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## Synchronous belts — Calculation of power rating and drive centre distance

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## Foreword

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# Synchronous belts — Calculation of power rating and drive centre distance

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## 1 Scope and field of application

## 3 Symbols

This International Standard establishes formulae for the calculation of power rating and centre distance of standard synchronous belts on two pulley drives.

Table 1

The numerical values of certain parameters used in the calculations depend upon the pitch and the construction of the belt and shall be specified by the belt manufacturer.

## 2 Definition

**power rating** : Power that a specified synchronous belt can transmit under specified geometrical and ambient conditions for a satisfactory period of time, provided that the drive has been installed and is maintained in a proper manner.

The power rating depends upon :

- the pitch of the belt and pulley teeth;
- the belt width;
- the mass of a linear metre of belt;
- the allowable working tension in the belt;
- the angular velocity of the smaller pulley;
- the number of teeth of the smaller pulley;
- the number of teeth in mesh on the smaller pulley.

Symbol	Description	Units
$p_b$	pitch of the teeth of the belt and pulleys	mm
$b_s$	width of the belt to be rated	mm
$b_{so}$	base width of the widest standard belt of pitch $p_b$ (see table 2)	mm
$m$	linear mass of a belt having a width $b_{so}$	kg/m
$T_a$	allowable working tension of a belt having a width $b_{so}$	N
$\omega$	angular velocity of the smaller pulley	rad/s
$v$	belt velocity	m/s
$z_1$	number of teeth of the smaller pulley	
$z_2$	number of teeth of the larger pulley	
$z_b$	number of teeth of the belt	
$z_m$	number of teeth in mesh on the smaller pulley	
$C$	centre distance of the pulleys	mm
$P_o$	power rating of a belt of base width $b_{so}$	kW
$P$	power rating of a belt of base width $b_s$	kW
$k_w$	width factor	
$k_z$	teeth in mesh factor	
ent [ ]	integer part only of the expression following	

## 4 Basic power rating

The basic power rating of a belt of base width  $b_{so}$  is given by the formula

$$P_o = \frac{(T_a - m v^2) v}{1\,000} \quad \dots (1)$$

where the belt velocity  $v$  has the value :

$$v = \frac{\omega p_b z_1 \times 10^{-3}}{2 \pi} \quad \dots (2)$$

Formula (1) is valid only if the number of teeth in mesh  $z_m > 6$  (see clause 5 for  $z_m < 6$ ).

The values of  $T_a$  and  $m$  depend upon the construction and the type of belt; these shall be supplied by the belt manufacturer.

## 5 Power rating

### 5.1 Exact formula

The power rating of a belt of width  $b_s$ , having  $z_m$  teeth in mesh on the smaller pulley, is given by the formula

$$P = \left( k_z k_w T_a - \frac{b_s m v^2}{b_{so}} \right) v \times 10^{-3} \quad \dots (3)$$

See clauses 8 and 9 for  $k_z$  and  $k_w$  respectively.

### 5.2 Approximate formula

The power rating may be calculated approximately by simplification of formula (3) as follows :

$$P \approx k_z k_w P_o \quad \dots (4)$$

## 6 Centre distance

### 6.1 Exact formula

Firstly, calculate the auxiliary angle,  $\theta$ , using the formula

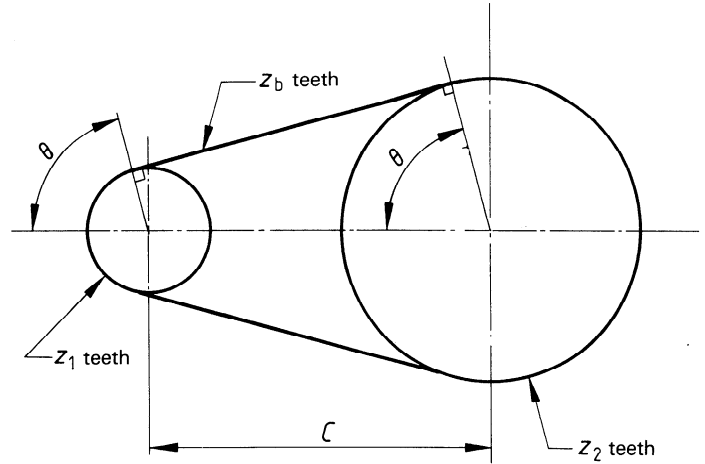
$$\text{inv } \theta = \pi \frac{z_b - z_2}{z_2 - z_1} \quad \dots (5)$$

where  $\text{inv } \theta = \tan \theta - \theta$ ; the value of  $\theta$  (see the figure) can be determined by iteration or from involute tables.

The centre distance  $C$  is then given by the formula :

$$C = \frac{p_b (z_2 - z_1)}{2 \pi \cos \theta} \quad \dots (6)$$

The foregoing method according to formula (5) and (6) is valid in any case. However, it should not be used if the ratio  $z_2/z_1$  is close to unity, because the expression for  $C$  becomes the ratio of two small quantities. In this case, the method according to 6.2 is recommended.



Figure

### 6.2 Approximate formula

Firstly, calculate  $M$  by the formula

$$M = \frac{p_b}{8} (2 z_b - z_1 - z_2) \quad \dots (7)$$

then the centre distance  $C$  by the formula

$$C \approx M + \sqrt{M^2 - \frac{1}{8} \left[ \frac{p_b (z_2 - z_1)}{\pi} \right]^2} \quad \dots (8)$$

This method is to be avoided when the ratio  $z_2/z_1$  is large. In this case, the method according to 6.1 shall be used.

## 7 Number of teeth in mesh

This number is given by the formula

$$z_m = \text{ent} \left[ \frac{z_1}{2} - \frac{p_b z_1}{2 \pi^2 C} (z_2 - z_1) \right] \quad \dots (9)$$

in which  $\frac{1}{2 \pi^2}$  may be replaced by  $\frac{1}{20}$  for ease of calculation.

## 8 Factor $k_z$

If  $z_m \geq 6$ ,  $k_z = 1$

If  $z_m < 6$ ,  $k_z = 1 - 0,2 (6 - z_m)$  ... (10)

## 9 Factor $k_w$

The factor  $k_w$  is given by the formula

$$k_w = \left( \frac{b_s}{b_{so}} \right)^{1,14} \quad \dots (11)$$

where  $b_{so}$  depends upon the pitch code as given in table 2.

The resulting calculation of  $k_w$  being rounded off to two decimal places according to the usual convention.

Table 2 — Base widths (millimetres)

Pitch code	$b_{so}$
MXL	6,4
XXL	
XL	9,5
L	25,4
H	76,2
XH	101,6
XXH	127

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