

Steam Turbine Maintenance and Reliability

This practical course is designed for rotating equipment specialists, millwrights, technicians, and engineers who are involved in the maintenance and operation of single and multi-stage, single valve industrial steam turbines. Major topics covered: principles of operation and design, maintenance and operation of major turbine components (including rotors, bearings, governors, lubrication systems, and casing), piping systems strain and supports, turbine alignment and thermal growth, and shop balancing. Particular attention will be paid to machines manufactured by Elliott, Westinghouse, Coppus, and Terry Turbines.

Topics Covered (3 days)

History of Turbines

Types of Turbines

Single stage, single valve

Multi-stage, single valve

Multi-stage, multi-valve

Principles of Operation

Impulse, reaction & tangential

Governor valve

Trip valve

Design

Curtis style

Rateau

Impulse

Reaction

Axial flow

Tangential flow

Radial flow

Maintenance of Casings

Joint surfaces

Casing drain lines

Leak-off drains

Gaskets

Raised face flanges

Bolting

Sealing

Maintenance of Rotors

Determination of balance

Rotor details (shaft sleeves, carbon sealing surfaces, bearing journals, probe sensing surfaces,

coupling diameters)

Bearings

Liner, sleeve, anti-friction (single row deep groove & angular contact), thrust sleeve, thrust collar, radial tilting pad, tilting thrust pad

Governors

Mechanical, hydraulic, servo, electronic

Alignment

Thermal growth

Flexible foot

Piping strain, supports, and design

Leak-off

Gland & leak-off drains

Lubrications

Grease

Oil ring feed

Pressure feed

Oil pumps