
**Conveyor belts — Determination of
minimum transition distance on three
idler rollers**

*Courroies transporteuses — Détermination de la distance minimale de
transition d'auge à trois rouleaux égaux*

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Foreword

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the formula for calculating conveyor belt transition distances and details its application and derivation.

This International Standard is not suitable or valid for light conveyor belts as described in ISO 21183-1^[1].

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1537, *Continuous mechanical handling equipment for loose bulk materials — Troughed belt conveyors (other than portable conveyors) — Idlers*

ISO 9856, *Conveyor belts — Determination of elastic and permanent elongation and calculation of elastic modulus*

3 Calculation of minimum transition distance

The formula for calculating the transition distance, the derivation of which is given in Annex A, is as follows:

$$L_1 = \frac{h}{\sin \lambda} \left[\frac{M}{\Delta T} (1 - \cos \lambda) \right]^{0,5}$$

where

- L_1 is the transition distance, expressed in metres;
- h is the vertical distance, expressed in metres, the belt edge raises or lowers in the transition (see Figure 1);
- λ is the idler trough angle;
- M is the elastic modulus, expressed in newtons per millimetre, measured under tension T_R ;
- T_R is the maximum recommended belt-to-belt joint tension (RMBT), expressed in newtons per millimetre, for a steady-state condition of the conveyor;
- ΔT is the induced belt edge stress, expressed in newtons per millimetre, in the transition.

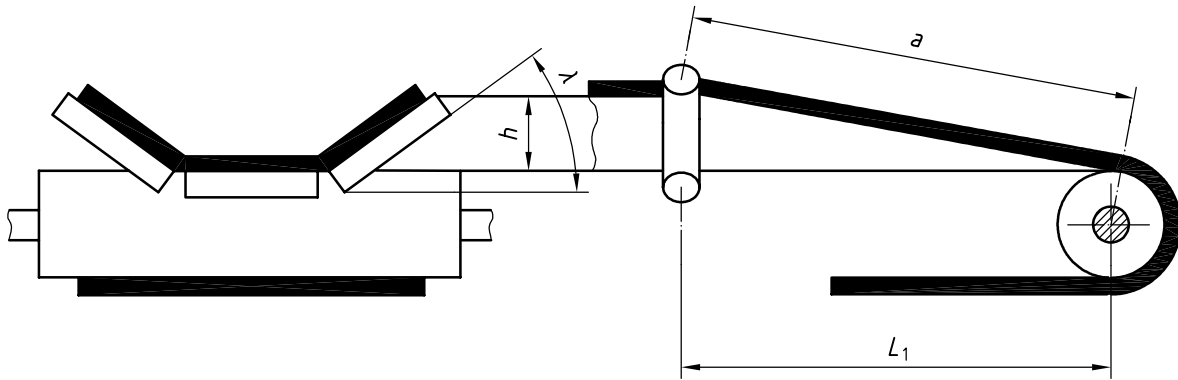


Figure 1 — Transition distance

4 Application of the formula for transition distance

4.1 General

Calculate the transition distance by using appropriate values of M , h and ΔT as described in 4.2 to 4.4, as appropriate.

4.2 Values of elastic modulus, M , of belt

Determine the values in accordance with ISO 9856.

4.3 Values of vertical distance, h , which the belt edge raises or lowers

4.3.1 General

Calculate the values from the idler trough angle λ (see Figure 1) and the position of the terminal pulley with respect to the centre idler roller. Four common situations are described in 4.3.2 and 4.3.3.

4.3.2 Three equal length roller

4.3.2.1 The pulley is on a line with the top centre idler roller (see Figure 2).

$$h = \frac{b \sin \lambda}{3}$$

where

h is the vertical distance, expressed in metres, that the belt edge raises or lowers in the transition (see Figure 1);

b is the width, expressed in metres, of the belt;

λ is the idler trough angle.