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About the Handbook

This handbook shares author’s long experience on the subject and focuses on the improvements needed in the design process with the sole objective of making practising engineers to have better perspective of the dynamics of machine foundation system.

The handbook covers basic fundamentals necessary for understanding and evaluating dynamic response of machine foundation system. It is anticipated that this handbook shall serve as a Reference Book for several industry segments like power, petrochemical, refineries, sugar, steel, cement, textile, fertilizer, etc.

The handbook provides basic methodology for design of foundation for Rotary, Reciprocating & Impact Machines and also covers Vibration Isolation System.

Four chapters of the handbook are exclusively dedicated to cover detailed design of real life Rotary Machines, Reciprocating Machines (both Block and Frame foundations), Impact Machines as well as design of Vibration Isolation system.

In addition a chapter has been exclusively provided to cover case studies and feedback.

The author is confident that it shall bridge the knowledge gap and shall be beneficial to practising engineers, students, academicians, researchers as well to the industry in general.

Global Sales (1st edition – about 30 countries): India, USA, Uruguay, Canada, Italy, Australia, Turkey, Russia, Japan, Singapore, Nigeria, UK, Bulgaria, Hungary, Pakistan, Oman, Spain, Sudan, Thailand, Brazil, Peru, Taiwan, UAE, Mexico, South Korea, Argentina, Ireland, Saudi Arabia,……..

Highlights of the 2nd Edition

This 2nd edition is based on the feedback from the practising Engineers during various training programs conducted by the author. The additions and modifications made in the 2nd edition are broadly as under:

• A chapter has been added on Foundation design for R & M Projects. Design guidelines for upgrading existing foundations have been addressed.

• Additional machine and foundation parameters, which significantly influence machine response, have been included.

• Many more detailed design examples of real life machines have been added for the benefit of the practising engineers.

• While using standard structural analysis packages for machine foundation designs, difficulties experienced by designers have been duly addressed in modeling and analysis chapter.

• Handbook has been made more user friendly by removing Mathematical Derivations from analytical chapters and appending the same at the end of the book as Appendix.

It is anticipated that this 2nd edition shall bridge the knowledge gaps and shall place practising engineers in a comfortable position with regard to designs of machine foundations.

In the 2nd edition, the text is divided in to 6 parts.
Part I takes care of Theoretical Aspects
An overview providing basic familiarization with the subject is covered in Chapter 1. Necessary understanding of Theory of Vibration with specific application to machine foundation design is included in Chapter 2 and Chapter 3. Chapter 4 caters to Basic Theory of Vibration Isolation.

Part II caters to Design Parameters
Chapter 5 provides reasonable coverage to Soil Dynamics and evaluation of Design Soil Parameters as applied to Machine Foundation Design. Desired emphasis has been given to Design Machine Parameters. Translation of Machine Data to Design Data is given in Chapter 6.

Chapter 7 is attributed to Design Foundation Parameters. It covers all those aspects related to foundation that play vital role in computing Dynamic Response.

Part III deals with design of Foundations for Real Life Machines.
Chapter 8 is devoted to Modeling and analysis including Finite Element Analysis. All possible aspects of modeling related to design of foundation have adequately been covered.

Chapter 9, 10 & 11 cover Design of Foundation for real life Machines. Block Foundations are addressed in Chapter 9; Frame Foundations in Chapter 10 and Foundations for Impact Type Machines are addressed in Chapter 11.

Part IV caters to Design of Foundations with Vibration Isolation System
A good amount of emphasis is given to Vibration Isolation of the Foundations. Design of Foundations with Isolation Devices is covered in Chapter 12.

Part V caters to Foundations for R & M Projects
Unlike new projects, R & M projects pose many limitations to the designers. Reasonable coverage is provided to cater to the situations of installing new machines on existing foundations, use of Vibration Isolation for the design of foundations etc. A few real life designs of foundations are covered in Chapter 13.

Part VI caters to Construction Aspects and Case Studies related to machine foundation. Construction Aspects are covered in Chapter 14 and Case studies and observations are given in Chapter 15.