

VibelQ Mode

Banner's VibelQ machine learning algorithm simplifies the challenging task of setting up a vibration condition monitoring system.

VibelQ uses the collected vibration data to determine if an asset is running to generate an initial baseline of the asset and set custom alert thresholds. This custom baseline profile includes specific information, including load and speed variability, asset age, and specific application to create unique thresholds instead of generic ones.

Using VibelQ can dramatically reduce the time and effort required to establish a predictive maintenance system by removing the knowledge barrier to entry. This results in extended asset life and reduces unexpected downtime by having an early alert system to indicate when maintenance is required. On the same level, this can free up maintenance teams for higher-value work instead of spending time taking vibration readings and monitoring assets that are in good condition.

The QM30VT3 vibration and temperature sensors have this mode built into the sensor and only require a few steps to begin the baselining process. Previously this data had to be collected by a controller and processed at the edge or in the cloud. The configuration registers in 6007-6011 are used to set up the initial parameters that can be used for all future baselines.

Configuration registers 6007–6011

Register	Description
6007	Number of samples used to generate baseline
6008	Sample rate for how often a new data point is used towards the baseline (seconds)
6009	Acute Fault samples, the number of consecutive running samples of vibration data after the baseline is established to trigger an acute fault when above the learned thresholds
6010	Chronic Fault samples, the number of running samples of vibration data after baseline is established that are used in a moving average to trigger a chronic fault when this moving average crosses the learned thresholds.
6011	Units (0 = Imperial, 1= Metric)

The length of the baseline is determined by how often the asset is running, the number of samples used for the baseline, and the sample rate. If you are uncertain how long to collect the baseline data, we recommend about 24 hours of running time or one full load/process cycle that this asset may go through, whichever is longer, to capture all the possible system variability.

The motor is determined to be running using certain default limits established by default on the sensor. These thresholds can be adjusted in registers 6012-6017 but typically only require adjustments in unique circumstances. These default parameters are very accurate at determining the running state of a motor and only require adjustment in scenarios where either the sensor is picking up a significant amount of vibration being coupled in from other vibrating sources in the surrounding area, such as a large non-isolated motor, or the sensor is being used on an asset with limited signal output, which can often be corrected by improving the mounting location. In almost all cases, place the sensor as close to the bearing on a cast surface to accurately collect vibration data trends.

After configuration parameters are established, triggering a new baseline only requires sending a value of 1 to register 6001. When the sensor is completing the baseline, the number of remaining samples can be seen in register 6003. After the baseline is finished, baseline and threshold values are placed in registers 6018–6035. This includes a baseline value, warning and alarm threshold for each of the three axes on both the RMS velocity, and high-frequency acceleration data. These values remain constant unless a new baseline is triggered and can be collected for visualizing against the raw vibration data. It is recommended to trigger a new baseline after heavy preventative maintenance or asset replacement is completed.

The VibelQ mode is focused on trending the RMS Velocity and High-Frequency Acceleration levels. If these values are not increasing beyond the thresholds, nothing beyond standard maintenance should be required. When these parameters begin to trend upward, this can be an early indication of a failure mode appearing.

The RMS Velocity is a parameter taken from the lower frequency area of the sensor's bandwidth (below 1000 Hz). RMS Velocity trending update indicates issues related to imbalance, misalignment, looseness, soft foot, eccentricity, etc.

The RMS High-Frequency Acceleration is a parameter taken from the higher frequency area of the sensor's bandwidth (above 1000 Hz). This parameter and associated faults are indications of early bearing wear, lubrication issues, gear faults in a gearbox, cavitation on a pump, etc.

Temperature is also a critical component of motor monitoring and although the VibelQ algorithm does not provide baselining or automatic threshold generation, there are registers available for users to set their own thresholds. When the temperature rises above these thresholds, the alert flags will be set for indication.

There are two registers dedicated to providing alert status: 6038 and 6039. These are bit-packed registers where each bit is an indication of a different level or type of fault. There is a warning and alarm level for both RMS Velocity and RMS High-Frequency Acceleration across two types of faults: Acute or Chronic.

Acute faults are triggered when the raw vibration sample data of a running motor rises above the warning or alarm level for multiple samples in a row. The number of samples in a row is based on the user setting in register 6008 (default of 5). An acute fault can be an indication of a quicker developing fault such as a machine jam, belt slip, etc., but due to the volatile nature of vibration signals, some demodulation is necessary to avoid nuisance fault indication. To avoid nuisance fault indications, adjust the acute fault samples register.



The Chronic faults are based on a 100-point moving average of running samples. When that trend rises above the warning or alarm thresholds, the chronic alert bits trigger. This type of fault indicates a much longer growing trend upward from asset age/fatigue, spalling within the bearing, etc. A chronic fault could also be an indication that an acute fault was left in that state long enough and it was unable to clear itself.

Typically, an acute fault triggers first, but this isn't always the case if the data is bouncing above and below the threshold because each sample below the threshold restarts the acute sample consecutive count. The bit maps for the different alerts in registers 6038 and 6039 are as follows:

Alert bitmaps for registers 6038 and 6039

Register	Bit packed bit location	Description
6038	0	X-Axis Velocity Acute Warning
	1	X-Axis Velocity Chronic Warning
	2	X-Axis Velocity Acute Alarm
	3	X-Axis Velocity Chronic Alarm
	4	X-Axis Hi Accel Acute Warning
	5	X-Axis Hi Accel Acute Alarm
	6	X-Axis Hi Accel Chronic Warning
	7	X-Axis Hi Accel Chronic Alarm
	8	Y-Axis Velocity Acute Warning
	9	Y-Axis Velocity Chronic Warning
	10	Y-Axis Velocity Acute Alarm
	11	Y-Axis Velocity Chronic Alarm
	12	Y-Axis Hi Accel Acute Warning
	13	Y-Axis Hi Accel Acute Alarm
	14	Y-Axis Hi Accel Chronic Warning
	15	Y-Axis Hi Accel Chronic Alarm
6039	0	Z-Axis Velocity Acute Warning
	1	Z-Axis Velocity Chronic Warning
	2	Z-Axis Velocity Acute Alarm
	3	Z-Axis Velocity Chronic Alarm
	4	Z-Axis Hi Accel Acute Warning
	5	Z-Axis Hi Accel Acute Alarm
	6	Z-Axis Hi Accel Chronic Warning
	7	Z-Axis Hi Accel Chronic Alarm
	8	Temperature Warning
	9	Temperature Alarm

Modbus address (4x holding registers)	Description	I/O range		Scaling	
		Minimum	Maximum	Imperial	Metric
6001	Baseline trigger	0	1	-	-
6002	Baseline acquisition status	0	65535	-	-
6003	Baseline samples remaining	0	65535	-	-
6004	Velocity threshold comparison mode	0	1	-	-
6005	Acceleration threshold comparison mode	0	1	-	-
6006	Running threshold options AND vs OR	0	1	-	-
6007	Number of baseline samples	0	65535	-	-
6008	Sample rate for baselining (seconds)	0	65535	-	-
6009	Number of acute fault samples	0	1	-	-
6010	Number of chronic fault samples	0	65535	-	-
6011	Imperial (0) or metric (1)	0	1	-	-

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Modbus address (4x holding registers)	Description	I/O range		Scaling	
		Minimum	Maximum	Imperial	Metric
6012	X-axis RMS velocity running threshold (in/s or mm/s)	0	65535	/ 10,000	/ 1,000
6013	Y-axis RMS velocity running threshold (in/s or mm/s)	0	65535	/ 10,000	/ 1,000
6014	Z-axis RMS velocity running threshold (in/s or mm/s)	0	65535	/ 10,000	/ 1,000
6015	X-axis RMS high-frequency acceleration running threshold (g)	0	65535	/ 1,000	/ 1,000
6016	Y-axis RMS high-frequency acceleration running threshold (g)	0	65535	/ 1,000	/ 1,000
6017	Z-axis RMS high-frequency acceleration running threshold (g)	0	65535	/ 1,000	/ 1,000
6018	X-axis RMS velocity baseline (in/s or mm/s)	0	65535	/ 10,000	/ 1,000
6019	Y-axis RMS velocity baseline (in/s or mm/s)	0	65535	/ 10,000	/ 1,000
6020	Z-axis RMS velocity Baseline (in/s or mm/s)	0	65535	/ 10,000	/ 1,000
6021	X-axis RMS high-frequency acceleration baseline (g)	0	65535	/ 1,000	/ 1,000
6022	Y-axis RMS high-frequency acceleration baseline (g)	0	65535	/ 1,000	/ 1,000
6023	Z-axis RMS high-frequency acceleration baseline (g)	0	65535	/ 1,000	/ 1,000
6024	X-axis RMS velocity warning threshold (in/s or mm/s)	0	65535	/ 10,000	/ 1,000
6025	Y-axis RMS velocity warning threshold (in/s or mm/s)	0	65535	/ 10,000	/ 1,000
6026	Z-axis RMS velocity warning threshold (in/s or mm/s)	0	65535	/ 10,000	/ 1,000
6027	X-axis RMS high-frequency acceleration warning threshold (g)	0	65535	/ 1,000	/ 1,000
6028	Y-axis RMS high-frequency acceleration warning threshold (g)	0	65535	/ 1,000	/ 1,000
6029	Z-axis RMS high-frequency acceleration warning threshold (g)	0	65535	/ 1,000	/ 1,000
6030	X-axis RMS velocity alarm threshold (in/s or mm/s)	0	65535	/ 10,000	/ 1,000
6031	Y-axis RMS velocity alarm threshold (in/s or mm/s)	0	65535	/ 10,000	/ 1,000
6032	Z-axis RMS velocity alarm threshold (in/s or mm/s)	0	65535	/ 10,000	/ 1,000
6033	X-axis RMS high-frequency acceleration alarm threshold (g)	0	65535	/ 1,000	/ 1,000
6034	Y-axis RMS high-frequency acceleration alarm threshold (g)	0	65535	/ 1,000	/ 1,000
6035	Z-axis RMS high-frequency acceleration alarm threshold (g)	0	65535	/ 1,000	/ 1,000
6036	Temperature warning threshold (°F or °C)	-32767	32767	/ 100	/ 100
6037	Temperature alarm threshold (°F or °C)	-32767	32767	/ 100	/ 100
6038	Alert flags low word	0	65535	-	-
6039	Alert flags high word	0	65535	-	-