

Team 505: Danfoss Stepper Motor Lifecycle Fixture

Background

- Stepper motor actuates the Inlet Guide Vane (IGV) in Danfoss compressors.
- Danfoss tests the stepper motors to verify lifecycle.
- Lifecycle test involves running the motor at a constant speed against resistance until failure.

IGV Assembly



Old Testing Fixture



- Inaccurate representation of torque resistance
- Does not stop upon failure
- Does not track runtime
- Difficult user experience

Objective

The objective of this project is to design and produce a stepper motor lifecycle test fixture for Danfoss Turbocor to improve userfriendliness and reliability over their current testing procedure.



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H-Frame Design

910098 Stepper Motor

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M4 & M6 Socket Head

Cap Screws

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HC3-3J Perma-Tork Resistance Device

Electronics

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HC3-31

PERMA-TORK





Testing Procedure

- Secure motor and coupler in the fixture
- Connect motor wires to power cord
- Verify Perma-Tork resistance is set
- Switch on Fixture
- Input test parameters
- Initiate test
- Test tracks rotations/cycles and runtime
- Once failure is detected, test stops
- Record test results
- Remove motor from fixture

PLA Frame

Future Actions

- Finalize electronics
- Integrate electronics
- Develop electronics enclosure
- Program microcontroller
- Test prototype
- Evaluate improvements
- Finalize drawing package