

Roller Chains (1)

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⇒ Geometry:

* The pitch diameter of the sprocket is:

$$D = \frac{P}{\sin(180/N)}$$

where: N = number of teeth of the sprocket
 P = Chain pitch.

* The chain velocity is:

$$V = \frac{N P n}{12} \quad \text{ft/min}$$

* The pitch angle is:

$$\gamma = \frac{360}{N}$$

* For smooth operation: $N_{\min} = 17$

* Satisfactory performance: $VR < 6:1$

* The length of the chain in pitches is:

$$\frac{L}{p} \approx \frac{2C}{p} + \frac{N_1 + N_2}{2} + \frac{(N_2 - N_1)^2}{4\pi^2 C/p}$$

where: N_1 = teeth of small sprocket

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N_2 = teeth of large sprocket

* The center distance is:

$$C = \frac{p}{4} \left[-A + \sqrt{A^2 - 8 \left(\frac{N_2 - N_1}{2\pi} \right)^2} \right] \quad (17-35)$$

$$\text{Where: } A = \frac{N_1 + N_2}{2} - \frac{L}{p} \quad (17-36)$$

The maximum exit velocity of the chain is

$$v_{\max} = \frac{\pi D n}{12} = \frac{\pi n p}{12 \sin(\gamma/2)} \quad (b)$$

Thus the minimum exit velocity is

$$v_{\min} = \frac{\pi d n}{12} = \frac{\pi n p \cos(\gamma/2)}{12 \sin(\gamma/2)} \quad (d)$$

$$\text{Where: } d = D \cos \frac{\gamma}{2}$$

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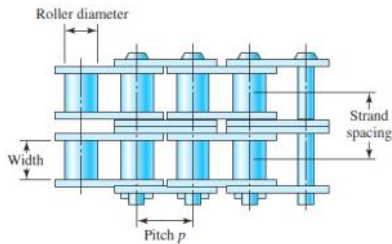
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To find (P) :

Table 17-19

Dimensions of American
Standard Roller
Chains—Single Strand

Source: Compiled from ANSI
B29.1-1975.



ANSI Chain Number	Pitch, in (mm)	Width, in (mm)	Minimum Tensile Strength, lbf (N)	Average Weight, lbf/ft (N/m)	Roller Diameter, in (mm)	Multiple-Strand Spacing, in (mm)
25	0.250 (6.35)	0.125 (3.18)	780 (3 470)	0.09 (1.31)	0.130 (3.30)	0.252 (6.40)
35	0.375 (9.52)	0.188 (4.76)	1 760 (7 830)	0.21 (3.06)	0.200 (5.08)	0.399 (10.13)
41	0.500 (12.70)	0.25 (6.35)	1 500 (6 670)	0.25 (3.65)	0.306 (7.77)	— —
40	0.500 (12.70)	0.312 (7.94)	3 130 (13 920)	0.42 (6.13)	0.312 (7.92)	0.566 (14.38)
50	0.625 (15.88)	0.375 (9.52)	4 880 (21 700)	0.69 (10.1)	0.400 (10.16)	0.713 (18.11)
60	0.750 (19.05)	0.500 (12.7)	7 030 (31 300)	1.00 (14.6)	0.469 (11.91)	0.897 (22.78)
80	1.000 (25.40)	0.625 (15.88)	12 500 (55 600)	1.71 (25.0)	0.625 (15.87)	1.153 (29.29)
100	1.250 (31.75)	0.750 (19.05)	19 500 (86 700)	2.58 (37.7)	0.750 (19.05)	1.409 (35.76)
120	1.500 (38.10)	1.000 (25.40)	28 000 (124 500)	3.87 (56.5)	0.875 (22.22)	1.789 (45.44)
140	1.750 (44.45)	1.000 (25.40)	38 000 (169 000)	4.95 (72.2)	1.000 (25.40)	1.924 (48.87)
160	2.000 (50.80)	1.250 (31.75)	50 000 (222 000)	6.61 (96.5)	1.125 (28.57)	2.305 (58.55)
180	2.250 (57.15)	1.406 (35.71)	63 000 (280 000)	9.06 (132.2)	1.406 (35.71)	2.592 (65.84)
200	2.500 (63.50)	1.500 (38.10)	78 000 (347 000)	10.96 (159.9)	1.562 (39.67)	2.817 (71.55)
240	3.00 (76.70)	1.875 (47.63)	112 000 (498 000)	16.4 (239)	1.875 (47.62)	3.458 (87.83)

* The allowable horse power is :

$$H_a = K_1 K_2 H_{\text{tab}} \quad (17-37)$$

where K_1 = correction factor for tooth number other than 17 (Table 17-22)

K_2 = strand correction (Table 17-23)

To find K_1 :

Table 17-22

Tooth Correction
Factors, K_1

Number of Teeth on Driving Sprocket	K_1 Pre-extreme Horsepower	K_1 Post-extreme Horsepower
11	0.62	0.52
12	0.69	0.59
13	0.75	0.67
14	0.81	0.75
15	0.87	0.83
16	0.94	0.91
17	1.00	1.00
18	1.06	1.09
19	1.13	1.18
20	1.19	1.28
N	$(N_1/17)^{1.08}$	$(N_1/17)^{1.5}$

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To find (K_2):

Table 17-23

Multiple-Strand
Factors, K_2

Number of Strands	K_2
1	1.0
2	1.7
3	2.5
4	3.3
5	3.9
6	4.6
8	6.0

To find (H_{tab}):

Table 17-20

Rated Horsepower
Capacity of Single-
Strand Single-Pitch
Roller Chain for a
17-Tooth SprocketSource: Compiled from ANSI
B29.1-1975 information only
section, and from B29.9-1958.

Sprocket Speed, rev/min	ANSI Chain Number					
	25	35	40	41	50	60
50	0.05	0.16	0.37	0.20	0.72	1.24
100	0.09	0.29	0.69	0.38	1.34	2.31
150	0.13*	0.41*	0.99*	0.55*	1.92*	3.32
200	0.16*	0.54*	1.29	0.71	2.50	4.30
300	0.23	0.78	1.85	1.02	3.61	6.20
400	0.30*	1.01*	2.40	1.32	4.67	8.03
500	0.37	1.24	2.93	1.61	5.71	9.81
600	0.44*	1.46*	3.45*	1.90*	6.72*	11.6
700	0.50	1.68	3.97	2.18	7.73	13.3
800	0.56*	1.89*	4.48*	2.46*	8.71*	15.0
900	0.62	2.10	4.98	2.74	9.69	16.7
1000	0.68*	2.31*	5.48	3.01	10.7	18.3
1200	0.81	2.73	6.45	3.29	12.6	21.6
1400	0.93*	3.13*	7.41	2.61	14.4	18.1
1600	1.05*	3.53*	8.36	2.14	12.8	14.8
1800	1.16	3.93	8.96	1.79	10.7	12.4
2000	1.27*	4.32*	7.72*	1.52*	9.23*	10.6
2500	1.56	5.28	5.51*	1.10*	6.58*	7.57
3000	1.84	5.64	4.17	0.83	4.98	5.76

Type A

Type B

Type C

*Estimated from ANSI tables by linear interpolation.

Note: Type A—manual or drip lubrication; type B—bath or disk lubrication; type C—oil-stream lubrication.

* The torque on the driving shaft is:

$$T = \frac{63025 H_{tab} K_s n_d}{n}$$

* The bending force on the drive shaft is:

$$F = \frac{2T}{D}$$

where: D = pitch diameter of the sprocket.

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Table 17-20

Rated Horsepower
Capacity of Single-
Strand Single-Pitch
Roller Chain for a
17-Tooth Sprocket
(Continued)

Sprocket Speed, rev/min		ANSI Chain Number							
		80	100	120	140	160	180	200	240
50	Type A	2.88	5.52	9.33	14.4	20.9	28.9	38.4	61.8
100		5.38	10.3	17.4	26.9	39.1	54.0	71.6	115
150		7.75	14.8	25.1	38.8	56.3	77.7	103	166
200		10.0	19.2	32.5	50.3	72.9	101	134	215
300		14.5	27.7	46.8	72.4	105	145	193	310
400		18.7	35.9	60.6	93.8	136	188	249	359
500	Type B	22.9	43.9	74.1	115	166	204	222	0
600		27.0	51.7	87.3	127	141	155	169	
700		31.0	59.4	89.0	101	112	123	0	
800		35.0	63.0	72.8	82.4	91.7	101		
900		39.9	52.8	61.0	69.1	76.8	84.4		
1000		37.7	45.0	52.1	59.0	65.6	72.1		
1200		28.7	34.3	39.6	44.9	49.9	0		
1400		22.7	27.2	31.5	35.6	0			
1600		18.6	22.3	25.8	0				
1800		15.6	18.7	21.6					
2000		13.3	15.9	0					
2500		9.56	0.40						
3000		7.25	0						

Type C**Type C'**

Note: Type A—manual or drip lubrication; type B—bath or disk lubrication; type C—oil-stream lubrication; type C'—type C, but this is a galling region; submit design to manufacturer for evaluation.

Table 17-21

* The horse power H_{tab} must be transmitted is :

$$H_d = H_{nom} K_s n_d \quad (17-38)$$

where : K_s = service factor for non uniform loads which is found in :

Table 17-15

Suggested Service
Factors K_s for V-Belt
Drives

Driven Machinery	Source of Power	
	Normal Torque Characteristic	High or Nonuniform Torque
Uniform	1.0 to 1.2	1.1 to 1.3
Light shock	1.1 to 1.3	1.2 to 1.4
Medium shock	1.2 to 1.4	1.4 to 1.6
Heavy shock	1.3 to 1.5	1.5 to 1.8

* H_{tab} can be found by :

$$H_{tab} = \frac{n_d K_s H_{nom}}{K_1 K_2}$$

* Start with this equation when we need to select the chain type.

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+ The Chordal speed variation is :

$$\frac{\Delta V}{V} = \frac{v_{\max} - v_{\min}}{V} = \frac{\pi}{N} \left[\frac{1}{\sin(180^\circ/N)} - \frac{1}{\tan(180^\circ/N)} \right] \quad (17-31)$$

Table 17-21

type C'—type C, but this is a galling region; submit design to manufacturer for eval

Single-Strand Sprocket Tooth Counts Available from One Supplier*

No.	Available Sprocket Tooth Counts
25	8-30, 32, 34, 35, 36, 40, 42, 45, 48, 54, 60, 64, 65, 70, 72, 76, 80, 84, 90, 95, 96, 102, 112, 120
35	4-45, 48, 52, 54, 60, 64, 65, 68, 70, 72, 76, 80, 84, 90, 95, 96, 102, 112, 120
41	6-60, 64, 65, 68, 70, 72, 76, 80, 84, 90, 95, 96, 102, 112, 120
40	8-60, 64, 65, 68, 70, 72, 76, 80, 84, 90, 95, 96, 102, 112, 120
50	8-60, 64, 65, 68, 70, 72, 76, 80, 84, 90, 95, 96, 102, 112, 120
60	8-60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 72, 76, 80, 84, 90, 95, 96, 102, 112, 120
80	8-60, 64, 65, 68, 70, 72, 76, 78, 80, 84, 90, 95, 96, 102, 112, 120
100	8-60, 64, 65, 67, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 80, 84, 90, 95, 96, 102, 112, 120
120	9-45, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 55, 57, 60, 64, 65, 67, 68, 70, 72, 76, 80, 84, 90, 96, 102, 112, 120
140	9-28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45, 48, 54, 60, 64, 65, 68, 70, 72, 76, 80, 84, 96
160	8-30, 32-36, 38, 40, 45, 46, 50, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 73, 80, 84, 96
180	13-25, 28, 35, 39, 40, 45, 54, 60
200	9-30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 39, 40, 42, 44, 45, 48, 50, 51, 54, 56, 58, 59, 60, 63, 64, 65, 68, 70, 72
240	9-30, 32, 35, 36, 40, 44, 45, 48, 52, 54, 60

*Morse Chain Company, Ithaca, NY, Type B hub sprockets.