

# Service life testing: different machine components simple and reliable connected



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***TOMORROW'S RELIABILITY***





**Data acquisition and data logger**



**Test, trial and automation**



**Monitoring and environmental technology**



**Vibration measurement**

## **Intelligent measurement technology**

We at Delphin supply our global customers with intelligent, universal **data acquisition hardware** and intuitive **measurement software**. This enables our customers to reliably and efficiently carry out their measurement and monitoring requirements.

- Definition / MTBF certificate
- Importance of the reliability
- Activities
- Usual requirements
- Real application example
- Further typical applications





## What is reliability?

- In the area of manufacturing: The probability of failure-free performance over an item's useful life, or a specified timeframe, under specified environmental and duty-cycle conditions. Often expressed as mean time between failures (MTBF) or reliability coefficient. Also called quality over time. [Source: http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/reliability.html](http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/reliability.html)
- MTBF is the measure of the reliability of devices and systems.
- MTBF is the time in hours that the manufacturer specifies as the average time before a fault occurs on a device for the first time. A definition is given in DIN 40041 and 40042.

### **3 Berechnung**

Als durchschnittlicher Lebenszyklus der Message-Geräteserie werden 7 Jahre angenommen. Da die Produkte hauptsächlich im industriellen Umfeld im kontinuierlichen Betrieb eingesetzt werden, wird eine durchschnittliche Betriebszeit von 24 h / Tag an 365 Tagen zu Grunde gelegt.

Hieraus ergibt sich eine MTBF von

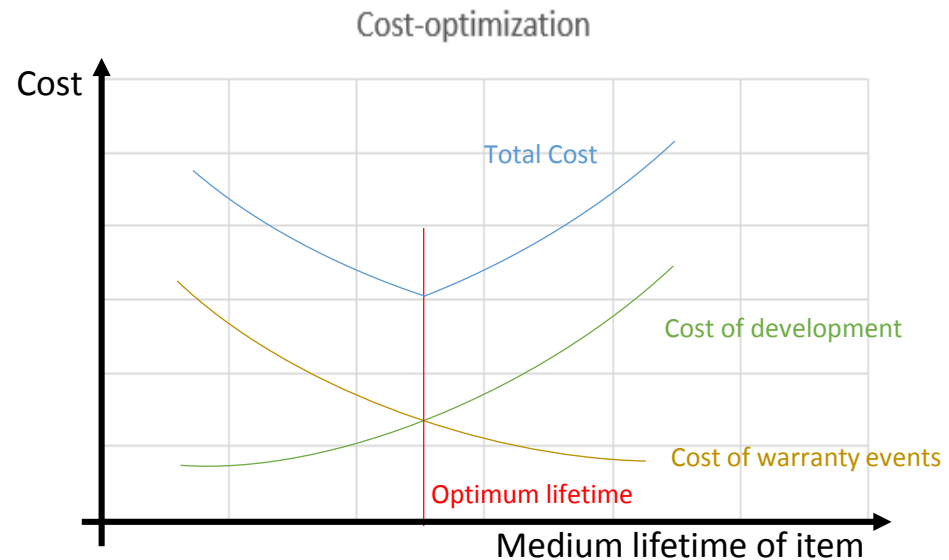
**26,4 Jahren**

Clipping from a MTBF certificate for one Delphin product.

# Importance.

## Why is reliability important? Aims for manufacturers.

- Reduce early and spontaneous failures
- Optimize fault during and after the warranty period
- Avoid recalling of products
- Planned obsolescence
- Cost optimisation
- Quality assurance



## What can be done?

- Simulation of product reliability on test stands.
- Simulation inside climate chambers or shaker stands for acceleration of the aging process.
- Lifetime testing under statical and dynamical testing conditions.



Test stand with shaker and climate chamber

## What can be done?

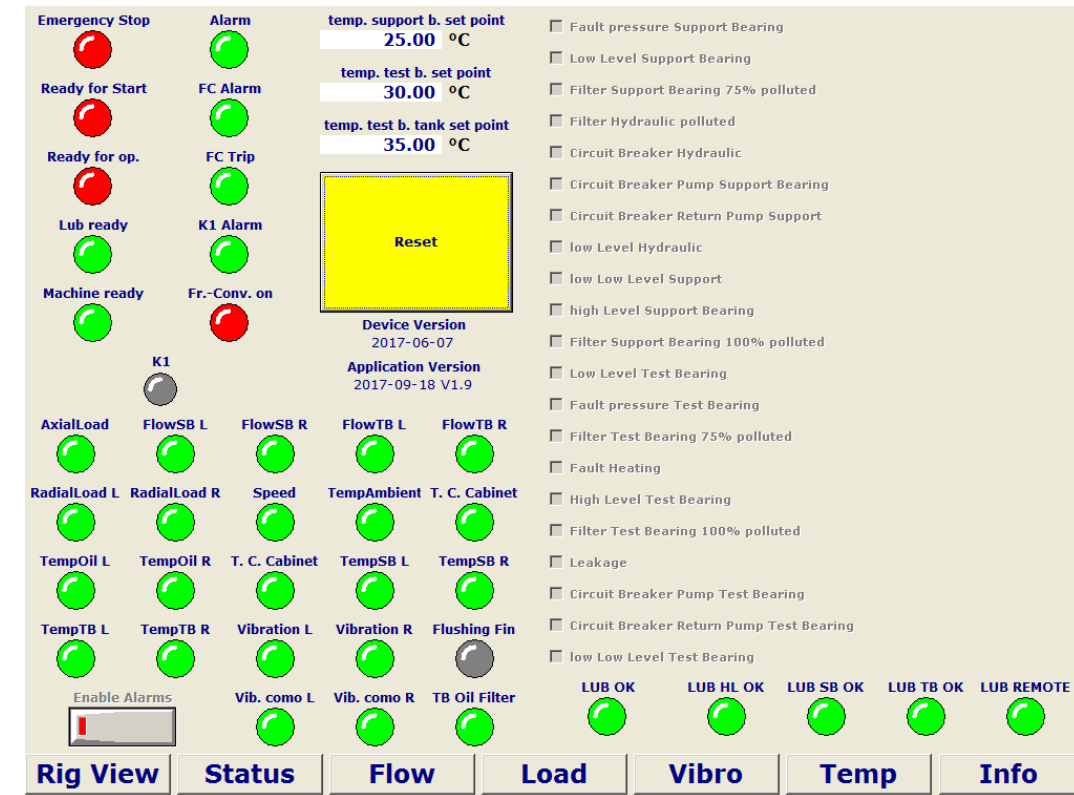
- Mixture of different testing procedures independent/dependent of different products.
- Continuous, self-sufficient and automated testing of the products with high flexibility
- Implementation of lifetime testing procedure
- Optimisation of the existing lifetime testing procedure



Control cabinet with visualisation

## High requirements need an reliable system. Why?

- Resistance against permanently changed environment conditions.
- Acquisition, analysis and documentation of multiple parameters (temperature, pressure, current, moisture, flow, vibration, etc.).
- Synchronized control of test stands with easily programmable software with stand alone interface:
  - Simultaneous adjustment, acquisition and archiving of temperature, vibration force and frequency in order to be able to act on the test specimen with different load factors.
  - Estimation of the relations between the measurement parameters.



Possible interface of observed processes and parameters



## High requirements need an reliable system. Why?

- Remote control and observations of the experiments inside the test stands.
- Distributed test stands with data collection inside one central server.
- Individual, user defined interfaces and settings on separate working places can proceed different datasets, which can be used by multiple users and for diverse analysis.



Test stand for product testing

## The initial situation

- Acquisition and recording only of the bearing temperatures during the test simulation.
- Only manual controlling of the lubrication flow and the loads.
- One central control unit for several test stands.
- No centralized database for the measurement results.



## The requirements

Endurance testing equipment for the complete refurbishment of the life test rigs for roller bearings. Full solution for several test stands is required.

- Acquisition and recording of the bearing temperatures and of bearing vibration parameters during the test simulation.
- Monitoring and controlling of the lubrication flow and the loads.
  - full automation mode
- Independent operation on the test stands.
- Centralized database for all measurement results.
  - Comparison and further analysis of the results





## The realization steps

### **Step 1:** Pre-Engineering

- The most important step to clarify the specs with the customer
- Clarification of the requirement specification
  - Determination of the scope of delivery
  - Setting the project schedule



**The Requirements Specification is absolutely necessary for such complex projects!**

# Real application example.

## The realization steps

### **Step 2:** Development of the test stand prototype

- Selection of the fitting hardware and optimum I/O structure.
- Setting the periphery and the sensors together with customer.
- Production and wiring of the test stand control cabinets.



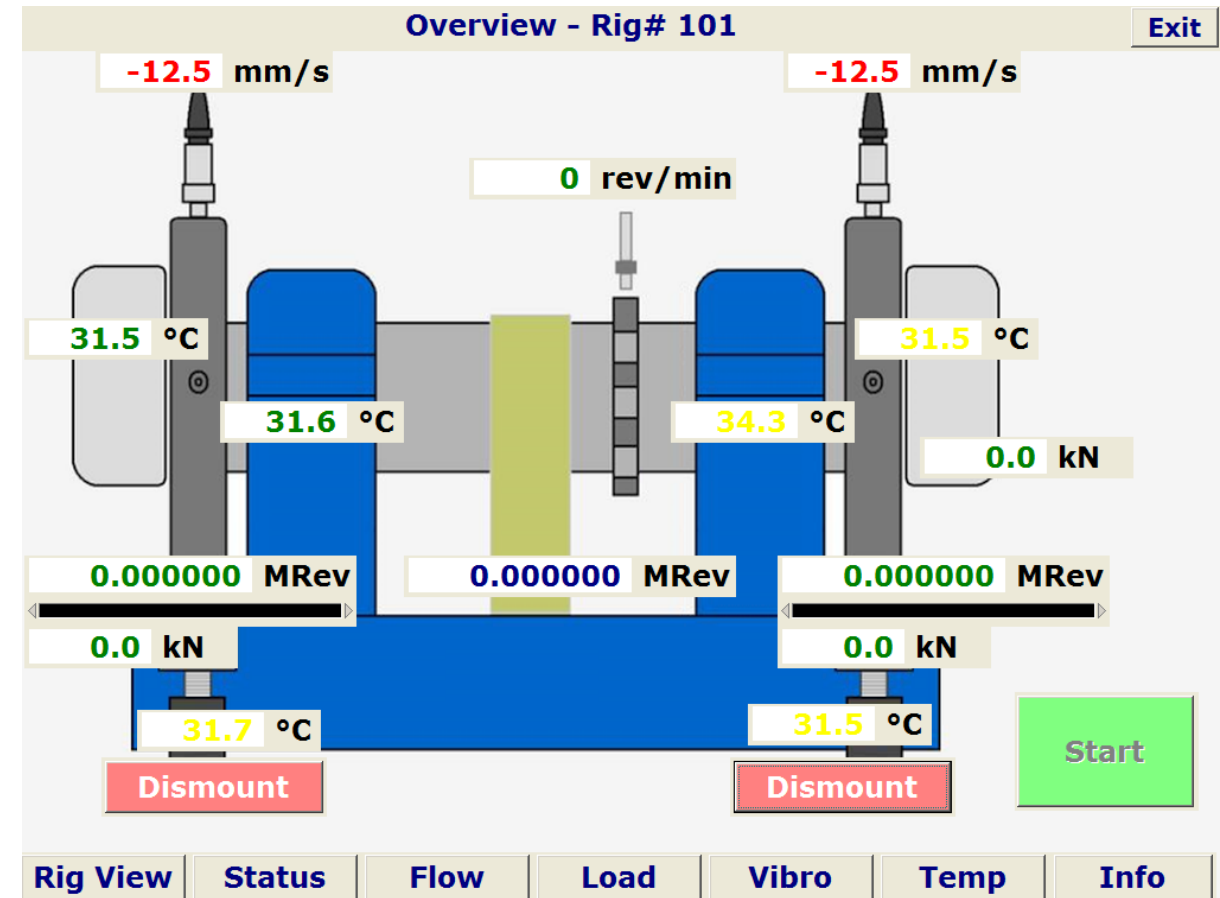
Control cabinets



## The realization steps

### Step 3: Application development

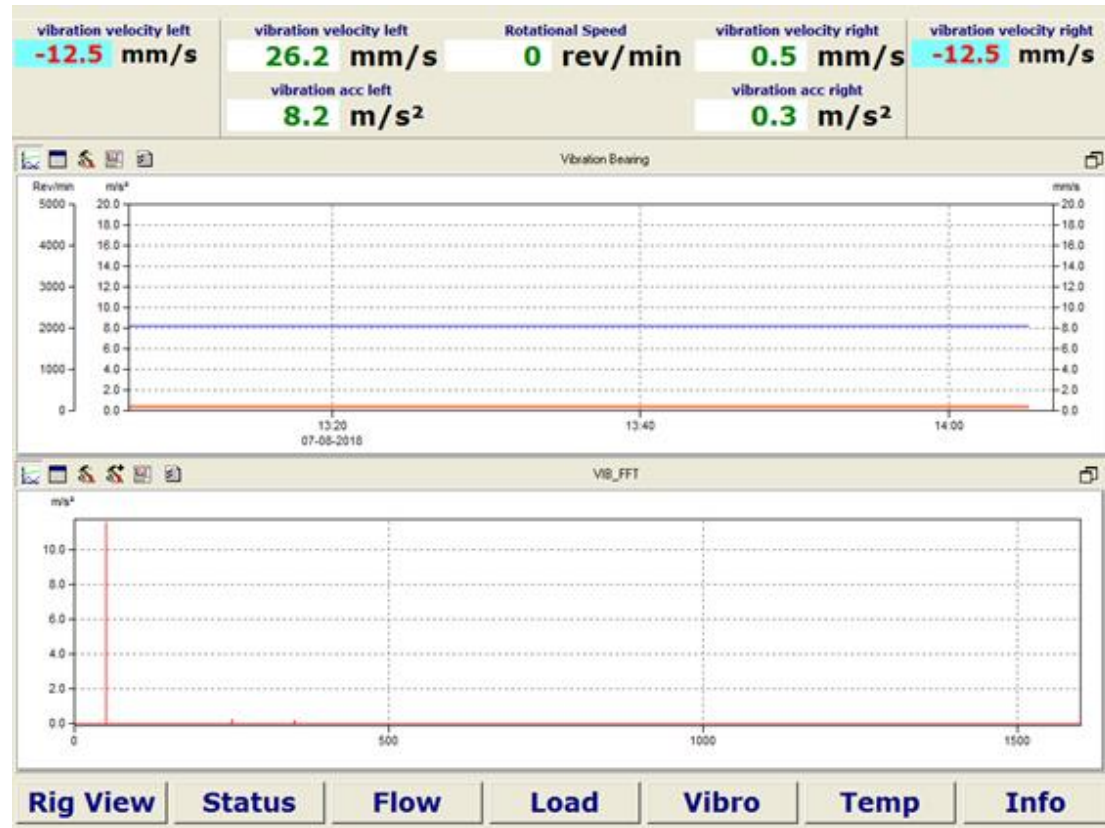
- Developing an user-friendly visualization and user interface.
- Developing the different testing modes.
- Developing the needed driver to adapt the periphery systems.





## The realization steps

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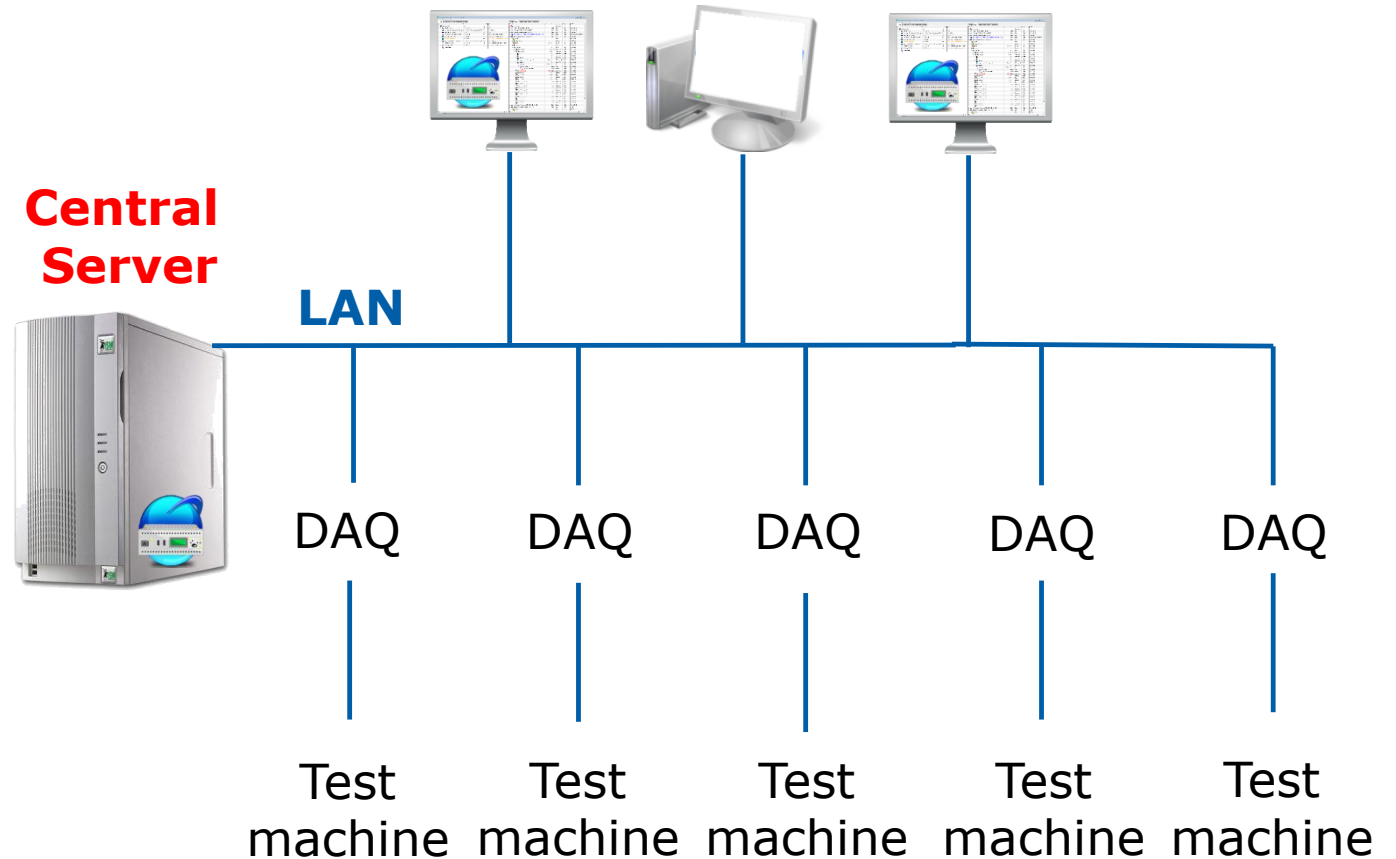
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Online trend and selected events

## The realization steps

### **Step 4:** Development of infrastructure und server solution

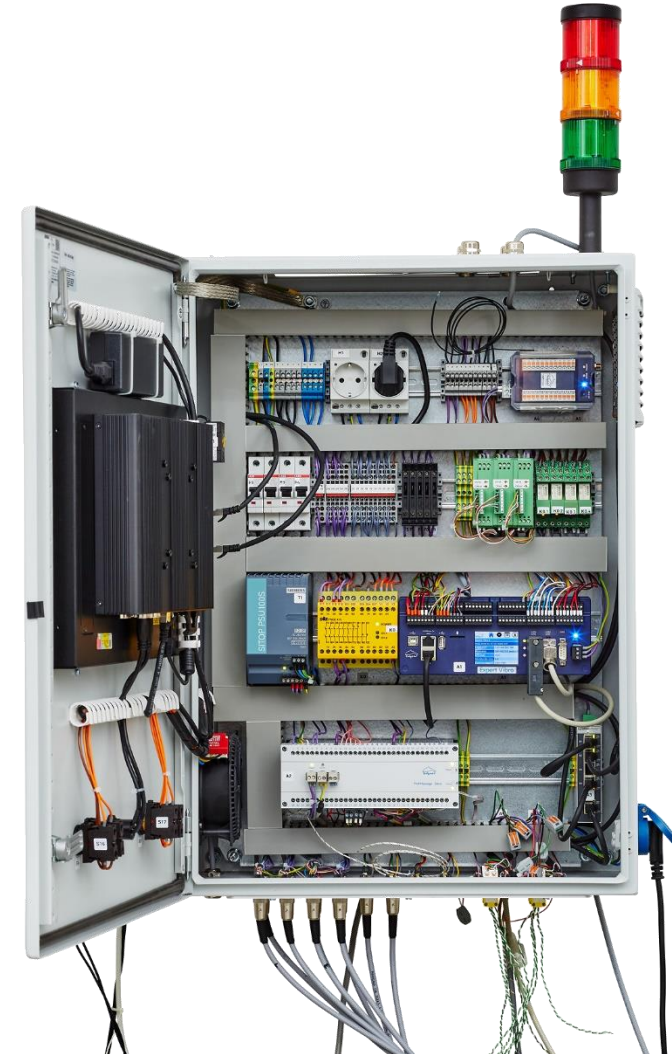
- The test stands are grouped and can work together or independent.
- One central server for the database structure and shared test conditions communicates with all test stands.



## The realization steps

### **Step 5:** Commissioning on site

- Intensive training for the operators.
- Testing phase to gather experiences.
- Optimization of the standardized test stand.



Control cabinet



# Real application example.

## The result



Test stands for vibration measurements of bearings

## Customer benefits

- The complete solution with data acquisition and control system, monitoring and analysis with one central system provided by one supplier.
- Connection to different periphery systems:
  - frequency converter,
  - lubrication system,
  - special measuring equipment ...
- Centralization of all important data in one central database with a user-friendly IT infrastructure and traceable values.
- Several test stands can work independently from each other with one central server / PC or with separate PCs for the operator.

## Customer benefits

- Automatically restart after voltage breakdown, all measurement data and configuration securely stored inside a measurement unit.
- The operator doesn't need programming skills.
- The system is customized for him and easy to handle.
- Perfect constellation for further test stands and "rollout" (copy & paste).
- From pre-engineering till commissioning, training and service in one.



## Conclusion of the example

### **What is an endurance test?**

A test simulation for a product under real conditions like it is used in practice.

### **Why are they needed?**

The endurance test stands are needed to define the life time cycle of a product.

### **What is the main target of the customer?**

The maximization of the product quality and performance as well as the data acquisition for the further product development.

## Further typical applications for reliability

- Test stands for long-term testing
- Standards-compatible testing
- Environmental simulation in climate chambers
  - Provision of setpoint profiles in climate chambers
- Reliability testing of relays
- Reliability testing of oven doors
- Automated testing on heating systems
- Experiments in chemical and pharmaceutical laboratories



Test stands for pumps

## Further typical applications for reliability

- Quality assurance of controllers and switches in household appliances
- Environmental and endurance testing on vehicle components
- Environmental simulation for vehicle cooling systems
- Endurance testing of oven doors
- Service life testing for window winders
- Hob and hot plate testing
- Service life testing for fan motors



Test stands

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