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ABSTRACT

This thesis presents the effect of mechanical vibration on kinetic friction between certain metals. Tests were carried out in which 3/4 in. diameter brass slider was rubbing on a 6 in. diameter steel ring. The brass slider was vibrated by a vibrator at a frequency range from 700 to 2500 c/s. The three different directions of vibration were as follows.

- (1) The direction of vibration of the slider perpendicular to the sliding surface in a plane at right angles.
- (2) The direction of vibration of the slider parallel to the sliding surface.
- (3) The direction of vibration of the slider perpendicular to the direction of sliding in the same plane.

Considerable reductions of frictional force at low linear speeds in the order of 0 to 300 ft/min were observed.

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### LIST OF SYMBOLS

A,a .....	Area
e .....	Base of natural logarithm
F .....	Force
k .....	Linear spring stiffness
m .....	Mass
P .....	Deformation
S .....	Shear force
t .....	Time
V .....	Voltage
v .....	Velocity
w .....	Angular frequency
w <sub>n</sub> .....	Natural frequency
W .....	Load
X,x,Y,y .....	Rectangular coordinate
x .....	Rectilinear velocity
$\ddot{x}$ .....	Rectilinear acceleration
$\mu$ .....	Coefficient of friction
$\mu_s$ .....	Static coefficient of friction
$\mu_k$ .....	Kinetic coefficient of friction
$\Omega$ .....	Ohm
$\alpha$ .....	A constant

ABBREVIATIONS

cm .....	Centimetre
c/s .....	Cycle per second
ft/min .....	Foot per minute
in. .....	Inch
lb .....	Pound
rev/min .....	Revolution per minute