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Speed Reducer Nomenclature

AXIAL MOVEMENT – Endwise movement of input or output shafts, sometimes called endplay, is usually expressed in thousands of an inch.

EFFICIENCY – The amount of output power of the reducer as compared to the amount of input power. It is usually stated as a percentage.

Example:

Input HP = 1
Output HP = .75 $(75/100) \times (100) = 75\%$ Efficiency

BACKLASH – Rotational movement of the output shaft when holding the input shaft stationary and rotating the output shaft alternately clockwise and counter clockwise. Backlash may be expressed in thousands of an inch measured at a specific radius at the output shaft.

CENTER DISTANCE – On a single reduction reducer, this is the distance between the center lines of the input and output shafts. Shaft center lines may be parallel or at right angles to one another. The center distance of multiple stage reducers usually refers to the lowest speed stage (last reduction).

THRUST LOAD – Forces imposed on a shaft parallel to the shaft axis. Such a force is called a thrust load. It is often encountered on shafts driving mixers, fans, blowers and similar machines. When a thrust load acts on a speed reducer, you must be sure that the thrust load rating of the reducer is high enough that its shafts and bearings can absorb the load.

MECHANICAL RATING – The maximum power or torque that a speed reducer can transmit, based on the strength and durability of its components, is its mechanical rating. Obviously, the reducer may be rated no higher than the strength or durability of its weakest component. Reducers typically have a safety margin of two to three on their mechanical ratings. Thus, a reducer can withstand momentary overloads of 200-300% of its mechanical rating during a startup or other brief overload situations.

THERMAL RATING – The maximum power or torque that a speed reducer can transmit continuously, based on its ability to dissipate heat generated by friction, is called its thermal rating.

PRIME MOVER – The machine that provides power to a drive is its prime mover. The most frequently encountered prime movers include electric motors, internal combustion engines, hydraulic motors and air motors. The type of prime mover used can affect the speed reducer during operation. For example, an electric motor runs relatively smoothly in comparison to an internal combustion engine.

MOUNTING POSITION – The relationship of the input and output shafts relative to the floor line.

INPUT HORSEPOWER – The amount of power applied to the input shaft of a reducer by the prime mover is its input horsepower. It is often used as a selection basis for power transmission components, and it appears in the rating tables of drive manufacturer's published data. Remember that input horsepower ratings represent the maximum amount of power that the reducer can safely handle.

OUTPUT HORSEPOWER – The amount of power available at the output shaft of a reducer is its output horsepower. Due to losses caused by inefficiency, output horsepower is always less than input horsepower.

OVERHUNG LOAD – The input or the output shaft of a speed reducer can be subject to an overhung load; that is, to a force applied at right angles to the shaft, beyond its outermost bearing. Such a force is a shaft bending load resulting from a gear, pulley, sprocket or other external drive member. Besides the tendency to bend the shaft, the overhung load (that is, the radial force on the shaft) is reacted to by the shaft in its bearings. Therefore, the overhung load creates loads that the bearings must be able to support without damage.

SERVICE FACTORS – Numbers which modify the loads which must be considered in selecting a speed reducer are called service factors. They vary with the type of service in which the reducer is to be used, the kind of prime mover involved and the duty cycle. The service factor can be a multiplier applied to the known load, which redefines the load in accordance with the conditions at which the drive will be used, or it can be a divisor applied to catalog reducer ratings, thus redefining the rating in accordance with drive conditions. The service factor is usually applied to the speed reducer, but can also be applied to the name plate rating of the prime mover.

REDUCTOR® – Boston Gear's registered trademark for a speed reducer having a projecting input shaft suitable for mounting a coupling, sprocket, pulley or gear.

FLANGED REDUCTOR – Boston Gear's name for a reductor furnished with an input flange suitable for attaching a face mounted motor.

RATIOMOTOR® – Boston Gear's registered trademark for a motorized reducer consisting of a flanged reductor and face mounted motor assembled, sometimes referred to as a gearmotor.

SELF-LOCKING ABILITY – Boston 700 Series reducers, under no conditions should be considered to hold a load when at rest.

BACK-DRIVING – This is the converse of self-locking. Depending upon ratio and many variables, it is difficult to predict the back-driving capability of a 700 Series reducer. Worm gear reducers are not intended to be used as speed increasers. Consult factory for back-driving applications.



Horsepower and Torque

POWER is the rate of doing work.

WORK is the exerting of a FORCE through a DISTANCE.

ONE FOOT POUND is a unit of WORK. It is the WORK done in exerting a FORCE OF ONE POUND through a DISTANCE OF ONE FOOT.

THE AMOUNT OF WORK done (Foot Pounds) is the FORCE (Pounds) exerted multiplied by the DISTANCE (Feet) through which the FORCE acts.

THE AMOUNT OF POWER used (Foot Pounds per Minute) is the WORK (Foot Pounds) done divided by the TIME (Minutes) required.

$$\text{POWER (Foot Pounds per Minute)} = \frac{\text{WORK (Ft. Lbs.)}}{\text{TIME (Minutes)}}$$

POWER is usually expressed in terms of HORSEPOWER.

HORSEPOWER is POWER (Foot Pounds per Minute) divided by 33,000.

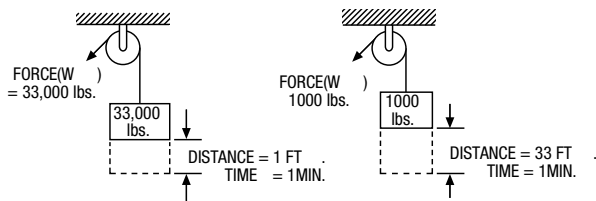
HORSEPOWER (HP)

$$= \frac{\text{POWER (Ft. Lbs. per Minute)}}{33,000}$$

$$= \frac{\text{WORK (Ft. Pounds)}}{33,000 \times \text{TIME (Min.)}}$$

$$= \frac{\text{FORCE (Lbs.)} \times \text{DISTANCE (Feet)}}{33,000 \times \text{TIME (Min.)}}$$

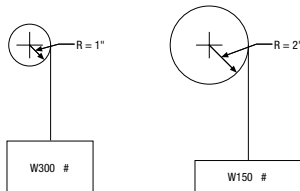
Illustration of horsepower



$$\text{HP} = \frac{33,000 \times 1}{33,000 \times 1} = 1 \text{ HP}$$

$$\text{HP} = \frac{1000 \times 33}{33,000 \times 1} = 1 \text{ HP}$$

TORQUE (T) is the product of a FORCE (W) in pounds, times a RADIUS (R) in inches from the center of shaft (Lever Arm) and is expressed in Inch Pounds.



$$T = WR \\ = 300 \times 1 = 300 \text{ In. Lbs.}$$

$$T = WR \\ = 150 \times 2 = 300 \text{ In. Lbs.}$$

If the shaft is revolved, the FORCE (W) is moved through a distance, and WORK is done.

$$\text{WORK (Ft. Lbs.)} = W \times \frac{2\pi R}{12} \times \text{No. of Rev. of shaft}$$

When WORK is done in a specified TIME, POWER is used.

$$\text{POWER (Ft. Pounds per Minute)} = W \times \frac{2\pi R}{12} \times \text{RPM}$$

Since (1) HORSEPOWER = 33,000 Ft. Pounds per Minute

$$\text{Horsepower (HP)} = W \times \frac{2\pi R}{12} \times \frac{\text{RPM}}{33,000} = \frac{W \times R \times \text{RPM}}{63,025}$$

but TORQUE (Inch Pounds) = FORCE (W) x RADIUS (R)

$$\text{Therefore HORSEPOWER (HP)} = \frac{\text{TORQUE (T)} \times \text{RPM}}{63,025}$$

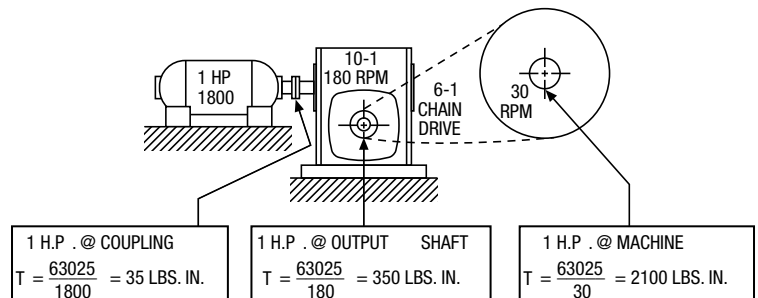
Where total reductions are small, 50 to 1 or less, HP figures are commonly used. Higher reductions require that TORQUE figures be used to select drive components, because with large reductions, a small motor can produce extremely high TORQUE at the final low speed. For example, 1/12 HP reduced to 1 RPM using the formula below and neglecting friction:

$$\text{HP} = \frac{\text{TORQUE} \times \text{RPM}}{63,025} \text{ or } \text{TORQUE} = \frac{63,025 \times \text{HP}}{\text{RPM}}$$

$$\text{TORQUE} = \frac{63,025 \times 1/12}{1} = 5,252 \text{ In. Lbs.}$$

Therefore, motors for use with large reductions should be carefully selected. Even a small motor, if stalled, can produce enough Torque to ruin the drive, unless it is protected by a shear pin or some similar device.

Neglecting frictional losses, this sketch illustrates the manner in which Torque increases as speed decreases.



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AGMA Service Factors and Load Classifications

Q

| Type of Machine To Be Driven | Non-Motor Reducer (Service Factors) | | Motorized Reducer (Class of Service) | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | Hours Per Day | | Hours Per Day | |
| | 3 to 10 | Over 10 | 3 to 10 | Over 10 |
| AGITATORS | | | | |
| Pure Liquid | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| Semi-Liquids, Variable Density | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| BLOWERS | | | | |
| Centrifugal and Vane | 1.00 | 1.25 | — | — |
| Lobe | 1.25 | 1.50 | — | — |
| BREWING AND DISTILLING | | | | |
| Bottling Machinery | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| Brew Kettles - Continuous Duty | — | 1.25 | — | II |
| Cookers - Continuous Duty | — | 1.25 | — | II |
| Mash Tubs - Continuous Duty | — | 1.25 | — | II |
| Scale Hopper - Frequent Starts | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| CAN FILLING MACHINES | | | | |
| Can Knives | 1.50 | — | — | — |
| Car Dumpers | 1.75 | — | III | — |
| Car Pullers | 1.25 | — | * | — |
| Clarifiers | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| Classifiers | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| CLAY WORKING MACHINERY | | | | |
| Brick Press & Briquette Machine | 1.75 | 2.00 | III | III |
| Extruders and Mixers | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | III |
| COMPRESSORS | | | | |
| Centrifugal | 1.00 | 1.25 | — | — |
| Lobe - Reciprocating, Multi-Cycle | 1.25 | 1.50 | — | — |
| Reciprocating - Single Cycle | 1.75 | 2.00 | — | — |
| CONVEYORS - UNIFORMLY LOADED & FED | | | | |
| Apron | 1.00 | 1.25 | II | III |
| Assembly Belt - Bucket or Pan | 1.00 | 1.25 | II | II |
| Chain - Flight | 1.00 | 1.25 | II | II |
| Oven - Live Roll - Screw | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| CONVEYORS - HEAVY DUTY NOT UNIFORMLY FED | | | | |
| Apron | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | III |
| Assembly Belt - Bucket or Pan | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Chain - Flight | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Live Roll | — | — | * | * |
| Oven - Screw | 1.25 | 1.50 | I | II |
| Reciprocating - Shaker | 1.75 | 2.00 | III | III |
| CRANES AND HOISTS | | | | |
| Main Hoists | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| Bridge and Trolley Drive | * | * | II | II |
| CRUSHER | | | | |
| Ore, Stone | 1.75 | 2.00 | — | — |
| Sugar | 1.50 | 1.50 | — | — |
| ELEVATORS | | | | |
| Bucket - Uniform Load | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| Bucket - Heavy Load | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | III |
| Centrifugal Discharge | 1.25 | 1.50 | I | II |
| Freight | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Gravity Discharge | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| FANS | | | | |
| Centrifugal - Light (Small Dia.) | 1.00 | 1.25 | — | — |
| Large Industrial | 1.25 | 1.50 | — | — |

*Consult Manufacturer.

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|---|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | Hours Per Day | | Hours Per Day | |
| | 3 to 10 | Over 10 | 3 to 10 | Over 10 |
| FEEDERS | | | | |
| Apron - Belt - Screw | 1.25 | 1.50 | — | — |
| Disc | 1.00 | 1.25 | — | — |
| Reciprocating | 1.75 | 2.00 | — | — |
| FOOD INDUSTRY | | | | |
| Beet Slicer | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Bottling, Can Filling Machines | 1.00 | 1.25 | — | — |
| Cereal Cooker | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| Dough Mixer - Meat Grinder | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Generators (Not Welding) | 1.00 | 1.25 | — | — |
| Hammer Mills | 1.75 | 2.00 | — | — |
| Slicers | 1.00 | 1.25 | — | — |
| HOISTS | | | | |
| Heavy Duty | 1.75 | 2.00 | — | — |
| Medium Duty and Skip Type | 1.25 | 1.50 | — | — |
| Laundry Tumblers | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | III |
| LINE SHAFTS | | | | |
| Uniform Load | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| Heavy Load | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| MACHINE TOOLS | | | | |
| Auxiliary Drive | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| Main Drive - Uniform Load | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Main Drive - Heavy Duty | 1.75 | 2.00 | III | III |
| METAL MILLS | | | | |
| Draw Bench Carriers & Main Drive | 1.25 | 1.50 | — | — |
| Slitters | 1.25 | 1.50 | — | — |
| TABLE CONVEYORS - NON REVERSING | | | | |
| Group Drives | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | III |
| Individual Drives | 1.75 | 2.00 | III | III |
| Wire Drawing, Flattening or Winding | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | III |
| MILLS ROTARY TYPE BALL & ROD | | | | |
| Spur Ring Gear and Direct Connected | — | 2.00 | — | — |
| Cement Kilns, Pebble | — | 1.50 | — | — |
| Dryers and Coolers | — | 1.50 | — | — |
| Plain and Wedge Bar | — | 1.50 | — | — |
| Tumbling Barrels | — | 2.00 | — | — |
| MIXERS | | | | |
| Concrete - Continuous | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | III |
| Concrete - Intermittent | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | — |
| Constant Density | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| Semi-Liquid | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| OIL INDUSTRY | | | | |
| Oil Well Pumping | — | * | — | — |
| Chillers, Paraffin Filter | 1.25 | 1.50 | — | — |
| Press Rotary Kilns | 1.25 | 1.50 | — | — |
| PAPER MILLS | | | | |
| Agitator (Mixer) | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Agitator - Pure Liquids | 1.00 | 1.25 | — | — |
| Barking Drums - Mechanical Barkers | 1.75 | 2.00 | — | — |
| Bleacher | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| Beater | 1.25 | 1.50 | — | — |
| Calendar - Heavy Duty | — | 2.00 | — | — |

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| PAPER MILLS (Continued) | | | | |
| Calendar - Anti-Friction Bearings | 1.00 | 1.25 | — | II |
| Cylinders | 1.25 | 1.50 | — | II |
| Chipper | — | 2.00 | — | III |
| Chip Feeder | 1.25 | 1.50 | — | — |
| Coating Rolls - Couch Rolls | 1.00 | 1.25 | — | — |
| Conveyors - Chips - Bark - Chemical | 1.00 | 1.25 | — | — |
| Conveyors - Log and Slab | — | 2.00 | — | — |
| Cutter | — | 2.00 | — | — |
| Cylinder Molds, Dryers - Anti-Friction | — | 1.25 | — | — |
| Felt Stretcher | 1.25 | 1.50 | — | II |
| Screens - Chip and Rotary | 1.25 | 1.50 | — | — |
| Thickener (AC) | 1.25 | 1.50 | — | — |
| Washer (AC) | 1.25 | 1.50 | — | — |
| Winder - Surface Type | — | 1.25 | — | II |
| PLASTICS INDUSTRY | | | | |
| Intensive Internal Mixers | | | | |
| Batch Type | — | 1.75 | — | — |
| Continuous Type | — | 1.50 | — | — |
| Batch Drop Mill - 2 Rolls | — | 1.25 | — | — |
| Compounding Mills | — | 1.25 | — | — |
| Calendars | — | 1.50 | — | — |
| Extruder - Variable Speed | — | 1.50 | — | — |
| Extruder - Fixed Speed | — | 1.75 | — | — |
| PULLERS | | | | |
| Barge Haul | — | 2.00 | — | — |
| PUMPS | | | | |
| Centrifugal | — | 1.25 | — | — |
| Proportioning | — | 1.50 | * | * |
| Reciprocating | | | | |
| Single Acting, 3 or More Cycles | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | III |
| Double Acting, 2 or More Cycles | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | III |
| Rotary - Gear or Lube | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| RUBBER INDUSTRY | | | | |
| Batch Mixers | — | 1.75 | — | — |
| Continuous Mixers | — | 1.50 | — | — |

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| | 3 to 10 | Over 10 | 3 to 10 | Over 10 |
| RUBBER INDUSTRY (Continued) | | | | |
| Continuous Mixers | — | 1.50 | — | — |
| Calendars | — | 1.50 | — | — |
| Extruders - Continuous | — | 1.50 | — | — |
| Extruders - Intermittent | — | 1.75 | — | — |
| Tire Building Machines | — | — | II | II |
| Tire and Tube Press Operators | — | — | I | I |
| SEWAGE DISPOSAL EQUIPMENT | | | | |
| Bar Screens | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| Chemical Feeders | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| Collectors | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| Dewatering Screws | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Scum Breakers | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Slow or Rapid Mixers | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Thickeners | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Vacuum Filters | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| SCREENS | | | | |
| Air Washing | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| Rotary - Stone or Gravel | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Traveling Water Intake | 1.00 | 1.25 | I | II |
| Skip Hoists | — | — | II | — |
| Slab Pushers | 1.25 | 1.50 | — | — |
| Stokers | — | 1.25 | — | II |
| TEXTILE INDUSTRY | | | | |
| Batchers or Calendars | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Cards | 1.25 | 1.50 | I | II |
| Card Machines | 1.75 | 2.00 | III | III |
| Dry Cans and Dryers | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Dyeing Machines | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Looms | 1.25 | 1.50 | * | * |
| Mangles, Nappers and Pads | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Soapers, Tenner Frames | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Spinners, Washers, Winders | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | II |
| Tumbling Barrels | 1.75 | 2.00 | III | III |
| Windlass | 1.25 | 1.50 | II | III |



This list is not all-inclusive and each application should be checked to determine if any unusual operating conditions will be encountered.

SERVICE FACTOR CHART

| AGMA Class of Service | Service Factor | Operating Conditions |
|-----------------------|----------------|---|
| I | 1.00 | Moderate Shock - not more than 15 minutes in 2 hours. Uniform Load - not more than 10 hours per day. |
| II | 1.25 | Moderate Shock - not more than 10 hours per day. Uniform Load - more than 10 hours per day. |
| | 1.50 | Heavy Shock - not more than 15 minutes in 2 hours. Moderate Shock - more than 10 hours per day. |
| III | 1.75 | Heavy Shock - not more than 10 hours per day. |
| | 2.00 | Heavy Shock - more than 10 hours per day. |

Application Considerations

For most applications, select for running torque rather than starting torque. The AC motor will normally produce a 200 percent starting torque. The speed reducer is built to take at least 200% momentary overload to overcome normal starting inertia. The difference in the resulting cost can be startling.

A 20% safety factor in selection can double the life ... of the speed reducer for more economy in the long run. This rule of thumb will help compensate for unexpected shock and vibration, and add substantially to wear life.

Consider “auxiliary drives” whenever possible for economy. A properly selected gear or chain drive reduction from the reducer output to the driven shaft can produce substantial savings in space and drive cost.

Avoid auxiliary drives to the input shaft ... unless absolutely necessary. Auxiliary reduction from the motor to the input shaft can increase the size and cost of the drive.

Hoists

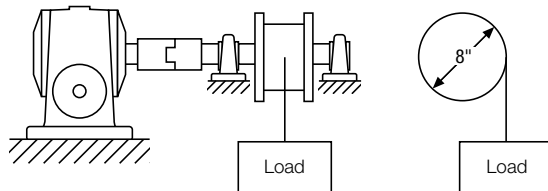
Worm gear reducers are ideal for many hoist applications. There are, however, certain precautions which should be exercised with what are thought to be self-locking characteristics of this reducer type.

A worm gear is generally said to be self-locking or irreversible when the gear cannot drive the worm – when the lead angle of the worm is less than the friction angle and hence, reverse drive efficiency is zero. This static condition can be upset by vibrations from nearby machinery or other sources. Many worm gear reducers are not self-locking, and even a particular size and ratio, which may appear to be, cannot be depended upon for this purpose. Also, a reducer which holds the load when upward movement is stopped may not when the load inertia is moving downward and the motor is stopped. For complete locking assurance, it is recommended that a fail-safe brake be used for such an application.

Finding the required torque and drum RPM...

$$\text{Torque (Lb. Ins.)} = (\text{Load}) \times (\text{Drum Radius})$$

$$\text{RPM} = (\text{Velocity}) \div .2618 \times (\text{Drum Dia.})$$



Belt Conveyors

Belt conveyor applications are one of those wherein the speed reducer is commonly overspecified. Proper application can, in many instances, result in substantial system economies.

To determine the torque required here, first determine the belt pull, since this is the principal force. In calculating this, the effects of sliding friction and/or angle or inclination must be considered. Table 1 shows Application Factors which may be used in determining belt pull based upon common combinations of materials and various angles.

TABLE 1. CONVEYOR APPLICATION FACTORS

| Material Combinations | Angle From The Horizontal | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 0° | 10° | 20° | 30° | 40° | 50° | 60° | 70° | 80° | 90° |
| Pivoting bucket conveyor | .025 | .19 | .36 | .52 | .66 | .78 | .88 | .95 | .99 | 1.00 |
| Belt on rollers | .025 | .19 | .36 | .52 | .66 | .78 | .88 | .95 | .99 | 1.00 |
| Metal on metal (finished) | .20 | .37 | .53 | .67 | .80 | .89 | .97 | 1.01 | 1.02 | 1.00 |
| Fabric on steel | .27 | .44 | .60 | .74 | .85 | .94 | 1.00 | 1.03 | 1.03 | 1.00 |
| Fabric on wood | .32 | .49 | .63 | .77 | .88 | .97 | 1.02 | 1.04 | 1.04 | 1.00 |
| Leather on wood | .35 | .52 | .67 | .80 | .91 | .99 | 1.04 | 1.06 | 1.05 | 1.00 |
| Wood on wood | .35 | .52 | .67 | .80 | .91 | .99 | 1.04 | 1.06 | 1.05 | 1.00 |
| Plastic on steel | .35 | .52 | .67 | .80 | .91 | .99 | 1.04 | 1.06 | 1.05 | 1.00 |
| Metal on wood | .40 | .57 | .72 | .85 | .95 | 1.02 | 1.07 | 1.08 | 1.05 | 1.00 |
| Rubber on wood | .45 | .62 | .76 | .89 | .99 | 1.05 | 1.09 | 1.09 | 1.06 | 1.00 |
| Rubber on steel | .50 | .67 | .81 | .93 | 1.03 | 1.09 | 1.12 | 1.11 | 1.07 | 1.00 |
| Leather on metal | .56 | .72 | .87 | .98 | 1.06 | 1.12 | 1.14 | 1.13 | 1.08 | 1.00 |

Interpolation in the table above is permissible.

The procedure involves selection of the proper Application Factor for the calculations:

$$\text{Belt Pull} = (\text{Total weight on conveyor}) \times (\text{Application Factor})$$

$$\text{Torque} = (\text{Belt Pull}) \times (\text{Radius of Head Pulley})$$

Example:

An inclined belt conveyor is to carry cases of canned fruit. The belt is leather on a wood conveyor bed. Ten cases will be on the conveyor at a time, and each weighs 30 Lbs. The conveyor is inclined at 20° to the horizontal, and the head pulley diameter is 9”.

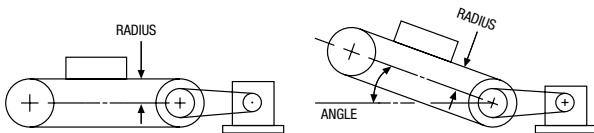
How much torque is required at the head pulley?

Select .67 as the Application Factor (Table 1)

Determine weight: 10 x 30 = 300 Lbs.

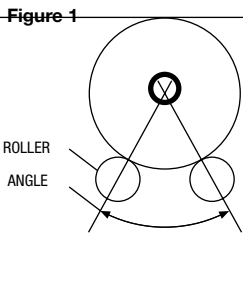
Determine belt pull: 300 x .67 = 201 Lbs.

Determine Torque: 201 x 9/2 = 201 x 4.5
= 904 Lb. Ins.



Cylinders

These applications deal principally with rotation of weight about a horizontal centerline. Again, they are commonly subject to reducer overspecification. The table of Rolling Friction Factors in the section on turntables may be used, since the supporting members will be essentially the same.



For **Roller Supported** cylinders (Figure 1), the torque required will depend on the rolling friction factor and the angle between the rollers, in addition to the weight. Assuming that the load in the cylinder is non-solid and tends to remain essentially central (or balanced). The Table below lists angle factors to be used in the calculations.

Table 2. Angle Factors For Roller Supported Cylinders

| Angle | 0° | 20° | 40° | 50° | 60° | 70° | 80° | 90° |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Angle Factor | 1.00 | 1.02 | 1.06 | 1.10 | 1.15 | 1.22 | 1.31 | 1.41 |

The friction force acts at the point of contact between the rollers and the cylinder, and will be:

$$\text{Friction Force} = (\text{Weight}) \times (\text{Friction Factor}) \times (\text{Angle Factor})$$

Assuming the cylinder is to be driven by one of the rollers:

$$\text{Torque} = (\text{Friction Force}) \times (\text{Radius of Roller})$$

Example:

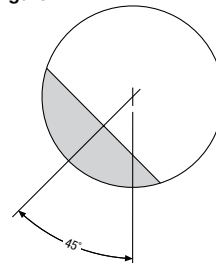
A 1200 Lb. steel cylinder is resting on two pairs of steel rollers which are 4” in diameter. The cylinder is empty. The angle between rollers is 50°. How much torque is required at the roller to turn the cylinder?

Select 1.10 as Angle Factor (Table 2), and .025 as Rolling Friction Factor (Table 3).

Determine Friction Force: 1200 x .025 x 1.10 = 33 Lbs.

Determine Torque: 33 x 2 = 66 Lb. Ins.

Figure 2



Horizontal Axis Supported cylinders (Figure 2), with unbalanced loads require a different approach. Assuming that the cylinder is not full, and that the material is rotated to a position about 45° from the vertical, the torque is equal to the Material Weight x “Effective Radius”.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Effective Radius} &= \text{Cylinder Diameter (D)} \times 0.23 \text{ (1/4 full)} \\ &0.15 \text{ (1/2 full)} \\ &0.08 \text{ (3/4 full)} \end{aligned}$$

Example:

An axis supported cylinder is 3 Ft. in diameter and is half full of semi-solids mixture weighing 400 Lbs. How much torque is required (at the axis) to rotate the cylinder?

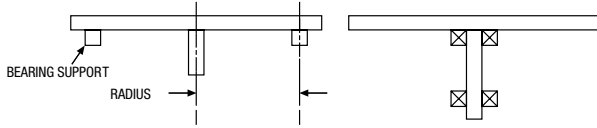
Determine the Effective Radius: .15 x (3 x 12) = 5.4 In.

Calculate Torque: 400 x 5.4 = 2160 Lb. Ins.



Application Considerations

Turntables



Here, too, turntable applications appear to lend themselves to overspecification of the speed reducer.

This type of problem involves rotation of weight in a horizontal plane, and in most cases the torque must only overcome the friction between the turntable and its supporting bearings. Assuming that the speed of rotation will be slow, the bearing loads caused by centrifugal forces (resulting from eccentric loading) may be ignored. Since in most applications, the turntable is supported by anti-friction bearings or rollers, a Table of Rolling Friction Factors is provided to be used in the following calculations.

Table 3. Rolling friction factors

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Radial Ball Bearings | .001 |
| Roller Bearings | .0015 |
| Thrust Ball Bearings | .0034 |
| Steel Wheels on Steel | .025 |
| Iron Rollers on Wood | .13 |
| Iron Rollers on Asphalt | .14 |

In rim supported turntables, a friction factor should be selected on the basis of the type of supporting bearings. The load on the bearings will be the sum of the weight of the turntable itself plus the load; the friction force at the bearings is the product of the total weight and the friction factor.

$$\text{Force} = (\text{Total Weight} \times \text{Friction Factor})$$

$$\text{Torque} = (\text{Force}) \times (\text{Radius})$$

Example:

A turntable 20 feet in diameter is to rotate a 4500 Lb. automobile. A ring of steel casters (riding on steel) supports the turntable, the casters are located at a radius of 8 feet. The turntable weights 1500 Lbs. How much torque is required to drive the turntable at the axis?

Select .025 as Rolling Friction Factor (Table 3).

Determine weight: $4500 + 1500 = 6000$ Lbs.

Determine Friction Force: $6000 \times .025 = 150$ Lbs.

Determine Torque: $150 \times (8 \times 12) = 14,400$ Lb. Ins.

Center supported turntables do not lend themselves well to calculation because the bearings are on the supporting shaft. The scale measurement of the torque will provide the most accurate value. If this is not possible, the mean radius of the bearing may be used in the above formulas with some degree of accuracy.

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| Velocity (V) Feet Per Minute | Pitch Diameter (D) of Gear or Sprocket - Inches and Revolutions Per Minute (RPM) | $V = .2618 \times D \times \text{RPM}$ |
| Revolutions Per Minute (RPM) | Velocity (V) Feet Per Minute and Pitch Diameter (D) of Gear or Sprocket - Inches | $\text{RPM} = \frac{V}{.2618 \times D}$ |
| Pitch Diameter (D) of Gear or Sprocket | Velocity (V) Feet Per Minute and Revolutions Per Minute (RPM) | $D = \frac{V}{.2618 \times \text{RPM}}$ |
| Torque (T) In. Lbs. | Force (W) Lbs. and Radius (R) Inches | $T = W \times R$ |
| Horsepower (HP) | Force (W) Lbs. and Velocity (V) Feet Per Minute | $\text{HP} = \frac{W \times V}{33000}$ |
| Horsepower (HP) | Torque (T) In. Lbs. and Revolutions Per Minute (RPM) | $\text{HP} = \frac{T \times \text{RPM}}{63025}$ |
| Torque (T) | Horsepower (HP) and Revolutions Per Minute (RPM) | $T = \frac{63025 \times \text{HP}}{\text{RPM}}$ |
| Force (W) Lbs. | Horsepower (HP) and Velocity (V) Feet Per Minute | $W = \frac{33000 \times \text{HP}}{V}$ |
| Revolutions Per Minute (RPM) | Horsepower (HP) and Torque (T) In. Lbs. | $\text{RPM} = \frac{63025 \times \text{HP}}{T}$ |

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Unless otherwise specified, quotations are based on material furnished by the customer being of ordinary hardness, normal allowance for finish, uniform specification, and machine work being of ordinary commercial accuracy. If material furnished by the customer involves the Company in expense not contemplated by the contract, the customer will be charged for all such additional expense. If serious defects are found in the material furnished by the customer, the customer will be charged for the actual work done. The Company assumes no responsibility for, and will not be liable for loss of or damage to samples, blueprints, diagrams, and other material of any nature submitted or furnished by the customer or prospective customer, provided the Company has exercised reasonable care in the handling of the same. The Company does not assume transportation and insurance costs on any of the foregoing items. In all cases where the customer or prospective customer makes no statement in writing, concerning the disposition of any of the foregoing material when submitted, the Company reserves the right to dispose of such material according to its best judgement.

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When dimensions of rims, bores, and hubs are not clearly specified, quotations are based on ordinary dimensions. Before the customer's blanks are accepted by the Company for cutting, the diameter, holes, rims, and ends of holes must be finished; for bevel gears, hubs, must be of uniform length. There should also be an allowance of extra blanks to cover possible spoilage. Unless otherwise specified, dimensions are in inches.

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If any tax is at any time levied or imposed by the federal or any state or local government, or any other taxing authority, upon the products covered hereby, or in respect of the production, processing, manufacture, storage, sale, use, or consumption thereof, or, in the case of goods delivered at the Company's expense, upon the transportation thereof, including freight charges thereon, the amount of such tax shall be added to the purchase price above specified and shall be borne by the customer. The Company will accept a valid exemption certificate from the customer if applicable; however, if any exemption certificate previously accepted is not recognized by the taxing authority involved and the Company is required to pay the tax covered by such exemption certificate, the customer shall be required to promptly reimburse the Company for the taxes so paid.

8. Shipments

All shipments are made F.O.B. shipping point (subject to freight allowance under conditions stated in separate price schedules). When ordering, the customer's desired method of shipment must be clearly stated. Where instructions for shipping do not appear on the order, shipment will be made according to the Company's best judgment. Full risk of loss (including transportation delays and losses) shall pass the customer upon delivery of the products to F.O.B. point. Unless otherwise instructed, all Parcel Post shipments are insured at the customers' expense. Parcel Post shipments without insurance are at the customer's risk. Deliveries by Messenger Service to a terminal are made at the customer's risk and expense. Partial shipments shall be permitted and the Company may invoice each shipment separately.

9. Refusal of Shipment

In case of the refusal or inability of the customer to accept any shipment in accordance with the terms of the order, the customer shall be liable for freight, express, storage, extra cost of handling and all other expenses incurred by the Company as a result of such refusal or inability.

10. Delay or Nonperformance

The Company shall not be liable for any delay or loss of any nature or failure in performance due to or caused by fire, flood, strike, or other differences with workmen, accidents, labor or material or transportation shortages, war (declared or undeclared), insurrection, riot, or by any governmental orders or regulations, legal interferences or prohibitions, defaults on the part of suppliers or other causes beyond the Company's reasonable control.

11. Claims and Rejected Material

Any products which have been altered or damaged are not returnable except with the Company's written consent. To reject products on inspection as defective, customer must notify the Company in writing within ten (10) days from receipt of the products. Before allowing or rejecting claim, the Company shall then have the option of reinspection at the customer's plant or its own. Defects that do not impair service shall not be a cause for rejection. The Company shall have the right to replace within a reasonable time any product or products which in its opinion do not conform to the order. No claim will be allowed for any products damaged by the customer or damaged in transit. Expenses incurred in connection with claims for which the Company is not liable, will be charged to the customer. The Company will not be responsible for any work done to correct errors unless such work is authorized by the written consent of the Company. The Company assumes no liability for any claim for infringement of any foreign or domestic patent.

12. Limited Warranty

The Company warrants that products manufactured or sold by it shall be free from defects in material and workmanship. Any products which shall within two (2) years of delivery, be proved to the Company's satisfaction to have been defective at the time of delivery in these respects will be replaced or repaired by the Company at its option. Freight is the responsibility of the customer. The Company's liability under this limited warranty is limited to such replacement or repair and it shall not be held liable in any form of action for direct or consequential damages to property or person. THE FOREGOING LIMITED WARRANTY IS EXPRESSLY MADE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES WHATSOEVER, EXPRESS, IMPLIED AND STATUTORY AND INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS.

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To the best of the Company's knowledge and belief it is in compliance with all local, state and federal laws. All orders are subject to the condition that the Company's obligation under such local, state and federal laws and Executive Orders, Rules and Regulations issued thereunder, whether now in force or hereafter made effective, shall be no greater as a result of this agreement and no greater than required by such laws and the Company expressly disclaims assumptions of any of the customer's obligations under such laws.

16. General

Any terms and conditions of a customer's order which are inconsistent with or additional to the terms and conditions hereof shall not be binding on the Company and shall not be considered applicable to any sale or shipment of the Company's products. All such terms and conditions are hereby expressly rejected. No waiver, alteration or modification of any of the Company's terms and conditions shall be binding on the Company unless made in writing and agreed to by a duly authorized official of the Company.

17. Printers, Stenographic, and Clerical Errors

The Company is not responsible for printers' errors made in any of its publications and other forms of printed matter, or for any stenographic and clerical errors. All such errors are subject to correction.

18. Reducer Express

- Quantities of reducers covered as part of this program are a maximum of:
6 pieces for any 710-726 or 221-231 and 832-843
2 pieces for any 730-760 or 239-247 and 852-873
- Bost-Kleen, Stainless Bost-Kleen and modified reducers are not included as part of this program.
- Boston Gear will utilize any major courier to handle air shipments.
- Consult Boston Gear for details.

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- Products must be available from stock.
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