

Is a Newton Always a Newton?

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Agenda

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Introduction: Why is metrological traceability important?



Processes are defined by values such as

- Temperature
- Time
- Pressure
- Masses
- Voltage
- Current
- Force
- Torque

A reliable production requires defined production parameters of the quantities

Introduction: Why is metrological traceability important?



- Development Center
- Production facilities

If we want to have the same quality in every production facility, we need to have the same understanding of a certain quantity. For force: The same understanding of a Newton!

=> Definition of the Newton

National Metrology Institutes (NMI)

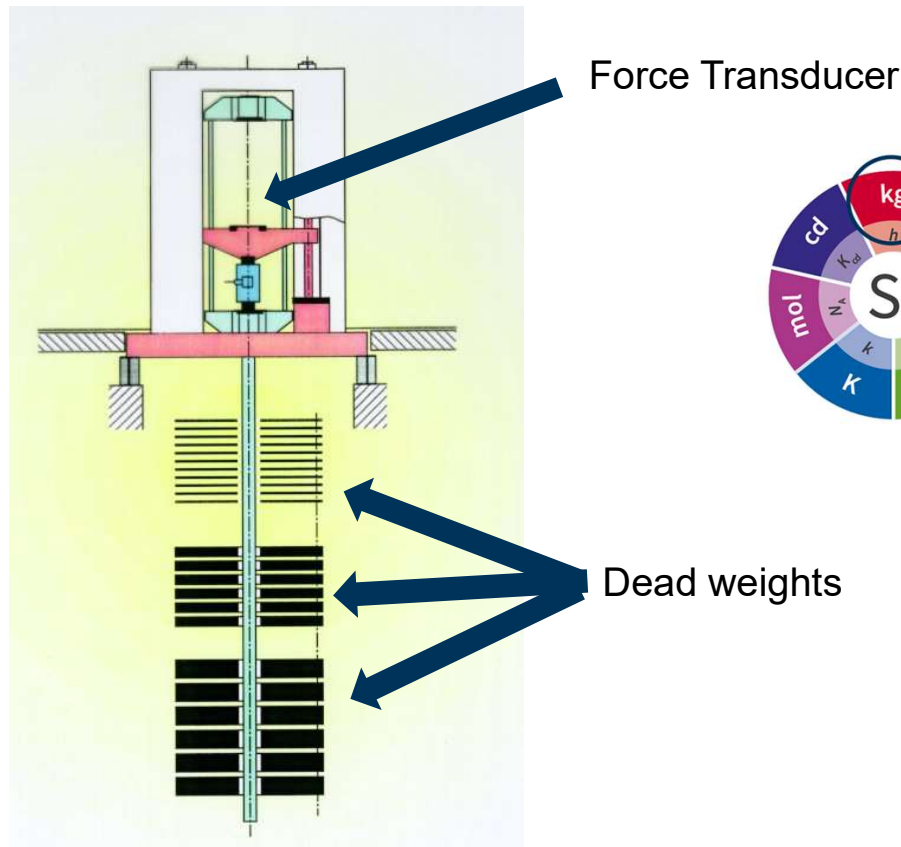
The National institutes define the Newton (and many other units).

- Germany: PTB (Physikalisch Technische Bundesanstalt)
- Korea: *KRISs* (Korea Research Institute of Standards and Science)
- USA: *NIST* (National Institute of Standards and Technology)
- Italy: *INRiM* (Istituto Nazionale di Ricerca Metrologica)
- UK *NPL* (National Physical Laboratory)



National Metrology Institutes (NMI)

Dead load force calibration machine



$$F = m \cdot g \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\rho_{air}}{\rho_m} \right)$$

Mass of the
dead weights

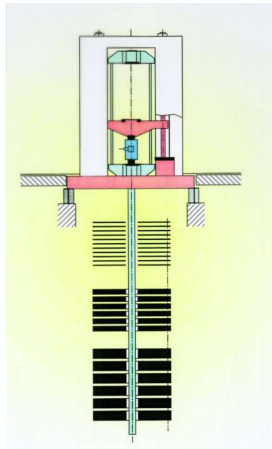
local
gravitational
acceleration

Typical uncertainty: $2 * 10E-5$
= 0.002 %

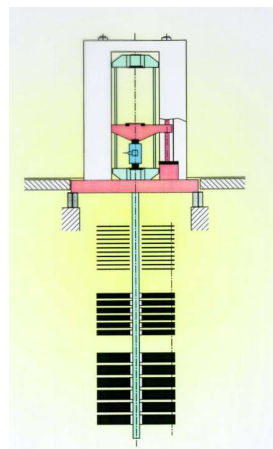
Relative to the force measured; For k=2

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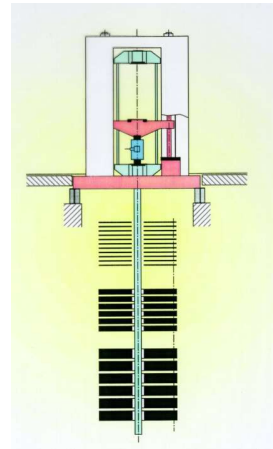
The NMI's compare the results of their calibration machines on a regularly base by using the same sensor in each institute



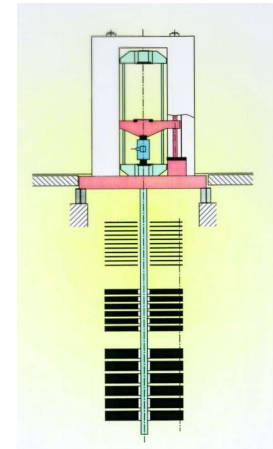
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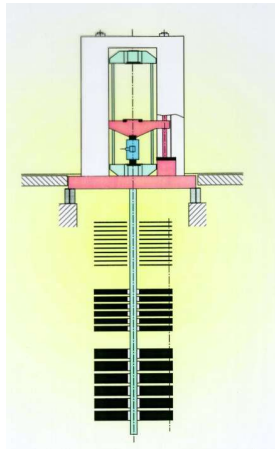
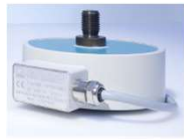


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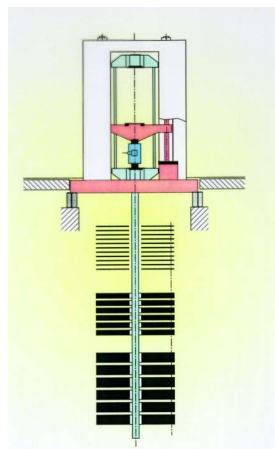


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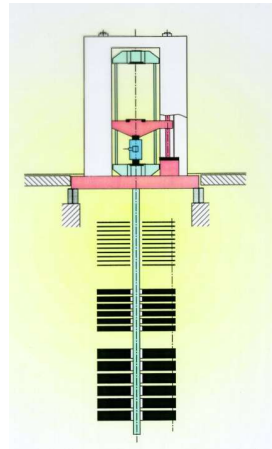
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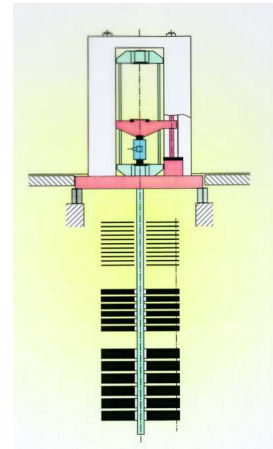
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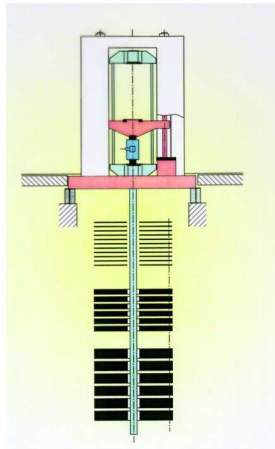
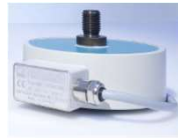


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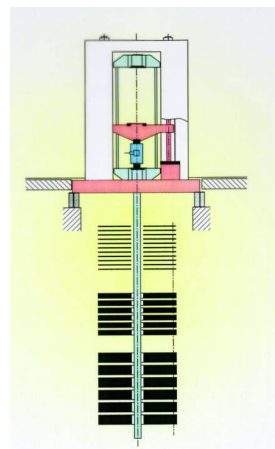


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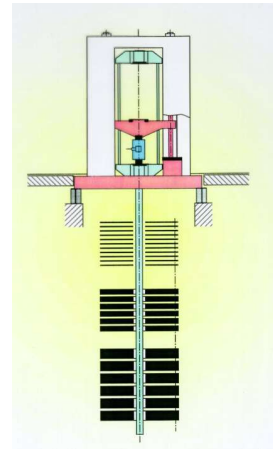
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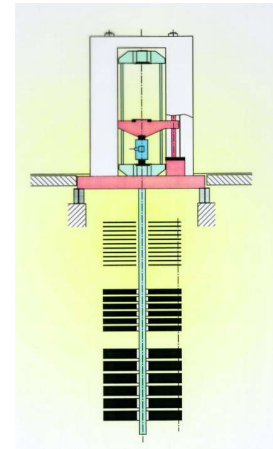
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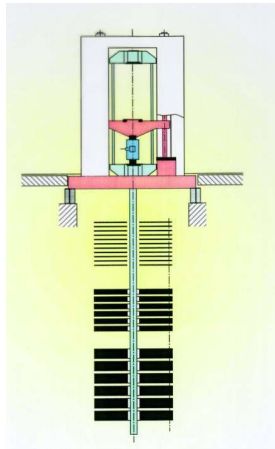


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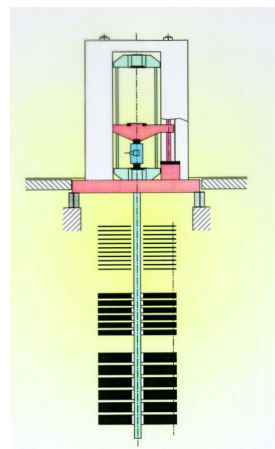


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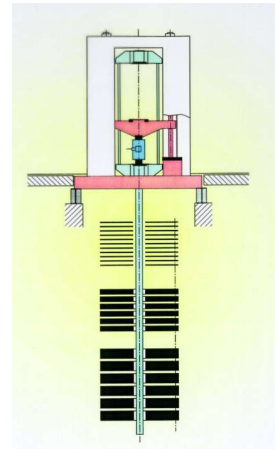
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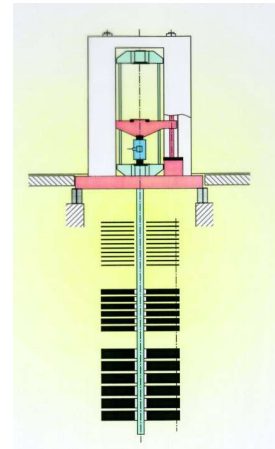
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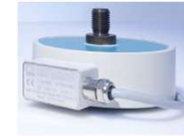
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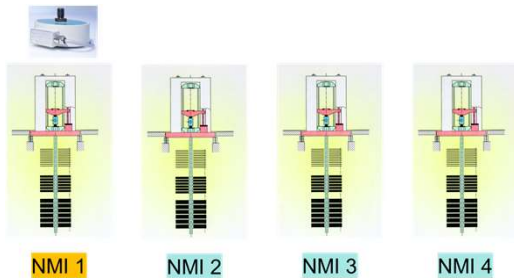
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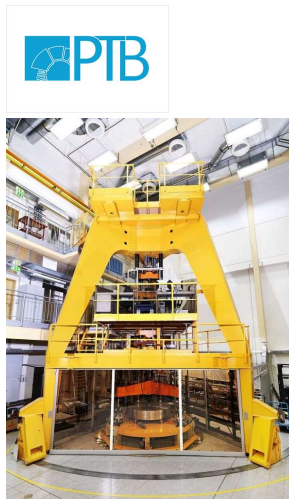
National Metrology Institutes (NMI)



Result:

- All institutes have the same understanding of a Newton in a certain measurement range.
- The uncertainty of the calibration machines is known
- The Newton is the same around the world

Next step: Transfer measurements between the national institute and the calibration labs such as HBK.
How? Same method! Comparison by using a high end reference sensor



After this procedure:

- The Newton at HBK is the Newton of the PTB
- We know the uncertainty of the HBK calibration machine



Calibration of your load cells

What does traceable calibration mean?

Having an unbroken chain of calibrations with known uncertainties from the national standard to the sensor in use



Calibration of your load cells

Why perform a calibration for the load cells?

- Make sure that the readings are right
- Fulfill the requirements of the quality department or your customers
- Increase the accuracy of your measurements



Calibration of your load cells

Method one:

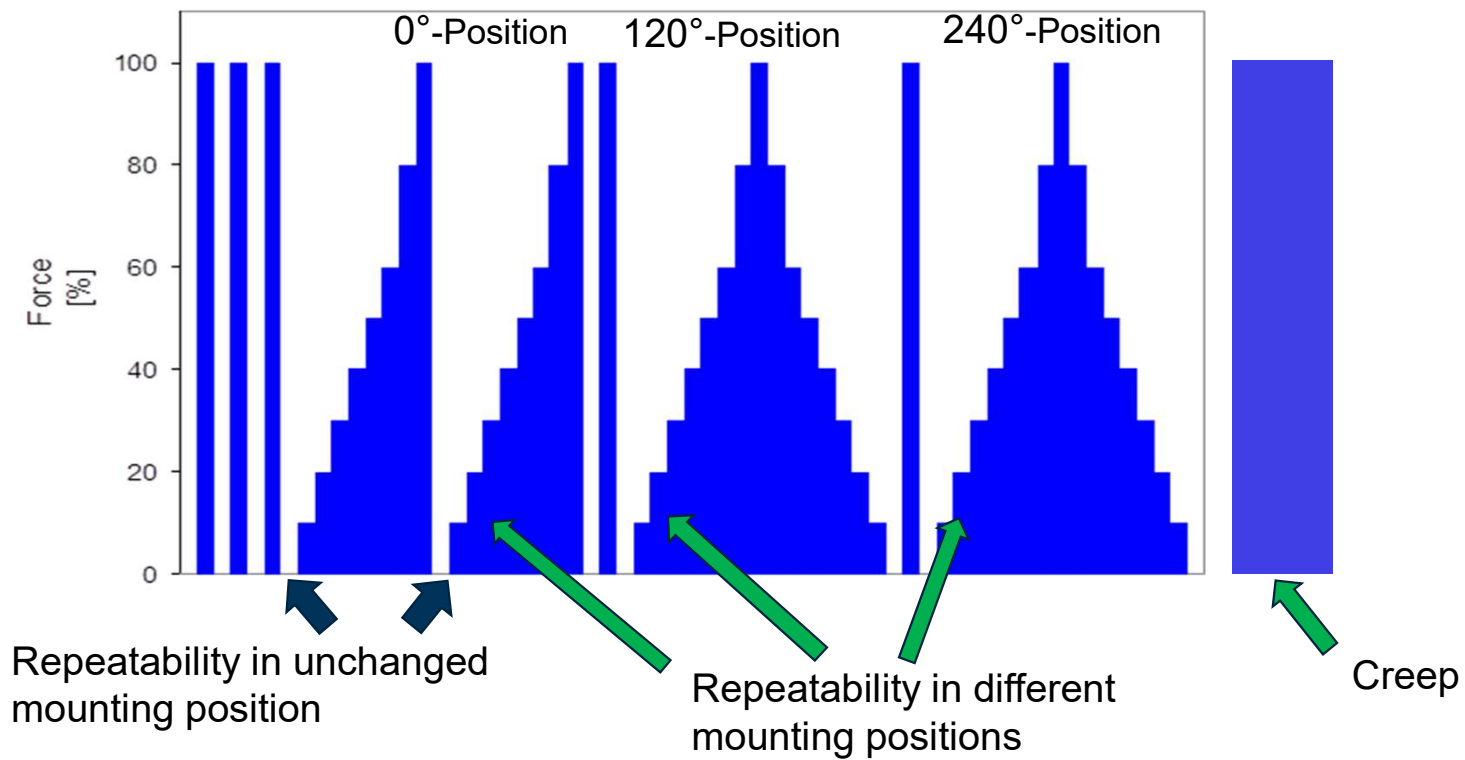
Send your load cells for calibration to a accredited laboratory (such as HBK)

- Precise Calibration results
- Measurement uncertainty given in the calibration certificate
- Calibration certificates fulfil the requirements of the relevant quality standards
- Sensor must be dismantled

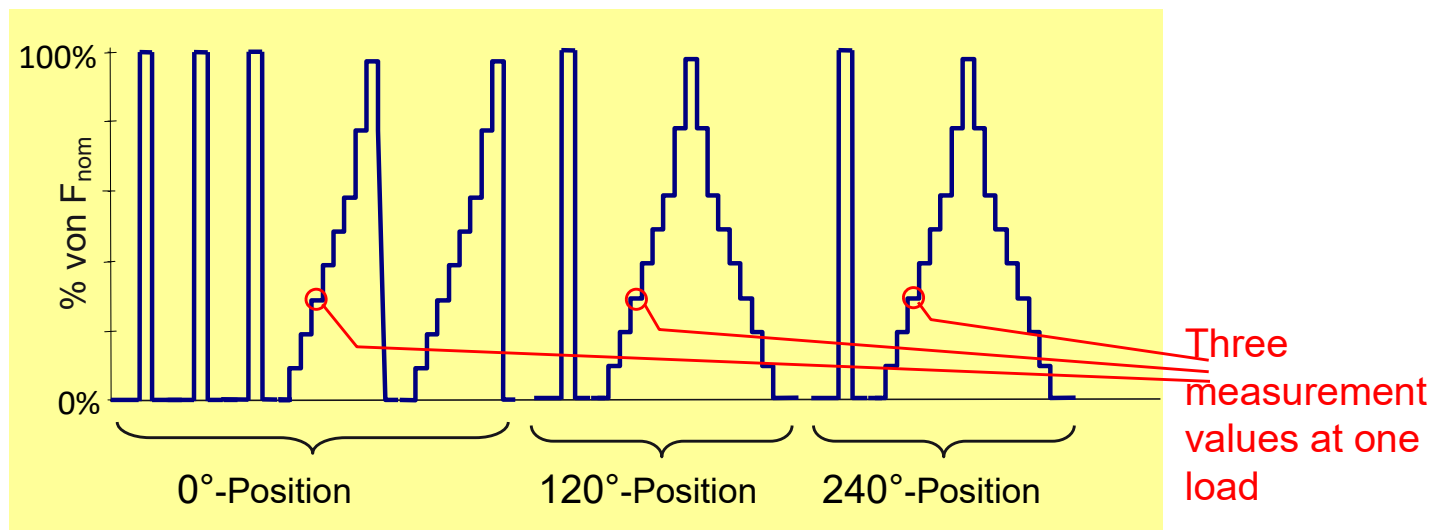
Force	Best measurement capability	
	tension	compression
2.5 N – 200 N	0.008 %	0.005 %
50 N – 2.5 kN	0.008 %	0.005 %
500 N – 25 kN	0.008 %	0.005 %
5 kN – 240 kN	0.01 %	0.01 %
50 kN – 1MN	0.02 % (500 kN)	0.01 %
100 kN – 5 MN	0.02 %	0.02 %

Calibration of your load cells: ISO376

Calibration according the ISO standard

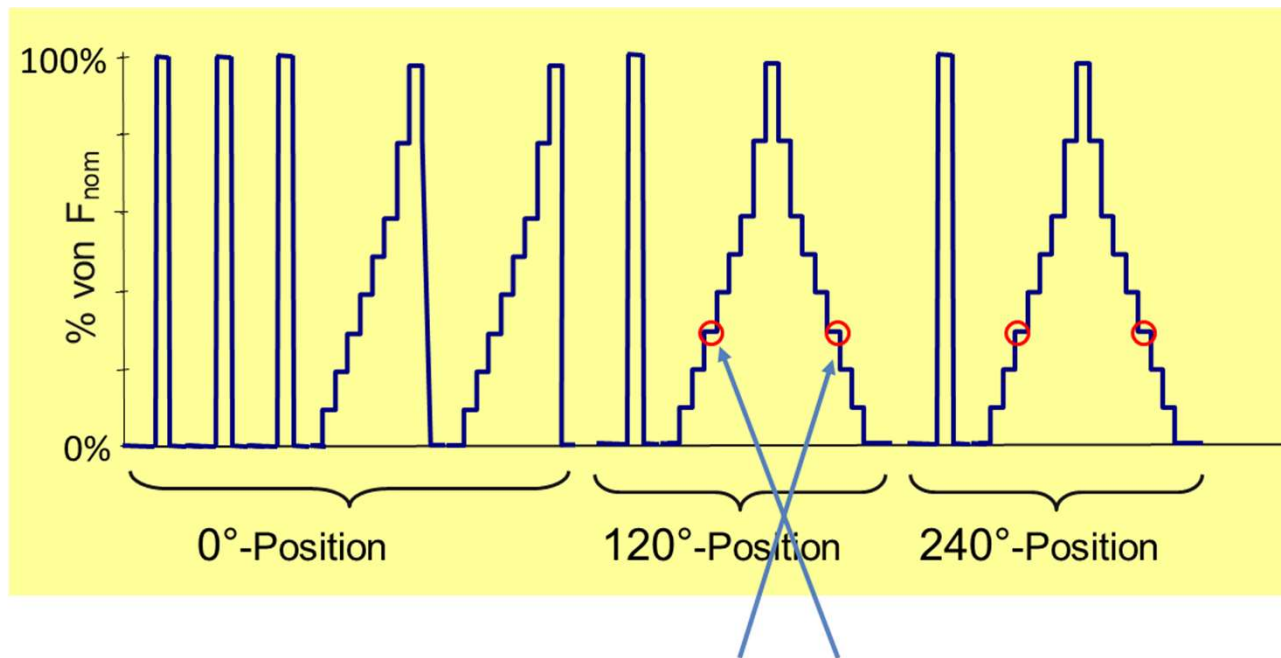


Calibration of your load cells: ISO376



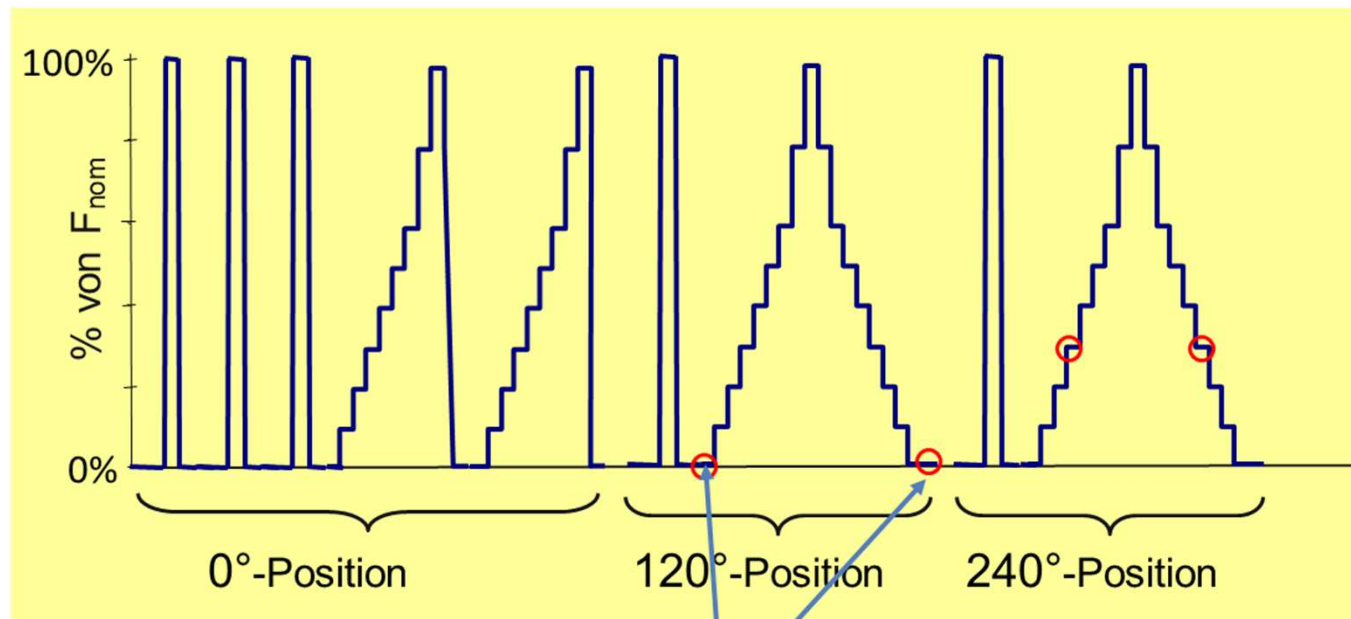
$$b_{30\%} = X_{30\%,max} - X_{30\%,min}$$

Calibration of your load cells: ISO376



$$v = \left| \frac{X_4 - X_3}{X_3} \right|$$

Calibration of your load cells: ISO376



$$f_0 = \frac{i_f - i_0}{X_N}$$

Calibration of your load cells: ISO376

Class	Relative error of the force-proving instrument						Expanded uncertainty of applied calibration force (95 % level of confidence) %
	%						
	of reproducibility <i>b</i>	of repeatability <i>b'</i>	of interpolation <i>f_c</i>	of zero <i>f₀</i>	of reversibility <i>v</i>	of creep <i>c</i>	
00	0,05	0,025	±0,025	±0,012	0,07	0,025	±0,01
0,5	0,10	0,05	±0,05	±0,025	0,15	0,05	±0,02
1	0,20	0,10	±0,10	±0,050	0,30	0,10	±0,05
2	0,40	0,20	±0,20	±0,10	0,50	0,20	±0,10

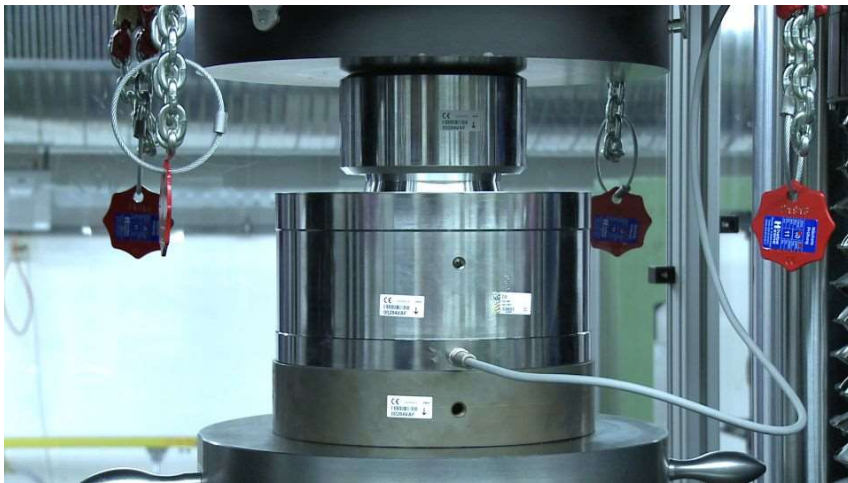
Classification of a load cell according ISO376

- Different characteristics are calculated
- The maximum measurement uncertainty of every single property defines the accuracy class All results are relative to the actual measurement value
- This is not a (HBM)-accuracy class

Calibration of your load cells: ISO376

Results of an ISO376 calibration:

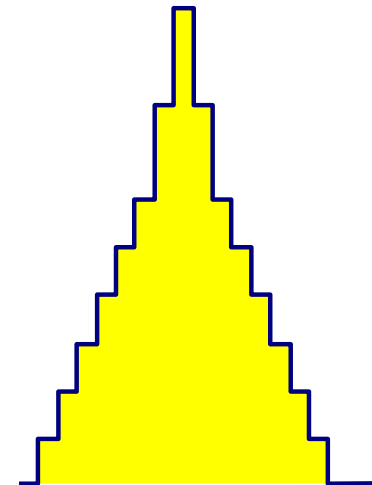
- Sensitivity at different load steps
- Cubic approximation of the sensitivity
- Uncertainty of the load cell for different use cases



	Case A	Case B	Case C	Case D
Reproducibility	✓	✓	✓	✓
Repeatability	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zero error	✓	✓	✓	✓
Applied calibration force	✓	✓	✓	✓
Interpolation error			✓	✓
Reversibility		✓		✓
Creep	✓		✓	

Calibration of your load cells: DKD R3-3

- Only one test run
- Statistical calculation of repeatability in different mounting positions
- Minimum 6 Load steps
- Fulfills requirements of ISO 9001
- Uncertainty for each load step
- Economical solution



Calibration of your load cells

	ISO 376	Data Sheet
Repeatability	yes	yes (typical)
Reproducibility	yes	yes (typical)
Hysteresis	yes	yes (maximum)
Interpolation error	yes	no
Linearity error	no	yes (maximum)
Uncertainty of calibration machine	yes	no
Creep	yes	yes (maximum)
Temperature effect on zero	no	yes (maximum)
Temperature effect on sensitivity	no	yes (maximum)
Influence of bending moment	no	yes (maximum)



Calibration certificate:

Calculated uncertainties for $k = 2$

Data Sheet:



Rectangular distribution for all technical characteristics

Exception: Repeatability (Typical value)

Complete uncertainty calculation:

- Uncertainty stated in the calibration certificate
- Influences from the surrounding such as temperature, bending moments, ..

Calibration of your load cells: Calibration in mounting position



Machine with a load cell



Parameter	Value	Unit	Uncertainty	Standard
Force	1000	N	±0.05	EN ISO 17025
Temperature	20	°C	±0.1	EN ISO 17025
Humidity	50	%	±1	EN ISO 17025
Pressure	1013	hPa	±0.1	EN ISO 17025
Acceleration	0	m/s²	±0.01	EN ISO 17025
Vibration	0	m/s²	±0.01	EN ISO 17025
Electromagnetic Interference	0	V/m	±0.1	EN ISO 17025
Static Load	1000	N	±0.05	EN ISO 17025
Dynamic Load	1000	N	±0.05	EN ISO 17025
Temperature Drift	0.01	N/°C	±0.001	EN ISO 17025
Humidity Drift	0.01	N/%	±0.001	EN ISO 17025
Pressure Drift	0.01	N/hPa	±0.001	EN ISO 17025
Acceleration Drift	0.01	N/m/s²	±0.001	EN ISO 17025
Vibration Drift	0.01	N/m/s²	±0.001	EN ISO 17025
Electromagnetic Interference Drift	0.01	N/V/m	±0.001	EN ISO 17025

Reference sensor with calibration certificate and an uncertainty calculation



Parameter	Value	Unit	Uncertainty	Standard
Force	1000	N	±0.05	EN ISO 17025
Temperature	20	°C	±0.1	EN ISO 17025
Humidity	50	%	±1	EN ISO 17025
Pressure	1013	hPa	±0.1	EN ISO 17025
Acceleration	0	m/s²	±0.01	EN ISO 17025
Vibration	0	m/s²	±0.01	EN ISO 17025
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HBK has connects the calibration machine with a transfer measurement to the national standard



← Unbroken Chain of calibrations with known uncertainties for each step

Calibration of your load cells: Calibration in mounting position

Load cell with a capacity of 50 kN. Uncertainty at 25 kN, only temperature effects. Change in temperature: 10 K

Tabelle 4 Ausgeglichenere Werte, rel. Approximationsabweichung und Messunsicherheiten
table 4 Equalized value, approximation deviation and uncertainty

Druckkraft compression Kraft in kN Force	arith. Mittel in mV/V average value	rel. Umkehrsp. in % rel. hysteresis	Y1* in mV/V equaliz. value	Approx.abw. in % interpol. dev.	Erweiterte Messuns. W" in % Expanded uncertainty
10	-0,399746	0,016	-0,399775	-0,0072	0,035
20	-0,799507	0,007	-0,799550	-0,0053	0,027
25	-0,999334	0,004	-0,999437	-0,0043	0,024
30	-1,199287	0,003	-1,199325	-0,0031	0,022
40	-1,599094	0,002	-1,599100	-0,0004	0,018
50	-1,998946		-1,998875	0,0036	0,018

Complete uncertainty calculation:

- Uncertainty stated in the calibration certificate (k=2)
- Influences from the surrounding such as temperature, bending moments,..

TCZero: 0,05 % / 10K: 0,05 % of 50 kN = 0,025 kN
 TCspan: 0,1 % /10K: 0,1 % of 25 kN = 0,025 kN
 W'': 0,024 % (0,024 % of 25 kN)/2 = 0,003 kN

$$U = \sqrt{(0.025)^2 + (0.025)^2 + (0.003)^2}$$

U = 0,035 kN (for k=1)

U = 0,07 kN (for k=2)

Reference load cells

Requirements to transfer standards:

- Excellent repeatability in different mounting position
- Low creep
- Low hysteresis effect
- Very good zero return

The ISO 376 is an international standard for calibration method and classification of reference force transducers



Reference load cells



10MN, CL „00“

Standard load cells for forces up to 5 MN

Reference load cells



	Z4a	Topz4a		Z30a	TopZ30a
relative repeatability error without rotation	0,020%	0,003%	relative repeatability error without rotation	0,020%	0,002%
relative repeatability error with rotation (Tensile)	0,030%	0,016%	relative repeatability error with rotation (Tensile)	0,040%	0,010%
relative repeatability error with rotation (compression)	0,030%	0,008%	relative repeatability error with rotation (compression)	0,040%	0,005%
Zero point return	0,008%	0,004%	Zero point return	0,008%	0,004%
Hystereses	0,060%	0,030%	Hystereses	0,060%	0,030%

Reference load cells

- Fulfil the requirements ISO376 standard between 10 % and 100 % of capacity
- TCZero: Just 75 ppm/10k!
- Output: > 2 mV/V for all capacities up to 10 kN, > 4 mV/V for all capacities larger than 10 kN



2.5 kN ... 1 MN



2.5 kN ... 2.5 MN

Reference load cells

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