

Worm Gears (1)

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⇒ Geometry:

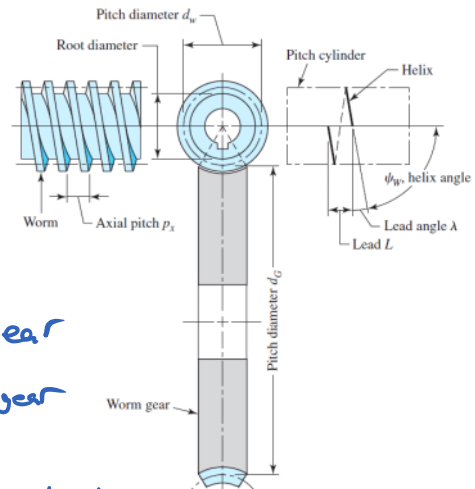
* The pitch diameter of worm gear is:

$$d_g = \frac{N_g P_c}{\pi}, \text{ where:}$$

$$P_g = \frac{N_g}{d_g}$$

P_c = circular pitch of gear

P = diametral pitch of gear



* The pitch diameter of the worm should be in the range:

$$\frac{C^{0.875}}{3.0} \leq d_w \leq \frac{C^{0.875}}{1.7} \text{ [in]}$$

or

$$\frac{C^{0.875}}{2.002} \leq d_w \leq \frac{C^{0.875}}{1.68} \text{ [mm]}$$

* The velocity ratio is:

$$VR = \frac{N_w}{N_g} = \frac{N_g}{N_w} \text{ where: } N_g > 24$$

$$N_w + N_g > 40$$

* The center distance is:

$$C = \frac{d_w + d_g}{2}$$

* The tangential velocity of worm gear is:

$$V_w = \frac{\pi d_w N_w}{12}$$

$$V_g = \frac{\pi d_g N_g}{12}$$

* Single Threaded worm:

$$N_w = 1$$

* Double Threaded worm:

$$N_w = 2$$

* Triple threaded worm:

$$N_w = 3$$

* The sliding velocity is:

$$V_s = \frac{V_w}{\cos \lambda} = \frac{V_g}{\sin \lambda}$$

* The lead angle of the worm is:

$$\tan \lambda = \frac{L}{\pi d_w}$$

* The lead (L) is:

$$L = P_a N_w$$

* For a 90° shaft angle ⇒ axial pitch $(P_a)_w$ = circular pitch $(P_c)_g$

$$P_g = \frac{\pi}{P_a}$$

$$P_a = P_c \Rightarrow \frac{L}{N_w} = \frac{\pi d_g}{N_g}$$

* The axial pitch (P_a) has standard values which are:

$$\frac{1}{4}, \frac{5}{16}, \frac{3}{8}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{3}{4}, 1, 1\frac{1}{4}, 1\frac{1}{2}, 2 \text{ inch}$$

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* The addendum & dedendum are:

$$a = \frac{p_x}{\pi} = 0.3183p_x$$

where: $p_x = p_a = \text{axial pitch}$
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$$b = \frac{1.157p_x}{\pi} = 0.3683p_x$$

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* The full depth h_f is: $p_x = p_a$

$$h_f = \begin{cases} \frac{2.157p_x}{\pi} = 0.6866p_x & p_x \geq 0.16 \text{ in} \\ \frac{2.200p_x}{\pi} + 0.002 = 0.7003p_x + 0.002 & p_x < 0.16 \text{ in} \end{cases} \quad (15-41)$$

* The worm outside diameter d_o is:

$$d_o = d_w + 2a \quad (15-42)$$

* The worm root diameter d_r is:

$$d_r = d_w - 2b \quad (15-43)$$

* The worm-gear throat diameter D_t is:

$$D_t = \overset{d_g}{\textcircled{D}} + 2a \quad (15-44)$$

* The worm-gear root diameter D_r is:

$$D_r = \overset{d_g}{\textcircled{D}} - 2b \quad (15-45)$$

* The clearance c is:

$$c = b - a \quad (15-46)$$

* The worm face width (maximum) $(F_w)_{\max}$ is:

$$(F_w)_{\max} = 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{D_t}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{D}{2} - a\right)^2} = 2\sqrt{2Da} \quad (15-47)$$

which was simplified using Eq. (15-44) * The worm-gear face width F_G is:

$$b_g = F_G = \begin{cases} 2d_m/3 & p_x > 0.16 \text{ in} \\ 1.125\sqrt{(d_o + 2c)^2 - (d_o - 4a)^2} & p_x \leq 0.16 \text{ in} \end{cases} \quad (15-48)$$

where: $d_m = d_w$

* The normal diametrical pitch (P_n) is:

$$P_n = \frac{P_g}{G_s \lambda}$$

* The normal circular pitch (p_n) is:

$$p_n = \frac{\pi}{P_n}$$

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⇒ Force Analysis:

+ For a shaft angle of 90° :

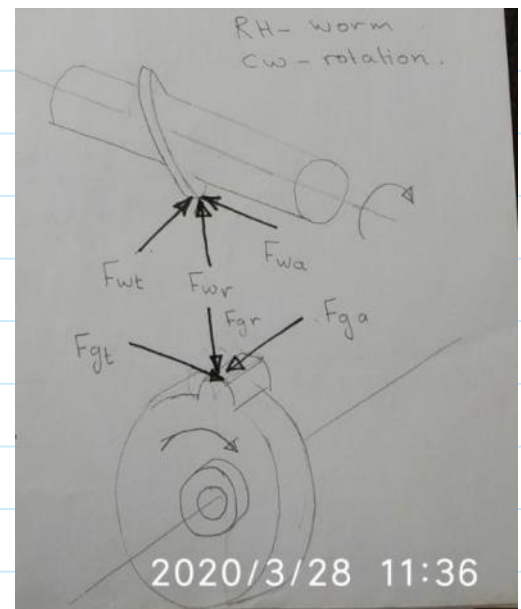
$$\left. \begin{aligned} F_{wt} &= F_{ga} \\ F_{gt} &= F_{wa} \\ F_{wr} &= F_{gr} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

* The tangential force is:

$$F_{gt} = F_{wt} \frac{\cos \phi_n \cos \lambda - M \sin \lambda}{\cos \phi_n \sin \lambda + M \cos \lambda}$$

or

$$\rightarrow \text{It can be found from: } H = \frac{F_t V}{33000}$$



$$\text{The radial forces are: } F_{gr} = F_{wr} = F_{gt} \frac{\sin \phi_n}{\cos \phi_n \cos \lambda - M \sin \lambda} = F_{wt} \frac{\sin \phi_n}{\cos \phi_n \sin \lambda + M \cos \lambda}$$

$$\text{The frictional force is: } F_f = \frac{M F_{gt}}{M \sin \lambda - \cos \phi_n \cos \lambda}$$

$$\text{The total force (Fn) is: } F_n = \frac{F_{wt}}{\cos \phi_n \sin \lambda + M \cos \lambda}$$

$$\text{To find } (F_{gr} = F_{wr}): F_{wr} = F_{gr} = F_n \sin \phi_n$$

$$\text{To find } (F_{wa} = F_{ga}): F_{wa} = F_{ga} = F_n (\cos \phi_n \cos \lambda - M \sin \lambda)$$

$$\text{The efficiency is: } \eta = \frac{\cos \phi_n - f \tan \lambda}{\cos \phi_n + f \cot \lambda} = \frac{H_{out}}{H_{in}} \quad (13-46)$$

+ Increasing $(p_a = p_c) \rightarrow$ increase (C) Then calculate $(d_w)_{min}$ and check if $d_w > (d_w)_{min}$

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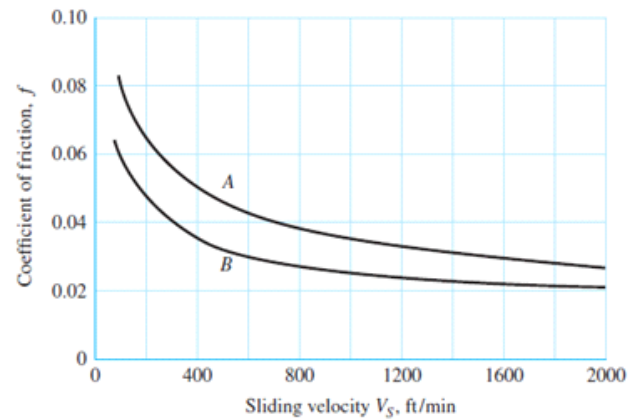
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To find (M) :

Figure 13-42

Representative values of the coefficient of friction for worm gearing. These values are based on good lubrication. Use curve B for high-quality materials, such as a case-hardened steel worm mating with a phosphor-bronze gear. Use curve A when more friction is expected, as with a cast-iron worm mating with a cast-iron worm gear.



$$f = \begin{cases} 0.15 & V_s = 0 \\ 0.124 \exp(-0.074V_s^{0.645}) & 0 < V_s \leq 10 \text{ ft/min} \\ 0.103 \exp(-0.110V_s^{0.450}) + 0.012 & V_s > 10 \text{ ft/min} \end{cases} \quad (15-38)$$

⇒ To find the allowable tangential force $(F_{gt})_a$:

$$(F_{gt})_a = C_s C_m C_v d_g^{0.8} b$$

To find (C_s) :

The parameters in Eq. (15-28) are, quantitatively,

$$C_s = 720 + 10.37C^3 \quad C \leq 3 \text{ in} \quad (15-32)$$

+ For sand-cast gears, $D_m = d_g$

$$C_s = \begin{cases} 1000 & C > 3 \\ 1190 - 477 \log D_m & C > 3 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} D_m \leq 2.5 \text{ in} \\ D_m > 2.5 \text{ in} \end{matrix} \quad (15-33)$$

* For chilled-cast gears, $D_m = d_g$

$$C_s = \begin{cases} 1000 & C > 3 \\ 1412 - 456 \log D_m & C > 3 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} D_m \leq 8 \text{ in} \\ D_m > 8 \text{ in} \end{matrix} \quad (15-34)$$

* For centrifugally cast gears, $D_m = d_g$

$$C_s = \begin{cases} 1000 & C > 3 \\ 1251 - 180 \log D_m & C > 3 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} D_m \leq 25 \text{ in} \\ D_m > 25 \text{ in} \end{matrix} \quad (15-35)$$

+ To find (C_m) :

The ratio correction factor C_m for gear ratio m_G is given by $m_G = VR = \frac{N_w}{N_g}$

$$C_m = \begin{cases} 0.02\sqrt{-m_G^2 + 40m_G - 76} + 0.46 & 3 < m_G \leq 20 \\ 0.0107\sqrt{-m_G^2 + 56m_G + 5145} & 20 < m_G \leq 76 \\ 1.1483 - 0.00658m_G & m_G > 76 \end{cases} \quad (15-36)$$

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To find (C_v):The velocity factor C_v is given by

$$C_v = \begin{cases} 0.659 \exp(-0.0011 V_s) & V_s < 700 \text{ ft/min} \\ 13.31 V_s^{-0.571} & 700 \leq V_s < 3000 \text{ ft/min} \\ 65.52 V_s^{-0.774} & V_s > 3000 \text{ ft/min} \end{cases} \quad (15-37)$$

* The torque of the worm-gear is:

$$T_g = \frac{F_{gt} d_g}{2}$$

 \Rightarrow Worm gear efficiency & Power losses:* The efficiency of worm is:

$$e_w = \frac{\cos \phi_n - f \tan \lambda}{\cos \phi_n + f \cot \lambda} \quad (15-54)$$

* The efficiency of the worm gear is:

$$e_g = \frac{\cos \phi_n - f \cot \lambda}{\cos \phi_n + f \tan \lambda} \quad (15-55)$$

* To ensure that the worm gear will drive the worm:

$$f_{\text{stat}} < \cos \phi_n \tan \lambda \quad (15-56)$$

* The heat loss rate H_{loss} from the worm-gear case in ft · lbf/min is:

$$H_{\text{loss}} = 33\,000(1 - e_w)H_{\text{in}} \quad (15-49)$$

* The temperature of the oil sump t_s is given by:

$$t_s = t_a + \frac{H_{\text{loss}}}{h_{\text{CR}} A} = \frac{33\,000(1 - e)(H)_{\text{in}}}{h_{\text{CR}} A} + t_a \quad (15-51)$$

Where:

$$h_{\text{CR}} = \begin{cases} \frac{n_w}{6494} + 0.13 & \text{no fan on worm shaft} \\ \frac{n_w}{3939} + 0.13 & \text{fan on worm shaft} \end{cases} \quad (15-50)$$

Lateral case area

center distance

$$A_{\text{min}} = 43.20 C^{1.7} \text{ [in}^2\text{]} \quad (15-52)$$

 t_a = ambient temp. in $[F^\circ]$

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* The power of the worm is :

$$H_w = \frac{F_{wt} V_w}{33000}$$

* The power of the worm-gear is:

$$H_g = \frac{F_{gt} V_g}{33000}$$

* We can use the output power (H_o) to find (F_{gt}) by:

$$F_{gt} = \frac{33000 n_d H_o K_a}{V_g e_w}$$

where: K_a = application factor

* Relating input & output powers:

$$e_w = \frac{H_o}{H_i}$$

* Power loss due to friction:

$$H_f = \frac{|F_f| V_s}{33000}$$

$$H_f = (1 - e_w) H_w$$

* The bending stress :

$$\sigma_b = \frac{F_{gt}}{p_n b y} \rightarrow (\sigma_b)_{allow} = \frac{(F_{gt})_a}{p_n b y}$$

where ($p_n = p_a \cos \lambda$) and y is the Lewis form factor related to circular pitch. For $\phi_n =$

$\phi_n = 14.5^\circ, y = 0.100$; $\phi_n = 20^\circ, y = 0.125$; $\phi_n = 25^\circ, y = 0.150$; $\phi_n = 30^\circ, y = 0.175$

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* The wear load is :

$$(F_g t)_{\text{allow}} = K_w d_g b$$

To find K_w :

Table 15-11

Wear Factor K_w for
Worm GearingSource: Earle Buckingham,
*Design of Worm and Spiral
Gears*, Industrial Press,
New York, 1981.

Material		Thread Angle ϕ_n			
Worm	Gear	$14\frac{1}{2}^\circ$	20°	25°	30°
Hardened steel*	Chilled bronze	90	125	150	180
Hardened steel*	Bronze	60	80	100	120
Steel, 250 BHN (min.)	Bronze	36	50	60	72
High-test cast iron	Bronze	80	115	140	165
Gray iron†	Aluminum	10	12	15	18
High-test cast iron	Gray iron	90	125	150	180
High-test cast iron	Cast steel	22	31	37	45
High-test cast iron	High-test cast iron	135	185	225	270
Steel 250 BHN (min.)	Laminated phenolic	47	64	80	95
Gray iron	Laminated phenolic	70	96	120	140

*Over 500 BHN surface.

†For steel worms, multiply given values by 0.6.

* For the design to be safe : $F_g t < (F_g t)_{\text{allow}}$

* Useful tables for design :

Table 15-9

Largest Lead Angle
Associated with a
Normal Pressure Angle
 ϕ_n for Worm Gearing

ϕ_n	Maximum Lead Angle λ_{max}
14.5°	16°
20°	25°
25°	35°
30°	45°

Table 15-10

Minimum Number of
Gear Teeth for Normal
Pressure Angle ϕ_n

ϕ_n	$(N_G)_{\text{min}}$
14.5	40
17.5	27
20	21
22.5	17
25	14
27.5	12
30	10

* Design Steps :

Assume :

① n_d

② Material type

③ N_w ④ ϕ_n and check for
(N_G)_{min}.⑤ p_a ⑥ mean worm diameter (d_w)

Then find (C), then

find the min. & max.

values of (d_w) and check

if the assumption is correct

⑦ Compute everything necessary
to find (b) from ($F_g t$)_a