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List of 11 Film Thickness Formulas

Film Thickness

1) Eccentricity of Bearing in Terms of Minimum Film Thickness

$$fx \quad e = R - (h^{\circ} + r)$$

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$$ex \quad 0.48776\text{mm} = 26\text{mm} - (0.01224\text{mm} + 25.5\text{mm})$$

2) Eccentricity Ratio in Terms of Minimum Film Thickness of Bearing

$$fx \quad \varepsilon = 1 - \left(\frac{h^{\circ}}{c} \right)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 0.49 = 1 - \left(\frac{0.01224\text{mm}}{0.024\text{mm}} \right)$$

3) Eccentricity Ratio of Bearing in Terms of Minimum Film Thickness Variable

$$fx \quad \varepsilon = 1 - h_{\min}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 0.5 = 1 - 0.5$$



4) Film Thickness in Terms of Absolute Viscosity and Tangential Force

$$fx \quad h = \mu_o \cdot A_{po} \cdot \frac{V_m}{P}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.020035\text{mm} = 490\text{cP} \cdot 1750\text{mm}^2 \cdot \frac{5\text{m/s}}{214\text{N}}$$

5) Film Thickness in Terms of Flow Coefficient and Flow of Lubricant

$$fx \quad h = \left(Q \cdot A_p \cdot \frac{\mu_l}{W \cdot q_f} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.019537\text{mm} = \left(1600\text{mm}^3/\text{s} \cdot 450\text{mm}^2 \cdot \frac{220\text{cP}}{1800\text{N} \cdot 11.80} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

6) Fluid Film Thickness in Terms of Flow of Lubricant

$$fx \quad h = \left(1 \cdot 12 \cdot \mu_l \cdot \frac{Q_{\text{slot}}}{b \cdot \Delta P} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.019666\text{mm} = \left(48\text{mm} \cdot 12 \cdot 220\text{cP} \cdot \frac{15\text{mm}^3/\text{s}}{49\text{mm} \cdot 5.1\text{MPa}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

7) Minimum Film Thickness given Radius of Bearing

$$fx \quad h^{\circ} = R - (e + r)$$

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$$ex \quad 0.013\text{mm} = 26\text{mm} - (0.487\text{mm} + 25.5\text{mm})$$



8) Minimum Film Thickness in Terms of Minimum Film Thickness Variable of Bearing

$$fx \quad h^{\circ} = h_{\min} \cdot c$$

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$$ex \quad 0.012\text{mm} = 0.5 \cdot 0.024\text{mm}$$

9) Minimum Film Thickness of bearing in Terms of Eccentricity Ratio

$$fx \quad h^{\circ} = c \cdot (1 - \varepsilon)$$

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$$ex \quad 0.01224\text{mm} = 0.024\text{mm} \cdot (1 - 0.49)$$

10) Minimum Film Thickness Variable of Bearing

$$fx \quad h_{\min} = \frac{h^{\circ}}{c}$$

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$$ex \quad 0.51 = \frac{0.01224\text{mm}}{0.024\text{mm}}$$

11) Minimum Film Thickness Variable of Bearing in Terms of Eccentricity Ratio

$$fx \quad h_{\min} = 1 - \varepsilon$$

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$$ex \quad 0.51 = 1 - 0.49$$










Variables Used

- **A_p** Total Projected Area of Bearing Pad (Square Millimeter)
- **A_{po}** Area of Moving Plate on Oil (Square Millimeter)
- **b** Breadth of Slot for Oil Flow (Millimeter)
- **c** Radial clearance for bearing (Millimeter)
- **e** Eccentricity in Bearing (Millimeter)
- **h** Oil Film thickness (Millimeter)
- **h_o** Minimum Film Thickness (Millimeter)
- **h_{min}** Minimum Film Thickness Variable
- **l** Length of Slot in Direction of Flow (Millimeter)
- **P** Tangential Force on Moving Plate (Newton)
- **Q** Flow of Lubricant (Cubic Millimeter per Second)
- **q_f** Flow Coefficient
- **Q_{slot}** Flow of Lubricant from Slot (Cubic Millimeter per Second)
- **r** Radius of Journal (Millimeter)
- **R** Radius of Bearing (Millimeter)
- **V_m** Velocity of Moving Plate on Oil (Meter per Second)
- **W** Load Acting on Sliding Bearing (Newton)
- **ΔP** Pressure Difference between Slot Sides (Megapascal)
- **ϵ** Eccentricity Ratio of Journal Bearing
- **μ_l** Dynamic Viscosity of Lubricant (Centipoise)
- **μ_o** Dynamic Viscosity of Oil (Centipoise)



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Measurement: Length** in Millimeter (mm)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Area** in Square Millimeter (mm²)
Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Pressure** in Megapascal (MPa)
Pressure Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Force** in Newton (N)
Force Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Volumetric Flow Rate** in Cubic Millimeter per Second (mm³/s)
Volumetric Flow Rate Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Dynamic Viscosity** in Centipoise (cP)
Dynamic Viscosity Unit Conversion 



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