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Know Your Rotor



You are at peak production and your motor reliability analyst just told you that data recorded on a critical motor indicates rotor bar defects. What would be the appropriate immediate action? A very important variable in the decision on what to do next depends on the rotor design. If the rotor design is a closed bar design where the rotor bars are not exposed through the rotor iron, the need for a quick response is lessened and additional trending may be the call. With a closed bar design the fear of slot damage allowing a broken bar to slide through the damaged slot and into the stator windings is significantly reduced. However, if this rotor is an open bar design as shown in the picture, the fear of a rotor bar sliding out of a damaged rotor slot causing rotor and stator winding failure is real, and shutting down must be weighed against loss of peak production.

So... do you know your rotor?

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