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Runout is the combination of the inherent vibration measurement of a rotating object together with any error caused by the measurement system. Runout may consist of two components:

**Mechanical Runout** - An error in measuring the position of the shaft centerline with a displacement probe that is caused by out-of-roundness and surface imperfections.

**Electrical Runout** - An error signal that occurs in eddy current displacement measurements when shaft surface conductivity varies.

The Prosig Rotor Runout system is based on Prosig's P8004 hardware and the DATS analysis package. The software guides a user through the process of capturing, analyzing and producing the final report.

### Rotor Runout Measurement

**Features**

- Accurate, portable data capture
- Easy setup
- LVDT or eddy current probes
- Automatic analysis & reports

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