balancing are used but they are not well-described in this article. You can determine the frequency of natural oscillations of the mechanism on the run-out (when the rotor is turned off) or by impact with subsequent spectral analysis of the system response to the shock. The device "Balanset-1A" provides the ability to determine the natural frequencies of mechanical structures by these methods.

For mechanisms whose operating speed is higher than the resonance frequency, that is, operating in the resonant mode, supports are considered as mobile ones and vibration sensors are used to measure, mainly vibration accelerometers that measure the acceleration of structural elements. For mechanisms operating in pre-resonance mode, supports are considered as rigid. In this case, force sensors are used.

Linear and nonlinear models of the mechanical system.

Mathematical models (linear) are used for calculations when balancing rigid rotors. The linearity of the model means that one model is directly proportionally (linearly) dependent on the other. For example, if the uncompensated mass on the rotor is doubled, then the vibration value will be doubled correspondingly. For rigid rotors you can use a linear model because such rotors are not deformed. It is no longer possible to use a linear model for flexible rotors. For a flexible rotor, with an increase of the mass of a heavy point during rotation, an additional deformation will occur, and in addition to the mass, the radius of the heavy point will also increase. Therefore, for a flexible rotor, the vibration will more than double, and the usual calculation methods will not work. Also, a violation of the linearity of the model can lead to a change in the elasticity of the supports at their large deformations, for example, when small deformations of the supports work some structural elements, and when large in the work include other structural elements. Therefore it is impossible to balance the mechanisms that are not fixed at the base, and, for example, are simply established on a floor. With significant vibrations, the unbalance force can detach the mechanism from the floor, thereby significantly changing the stiffness characteristics of the system. The engine legs must be securely fastened, bolted fasteners tightened,

the thickness of the washers must provide sufficient rigidity, etc. With broken bearings, a significant displacement of the shaft and its impacts is possible, which will also lead to a violation of linearity and the impossibility of carrying out high-quality balancing.

Methods and devices for balancing

As mentioned above, balancing is the process of combining the main Central axis of inertia with the axis of rotation of the rotor.

The specified process can be executed in two ways.

The first method involves the processing of the rotor axles, which is performed in such a way that the axis passing through the centers of the section of the axles with the main Central axis of inertia of the rotor. This technique is rarely used in practice and will not be discussed in detail in this article.

The second (most common) method involves moving, installing or removing corrective masses on the rotor, which are placed in such a way that the axis of inertia of the rotor is as close as possible to the axis of its rotation.

Moving, adding or removing corrective masses during balancing can be done using a variety of technological operations, including: drilling, milling, surfacing, welding, screwing or unscrewing screws, burning with a laser beam or electron beam, electrolysis, electromagnetic welding, etc.

The balancing process can be performed in two ways:

- balanced rotors Assembly (in its own bearings);
- balancing of rotors on balancing machines.

To balance the rotors in their own bearings we usually use specialized balancing devices (kits), which allows us to measure the vibration of the balanced rotor at the speed of its rotation in a vector form, i.e. to measure both the amplitude and phase of vibration.

Currently, these devices are manufactured on the basis of microprocessor technology and (in addition to the measurement and analysis of vibration) provide automated calculation of the parameters of corrective weights that must be installed on the rotor to compensate its imbalance.

These devices include:

- measuring and computing unit, made on the basis of a computer or industrial controller;
- two (or more) vibration sensors;
- phase angle sensor;
- equipment for installation of sensors at the facility;
- specialized software designed to perform a full cycle of measurement of rotor unbalance parameters in one, two or more planes of correction.

For balancing rotors on balancing machines in addition to a specialized balancing device (measuring system of the machine) it is required to have an "unwinding mechanism" designed to install the rotor on the supports and ensure its rotation at a fixed speed.

Currently, the most common balancing machines exist in two types:

- over-resonant (with supple supports);
- pre-resonant (with stiff supports).

Over-resonant machines have a relatively pliable supports, made, for example, on the basis of the flat springs. The natural oscillation frequency of these supports is usually 2-3 times lower than the speed of the balanced rotor, which is mounted on them.

Vibration sensors (accelerometers, vibration velocity sensors, etc.) are usually used to measure the vibration of the supports of a resonant machine.

In the pre-resonant balancing machines are used relatively-rigid supports, natural oscillation frequencies of which should be 2-3 times higher than the speed of the balanced rotor.

Force sensors are usually used to measure the vibration weight on the supports of the machine.

The advantage of the pre-resonant balancing machines is that they can be balanced at relatively low rotor speeds (up to 400-500 rpm), which greatly simplifies the design of the machine and its foundation, as well as increases the productivity and safety of balancing.

Balancing technique

Balancing eliminates only the vibration which is caused by the asymmetry of the rotor mass distribution relative to its axis of rotation. Other types of the vibration cannot be eliminated by the balancing!

Balancing is the subject to technically serviceable mechanisms, the design of which ensures the absence of resonances at the operating speed, securely fixed on the foundation, installed in serviceable bearings.

The faulty mechanism is the subject to a repair, and only then - to a balancing. Otherwise, qualitative balancing impossible.

Balancing cannot be a substitute for repair!

The main task of balancing is to find the mass and the place (angle) of installation of compensating weights, which are balanced by centrifugal forces.

As mentioned above, for rigid rotors it is generally necessary and sufficient to install two compensating weights. This will eliminate both the static and dynamic rotor imbalance. A general scheme of the vibration measurement during balancing looks like the following:

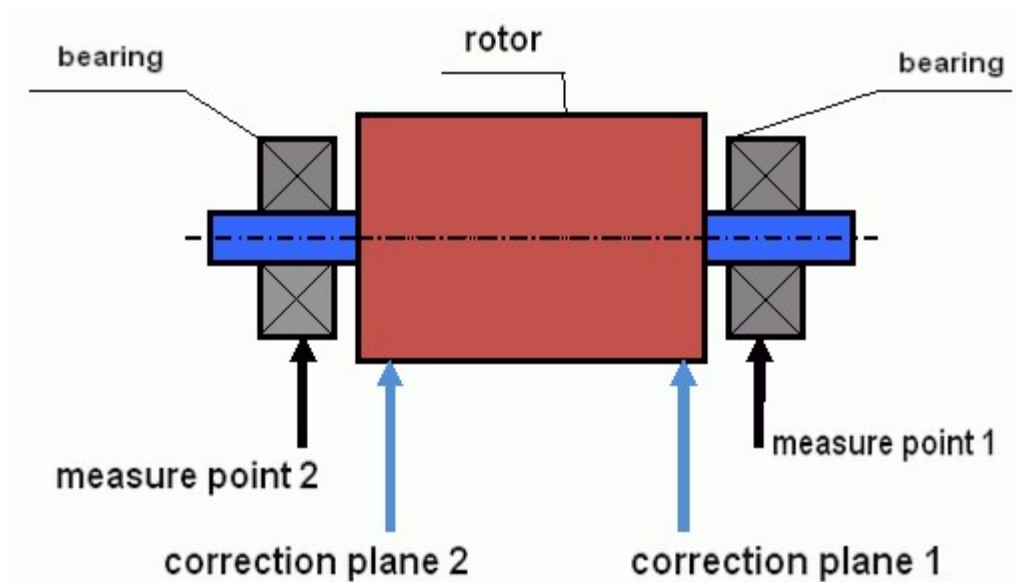


fig.5 Dynamic balancing - correction planes and measure points

Vibration sensors are installed on the bearing supports at points 1 and 2. The speed mark is fixed right on the rotor, a reflective tape is glued usually. The speed mark is used by the laser tachometer to determine the speed of the rotor and the phase of the vibration signal.

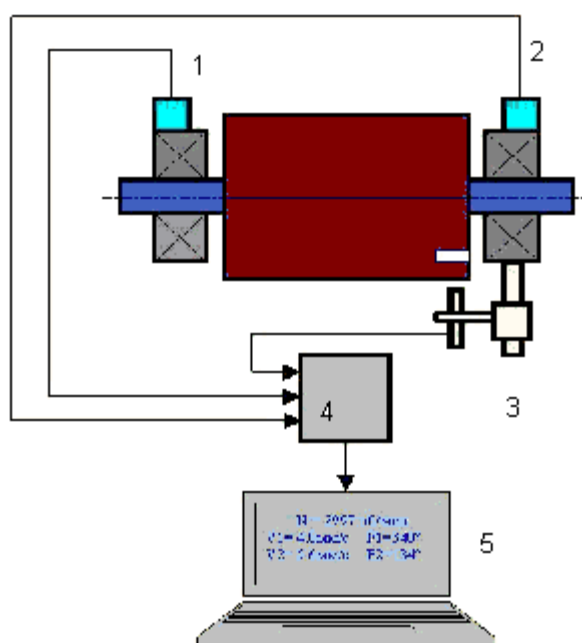


fig. 6. Installation of sensors during balancing in two planes, using -1&2-vibration sensors, 3-phase, 4-measuring unit, 5-laptop

In most cases, dynamic balancing is carried out by the method of three starts. This method is based on the fact that test weights of an already-known mass are installed on the rotor in series in 1 and 2 planes; so the masses and the place of installation of balancing weights are calculated based on the results of changing the vibration parameters.

The place of installation of the weight is called the correction. Usually, the correction planes are selected in the area of the bearing supports on which the rotor is mounted.

The initial vibration is measured at the first start. Then, a trial weight of a known mass is installed on the rotor closer to one of the supports. Then the second start is performed, and we measure the vibration parameters, that should change because of the installation of the trial weight. Then the trial weight in the first is removed and installed in the second. The third start-up is performed and the vibration parameters are measured. When the trial weight is removed, the program automatically calculates the mass and the place (angles) of the installation of balancing weights.

The point in setting up test weights is to determine how the system responds to the imbalance change. When we know the masses and the location of the sample weights, the program can calculate the so-called influence

factors, showing how the introduction of a known imbalance affects the vibration parameters. The coefficients of influence are the characteristics of the mechanical system itself and depend on the stiffness of the supports and the mass (inertia) of the rotor-support system.

For the same type of mechanisms of the same design, the coefficients of influence will be similar. You can save them in your computer memory and use them afterwards for balancing the same type of mechanisms without carrying out test runs, which greatly improves the performance of the balancing. We should also note that the mass of test weights should be chosen as such so that the vibration parameters vary markedly when installing test weights. Otherwise, the error in calculating the coefficients of the affect increases and the quality of balancing deteriorates.

1111 A guide to the device Balanset-1A provides a formula by which you can approximately determine the mass of the trial weight, depending on the mass and the speed of the rotation of the balanced rotor. As you can understand from Fig. 1 the centrifugal force acts in the radial direction, i.e. perpendicular to the rotor axis.

Therefore, vibration sensors should be installed so that their sensitivity axis is also directed in the radial direction. Usually the rigidity of the foundation in the horizontal direction is less, so the vibration in the horizontal direction is higher. Therefore, to increase the sensitivity of the sensors should be installed so that their axis of sensitivity could also be directed horizontally. Although there is no fundamental difference. In addition to the vibration in the radial direction, it is necessary to control the vibration in the axial direction, along the axis of rotation of the rotor. This vibration is usually caused not by imbalance, but by other reasons, mainly due to misalignments and misalignments of shafts connected through the coupling. This vibration is not eliminated by balancing, in this case alignment is required. In practice, usually in such mechanisms there is an imbalance of the rotor and misalignment of the shafts, which greatly complicates the task of eliminating the vibration. In such cases, you must first align and then balance the mechanism. (Although with a strong torque imbalance, vibration also occurs in the axial direction due to the "twisting" of the foundation structure).

Criteria for assessing the quality of balancing mechanisms.

Quality of rotor (mechanisms) balancing can be estimated in two ways. The first method involves comparing the value of the residual imbalance determined during the balancing with the tolerance for the residual imbalance. The specified tolerances for various classes of rotors installed in the standard **ISO 1940-1-2007. «Vibration. Requirements for the balancing quality of rigid rotors. Part 1. Determination of permissible imbalance»**.

However, the implementation of these tolerances can not fully guarantee the operational reliability of the mechanism associated with the achievement of a minimum level of vibration. This is due to the fact that the vibration of the mechanism is determined not only by the amount of force associated with the residual imbalance of its rotor, but also depends on a number of other parameters, including: the rigidity K of the structural elements of the mechanism, its mass M , damping coefficient, and the speed. Therefore, to assess the dynamic qualities of the mechanism (including the quality of its balance) in some cases, it is recommended to assess the level of residual vibration of the mechanism, which is regulated by a number of standards.

The most common standard regulating permissible vibration levels of mechanisms is **ISO 10816-3:2009 Preview Mechanical vibration -- Evaluation of machine vibration by measurements on non-rotating parts -- Part 3: Industrial machines with nominal power above 15 kW and nominal speeds between 120 r/min and 15 000 r/min when measured in situ.»**

With its help, you can set the tolerance on all types of machines, taking into account the power of their electric drive.

In addition to this universal standard, there are a number of specialized standards developed for specific types of mechanisms. For example,

ISO 14694:2003 "Industrial fans - Specifications for balance quality and vibration levels",

ISO 7919-1-2002 "Vibration of machines without reciprocating motion. Measurements on rotating shafts and evaluation criteria. General guidance.»