Electric Motor Testing Tip of the Week

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Using %Load Deviation to Trend Rotor Defects

Broken or cracked rotor bars cause a varying or modulating reflected impedance, which varies the current and torque of the motor. This appears as load fluctuation on the current time domain and as an increasing spectral peak in current demodulation. By trending the %load deviation found in the EMAX current demodulation test this change can be easily identified. In one case for a large two-pole motor trended through advanced stages of rotor defects, the %load deviation increased over 200%.

For more details on this case study go to: http://www.pdma.com/PDF/CS0402.pdf

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