INTRODUCTION

Tribology is the science dedicated to the study of surfaces that interact in relative motion, and includes the study and application of the principles of friction, lubrication and wear. A tribology coach consists of surfaces of two components that move in contact with each other and with their environment.

Friction is the force that resists the relative movement of two solid surfaces sliding against each other. The resulting friction forces depend on the normal force and the friction coefficients of the solid surface.

Tribology is present in virtually all aspects of the machinery, engines and components of the industry in general. The most common tribological components are: Bearings, brakes and clutches, seals, piston rings and gears, cams, etc. Is crucial for modern machinery that uses rolling and/or sliding surfaces.
MEMT-UB. Drive Unit for Tribological Tests

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MEMT-1. Radial Pressure Distribution in a Journal Bearing

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Diagram of the Base Unit with Electronic Console
The Tribology Modular Trainer “MEMT” consists of a Base Unit with Electronic Console and a series of Experimental Modules to investigate and visualize tribological phenomena.

1) MEMT-UB. Drive Unit for Tribological Tests.

This unit is common for the modules type “MEMT”.

It consists of a Base Unit and an Electronic Console:

The Base Unit consists of a drive unit formed by a DC motor with a shaft. The motor is mounted in a reduction gear, obtaining enough torque in the motor for a wide operation range. A force sensor is used to determine the moment of friction and is included in each experimental module in which it is necessary to measure that friction force.

An electronic console allows to adjust the DC motor speed with a potentiometer and the motor direction of rotation, and to show the DC motor speed and the force applied in two digital displays.

This unit allows the study of different cases of rolling and sliding friction, and the pressure distribution in a journal bearing. The comprehensive range of modules and friction pairings makes possible, among other things, to represent how the friction force is dependent of the contact surfaces except when proper lubrication is used.

The different Experimental Modules are quickly and easily mounted and connected to the base unit “MEMT-UB” thanks to quick-clamping elements.

2) Experimental Modules:

The following modules are intended for operation with the “MEMT-UB”:

- MEMT-1. Radial Pressure Distribution in a Journal Bearing.

This module allows the visualization of the radial pressure distribution in a journal bearing with hydrodynamic lubrication.

The “MEMT-1” module consists of a journal bearing with hydrodynamic lubrication, a freely moving bearing housing with 13 manometric tubes that allow to visualize the radial pressure distribution.

The journal bearing movement and the oil film can be seen through a transparent plastic bearing housing. The pressure distribution in the journal bearing is measured by 13 manometric tubes using the height of each column of liquid.

The gap width can be adjusted by the movable bearing housing with a micrometer screw.

The lubricant that enables the visualization of pressure distribution in the journal bearing is contained in a tank. The distribution of pressure on the journal bearing can be determined at different speeds, loads and bearing gap width.


This module allows to demonstrate the friction forces between several cylinders of different materials and a roller under different lubrication conditions.

The “MEMT-2” module consists of two levers that transmit a force applied by weights to a test pin to put it in contact with a disc coupled to a motor shaft that allow to demonstrate the friction forces between several friction test pins of different materials and the disc coupled to the motor shaft under different lubrication conditions.

Each test pin is made of different material and rubs against the external surface of a rotating steel disc coupled to the motor shaft under different lubrication conditions. There is a lubricant tank underneath the rotating disc.

Initially, a point contact is formed, as the wear increases it changes to a surface contact.

The speed of the rotating steel disc can be adjusted, and the test pins are loaded using two levers and a set of weights.

A force sensor measures the friction forces as a function of the pairs of friction materials, the speed of the rotating disc, the load and the lubrication conditions.

- MEMT-3. Dynamic Friction of a Pin on a Disc.

This module allows to study the friction forces between several vertical friction pins of different materials and a rotating friction disc.

The end of each vertical pin is made of a different material and rubs against the rotating steel disc. The speed of the rotating disc can be adjusted. The contact pressure between the vertical pin and the rotating disc can be adjusted with a lever and a set of weights.

The disc is enclosed in an open vessel that can be filled with different lubricants. A force sensor measures the friction forces as function of the pairs of friction materials, the speed of the rotating disc, the load and the lubrication conditions.

- MEMT-4. Rolling Friction in Wheels.

This module allows to determine the slip forces between two rotating friction discs in contact.

The slip between the discs is maintained constant by a gearbox. The pressure can be adjusted with a lever and a set of weights.

The unit includes a vessel for supplying lubricant. A force sensor measures the friction forces as a function of the load, the rotating speed and the lubricant. Several knurled screws enable to change the rotating friction discs easily.

- MEMT-5. Elastohydrodynamic Lubrication.

This module allows to investigate the thickness and characteristics of a lubricant film on a rolling sphere.

The unit consists in a steel sphere and a driven glass disc.

The sphere is pressed against the underside of the glass disc. The light from a reflected light microscope passes through the glass disc and the lubricant film at the point of contact; then, it is reflected from the surface of the sphere. The lubricant film thickness is determined visually from the colors of the interference rings produced. The microscope can be adjusted using a movable support, adjustable in x-y and has a focus adjustment. A defined pressure can be applied to the sphere. This pressure can be adjusted with a lever.

- MEMT-6. Friction Vibration.

This module allows to demonstrate the static friction, the sliding friction, the related friction vibrations and the slip-stick effects.

Several weights are placed on a horizontally rotating friction disc. It is prevented from turning by a cord. This cord is coupled to force measuring devices with a force sensor via a tension spring. An open vessel surrounds the friction disc to place different lubricants.
This unit is formed by:
- MEMT-UB. **Drive Unit for Tribological Tests.**
  
  **Base Unit:**
  - Bench-top unit.
  - Anodized aluminum frame and panels made of painted steel.
  - Diagram in the front panel with distribution of the elements similar to the real one.

  The drive unit consists of:
  - DC motor, electronically controlled:
    - Speed range: 0 – 3000 rpm.
    - Operating speed: 0 – 250 rpm.
    - Torque: 19 Nm approx.
    - Worm gear: i=14.66.

  **Electronic Console:**
  - Force sensor connection.
  - ON/OFF controller for the motor.
  - Selector of the direction of rotation of the motor.
  - Motor speed controller.
  - Digital display for the motor speed.
  - Digital display for the force sensor.

**Experimental modules:**
- MEMT-1. **Radial Pressure Distribution in a Journal Bearing.**
  
  It requires the Base Unit with Electronic Console “MEMT-UB” for operation.

  All elements of this module are mounted on a base plate to be mounted and connected to the Base Unit (MEMT-UB).

  Anodized aluminum frame and panels made of painted steel.
  - Diagram in the front panel with distribution of the elements similar to the real one.

  **Journal bearing:**
  - Material: stainless steel.
  - Diameter: 50 mm.
  - Length: 50 mm approx.
  - Operating speed: 0 – 250 rpm.

  **Bearing housing:**
  - Material: transparent methacrylate.
  - Diameter: 52.5 mm.
  - 13 measuring points around the circumference of the bearing housing.
  - Movable bearing housing by means of micrometer screw.

  **Micrometer screw:**
  - Adjustable bearing gap, range: 0 – 2.5 mm.
  - Graduations: 0.01 mm.
  - 13 tube manometers to indicate the radial pressure distribution in the journal bearing:
    - Length: 1000 mm.
    - Lubricant vessel.
    - Thickness gauge to measure the width gap.
- **MEMT-2. Dynamic Friction of a Cylinder on a Roller.**

It requires the Base Unit with Electronic Console “MEMT-UB” for operation.

All elements of this module are mounted on a base plate to be mounted and connected to the Base Unit (MEMT-UB).

Anodized aluminum frame and panels made of painted steel.

Diagram in the front panel with distribution of the elements similar to the real one.

Two levers:
- Material: stainless Steel.
- Load: 2.5 Kg max. approx.

Rotating friction disc:
- Material: Tempered steel.
- Diameter: 47 mm approx.
- Adjustable operating speed, range: 0 – 0.5 m/s.
- There is a lubricant vessel underneath the rotating disc to vary the lubrication conditions.

Friction pins:
- Material: Six steel cylindrical test pieces, six aluminum cylindrical test pieces and six brass cylindrical test pieces.
- Diameter: 13 mm.
- Length: 25 mm.

Force sensor to measure the friction forces on the levers joint, range: 0 – 50 Kg.

The pressure adjustment is performed using a two lever system and the set of weights.

Set of weights:
- Material: Stainless steel.
  - 2 x 1000 g.
  - 1 x 500 g.

Chronometer.

- **MEMT-3. Dynamic Friction of a Pin on a Disc.**

It requires the Base Unit with Electronic Console “MEMT-UB” for operation.

All elements of this module are mounted on a base plate to be mounted and connected to the Base Unit (MEMT-UB).

Anodized aluminum frame and panels made of painted steel.

Diagram in the front panel with distribution of the elements similar to the real one.

Rotating friction disc:
- Material: Hardened and ground stainless steel.
- Adjustable operating speed, range: 0 – 0.5 m/s.
- The disc is enclosed in an open vessel that can be filled with different lubricants to vary the lubrication conditions.

Three friction pins:
- Material: steel, aluminum and brass.
- Diameter: 4 mm.

Force sensor to measure the friction forces in the bearing point of the loading mechanism. This force is measured by a force sensor, range: 0 – 50 N.

Set of weights:
- Material: Stainless steel.
  - 3 x 20 N.
  - 2 x 10 N.
  - 2 x 5 N.
- It includes a weight holder.

The pressure adjustment is performed using a lever and the set of weights.
MEMT-4. Rolling Friction in Wheels.

It requires the Base Unit with Electronic Console “MEMT-UB” for operation. All elements of this module are mounted on a base plate to be mounted and connected to the Base Unit (MEMT-UB).

Anodized aluminum frame and panels made of painted steel. Diagram in the front panel with distribution of the elements similar to the real one.

Two rotating friction discs:
  - Material: aluminum/rubber.
  - Diameter: 55 mm approx.

Gearbox to maintain constant the slip between the rotating discs. Vessel for supplying lubricant to vary the lubrication conditions.

Set of weights:
  - Material: stainless steel.
    - 1 x 20 N.
    - 1 x 10 N.
    - 2 x 5 N.

It includes a weight holder.

The pressure adjustment is performed using a lever with a mechanical advantage of 2:1 and a set of weights. The contact pressure can be adjusted up to max. 90 N. Force sensor to measure the friction forces, range: 0 – 50 N.

MEMT-5. Elastohydrodynamic Lubrication.

It requires the Base Unit with Electronic Console “MEMT-UB” for operation. All elements of this module are mounted on a base plate to be mounted and connected to the Base Unit (MEMT-UB).

Anodized aluminum frame and panels made of painted steel. Diagram in the front panel with distribution of the elements similar to the real one.

Rolling sphere:
  - Material: polished and hardened stainless steel.
  - Diameter: 26 mm approx.

Driven glass disc:
  - Diameter: 160 mm approx.
  - Coating: BK-7 dielectric.

Microscope:
  - Magnification: 50 X.

It can be adjusted using a movable support, adjustable in x-y and has a focus adjustment.

Force sensor, range: 0 – 50 N.

MEMT-6. Friction Vibration.

It requires the Base Unit with Electronic Console “MEMT-UB” for operation. All elements of this module are mounted on a base plate to be mounted and connected to the Base Unit (MEMT-UB).

Anodized aluminum frame and panels made of painted steel. Diagram in the front panel with distribution of the elements similar to the real one.

Friction ring:
  - Material: Stainless steel.
  - Outside diameter: 85 mm approx.
  - Inside diameter: 65 mm approx.
  - Adjustable operating speed, range: 0 – 0.8 m/s.

The disc is enclosed in an open vessel that can be filled with different lubricants.

Set of weights to load on the friction disc:
  - Material: Stainless steel.
    - 4 x 10 N.
    - 2 x 5 N.

Force sensor to measure the friction forces. This force is measured by a force sensor, range: 0 – 50 N.

A cord is coupled to force measuring devices with the via a tension spring.
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- Electrical supply: single-phase, 220 V/50 Hz or 110 V/60 Hz.

### Dimensions and Weights

#### MEMT-UB:
- **Base unit:**
  - Dimensions: 550 x 500 x 280 mm approx.
  - Weight: 12 Kg approx.
- **Electronic Console:**
  - Dimensions: 300 x 190 x 130 mm approx.
  - Weight: 3 Kg approx.

#### MEMT-1:
- Dimensions: 350 x 150 x 500 mm approx.
- Weight: 9 Kg approx.

#### MEMT-2:
- Dimensions: 600 x 180 x 200 mm approx.
- Weight: 9 Kg approx.

#### MEMT-3:
- Dimensions: 400 x 450 x 230 mm approx.
- Weight: 8 Kg approx.

#### MEMT-4:
- Dimensions: 500 x 280 x 150 mm approx.
- Weight: 11 Kg approx.

#### MEMT-5:
- Dimensions: 350 x 250 x 600 mm approx.
- Weight: 12 Kg approx.

#### MEMT-6:
- Dimensions: 400 x 100 x 190 mm approx.
- Weight: 8 Kg approx.

### Recommended Accessories (Not included)

- Hydraulic oil: 80w90.
MEMT/ICAI. Interactive Computer Aided Instruction Software System:

With no physical connection between unit and computer, this complete software package consists of an Instructor Software (EDIBON Classroom Manager -ECM-SOF) totally integrated with the Student Software (EDIBON Student Labsoft -ESL-SOF). Both are interconnected so that the teacher knows at any moment what is the theoretical and practical knowledge of the students.

- ECM-SOF. EDIBON Classroom Manager (Instructor Software).

ECM-SOF is the application that allows the Instructor to register students, manage and assign tasks for workgroups, create own content to carry out Practical Exercises, choose one of the evaluation methods to check the Student knowledge and monitor the progression related to the planned tasks for individual students, workgroups, units, etc... so the teacher can know in real time the level of understanding of any student in the classroom.

Innovative features:

• User Data Base Management.
• Administration and assignment of Workgroup, Task and Training sessions.
• Creation and Integration of Practical Exercises and Multimedia Resources.
• Custom Design of Evaluation Methods.
• Creation and assignment of Formulas & Equations.
• Equation System Solver Engine.
• Updatable Contents.
• Report generation, User Progression Monitoring and Statistics.

ECM-SOF. EDIBON Classroom Manager (Instructor Software) Application Main Screen

ECAL. EDIBON Calculations Program Package - Formula Editor Screen

ETTE. EDIBON Training Test & Exam Program Package - Main Screen with Numeric Result Question

ERS. EDIBON Results & Statistics Program Package - Student Scores Histogram
- ESL-SOF. EDIBON Student Labsoft (Student Software).

ESL-SOF is the application addressed to the Students that helps them to understand theoretical concepts by means of practical exercises and to prove their knowledge and progression by performing tests and calculations in addition to Multimedia Resources. Default planned tasks and an Open workgroup are provided by EDIBON to allow the students start working from the first session. Reports and statistics are available to know their progression at any time, as well as explanations for every exercise to reinforce the theoretically acquired technical knowledge.

Innovative features:

• Student Log-In & Self-Registration.
• Existing Tasks checking & Monitoring.
• Default contents & scheduled tasks available to be used from the first session.
• Practical Exercises accomplishment by following the Manual provided by EDIBON.
• Evaluation Methods to prove your knowledge and progression.
• Test self-correction.
• Calculations computing and plotting.
• Equation System Solver Engine.
• User Monitoring Learning & Printable Reports.
• Multimedia-Supported auxiliary resources.

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