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Condition monitoring and diagnostics of machine systems - Ultrasound - General requirements, guidelines, procedures and validation

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