Verification and Validation with Power and Force Limited Robots

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What is Verification and Validation?





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<u>Verification</u> is asking the question:

Did we build the ____ right?

• In this case the _ _ _ ? = Safety System

<u>Validation</u> is asking the question: Did we build the right Safety System?





Are We Required to Do Verification and Validation?

In Short...Yes!

• From ISO 10218-22011 or ANSI/RIA 15.06 2012

- 6 Verification and validation of safety requirements and protective measures
 - 6.1 General

The robot system manufacturer or integrator **shall** provide for the verification and validation of design and construction of robot systems including appropriate safeguarding devices

• ISO TS15066 2016 & RIA TR R15.606-2016

For Industrial Robots and Robot Systems Safety Requirements - Collaborative Robots

- Verification and validation

See ISO 10218-2:2011, Clause 6, for verification and validation requirements.



Let's Get Into the Weeds for a Moment

Touch on TS15066, PFL, and Risk Assessments as it relates to Verification and Validation.





Important concepts:

Transient Contact



Contact between an operator and part of a robot system, where the operator body part is not clamped and can recoil or retract from the moving part of the robot system. Duration is <=.5s





Quasi-Static Contact

 Contact between an operator and part of a robot system, where the operator body part can be clamped between a moving part of a robot system and another fixed or moving part of the robot cell. Duration is >.5s





Important Concept - Pain is the precursor to injury

The rationale for creating biomechanical limits was established in conjunction with ISO TC 184 WG3 and testing conducted by the University of Mainz (Germany). Testing was conducted using 100 healthy adult test subjects on 29 specific body areas, and for each of the body areas, pressure and force limits for quasi-static contact were established evaluating onset of pain thresholds.





PFL Safety Concept

 "The robot system <u>shall</u> be designed to adequately reduce risks to an operator by not exceeding the applicable threshold limit values for quasi-static and transient contacts, as defined by the risk assessment." (ISO TS15066)

The limit values for the relevant contact events on the exposed body regions <u>shall</u> be [analyzed] for the most stringent limits. These "worst case" threshold limit values for the transient and quasi-static events shall be used in determining the proper level of risk reduction. Design or measures <u>shall</u> be implemented so that the effects of the identified contacts remain below these threshold limit values





Calculating Theoretical Limits during Verification



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Effect of area on speed using pain / force data

Body region	Tra	nsient contact Spe based o		mm/sec] as im pressure					om 18-28k	g		1 cm ²
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Contact Surface
Hands and fingers	1916	1915	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905	
Lower arms and wrist joints	1340	1337	1334	1331	1329	1326	1324	1322	1320	1319	1317	Area
Upper arms and elbow Joints	1366	1361	1357	1353	1349	1346	1342	1340	1337	1334	1332	
Abdomen	789	775	762	750	739	729	720	711	703	695	687	
Pelvis	749	736	723	712	702	692	683	674	666	659	652	
Back and Shoulders	482	474	466	458	452	445	440	434	429	424	420	
Chest	428	420	413	407	401	395	390	385	381	377	373	
Thighs and knees	512	502	492	483	474	466	459	452	446	440	434	
Lower legs	447	437	429	421	413	406	400	394	388	383	378	
												Speed
Body region	Transient contact Speed limit [mm/sec] as a function of robot effective mass (MR) from 18-28kg based on maximum pressure value (Pmax) with an area (A) of 1 mm2											
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Hands and fingers	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	
Lower arms and wrist joints	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	N
Upper arms and elbow Joints	14	14	14	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	
Abdomen	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	1 mm ² Contact
Pelvis	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	Cumfo og Ange
Back and Shoulders	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	Surface Area
Chest	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Thighs and knees	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	I
Lower legs	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	

PFL Application: Things to Consider

Evaluate the contact events including reasonably foreseeable misuse.

- Robot Operator (All potential body areas)
- EAOT Operator (- -)
- Part being handled by the Robot Operator (- -)
- Are the contact events Quasi-Static or Transient?



PFL Application: Things to Consider

Evaluate the contact events with respect to the Pain/Force Limits:

- What are the surface areas involved in the contact events?
- Evaluate the contact events against the pain /force limits of the body model. (Verification and Validation)



















Additional Items to Consider in the Risk Assessment

A risk assessment shall consider the entire collaborative task and workspace including as a minimum:

- Robot characteristics (e.g. load, speed, force, power)
- End effector hazards
- Layout (e.g. separation distance between the robot and the operator)
- Operator location with respect to the robot arm
- Fixture design and related hazards
- Design and location of any manually controlled guiding device
- Application specific hazards
- Limitations caused by operator PPE
- Environmental conditions (e.g. chemicals, RF, or radiation)
- Performance criteria of the associated safety functions.



Objects with sharp, pointed, shearing or cutting edges, such as needles, shears, or knives, and parts which could cause injury shall not be present in the contact area.



Risk Assessments Involving PFL Solutions

Verification and Validation - Narrowing the focus

	Task	Hazard Category	Hazard	Cause/Failure Mode	Severity	Probability	Risk Level	Reduce Risk	Control System	Severity	Probability	Risk Level
1	normal operation	struck by/impact	robot	No Perimeter Guarding, PFL, FSU	Serious	Likely	High	other devices	PFL & FSU	Minor	Likely	Low
2	normal operation	pinch points	between robot/conveyor	No Perimeter Guarding, PFL, FSU	Serious	Likely	High	other devices	PFL & FSU	Minor	Likely	Low





The residual Risk Level is "Low" if the following:

- The contact events identified in the Risk Assessment have been Validated to be at or below the permissible force and pressure values stated in ISO TS15066 2016 & RIA TR R15.606-2016.

PFL



Remember the requirement to provide confirmation by examination and provision of objective evidence per ISO 10218-2 2011 or ANSI/RIA 15.06 2012.

Risk Assessment



Is There Guidance for This?

Yes! RIATR R15.806-2018. This document helps to answer the "How" question.

Important concept – "A robot with PFL functionality is not to be considered safe "out of the box" as the PFL robot is a component within a collaborative application".

• How to use a PFMD – (Pressure and Force Measurement Device) to test design limits in PFL applications.

• Tests for Transient and Quasi-static contact.

• Measurement Procedures

• Measurement Analysis













What Standards Should I Be Using?

ANSI/RIA 15.06 2012 (is ISO 10218-1 & 2)

- RIA TR R15.306-2014 Task-based Risk Assessment Methodology (*ANSI B11:0 & B11:19)
- RIA TR R15.406-2014 Safeguarding (Going to retire in 2021) Use ISO 13857:2019 & ANSI B11:19 2019 instead.
- RIA TR R15.506-2014 Applicability of ANSI/RIA R15.06-2012 for Existing Industrial Robot Applications
- RIA TR R15.606-2016 (is ISO TS15066) Robots and robotic devices Collaborative robots
- RIA TR R15.806-2018 Testing Methods for Power & Force Limited Collaborative Applications

ISO Documents Class Hierarchy

ISO 12100 (2010) Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction
ISO 13849-1 Safety-related parts of control systems. - General principles for design.
ISO 13849-2 Safety-related parts of control systems. - Validation.
IEC 60204-1 Safety of machinery. Electrical equipment of machines. - Part 1: General requirements.

ISO 10218-1 Robots and robotic devices. Safety requirements for industrial robots.

- Robots

ISO 10218-2 Robots and robotic devices. Safety requirements for industrial robots.

- Robot Systems Integration

ISO TS 15066 - Robots and robotic devices — Collaborative robots

Questions?

Will be covered jointly at the end of the session.



