

Ground Resonance Testing of 500 KW Wind Turbine GFRP Blade

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Abstract:

Ground Resonance Test is essential to determine the dynamic characteristics, such as Natural Frequencies, Modal Damping, Mode Shapes and MAC Matrix. The 500KW Wind turbine GFRP blade was subjected to GRT in order to find the dynamic characteristics experimentally. The wind turbine GFRP blade was rigidly attached to the static test rig in order to simulate the cantilever boundary condition. SISO test technique was used to conduct the test. Fixed response and roving excitation methodology was employed for making measurement. Input force and responses were measured using SCADAS III hardware and Test.Lab software. The test results were compared with the analytical results. Test configuration, test procedure and results are documented.