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The main changes are as follows:

— conversion of ISO/TS 14521 to an International Standard;

— update of terminology and symbols for coherence with ISO 10828;

— "Hertzian stress" replaced with "Hertzian pressure";

— integration of Method B in Annex B;

— update of Annex C formulae;

— update of Figure D.2;

— update of Bibliography.

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Introduction

This document was developed for the rating and design of enclosed or open single enveloping worm gears with cylindrical worms, and cylindrical worm-geared motors having either solid or hollow output shafts.

This document is only applicable when the flanks of the worm wheel teeth are conjugate to those of the worm threads.

The particular shapes of the rack profiles from tip to root do not affect the conjugacy when the worm and worm wheel hobs have the same profiles; thus worm wheels have proper contact with worms and the motions of worm gear pairs are uniform.

This document can apply to wormgearing with cylindrical helicoidal worms as defined in ISO 10828 having the following thread forms: A, C, I, N, K.

Other than those mentioned in the three preceding paragraphs, no restrictions are placed on the manufacturing methods used.

In order to ensure proper mating and because of the many different thread profiles in use, it is generally desirable that worms and worm wheels be supplied by the same manufacturer.

In this document, the permissible torque for a worm gear is limited by considerations of surface stresses (conveniently referred to as wear or pitting) or bending stresses (referred to as strength) in both worm threads and worm wheel teeth, worm deflection or thermal limitation.

Consequently, the load capacity of a pair of gears is determined using calculations concerned with all criteria described in the scope and 6.4. The permissible torque on the worm wheel is the least of the calculated values.

The choice of appropriate methods of calculation requires knowledge and experience. This document is intended for use by experienced gear designers who can make informed judgements concerning factors. It is not intended for use by engineers who lack the necessary experience. See 4.7.

WARNING — The geometry of worm gears is complex; therefore the user of this document is encouraged to make sure that a valid working geometry has been established.

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Gears — Calculation of load capacity of worm gears

1 Scope

This document specifies formulae for calculating the load capacity of cylindrical worm gears and covers load ratings associated with wear, pitting, worm deflection, tooth breakage and temperature. Scuffing and other failure modes are not covered by this document.

NOTE 1 The load rating and design procedures are only valid for tooth surface sliding velocities, $\vec{v}_g$, less than or equal to 25 m/s and contact ratios greater than 2,1.

NOTE 2 For wear, load rating and design procedures are only valid for tooth surface sliding velocities which are above 0,1 m/s.

NOTE 3 The rules and recommendations for the dimensioning, lubricants or materials selected by this document only apply to centre distances of 50 mm and larger. For centre distances below 50 mm, method A applies.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 1122-1, *Vocabulary of gear terms — Part 1: Definitions related to geometry*

ISO 1122-2, *Vocabulary of gear terms — Part 2: Definitions related to worm gear geometry*

ISO 6336-6, *Calculation of load capacity of spur and helical gears — Part 6: Calculation of service life under variable load*

ISO 10828, *Worm gears — Worm profiles and gear mesh geometry*

3 Terms and definitions

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1122-1, ISO 1122-2 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

3.1.1
actual gear
worm gear set designed by this document

3.2 Symbols

This document shall be used with symbol notations in accordance with ISO 701 and geometric definitions as defined and developed in ISO 10828.

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