



**Technical report**  
**of**  
**inspection on gearbox PPSC1290-A115**



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### 1. Project description

This document presents the results of the inspection on gearbox type PPSC1290-A115.

#### Gearbox Data

Gearbox Type PPSC1290-A115

Ja)Ke order 222881

Ja)Ke serial no. 222881 03 01

Rated Power 1775 kW

Licensee Templeton Municipal Light and Water Plant

Location Baldwinville, MA, USA

Date of inspection March 15. 2013

### 2. Description of findings

In gearbox PPSC1290-A115 the planetary stages are only accessible with the use of borescope. All pictures presented in the inspection report [1] are taken with a borescope.

### 3. Inspection of Exxon Mobil

A service engineer of Exxon Mobil inspected the gearbox on February 6. 2013. The pictures indicate a loose mesh between planet and ring gear of the intermediate planetary stage, see Picture 1. Dark lines in radial direction on the tooth flank are presented in Picture 2. These lines are visible on the ring gear of the main planetary stage and the intermediate planetary stage.

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Picture 1: Intermediate gear mesh, planet- ring gear



Picture 2: Intermediate gear mesh, ring gear

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On the ring gear of the main stage a grey area on the flank is visible, see Picture 3.



Picture 3: Main gear mesh, ring gear

#### 4. Evaluation of findings

All accessible gear stages and bearings are in a good condition. Additional to the visual examination a vibration measurement was performed. The evaluation of the measurement, see [2], confirms the result of the visual examination.

The gear mesh of planet and ring gear of the intermediate planetary stage is slight loose, but the function of the mesh is not restricted.

Dark lines in radial direction on the tooth flank are a typical result of the machining process of the ring gear. The machining process of the ring gear only includes milling. No surface hardening or grinding is applied.

The grey area on the flank of the ring gear of the main planetary stage seems to be a reflection caused by the lubricant.

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## 5. Conclusions / Recomendations

The visual inspection as well as the vibration measurement indicates a good condition of the gearbox. For the whole gearbox no special action is recommended.

## 6. References

- [1] Servicebericht für PPSC1290-A115 222811.03.01, 08.04.2013, Jahnel-Kestermann
- [2] Technical report of vibration measurement on gearbox PPSC1290-A115, 08.04.2013, Jahnel-Kestermann

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Rated Power 1775 kW

Licensee Templeton Municipal Light and Water Plant

Location Baldwinville, MA, USA

Date of measurement March 15. 2013

#### Measurement equipment

Measurement system Schenck VIBRO Test 60

Accelerometer Schenck AS-060

Software Brüel&Kjaer Vibro, Vibro Report

### 2. Description of measurements

The Vibrations of the gearbox were measured while the turbine was in power production. During the measurement the power and the rotational speed varied.

The measurements are stored as effective vibration level. Additional spectra of the vibration velocity in a range of 1 Hz to 2000 Hz are recorded.

The accelerometer was connected by magnetic clamps at the positions listed in Table 1. Additional pictures of the measurement positions are presented in Appendix A.

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Welle / shaft	Position / position	x- Richtung (axial)	y- Richtung (horiz.)	z- Richtung (vertik.)
Getriebeabstützung gear support	rotorseitig 3 Uhr rotorside 3 o'clock	V1x	V1y	V1z
Antriebswelle input shaft	Deckel cover	V2x	V2y	V2z
Abtriebswelle output shaft	generatorseitig generator side	V3x	V3y	V3z

**Table 1:** Positions of the accelerometer

## 2.1. Measurement results

### 2.2. Vibration level measurement

The measured effective vibration levels as well as the average power during the measurement are presented in Table 2.

Position	Power [kW]	Vibration level [mm/s]
V1x	113	0.22
V1y	113	0.25
V1z	113	0.42
V2x	450	0.25
V2y	450	0.36
V2z	450	0.79
V3x	450	0.40
V3y	450	0.80
V3z	450	0.44

**Table 2:** Vibration level

Limits for the vibration level of gearboxes in wind turbines are given in VDI 3834 [1]. The upper limit for a gearbox in a good condition, which is suitable to run in continuous production, is 3.5 mm/s.

All vibration levels are below the limit given in VDI3834.

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### 2.3. Vibration spectra

The spectra of the vibration measured at the positions listed in Table 1 are presented in Appendix B. Vibrations which are caused by the measurement system are excluded from the evaluation. The vibration velocity which is related to the gearbox is small. The highest peak is about 0.32 mm/s at 1703Hz, measured at the output shaft in vertical direction.

### 3. Conclusions

According to the vibration measurement the gearbox is in good condition. At every position the vibration level are below the limit given in VDI3834. The vibration spectra not give any indication for a defect.

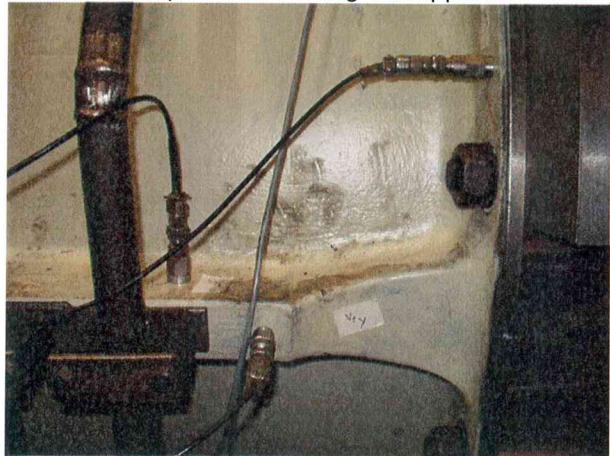
### 4. References

- [1] VDI3834, Measurement and evaluation of the mechanical vibration of wind energy turbines and their components, March 2009, Beuth Verlag GmbH

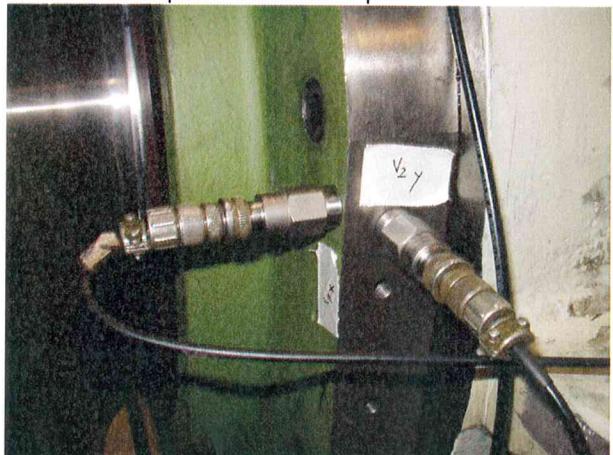
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**5. Appendix A**

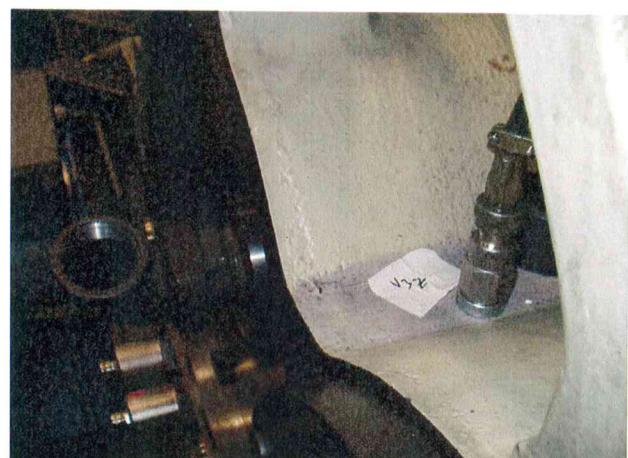
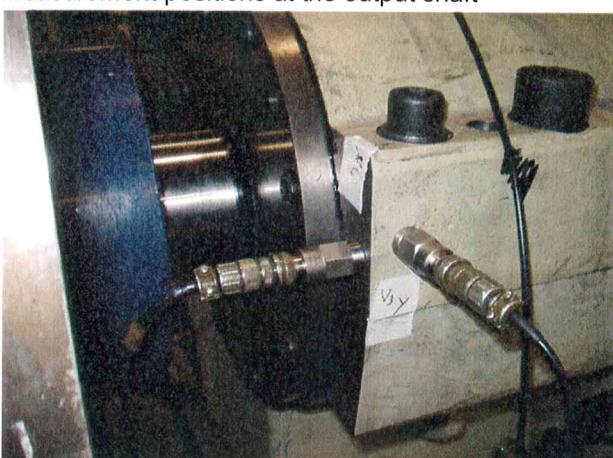
Measurement positions at the gear support



Measurement positions at the input shaft

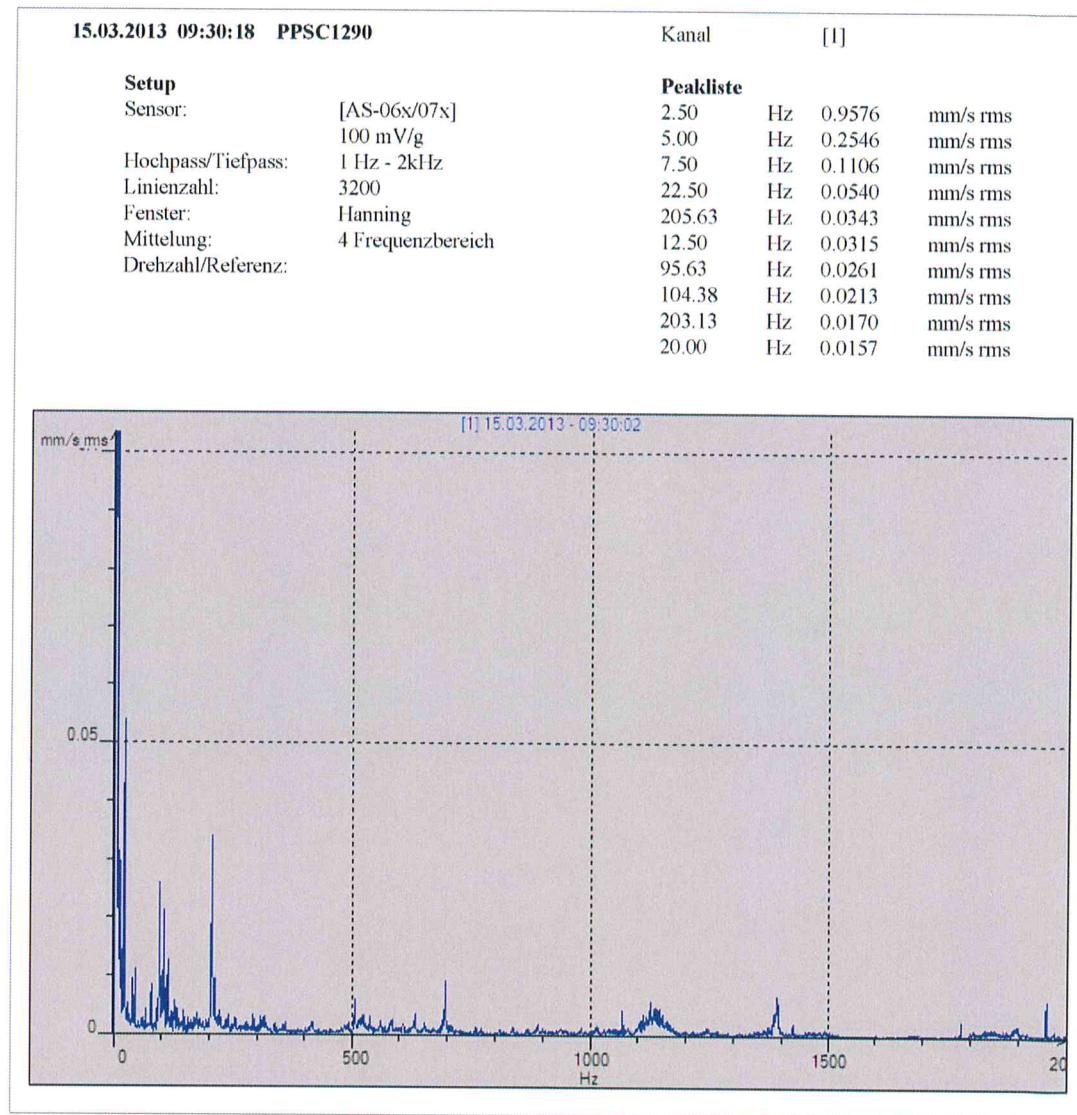


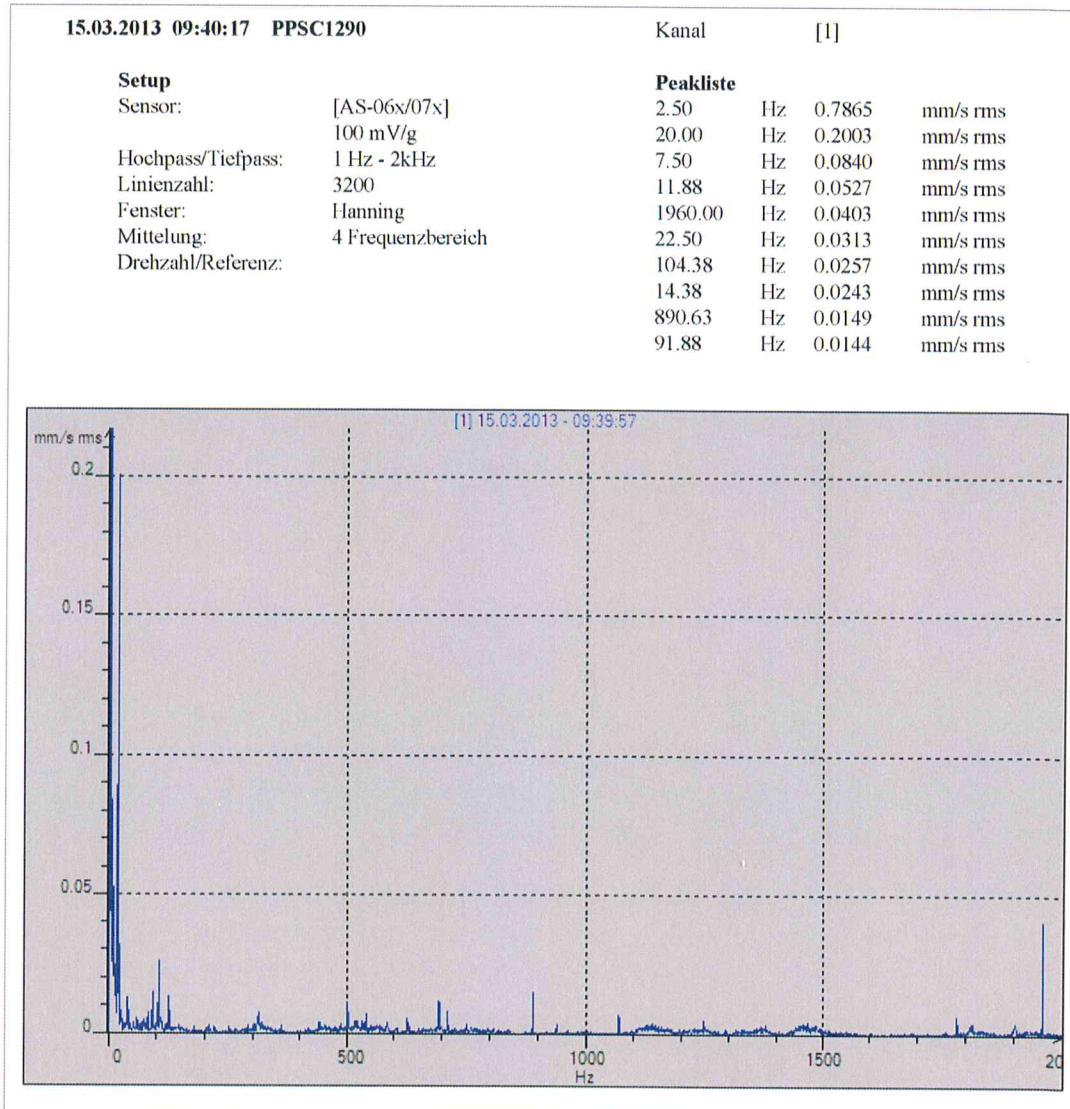
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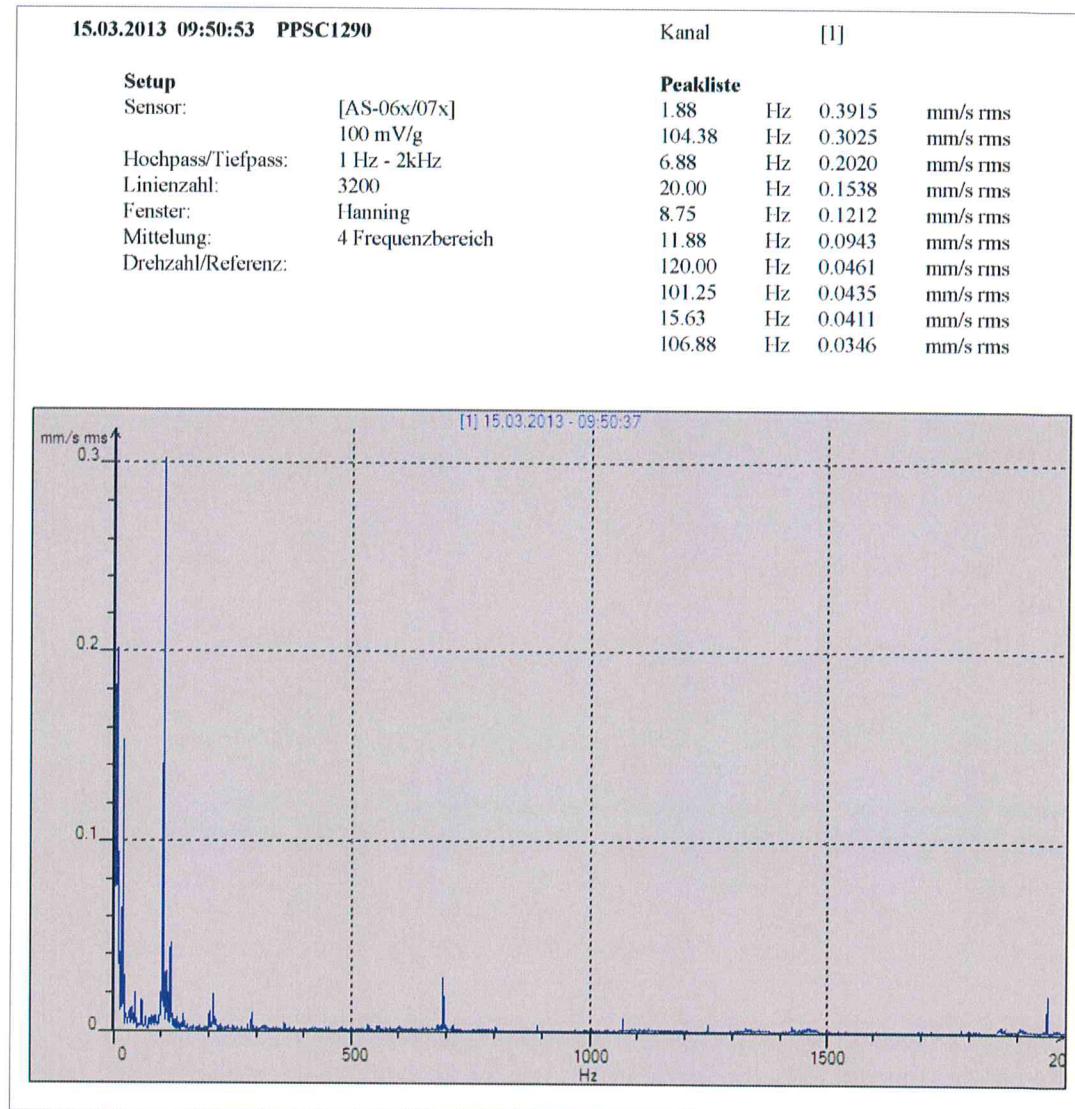
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## 6. Appendix B

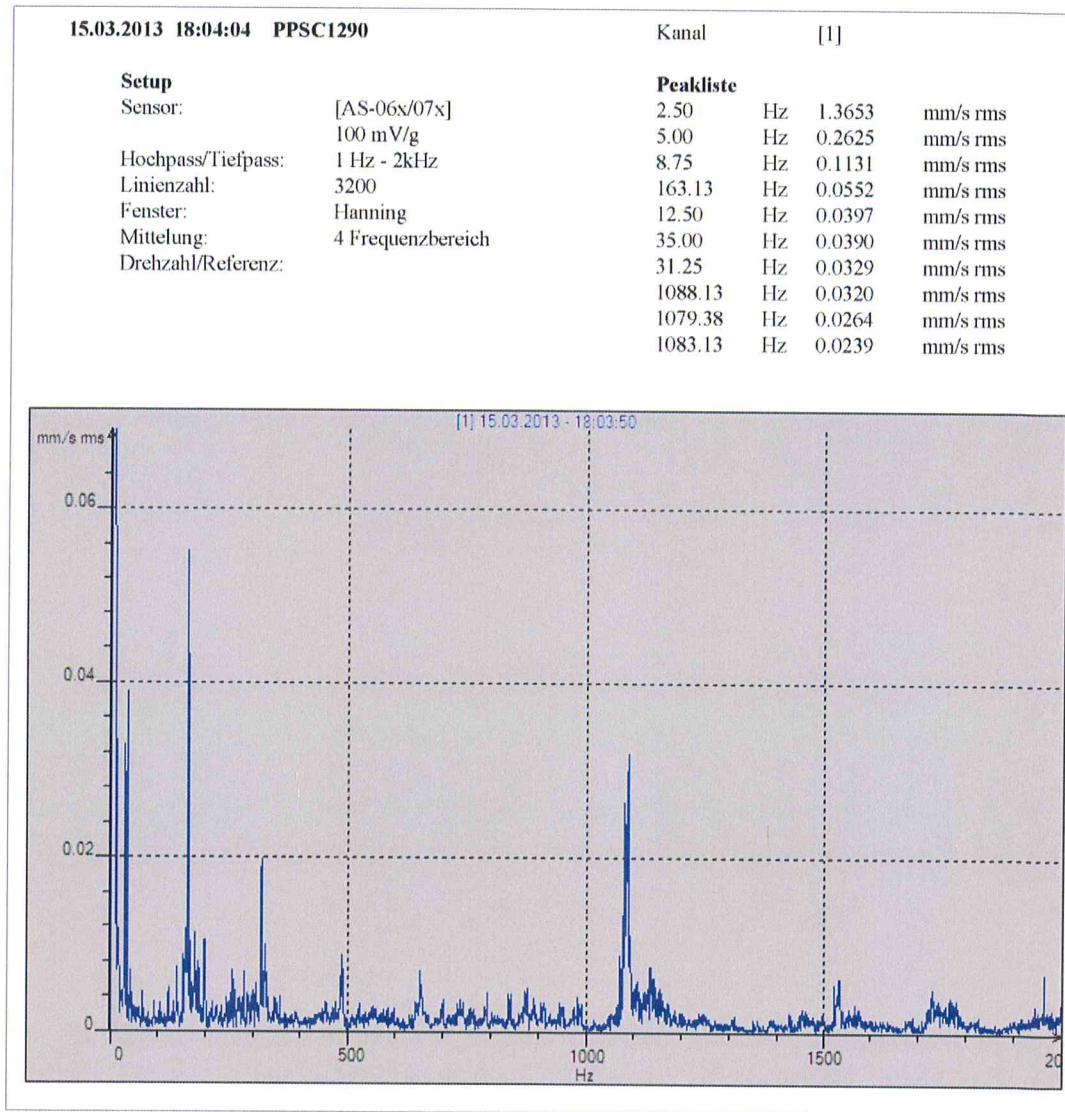




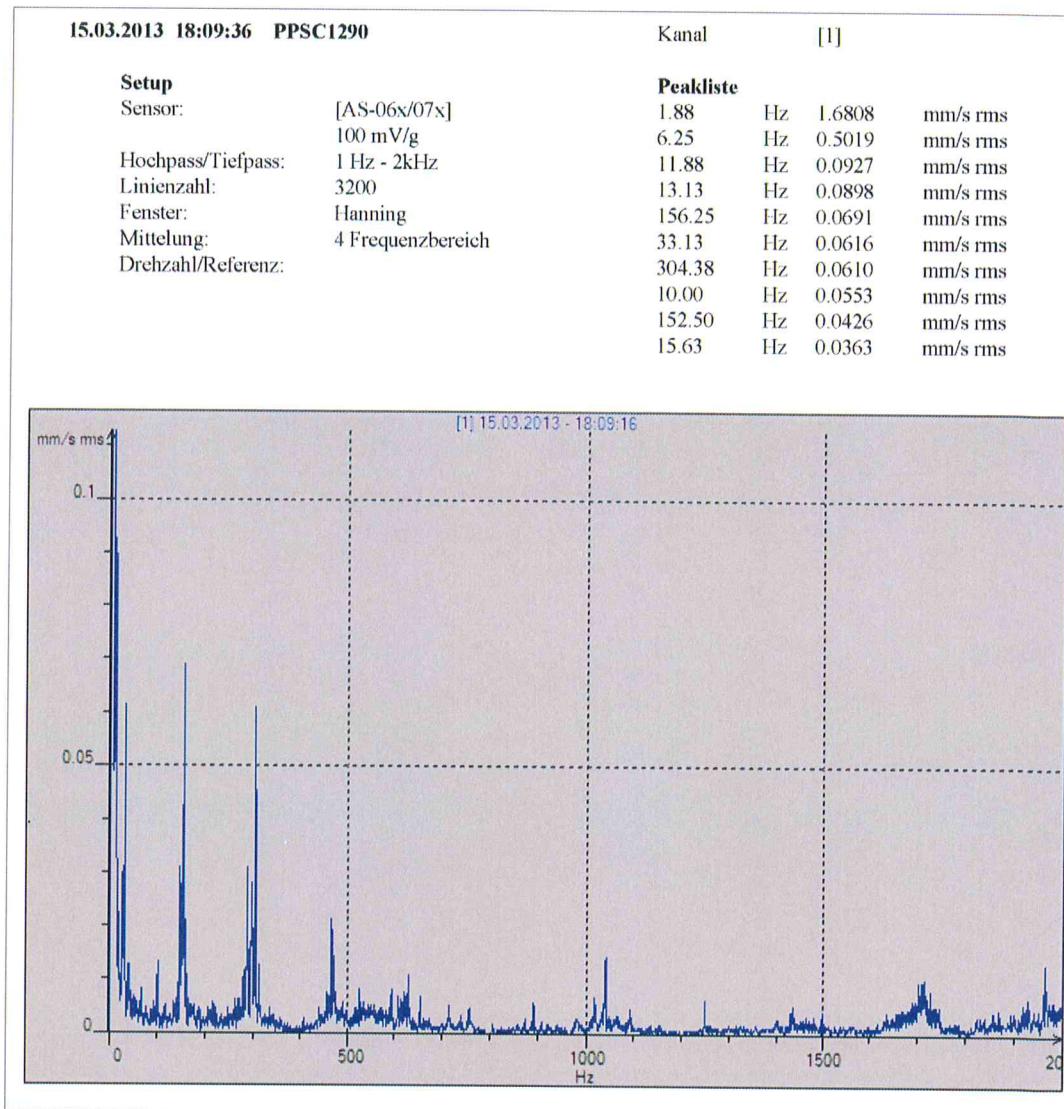
Position V1y: gear support, horizontal



Position V1z: gear support, vertical



Position V2x: input shaft, axial



Position V2y: input shaft, horizontal

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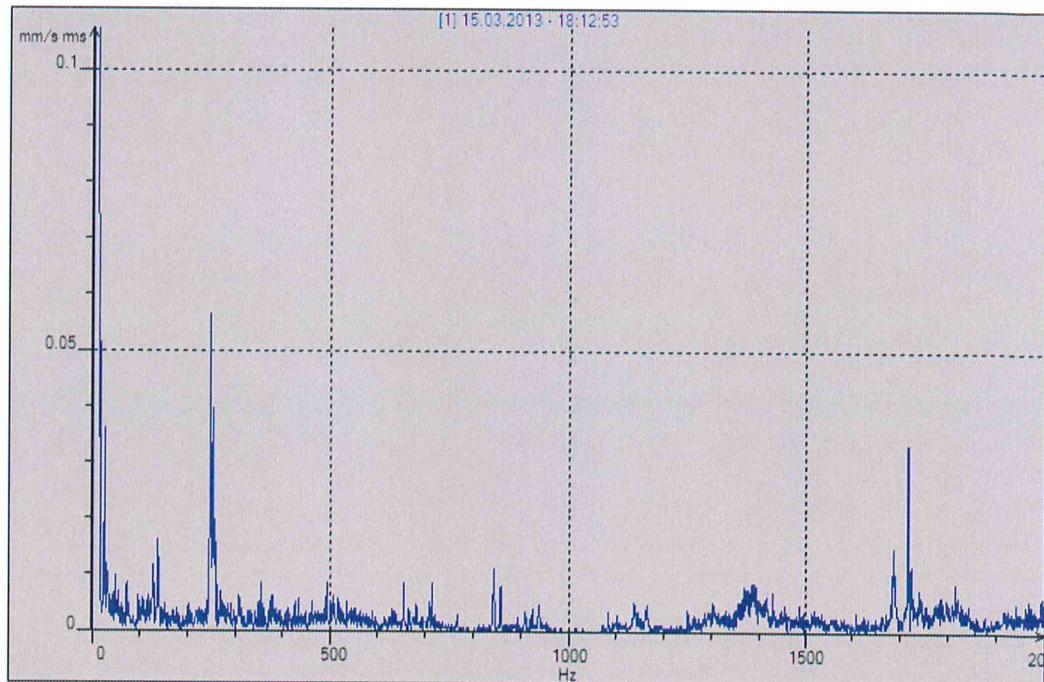
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**Setup**

Sensor: [AS-06x/07x]  
100 mV/g  
Hochpass/Tiefpass: 1 Hz - 2 kHz  
Linienzahl: 3200  
Fenster: Hanning  
Mittelung: 4 Frequenzbereich  
Drehzahl/Referenz:

**Peakliste**

1.88	Hz	1.4039	mm/s rms
6.25	Hz	0.5192	mm/s rms
9.38	Hz	0.1491	mm/s rms
15.63	Hz	0.0616	mm/s rms
247.50	Hz	0.0564	mm/s rms
253.13	Hz	0.0397	mm/s rms
27.50	Hz	0.0363	mm/s rms
251.25	Hz	0.0334	mm/s rms
257.50	Hz	0.0196	mm/s rms
24.38	Hz	0.0190	mm/s rms



Position V2z: input shaft, vertical

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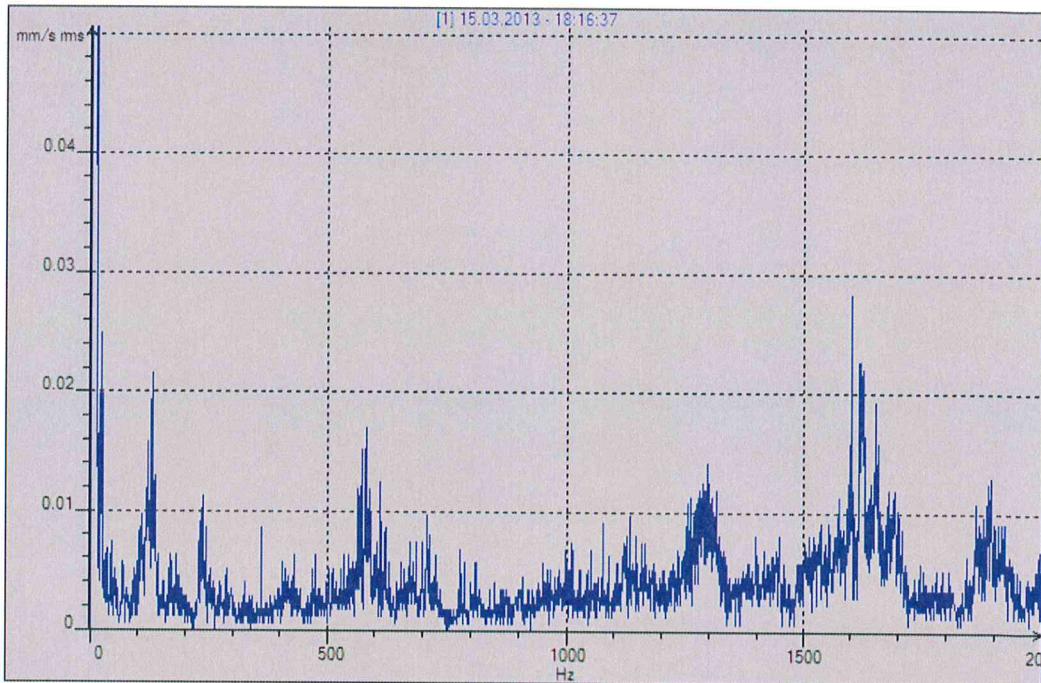
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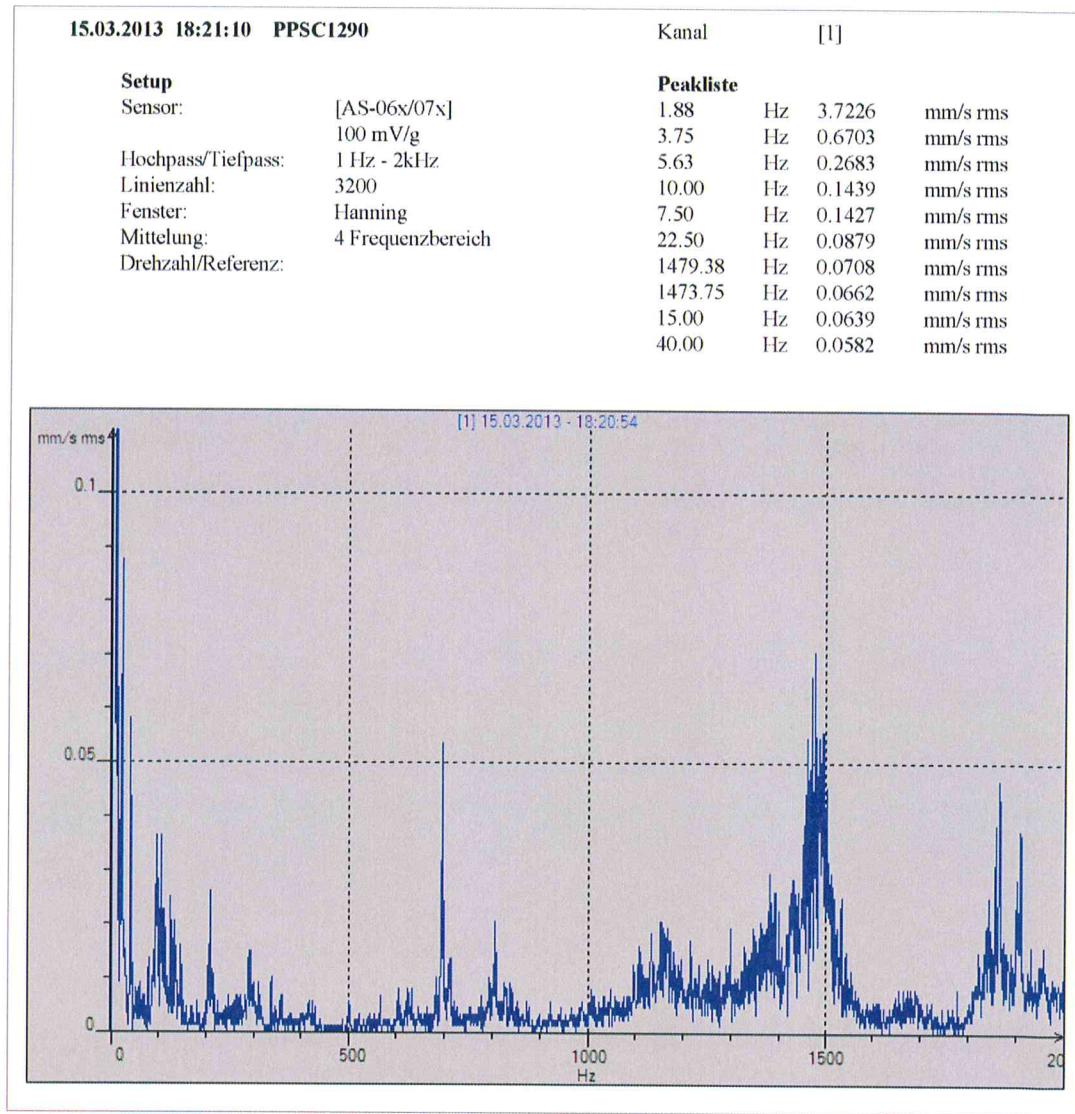
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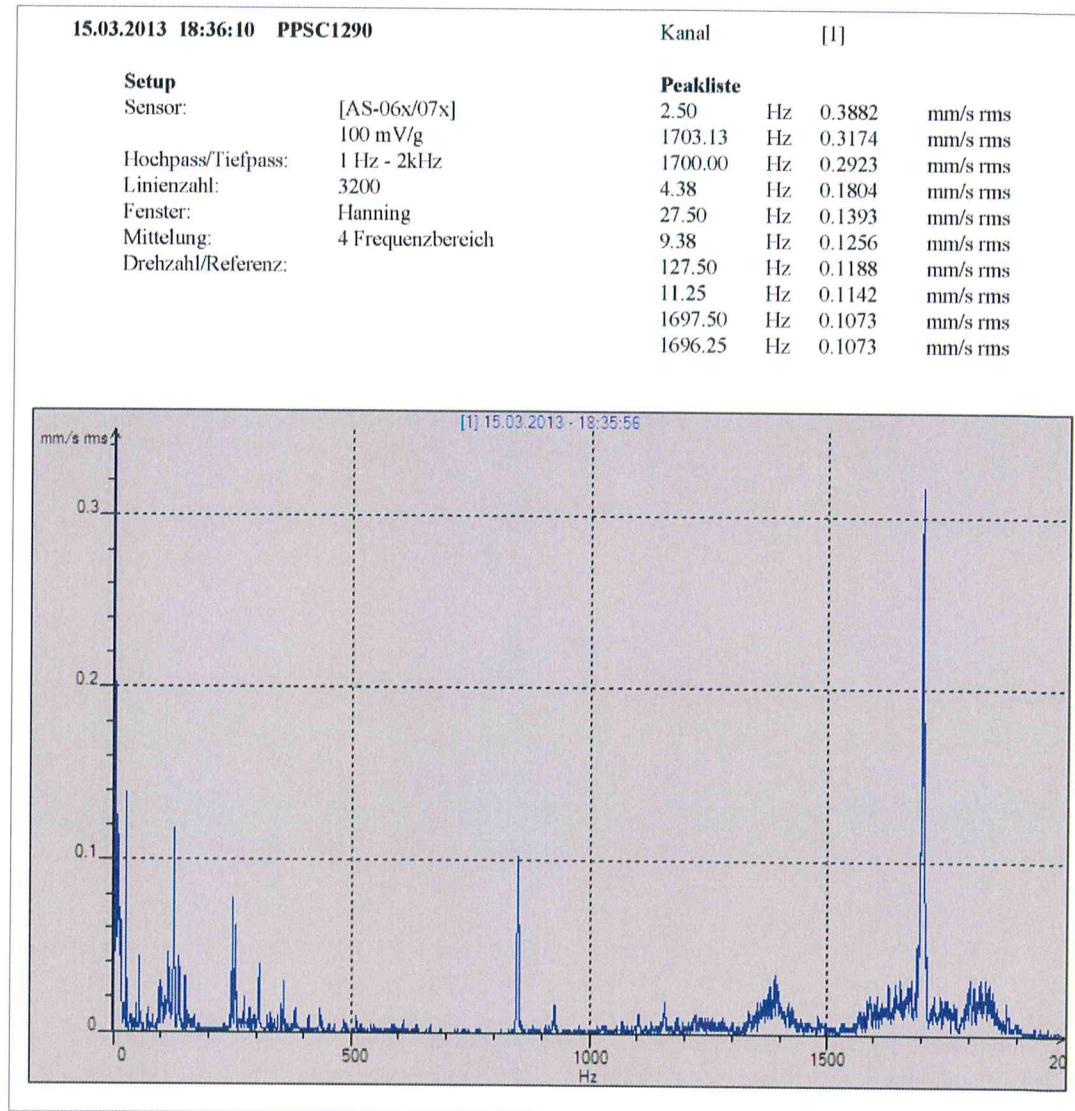
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6.25	Hz	0.1054	mm/s rms
12.50	Hz	0.0697	mm/s rms
1601.25	Hz	0.0283	mm/s rms
15.00	Hz	0.0249	mm/s rms
22.50	Hz	0.0249	mm/s rms
1626.88	Hz	0.0221	mm/s rms
129.38	Hz	0.0215	mm/s rms



Position V3x: output shaft, axial



Position V3y: output shaft, horizontal



Position V3z: output shaft, vertical