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Shaft alignment app

Alignment of horizontal machines with short flex couplings for TKSA 51, TKSA 71 and TKSA 71/PRO

Instructions for use

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1. Using the Horizontal shaft alignment app



1.1 How to change the app language

The app will adapt to the language and date format currently used by the operating device.

- To change the language of an iOS device, tap:
Settings --> General --> Language & Region
- To change the language of an Android device:
 1. Open the **Settings** app.
 2. Under **Controls** tab, select **Language and input**.
 3. Tap on **Language English**.
 4. Select your preferred language.
 5. The tablet switches immediately to the new language.

Note:

The alignment apps are available in 8 languages. The app uses the same language that is used as the system language of the TKSA DISPLAY. If the app does not support the selected language, English is used as the default alternative.

1.2 Main menu

Start the app by tapping on the Shaft Alignment app icon, found on the home screen of the device. This will take you to the main menu.

IMPORTANT:

Make sure you have read the instructions for use for your TKSA hardware.

a. Resume

If you have an ongoing alignment you will find it to the left in the main menu, named as the Current alignment.

b. New alignment

Tap on the plus sign (“+”) to start a new alignment. If a current alignment is in progress you will be asked if you want to start a new alignment or resume the current one.

c. Settings

Access the editable settings.

d. Help

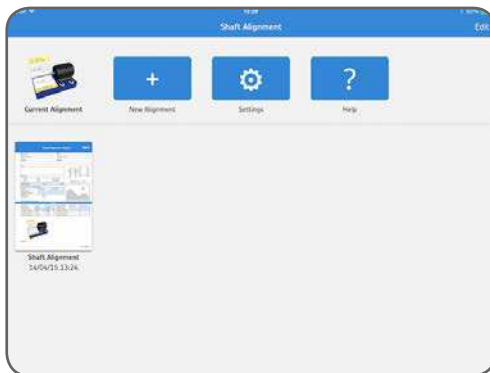
Access help videos and the Instructions for use document.

e. Edit

The reports can be deleted via Edit, which is located in the upper right corner of the view. Delete reports by tapping on Edit, then tap the reports to be deleted and finish by tapping the trash can symbol in the upper left corner of the view.

f. Reports

Previously created reports are shown as miniatures below the main menu buttons. Tapping a report will open it for viewing, editing, printing and e-mailing.



1.3 Settings

a. Company, operator and logo

Company, operator and logo is additional information that is included in generated reports.

b. Angular error

Angular error expressed as /100 mm (mils/inch) or as coupling gap. For gap, specify the Coupling Diameter when entering the distances in the machine Information view.

c. Sensor values

Sensor values is an option to display the detector readings and rotational angles during the measurement.

d. Extended filter length

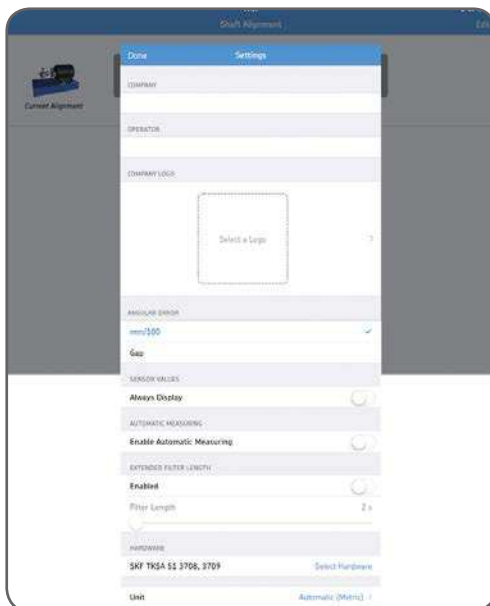
Measurement values are filtered over time, allowing accurate measurements in the presence of external disturbances, for instance vibration. The extended filter length option enables the sample time to be increased up to 20 seconds.

e. Hardware

The connected measuring units. Tap Select Hardware if you want to select other units.

f. Unit

For the ability to change between metric and imperial measuring units. The displayed unit is normally based on the system unit, but you can override this and change between metric and imperial units.



g. Done

Complete any changes in settings by tapping Done.

1.4 Select units

The Bluetooth wireless communication will establish a connection between the device and the two measuring units. You will be informed if there is a need to turn on Bluetooth on the device. Note that the first time, you have to select the measuring units that you want to use in the system.

Connect to the measuring units by tapping one S (stationary) unit and one M (movable) unit in the lists. The app will remember your chosen measuring units and will attempt to connect to these units at your next alignment.

The app features a Demo mode which allows most functionalities to be tested without having physical measuring units available.

The Demo mode option is found at the bottom of the Select units view.



1.5 Machine information

The Machine information view is displayed when a new measurement has been initiated. The view is also reachable from the upper right corner of the screen while recording data in the three measurement positions.

a. Distances

Enter the four distances for the machine to be aligned. Center of coupling is where the offset will be measured. If you want the angle expressed as the coupling gap, you also need to specify the diameter of the coupling (see the Settings section). Tap on the measurement to select and specify new distance measurements using the appearing keypad. The distances entered from the previous alignment will be the default values.

1. Measure and enter the distance between the center of the rods on the stationary side and the center of the coupling.
2. Measure and enter the distance between the center of the coupling and the center of the rods on the movable side.

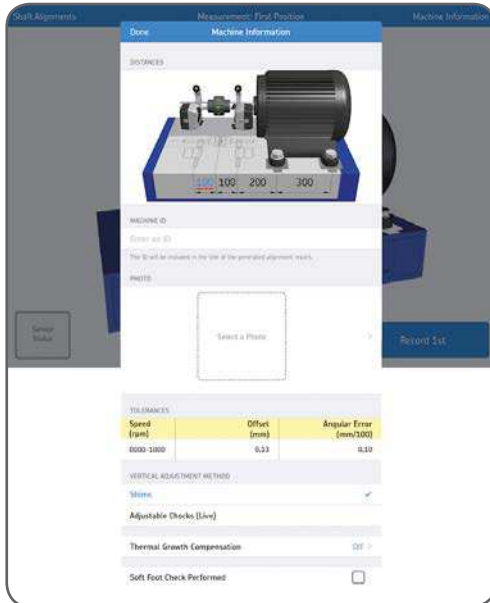
3. Measure and enter the distance between the rods of the movable side and the front feet (center of feet).
4. Measure and enter the distance between the front and back feet (center of feet).

b. Machine ID

Enter a machine name that will be shown in the report (optional).

c. Photo

Add a photo of your machine for the report (optional).



d. Tolerances

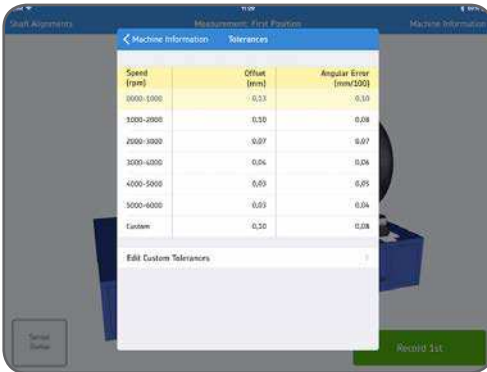
The built-in tolerance values can be used based on the RPM speed of the machine you are aligning. Select the appropriate tolerances by tapping the row in the table or choose custom tolerance values by tapping Edit Custom Tolerances.

e. Vertical adjustment method - Shims

If the vertical results are out of tolerance, there is a need to make adjustments by adding or removing shims. The system calculates the correction values at the feet and shows if shims should be added or removed. Shims values are fixed, not live. Tap Shimming Done once corrected.

f. Vertical adjustment method - Adjustable Chocks / Vbracons (Live)

If the vertical results are out of tolerance, there is a need to make adjustments by screwing the chocks up or down. The system shows how much the chocks need to be corrected and in which directions to make the adjustments. Choose this mode if you prefer live values.



g. Thermal growth compensation

Enter the change in growth between off line and running temperature (normally from cold to hot position). The measurement results will be compensated so when you adjust a cold machine, having zeroed any misalignments, then the machine will be aligned when in hot condition.

h. Soft Foot check performed

Tap this box if a Soft Foot check was performed.

A check mark indicating "Soft Foot Check Performed" will appear in the report.

The Soft Foot app is found on the App Store under the name:

"Soft Foot" by SKF.

i. Done

Complete any changes in Settings by tapping Done.



1.6 Sensor status

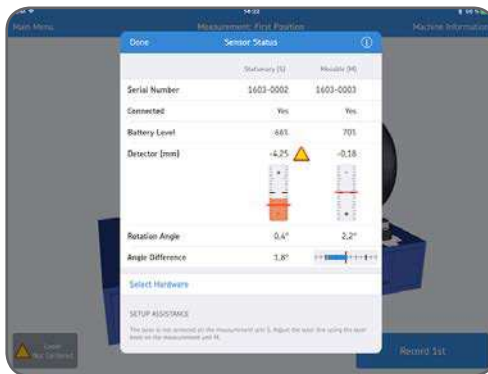
The Sensor Status appears if you have a warning or stop issue during the setup. It also appears if you tap the warning / stop sign or the Sensor status button in the lower left corner of the screen during a measurement. If a warning appears, setup assistance at the bottom of the view provides help to correct any issues. Warning signs can be ignored, but a stop sign is shown when it is not possible to read essential sensor values.

Warnings are shown when:

- Battery level is below 10% of full charge.
- Laser beam is more than 2 mm (80 mils) from the center target during the setup.
- Laser beam is too close to the edge of the detector.
- Rotational angle difference is more than 2° between measuring units.
This is also called backlash.

Stops signs are shown when:

- There is no Bluetooth connection.
- No laser beam is detected.



Tip:

The Sensor status can be used to review temporary data, on the detector values and the rotation angles, during the measurement. When the results are shown, lasers are turned off and no detector values are available in this view.



a. Serial number and connected status

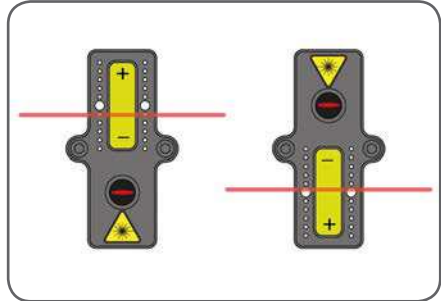
Serial number and connected status indicate if any measuring units are connected. Serial numbers are shown when units are connected or when Demo mode is chosen.

b. Battery Level

Indicates the charge levels for the internal batteries.

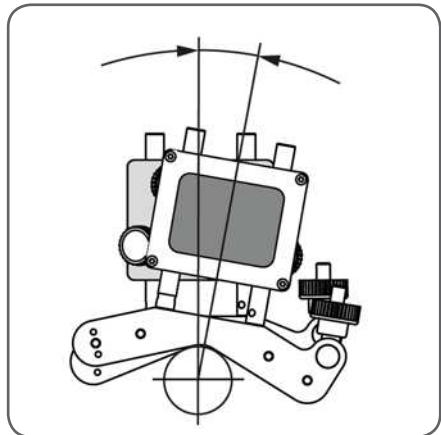
c. Detector

The detector values show the distances between the center of the detectors and where the laser beams hit the detectors.



d. Rotational angle and angle difference

The rotational angles and angle differences can be used for precise positioning of the two facing measuring units.



e. Select hardware

Lists the connected measuring units. Tap select hardware if you want to select other units.

f. Done

When no warnings are displayed tap Done to proceed to the measurement.

1.7 Measuring procedure

The default measuring procedure is to make manual measurements in the three rotational positions, described in detail further down in this section. This means that the operator turns the shaft into each position and manually taps a Record button to measure the shaft alignment data. There is also an option to let the app initiate the measurements, in the three rotational measuring positions, while the operator can focus on rotating the shaft without the need to touch the Record button for each position (see the Settings section to read more about enabling this option).

Manual measuring

Record measurements in three different rotational positions.

The system will begin with the measuring units in a horizontal position, though the 1st measurement position can be taken at any position around the shafts.

The system will offer guidance on the direction to turn, but you can turn in the opposite direction if you prefer. It is best to continue in the same direction as the first rotation for the 2nd and 3rd measurements. When the Record button turns green, the measuring unit and shaft have been rotated the ideal amount – at least 90°.

Tap Record 1st.

A red arrow and red record button indicate that you still need to rotate the shafts before you can record the 2nd measurement position.

A blue arrow and blue record button indicate that the shafts have been sufficiently rotated (> 20°), but less than the ideal amount (90°).

If possible, continue rotating the shafts until achieving 90° rotation for best results.



No arrow and a green record button indicates that the ideal amount of rotation has been performed (90°) for best results.

Tap Record 2nd.

A red arrow and red record button indicate that you still need to rotate the shafts before you can record the 2nd measurement position.

A blue arrow and blue record button indicate that the shafts have been sufficiently rotated (> 20°), but less than the ideal amount (90°).

If possible, continue rotating the shafts until achieving 90° rotation for best results.



No arrow and a green record button indicates that the ideal amount of rotation has been performed (90°) for best results.

Tap Record 3rd.



Automatic measuring

Record measurements in three different rotational positions.

The system will begin with the measuring units in a horizontal position, though the 1st measurement position can be taken at any position around the shafts.

The system will offer guidance on the direction to turn, but you can turn in the opposite direction if you prefer. It is best to continue in the same direction as the first rotation for the 2nd and 3rd measurements. When the Record button turns green, the measuring unit and shaft have been rotated the ideal amount - at least 90°.

Tap start auto. This records the 1st measurement position.

A red arrow and red auto record button indicate that you still need to rotate the shafts before the system can record the 2nd measurement position.

A blue arrow and blue auto record button indicate that the shafts have been sufficiently rotated (> 20°), but less than the ideal amount (90°).

If possible, continue rotating the shafts until achieving 90° rotation for best results.



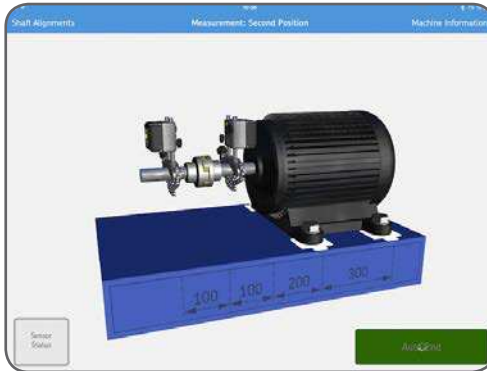
No arrow and a green auto record button indicates that the ideal amount of rotation has been performed (90°) for best results.

When the system senses that the shaft has been rotated sufficiently, and has been left untouched for a short while, it will automatically record the 2nd measurement position.

A red arrow and red auto record button indicate that you still need to rotate the shafts before the system can record the 3rd measurement position.

A blue arrow and blue Auto Record button indicate that the shafts have been sufficiently rotated ($> 20^\circ$), but less than the ideal amount (90°).

If possible, continue rotating the shafts until achieving 90° rotation for best results.



When the system senses that the shaft has again been rotated sufficiently, and has been left untouched for a short while, it will automatically record the 3rd measurement position.



1.8 “As Found” measuring results

The parallel offset and angular misalignment results for the vertical and horizontal axes, or planes, are shown in a combined view. Graphics show the position of the machine from a side and a top view.

a. Remeasure

If required, select Remeasure to cancel the results and make a new set of measurements.

b. Adjust

Perform vertical and horizontal corrections. The green Adjust button indicates that some values are out of tolerance and correction is needed.

c. Alignment Done

Accept the results by tapping Alignment Done. This creates a report which is placed below the main menu. Note that it is possible to resume the alignment after Alignment Done has been selected.



The values are compared with the selected tolerances and the symbols to the right, of the offset and angular misalignment values, indicate if the values are within tolerance.

Within tolerance: ✓

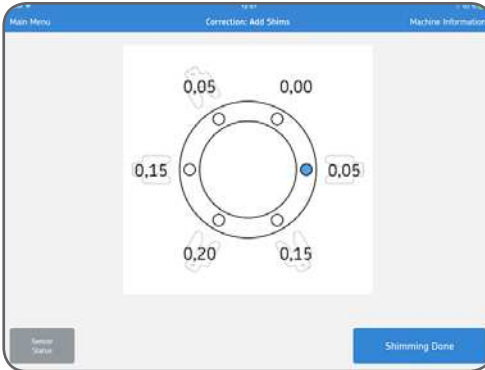
Out of tolerance: ✗

1.9 Vertical correction

If the vertical results are out of tolerance, you need to correct the shimming or the adjustable chocks. Based on the offset and angular misalignment values, the system calculates the correction values at the feet.

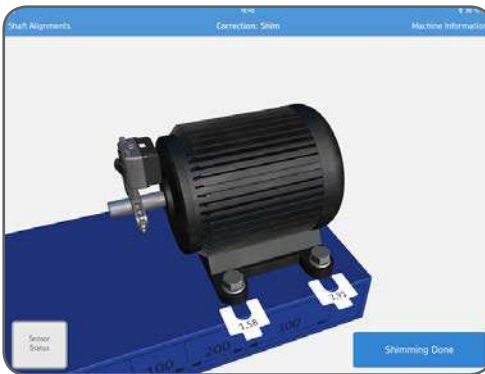
An animation shows the bolts being loosened in order to make corrections.

In the Machine Information view you can set the vertical adjustment method.



a. Vertical adjustment method - Shims

If the vertical adjustment method in the Machine Information is set to shims, the system will show if shims should be added or removed.

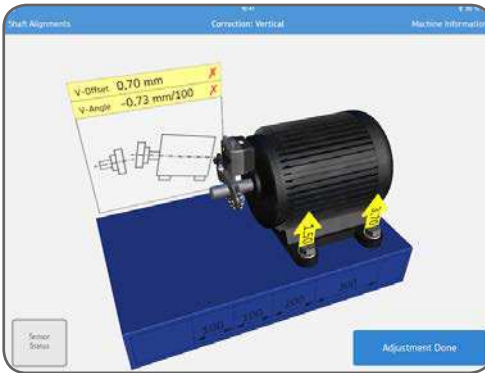


After the correction, or if no correction is needed, tap Shimming Done.

b. Vertical adjustment method - Adjustable Chocks (Live)

If the vertical adjustment method in the machine information is set to adjustable chocks, the screen will show vertical correction values.

Set the measuring units in a vertical position for live adjustment.



After the correction, or if no correction is needed, tap Adjustment Done.

1.10 Horizontal correction

Based on the offset and angular misalignment values, the system calculates the correction values at the feet of the moveable machine.

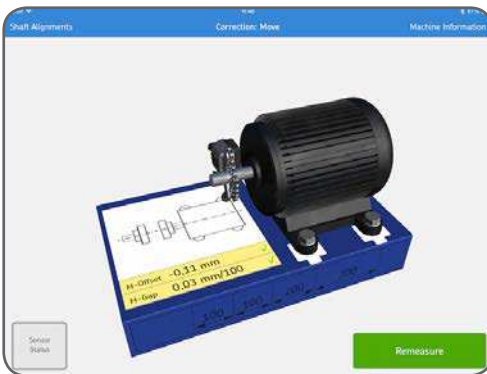
When the units are in a horizontal position then the horizontal values are live values.



Move the machine according to the arrows and observe the offset and angular misalignment values that are updated continuously.



After the correction, or if no correction is needed, tap Adjustment Done.



An animation shows the bolts being tightened down. Alignment is now complete and to confirm the result there is a need to re-do the measurement. Tap Remeasure.

1.11 Verify the alignment

The system requires that a new measurement is made to verify the alignment. This step is mandatory.

1.12 “As Corrected” measuring results

When the Alignment Done button is green, the machines are aligned within the chosen tolerances. If this is not the case, tap Adjust to correct the misalignment. Tap Alignment Done to exit to the main screen and to automatically create a report.



1.13 Report

The reports are automatically generated as PDF files and they are displayed on the main menu, with the most recent alignment in the upper left corner.

A report automatically contains measuring data for both the “As Found” and “As Corrected” results when a complete alignment has been performed.

a. Edit report

The report contains information from the measurement and can be completed with additional information. Tap anywhere in the report to edit.

b. Signature

Tap the Signature field and write your signature in the opening Sign Report view.

If a signed report is to be edited then the editor will be informed of a signature removal. The user will have to confirm this before editing is possible.

Shaft Alignment Report

Machine ID: Date:

Company: Operator:

Notes:

Tolerances

Speed (rpm)	Offset (mm)	Angular Error (mm/100)
0000-1000	0.13	0.10

Thermal Growth Compensation

Change	Vertical	Horizontal
Offset (mm)	-	-
Gap (mm)	-	-

S/N Unit S: 3708
S/N Unit M: 3709

Soft Foot Check Performed: No

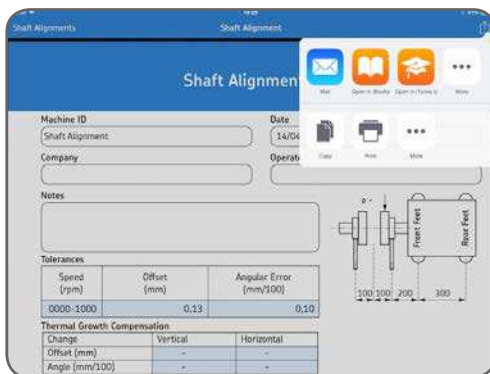
Result					
As Found	Vertical	Horizontal	As Corrected	Vertical	Horizontal
Offset (mm)	0,06 ✓	-0,99 ✗	0,08 ✓	-0,11 ✓	✓
Gap (mm)	-0,02 ✓	0,34 ✗	-0,01 ✓	0,04 ✓	✓
Front Feet (mm)	0,00	0,04	0,04	0,02	
Rear Feet (mm)	-0,07	1,07	-0,00	0,15	

Signature: _____

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c. Share report

While viewing a report it is possible to share it through for instance email or by printing it. The sharing functionality is available in the upper right corner of the view.



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