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Full-open and full-angle stall device for motor test system

Abstract

A full-open and full-angle stall device for a motor test system is disclosed. The stall device is used to provide a stall function to a motor under test and includes a base, a driving source connection module and a brake module. The driving source connection module includes a coupling and a first disc and a second disc that are detachably joined together. The first disc and the second disc are fixed on the coupling. The coupling is defined with a mounting hole for connecting a transmission shaft so as to receive a driving source from the motor under test. The brake module is disposed on the base and is configured at an edge of the driving source connection module, and is controlled to generate a clamping force on the driving source connection module, wherein the clamping force is selectively applied to any edge of the first disc and the second disc so as to brake the driving source connection module.

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Background/Summary

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

(1) The present invention relates to a stall device, and more particularly to a stall device used to stall a transmission shaft of a motor under test in a motor test system.

Description of the Prior Art

(2) In a motor test system, there are some test items in scenarios where a driving shaft of a motor under test needs to be stalled, so as to test the characteristic parameters of the motor under conditions such as uphill testing, maximum torque testing or extreme conditions. Accordingly, a motor test platform is provided with a stall mechanism to provide a motor under test with a stall function.

(3) A conventional stall mechanism includes a stall disc, a base and insert pins. The stall disc is installed on a driving shaft of the motor under test or a transmission shaft coupled to the driving shaft. The stall disc has a plurality of insert holes in an annular arrangement, and the base has corresponding fixing holes. By inserting the insert pins into specific insert holes or fixing holes, the stall disc is prohibited from rotating relative to the base, such that the driving shaft of the motor under test or the transmission shaft coupled to the driving shaft becomes stuck, hence achieving the stall function.

(4) However, angles at which the driving shaft of the motor under test or the transmission shaft

coupled to the driving shaft may be limited by pitches of the insert holes of the stall disc; that is, it may not be possible to achieve stalling at any desired position, resulting in complications in processes such as origin establishment or origin matching in control of test software. Further, the stall disc is installed by means of axial insertion on the driving shaft of the motor under test or the transmission shaft coupled to the driving shaft, and devices needed for other test items are at the same time configured on the driving shaft of the motor under test or the transmission shaft coupled to the driving shaft. Thus, even if a test item does not need to implement the stall function, the stall disc still cannot be removed, for the reasons that the removal of the stall disc itself and installation of devices needed for other test items bring complex alignment and calibration procedures. As a result, the moment of inertia during motor testing cannot be satisfactorily reduced, and hence the time needed for increasing the rotating speed of the driving shaft or the transmission shaft cannot be shortened.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

(5) It is an object of the present invention to solve the issues of complex calibration and alignment procedures when a stall device is sleeved on a transmission shaft of a motor under test in conventional motor testing.

(6) It is another object of the present invention to improve the time and effort consuming processes of origin matching or origin establishment of the test software caused by limitations from adjustments in only non-continuous values of stall angles of a stall device relative to a transmission shaft of a motor under test in conventional motor testing.

(7) It is yet another object of the present invention to provide a more convenient and easy process for mounting a stall device to a transmission shaft of a motor under test.

(8) To achieve the above and other objects, the present invention provides a full-open and full-angle stall device for a motor test system. The stall device includes a base, a driving source connection module and a brake module. The driving source connection module includes a coupling and a first disc and a second disc that are detachably joined together. The first disc and the second disc are fixed on the coupling. The coupling is defined with a mounting hole for connecting a transmission shaft so as to receive a driving source from a motor under test. The brake module is disposed on the base and is configured at an edge of the driving source connection module, and is controlled to generate a clamping force on the driving source connection module, wherein the clamping force is selectively applied to any edge of at least one of the first disc and the second disc so as to brake the driving source connection module.

(9) In one embodiment of the present invention, the coupling has a first bushing fixed on the first disc and a second bushing fixed on the second disc.

(10) In one embodiment of the present invention, the stall device further includes a plurality of positioning pins, wherein each of the positioning pins is embedded between the first disc and the second disc.

(11) In one embodiment of the present invention, a first abutting surface of the first disc and a second abutting surface of the second disc are coplanar with a central axis of the mounting hole.

(12) According to the above embodiments of the present invention, the stall device provides features of full-open installation/removal and full-angle brake. With the driving source connection module that is installed by means of non-axial insertion on a transmission shaft, complex calibration and inconvenience caused by axial installation can be eliminated. Further, when test items that do not need the stall function to be carried out, a part or entire of the driving source connection module can be quickly and conveniently removed, so as to reduce the moment of inertia of synchronous rotation with the motor under test in course of testing. Meanwhile, a clamping force can be applied by the brake module to any position as desired on edges of the driving source connection module so that the stall angle of the transmission shaft and the motor under test connected thereto is not limited, hence improving convenience and functionality of control and operation of the motor test system.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

- (1) FIG. 1 is a perspective schematic diagram of a stall device according to an embodiment of the present invention;
- (2) FIG. 2 is an exploded schematic diagram of a stall device according to an embodiment of the present invention;
- (3) FIG. 3 is a front schematic diagram of the stall device in FIG. 1;
- (4) FIG. 4 is a perspective schematic diagram of a stall device having positioning pins according to an embodiment of the present invention;
- (5) FIG. 5 is an exploded schematic diagram of a driving source connection module according to an embodiment of the present invention;
- (6) FIG. 6 is a partial exploded schematic diagram of a driving source connection module according to an embodiment of the present invention;
- (7) FIG. 7 is an exploded schematic diagram of a driving source connection module according to another embodiment of the present invention; and
- (8) FIG. 8 is an exploded schematic diagram of a driving source connection module according to yet another embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

- (9) Objectives, features, and advantages of the present disclosure are hereunder illustrated with specific embodiments, depicted with drawings, and described below.
- (10) In the disclosure, descriptive terms such as “a” or “one” are used to describe the unit, component, structure, device, module, portion, section or region, and are for illustration purposes and providing generic meaning to the scope of the present invention. Therefore, unless otherwise explicitly specified, such description should be understood as including one or at least one, and a singular number also includes a plural number.
- (11) In the disclosure, descriptive terms such as “include, comprise, have” or other similar terms are not for merely limiting the essential elements listed in the disclosure, but can include other elements that are not explicitly listed and are however usually inherent in the units, components, structures, devices, modules, portions, sections or regions.
- (12) In the disclosure, the terms similar to ordinals such as “first” or “second” described are for distinguishing or referring to associated identical or similar components or structures, and do not necessarily imply the orders of these components, structures, portions, sections or regions in a spatial aspect. It should be understood that, in some situations or configurations, the ordinal terms could be interchangeably used without affecting the implementation of the present invention.
- (13) Refer to FIG. 1 and FIG. 2. FIG. 1 shows a perspective schematic diagram of a stall device according to an embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 2 shows an exploded schematic diagram of a stall device according to an embodiment of the present invention.
- (14) A stall device **1** according to an embodiment of the present invention is used in a motor test system so as to stall a motor under test in motor related test items (for example, uphill testing and maximum torque testing). More specifically, the stall device **1** is a device which simulates a scenario with an overweight load or a zero rotating speed in motor testing in a way that a driving shaft of the motor under test becomes still. The full-open and full-angle stall device **1** of this embodiment includes a base **100**, a driving source connection module **200** and a brake module **300**.
- (15) The base **100** is disposed on a test platform (not shown) of the motor test system. The test platform in general further includes, for example but not limited to, other devices such as a bearing box, a torque meter and a dynamic simulator for testing the characteristic parameters of the motor.
- (16) The driving source connection module **200** is for directly or indirectly connecting to a driving shaft of the motor under test. The driving source connection module **200** includes a coupling **210**,

and a first disc **220** and a second disc **230** that are detachably joined together. The first disc **220** and the second disc **230** are fixed on the coupling **210**. The coupling **210** is defined with a mounting hole H for connecting a transmission shaft **10** so as to receive a driving source from a motor under test. Thus, the first disc **220** and the second disc **230** can be installed by means of non-axial insertion on the coupling **210** so as to be joined with the transmission shaft **10**, further achieving effects of full-open installation or removal.

(17) For example, a first abutting surface **220A** of the first disc **220** and a second abutting surface **230A** of the second disc **230** are coplanar with a central axis L (FIG. 1) of the mounting hole H. Also refer to FIG. 3. FIG. 3 shows a front schematic diagram of the stall device in FIG. 1. Each of the first disc **220** and the second disc **230** may be a semi-circular disc having a window W located at the center, and shapes of the first disc **220** and the second disc **230** are symmetrical to a joint line formed by joining the first abutting surface **220A** and the second abutting surface **230A**. The joint line is not limited to being a straight line; that is to say, the first abutting surface **220A** on the first disc **220** and the second abutting surface **230A** on the second disc **230** may form multiple planes (for example, stepped shapes that can be fitted or embedded with one another) or arc surfaces.

(18) In this embodiment, the transmission shaft **10** may be the driving shaft of the motor under test itself or an extension shaft having a longer length (connected to the driving shaft of the motor under test so as to be readily to be installed with other test devices), and the coupling **210** is joined on the transmission shaft **10** so as to receive the driving source of the motor under test and to operate synchronously.

(19) The brake module **300** is disposed on the base **100** and configured at an edge of the driving source connection module **200**, and is controlled to generate a clamping force on the driving source connection module **200**, wherein the clamping force is selectively applied to any edge of at least one of the first disc **220** and the second disc **230** so as to brake the driving source connection module **200**. By means of clamping the driving source connection module **200** by the brake module **300**, the rotating speed of the transmission shaft **10** joined with the driving source connection module **200** becomes zero, achieving the stall state of the motor under test so as to readily perform required testing.

(20) Since the brake module **300** can clamp at any position on the edges of the first disc **220** and/or the second disc **230**, full-angle stalling can be achieved for the motor under test, accordingly providing more simple and convenient steps for origin establishment during the motor test procedure.

(21) The brake module **300** may also include a plurality of brakes **310** distributed around the driving source connection module **200**, wherein each brake **310** is for applying a clamping force on the edge of the corresponding first disc **220** or the second disc **230** so as to brake the driving source connection module **200**. In this embodiment, the brake **310** is provided as four in quantity, and the brakes **310** are configured at positions on a disc formed after the first disc **220** and the second disc **230** are joined and spaced by a quarter of the central angle. The brake **310** may be, for example, a caliper, which can clamp the edge of the first disc **220** or the second disc **230** at the corresponding position, so that the first disc **220** and the second disc **230** are braked, and the transmission shaft connected to the coupling **210** is also together stopped.

(22) In the stall device **1** of this embodiment, the first disc **220** and the second disc **230** have a feature of being joined with the transmission shaft **10** by non-axial insertion on the coupling **210**. Thus, in testing other items that do not need the stall function, the first disc **220** and the second disc **230** do not need to be installed in the motor test system, thereby reduce the overall moment of inertia, lowering the possibility of resonance caused by mass imbalance and reducing the time needed for increasing the rotating speed. When the stall function is needed in motor testing, the first disc **220** and the second disc **230** are then installed radially, wherein the installation and removal processes thereof are independent from other devices axially installed on the transmission shaft. Thus, changes in the transmission shaft of the motor under test can be avoided, hence

eliminating re-alignment and re-calibration complications.

(23) The first disc **220** and the second disc **230** have a plurality of through holes **221** and **231**, respectively. The through holes **221** and **231** are evenly and equidistantly arranged at equal central angles on the first disc **220** and the second disc **230**, so as to reduce the mass of the first disc **220** and the second disc **230**. The numbers, positions and apertures of the through holes **221** and **231** can be designed and configured according to the sizes of the first disc **220** and the second disc **230** and the required material strength.

(24) Refer to FIG. 4. FIG. 4 shows a perspective schematic diagram of a stall device having positioning pins according to an embodiment of the present invention.

(25) The stall device **1** may further include a plurality of positioning pins **400**, wherein each of the positioning pins **400** is for embedding between the first disc **220** and the second disc **230** so as to limit relative movements between the first disc **220** and the second disc **230**.

(26) As an example, the first abutting surface **220A** of the first disc **220** has a plurality of first positioning holes **222** for inserting the corresponding positioning pins **400**, and the second abutting surface **230A** of the second disc **230** has a plurality of second positioning holes **232** for inserting the corresponding positioning pins **400**. Each positioning pin **400** is simultaneously accommodated in the corresponding first positioning hole **222** and second positioning hole **232**.

(27) The configuration positions of the positioning pin **400** and the corresponding first positioning hole **222** and the second positioning hole **232** are in an equidistant arrangement, so as to evenly distribute the mass and forces received. However, the positions and numbers of the positioning pin **400** and the corresponding first positioning hole **222** and the second positioning hole **232** are not limited to the examples given in this embodiment, and may be modified according to the sizes of areas of the first abutting surface **220A** of the first disc **220** and the second abutting surface **230A** of the second disc **230**.

(28) Refer to FIG. 5 and FIG. 6. FIG. 5 shows an exploded schematic diagram of a driving source connection module according to an embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 6 shows a partial exploded schematic diagram of a driving source connection module according to an embodiment of the present invention.

(29) In one embodiment of the driving source connection module **200**, the coupling **210** can be an integral axially inserted on the transmission shaft **10**. When test items that do not need the stall function are carried out during the test process of the motor under test, only the first disc **220** and the second disc **230** that are non-axially inserted are removed, so as to achieve the object of reducing the moment of inertia.

(30) As shown in FIG. 6, during installation, once the first disc **220** and the second disc **230** are joined, the first disc **220** and the second disc **230** have a window **W** formed at a center part for the transmission shaft to pass through. The window **W** coincides with the central axis of the mounting hole **H**, the first disc **220** can be fixed on a part of the coupling **210** (the upper half shown in the drawing), and the second disc **230** can be fixed on the other part of the coupling **210** (the lower half shown in the drawing). In the example shown in the drawing, the first disc **220** and the second disc **230** are locked at corresponding positions on the coupling **210** by a plurality of screws.

(31) Refer to FIG. 7. FIG. 7 shows an exploded schematic diagram of a driving source connection module according to another embodiment of the present invention.

(32) In the driving source connection module **200** of another embodiment, the coupling **210** has a first bushing **211** fixed on the first disc **220** and a second bushing **212** fixed on the second disc **230**, so as to be installed by means of non-axial insertion on the transmission shaft **10** by using the first bushing **211** and the second bushing **212**. A third abutting surface **211A** of the first bushing **211** and a fourth abutting surface **212A** of the second bushing **212** are joined together, and are coplanar with the central axis of the mounting hole **H**.

(33) Thus, the coupling **210** is installed on the transmission shaft by means of joint clamping of the first bushing **211** and the second bushing **212** (as shown in FIG. 1) but is not axially inserted on the

transmission shaft. Thus, when test items that do not need the stall function are carried out, the coupling **210** can also be easily and conveniently removed from the motor test system. That is to say, the entire driving source connection module **200** can be easily and conveniently operated for both installation and removal, further reducing the moment of inertia for test items that do not need the stall function, and eliminating the complex re-positioning and re-calibration steps after the installation or removal.

(34) Refer to FIG. **8**. FIG. **8** shows an exploded schematic diagram of a driving source connection module according to yet another embodiment of the present invention.

(35) A driving source connection module **200'** includes a first connecting unit **240** and a second connecting unit **250** detachably joined together. The body of the first connecting unit **240** has a first disc section **220'** and a first bushing section **211'**, and the body of the second connecting unit **250** has a second disc section **230'** and a second bushing section **212'**. On the basis of joining of the first connecting unit **240** and the second connecting unit **250** with each other, the first bushing section **211'** and the second bushing section **212'** define a mounting hole for connecting the transmission shaft so as to receive a driving source from a motor under test.

(36) In this embodiment, the first connecting unit **240** includes the first disc section **220'** and the first bushing section **211'** formed as an integral, the second connecting unit **250** includes the second disc section **230'** and the second bushing section **212'** formed as an integral, and the transmission shaft is clamped by the first bushing section **211'** and the second bushing section **212'** coupled thereto. Thus, the first connecting unit **240** and the second connecting unit **250** can be installed by means of non-axial insertion on the transmission shaft, providing advantages of easy installation and removal.

(37) Similar to the embodiments above, in this embodiment, the clamping force applied by the brake module can be selectively applied on any edge of at least one of the first disc section **220'** and the second disc section **230'**, so as to brake the driving source connection module **200'** and further providing a zero rotating speed of the transmission shaft.

(38) Moreover, similar to the first disc and the second disc in the embodiments above, the first disc section **220'** and the second disc section **230'** of this embodiment can also be configured with through holes **221'** and **231'**, respectively, and the first disc section **220'** and the second disc section **230'** can be mutually limited by embedding of the positioning pins **400** in between.

Correspondingly, surfaces of the first disc section **220'** and the second disc section **230'** facing each other can respectively have first positioning holes **222'** and second positioning holes **232'** for inserting the positioning pins.

(39) In conclusion, according to the above embodiments of the present invention, the stall device provides features of full-open installation/removal and full-angle brake. With the driving source connection module that is installed by means of non-axial insertion on a transmission shaft, complex calibration and inconvenience caused by axial installation can be eliminated. Further, when test items that do not need the stall function are carried out, a part or entire of the driving source connection module can be quickly and conveniently removed, so as to reduce the moment of inertia of synchronous rotation with the motor under test in course of testing. Meanwhile, a clamping force can be applied by the brake module to any position as desired on edges of the driving source connection module so that the stall angle of the transmission shaft and the motor under test connected thereto is not limited, hence improving convenience and functionality of control and operation of the motor test system.

(40) The present disclosure is illustrated by various aspects and embodiments. However, persons skilled in the art understand that the various aspects and embodiments are illustrative rather than restrictive of the scope of the present disclosure. After perusing this specification, persons skilled in the art may come up with other aspects and embodiments without departing from the scope of the present disclosure. All equivalent variations and replacements of the aspects and the embodiments

must fall within the scope of the present disclosure. Therefore, the scope of the protection of rights of the present disclosure shall be defined by the appended claims.

Claims

1. A full-open and full-angle stall device for a motor test system, comprising: a base; a driving source connection module, comprising a coupling and a first disc and a second disc that are detachably joined together, the first disc and the second disc fixed on the coupling, the coupling defined with a mounting hole for connecting a transmission shaft so as to receive a driving source from a motor under test; and a brake module, disposed on the base and configured at an edge of the driving source connection module, the brake module being controlled to generate a clamping force on the driving source connection module, wherein the clamping force is selectively applied to any edge of at least one of the first disc and the second disc so as to brake the driving source connection module.
2. The stall device according to claim 1, wherein the coupling has a first bushing fixed on the first disc and a second bushing fixed on the second disc.
3. The stall device according to claim 2, wherein the first disc and the second disc have a plurality of through holes, respectively.
4. The stall device according to claim 1, wherein once the first disc and the second disc are joined, the first disc and the second disc have a window formed at a center part for the transmission shaft to pass through, the first disc is fixed on a part of the coupling, and the second disc is fixed on the other part of the coupling.
5. The stall device according to claim 4, wherein the first disc and the second disc have a plurality of through holes, respectively.
6. The stall device according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of positioning pins, each of the positioning pins embedded between the first disc and the second disc.
7. The stall device according to claim 6, wherein the first disc has a plurality of first positioning holes for inserting the corresponding positioning pins, and the second disc has a plurality of second positioning holes for inserting the corresponding positioning pins.
8. The stall device according to claim 6, wherein the brake module comprises a plurality of brakes distributed around the driving source connection module, and each brake is for applying the clamping force at the edge of the corresponding first disc or the second disc so as to brake the driving source connection module.
9. The stall device according to claim 6, wherein a first abutting surface of the first disc and a second abutting surface of the second disc are coplanar with a central axis of the mounting hole.
10. A full-open and full-angle stall device for a motor test system, comprising: a base; a driving source connection module, comprising a first connecting unit and a second connecting unit detachably joined together, a body of the first connecting unit having a first disc section and a first bushing section, and a body of the second connecting unit having a second disc section and a second bushing section; wherein, on the basis of joining of the first connecting unit and the second connecting unit with each other, the first bushing section and the second bushing section define a mounting hole for connecting a transmission shaft so as to receive a driving source from a motor under test; and a brake module, disposed on the base and configured at an edge of the driving source connection module, the brake module being controlled to generate a clamping force on the driving source connection module, wherein the clamping force is selectively applied to any edge of at least one of the first disc and the second disc so as to brake the driving source connection module.
11. The stall device according to claim 10, wherein the first disc section and the second disc section have a plurality of through holes, respectively.
12. The stall device according to claim 10, further comprising a plurality of positioning pins, each

of the positioning pins embedded between the first disc section and the second disc section that are joined together.

13. The stall device according to claim 12, wherein the first disc section has a plurality of first positioning holes for inserting the corresponding positioning pins, and the second disc section has a plurality of second positioning holes for inserting the corresponding positioning pins.

14. The stall device according to claim 12, wherein the brake module comprises a plurality of brakes distributed around the driving source connection module, and each brake is for applying the clamping force on the edge of the corresponding first disc or the second disc so as to brake the driving source connection module.

15. The stall device according to claim 12, wherein a first abutting surface of the first disc section and a second abutting surface of the second disc section are coplanar with a central axis of the mounting hole.
