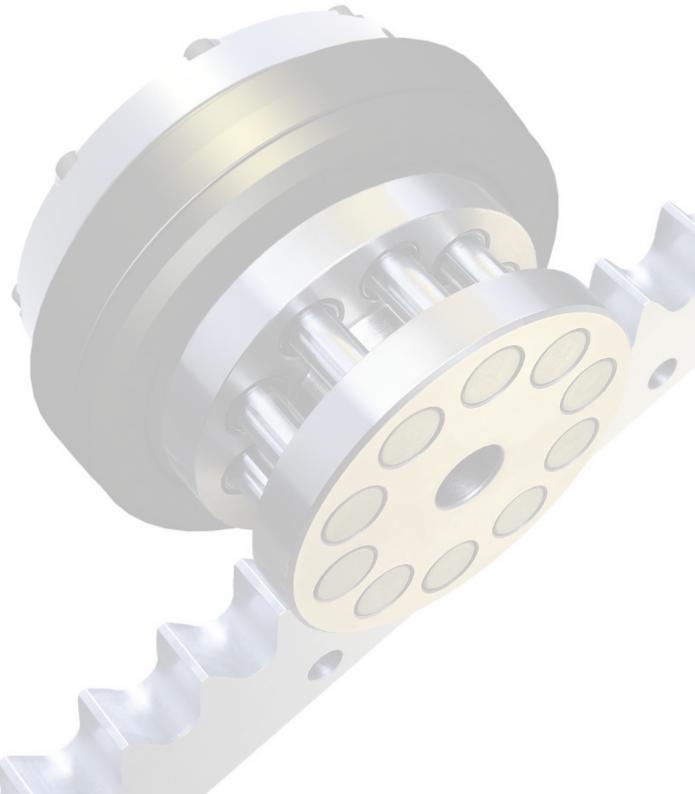
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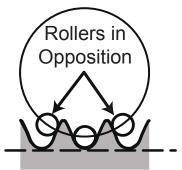
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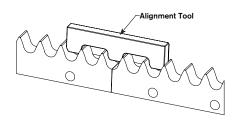
# A New Standard For Precision

The Nexen Roller Pinion System (RPS) revolutionizes linear and rotary motion control possibilities. Giving a fresh face to traditional rack and pinion systems, the RPS overcomes the troublesome limitations of conventional drive systems and offers unmatched performance. Across industries as varied as laser cutting and mining, users will benefit from the accuracy and 99% efficiency of this new technology.

> The incredible performance of the RPS starts with a pinion consisting of bearing-supported rollers that engage a unique tooth profile. Two or more rollers engage the teeth in opposition at all times to eliminate backlash. The pinion rollers glide easily along a tangent path and roll smoothly down the tooth face for quiet, low-friction operation.



## **Constant Positional Accuracy Regardless of the Distance Traveled**



Every aspect of the RPS system is designed for reliable, easy operation. With customizations available to meet the specific needs of any application and multiple material finishes, the RPS system can go anywhere. Even installation is worry-free with a simple alignment tool to ensure positional accuracy over multiple sections of rack.

## Dependable Performance. Every Time.

The Nexen RPS System Always Delivers.





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## **THE NEXEN ADVANTAGE**

Overcoming Common Problems Found in Traditional Drive Systems

INDUSTRY PROBLEMS	Ball Screws	Traditional Rack/Gear & Pinion Systems	Belt Drives	Chain Drives	Linear Motors Direct Rotary Stages Direct Drive Motors	nexen. ROLLER PINION SYSTEMS
Low Accuracy						High Positional Accuracy
Backlash / Vibrations						Near-Zero Backlash
High Cost		•			•	Economical, Efficient Components
Dirty Operation		•				No Dust Emissions
High Maintenance		•			•	Little to No Maintenance
Low Load Capacity						High Load Capacity
Noisy		•				Quiet: pinion rollers glide smoothly along teeth
Low Speed		•				High Speeds (up to 11 m/sec)
Magnetic Field						No magnetic field
High Wear/ Low Life		•				Long Life (up to 36 million meters)
Limited System Length/Size						Custom Rack Sizes & Modular Components







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# **RPS SYSTEM**

Nexen offers both premium and value roller pinions with rack options to fit any application. The following tables show specifications for the various rack and pinion configurations.

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# RPS System Configurations & Comparisons

Nexen features six different rack models and two pinion types, ensuring the perfect solution for any application. First compare the rack attributes to determine which rack model best meets your needs. Then compare the specifications of both the premium and value pinions to select the ideal RPS system configuration.

## **Rack Models Available**

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	As the name <i>premium</i> suggests, this is Nexen's top of the line model featuring market leading accuracy and a hard chrome coating for corrosion resistance. A perfect choice for any precision motion need.							
PREMIUM RACK	<ul> <li>Very High Precision/Accuracy</li> <li>Suitable for Dirty Environments</li> <li>Lubrication Free</li> <li>High Load Capacity</li> <li>Corrosion Resistant</li> </ul>							
	Precision Assembly Equipment • Machine Tool/CNC Mills • High Precision Gantry • Robotics							
	The Standard Rack offers similar performance to the Premium model without the corrosion resistant coating. With slightly lower accuracy, the standard model still delivers dependable performance in many the same types of applications. A great, cost-saving choice when corrosion resistance is not required.							
STANDARD RACK	<ul> <li>High Precision/Accuracy</li> <li>No Corrosion Resistance</li> <li>Lower Cost than Premium Rack</li> </ul>							
	Precision Assembly Equipment • Machine Tool/CNC Mills • High Precision Gantry • Robotics							
	This is the work horse of the product line, combining both high load capacity and good corrosion resistance.							
ENDURANCE RACK	High Load Capacity     Good Accuracy (not high precision)     Good Corrosion Resistance							
	With better accuracy than Endurance Racks, the Universal Rack is a great option for lower load applications when corrosion resistance is not required.							
UNIVERSAL RACK	High Accuracy     No Corrosion Resistance     Medium Load Capacity							
	Material Handling Equipment • Gantry Systems • Packaging Equipment • General Motion Control							
	Get all the features of the Universal Rack with the added benefits of corrosion resistant stainless steel.							
UNIVERSAL STAINLESS RACK	<ul> <li>High Accuracy</li> <li>Wet or Dirty Environments</li> <li>High Corrosion Resistance</li> </ul>							
	Material Handling Equipment • Gantry Systems • Packaging Equipment • General Motion Control							
	Made from thermoplastic, this rack can go places no other racks can go. It's wide range of applications make it a great fit for motion control applications looking for all the advantages of the RPS in a lower accuracy version.							
VERSA RACK	<ul> <li>Very High Corrosion Resistance</li> <li>Light Load Motion Control</li> <li>High Durability</li> <li>Basic Actuator (similar to cylinder/belt)</li> </ul>							

## **Pinion Models Available**

	This long time standard at Nexen offers the best precision on the market. Use with any RPS rack for unbeatable performance.
PREMIUM PINION	<ul><li>Very High Precision/Accuracy</li><li>High Torque Capacity</li><li>Great Performance in Any Application</li></ul>
VALUE PINION	A great fit for less demanding applications, Nexen offers the Value pinion to fit applications looking for the great features of Nexen's RPS in a lower accuracy version.  • Lighter Load, Lower Accuracy Applications • Harsh Environments • Available in Sizes 16, 20 & 25

## **RPS System Specifications**

Table 1 Rack Thrust Capacity (N)

RF	S Size		nium R	Rack	Sta	ndard R	Rack	Endu	ırance F	Rack	Universal & Universal Stainless Racks		Ve	Versa Rack		
		Accel.	Avg.	Static	Accel.	Avg.	Static	Accel.	Avg.	Static	Accel.	Avg.	Static	Accel.	Avg.	Static
	10	250	250	380	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2	12	500	500	750	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PINION	16	2400	1000	2400	2400	1000	2400	1500	1000	2000	750	750	750	500	500	500
	20	2900	1500	3000	2900	1500	3000	2250	1500	3000	1125	1125	1125	750	750	750
1011	25	4000	2200	4400	4000	2200	4400	3300	2200	4400	1650	1650	1650	1100	1100	1100
PREMIUM	32	6300	3600	7200	6300	3600	7200	5400	3600	7200	2700	2700	2700	NA	NA	NA
P	40	6000	6000	12000	6000	6000	12000	6000	6000	12000	4500	4500	4500	NA	NA	NA
	4014	14000	14000	21000	14000	14000	21000	14000	14000	21000	10500	10500	10500	NA	NA	NA
m 3	16	500 N														
VALUE	20		750 N													
2 5	25								1155 N							

## Table 2 Pinion Torque (Nm)

DDC Ci	Peak Pini	on Torque	Maximum Average Pir	nion Torque for Full Life
RPS Size	Premium Pinion	Value Pinion	Premium Pinion	Value Pinion
10	4.0	NA	4.0	NA
12	9.5	NA	9.5	NA
16	61.1	12.8	33.7	12.8
20	92.3	23.9	52.5	23.9
25	159.2	43.8	89.5	43.8
32	385.0	NA	218.7	NA
40	458.4	NA	458.4	NA
4014	1247.8	NA	1247.8	NA

## Table 3 Accuracy & Repeatability

PINION TYPE	RACK MODEL	Premium Rack	Standard Rack	Endurance Rack	Universal Rack & Universal Stainless	Versa Rack
Donation District	Accuracy ± μm	30	50	80	50	500
Premium Pinion	Repeatability ± µm	5	10	20	10	20
Value Dinian*	Accuracy ± μm	110	130	160	130	580
Value Pinion*	Repeatability ± µm	5	10	20	10	20

## Table 4 Rack Model Attributes (NOT AFFECTED BY PINION CHOICE)

RACK MODEL ATTRIBUTES	Premium Rack	Standard Rack	Endurance Rack	Universal Rack	Universal Stainless	Versa Rack
Backlash* μm				0		
Corrosion Resistant Surface Treatment	Hard Chrome	None	Nitrided	None	None	Plastic
Corrosion Resistance Rating	High	None	Medium	None	Very High	Extremely High
Lubrication Free Operation (speed <30m/min)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Noise Level dB	up to 75 (Speed Dependent)					
Temperature Range °C	-5 to 40					

<sup>\*</sup> Specifications listed for the Value Pinion are "out-of-box" ratings. Over time, these specifications are affected by operating torque and speed.

NOTE: Refer to the System Life section for Load Life Comparison. See the Definitions section at the end of this catalog for details on these attributes.





# **RPS RACKS**

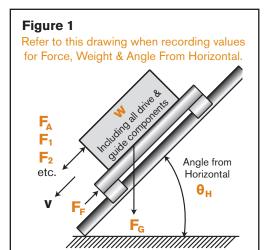
Nexen offers modular & custom rack sizes for unlimited system length. Choose from six rack models for a perfect fit in any application.

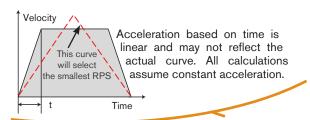
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## Linear Rack Selection Process

Nexen offers a large range of rack sizes and materials, so you can find the perfect components for your application. Take advantage of the following guide designed to make selecting the right components for your system simple. If you don't find what you need, contact Nexen Group.





Weight to be Driven should include all drive and guide components and structures being moved and should reflect the maximum weight each individual pinion must bear at any given time. Take into account any movable or asymmetric loads that may shift between multiple pinions during operation.

#### STEP 1: GATHER APPLICATION DATA

Before you begin calculations, there are nine key measurements that you will need from your application. Collect the data and record it in the chart below. With this data available you can proceed on to the calculations on the following page.

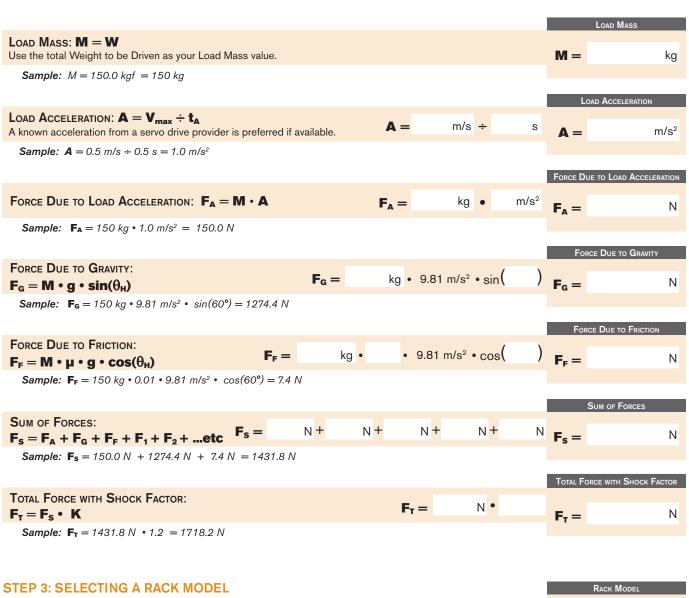
Measurements Required for RPS Selection	Customer Data (record your values below)	Sample Data
Angle from Horizontal (θ <sub>H</sub> ) Refer to Figure 1.	o	60°
Maximum Velocity ( <b>V</b> <sub>max</sub> )	m/s	0.5 m/s
Travel Distance (L) (single direction move)	m	5.4 m
Cycles Per Day (N <sub>day</sub> ) (assumes single direction move)		1000
Acceleration Time (t <sub>A</sub> ) or Known Acceleration	seconds m/s²	0.5 s
Weight to be Driven ( <b>W</b> )	kgf	150.0 kgf
Other Forces (F <sub>1</sub> ), (F <sub>2</sub> ) etc.	N	o N
Shock Factor ( <b>K</b> ) Circle the value that best reflects the smoothness of your application.	Shockless Operation 1.0 Normal Operation 1.2 Operation with Impact 1.5 Operation with High Impact 2.5	1.2
Frictional Coefficient (µ) Circle the value that best reflects your application.	Profile Guide Rail 0.005 Ball Bearing Guide Rail 0.02 Polymer Bushing Guide 0.1 Bronze Bushing Guide 0.2	0.01

Other Ke	y Application	Information
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Application Description:						
Environmental Conditions:	☐ Typical Industrial	☐ High Humidity	☐ High Temperature	☐ High Dust		
Positional Accuracy Requirements:						

## STEP 2: CALCULATING RPS REQUIREMENTS

Rack selection is based on the load capacity required by your application. Using the information gathered on the preceding page, perform the following calculations to determine the Total Force of the Load. Use the space provided to record your calculations. (The sample calculations assume a single pinion driving an axis. Use the Sample Data from the chart on the preceding page.)



Use Table 4 in the RPS System section to review the six different rack models and determine the model best suited for your application.

## STEP 4: SELECTING RACK SIZE

Locate your chosen rack model in Table 1 in the RPS System section and determine the rack size with enough thrust capacity to handle the Total Force with Shock Factor calculated above for your application.

#### STEP 5: EVALUATE LIFE AND VERIFY YOUR SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

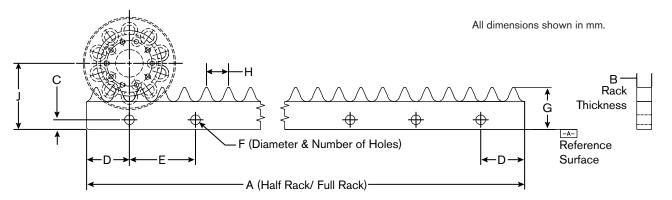
With the rack model and size selections, evaluate expected life in the System Life section and review the Common Rack Specifications (Table 5 in the Rack Section) to be sure that the rack you have selected will meet all of your application requirements.

RACK PRODUCT NUMBER

# **Rack Specifications**

 Table 5
 Common Rack Specifications

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Attribute		Size	RPS10	RPS12	RP	S16	RP	S20	RP	S25	RP	S32	RP	S40	RPS	4014
Max Pres	sure Angle	0	26.4	26.4	2	27.9		6.4	26.4		26.0		26.0		26.0	
Avg Press	sure Angle	0	21.9	21.9	23.4		21.9		2	1.9	22	2.7	21.3		20.9	
Module		mm	3.0	3.6	2	4.8		6.0		7.5		.5	1:	2.0	1	2.0
All Metal Max Racks		m/s	4	8		4		5		8	1	1		6		6
Speed Vorce		m/s	NA	NA		2		2 2		2	NA		NA		NA	
Rack Too	th Pitch	mm	10	12		16	2	20	2	25	3	32	40		40	
Rack Heig	ght	mm	27	27	3	0.5	4	2.0	48	8.0	5	7.0	7:	2.6	69.0	
Rack Wid	th	mm	5.7	5.7	1	1.5	15.5		18	8.5	24	1.5	3	1.5	4	2.0
Rack Sec	tion Size		Half	Half	Half	Full										
Rack Length		mm	480	480	512	992	500	1000	500	1000	512	992	520	1000	520	1000
Number of Rack Teeth			48	40	32	62	25	50	20	40	16	31	13	25	13	25
	All Metal Racks	kg	0.5	0.6	1.1	2.1	2.1	4.1	2.7	5.4	4.2	8.2	6.9	13.2	8.8	17.0
Weight	Versa Rack	kg	NA	NA	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.5	1.0	N	IA	١	1A	١	NA



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	Rack L	ength.	Rack	Hole	Hole From	Hole		Mounting Ho	oles	Rack	Tooth	Axis to
RPS Size	Half	Full	Thickness	Height	End	Spacing	Ø	# Half Rack	# Full Rack	Height	Pitch	Base
RPS10	480	NA	5.7	7	29.8	60	5.5	8	NA	27.0	10	37.5
RPS12	480	NA	5.7	7	29.8	60	5.5	8	NA	27.0	12	40
RPS16	512	992	11.5	7	16	96	7	6	11	30.5	16	48
RPS20	500	1000	15.5	10	50	100	9	5	10	42.0	20	64
RPS25	500	1000	18.5	12	50	100	11	5	10	48.0	25	75
RPS32	512	992	24.5	14	16	96	14	6	11	57.0	32	102
RPS40	520	1000	31.5	16	80	120	18	4	8	72.6	40	129
RPS4014	520	1000	42.0	16	60	80	18	6	12	69.0	40	140

See drawings or CAD models on Nexen's website for additional dimensions and tolerances.

## **Rack Product Numbers**

RPS Size	Racl	k Length	Premium	Standard	Endurance	Universal	Universal Uncoated Stainless	Universal Coated Stainless	Versa			
10	Half	480 mm	966768	NA	NA	NA	Contact Nexen	Contact Nexen	NA			
10	Align	ment Tool										
12	Half	480 mm	966769	NA	NA	NA	Contact Nexen	Contact Nexen	NA			
12	Alignm	ent Tool				966508						
	Half	512 mm	966652	966602	Contact Nexen	966801	966760	966742	Contact Nexen			
16	Full	992 mm	966651	966601	966850	966800	966813	966741	966860			
	Alignm	ent Tool				966503						
	Half	500 mm	966662	966612	Contact Nexen	966803	Contact Nexen	Contact Nexen	Contact Nexen			
20	Full	1000 mm	966661	966611	966851	966802	966625	966619	966861			
	Alignment Tool			966513								
	Half	500 mm	966672	966622	Contact Nexen	966805	Contact Nexen	Contact Nexen	Contact Nexen			
25	Full	1000 mm	966671	966621	966852	966804	966814	966755	966862			
	Alignm	ent Tool										
	Half	512 mm	966682 966632		Contact Nexen	966807	Contact Nexen	Contact Nexen	NA			
32	Full	992 mm	966681	966631	966853	966806	966812	Contact Nexen	NA			
	Alignm	ent Tool				966533						
	Half	520 mm	966692	966642	Contact Nexen	966809	Contact Nexen	Contact Nexen	NA			
40	Full	1000 mm	966691	966641	966854	966808	966815	Contact Nexen	NA			
	Alignm	ent Tool				966543						
	Half	520 mm	966695	966647	Contact Nexen	966811	Contact Nexen	Contact Nexen	NA			
4014	Full	1000 mm	966694	966646	966855	966810	966816	Contact Nexen	NA			
	Alignm	ent Tool		966543								
Ra	ck Grea	ise				853901						



# **RPG GEARS**

Nexen offers the RPG Gears as solid rings up to 1.7 m in diameter. Segmented rings or arcs can also be combined to create your own custom rotary drive system.

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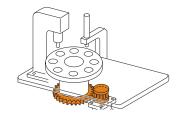
# Rotary Gear Selection Process

Nexen offers both gears and individual arc segments for unlimited possibilities in your machine design. Take advantage of the following guide designed to make selecting the right components for your system simple. If you don't find what you need, contact Nexen Group about a custom design.

#### **STEP 1: GATHER APPLICATION DATA**

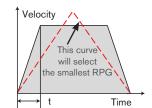
Before you begin calculations, there are key measurements that you will need from your application. Collect the data and record it in the chart below. With this data available you can proceed on to the calculations on the following page.

Measurements Required for RPG Selection	Customer Data (record your values below)	Sample Data
Angle Gear Rotates Relative to Horizontal Plane $(\theta_H)$	٥	O°
Rotational Moment of Inertia (I)	kgm²	10.0 kgm²
Indexes Per Revolution (N <sub>I</sub> )	IPR	8 IPR
Indexes Per Day (N <sub>day</sub> )		10800 RPD
Index Time ( <b>t</b> <sub>i</sub> ) or Known Angular Acceleration ( <b>α</b> )	seconds rad/s²	0.66 sec
Weight to be Driven ( <b>W</b> ) Should include everything in motion.	kg	20.0 kg
Dwell Time ( <b>t</b> <sub>D</sub> )	seconds	0.33 sec
Maximum Allowable Ring Gear OD ( <b>D</b> <sub>max</sub> )	mm	400 mm
Minimum Allowable Ring Gear ID ( <b>D</b> <sub>min</sub> )	mm	200 mm
Ring Gear Tooth Orientation (Select one)	external/internal	external
Other Forces (T <sub>1</sub> ), (T <sub>2</sub> ) etc. May include gravitational forces due to imbalanced load, springs, wind, counterbalance, fluid dampening systems, etc.	Nm	0 Nm
Shock Factor (K) Circle the value that best reflects the smoothness of your application.	Shockless Operation 1.0 Normal Operation 1.2 Operation with Impact 1.5 Operation with High Impact 3.0	1.2
Frictional Coefficient ( <b>µ</b> ) Circle the value that best reflects your application.	Rolling Bearing 0.005~0.02 Sliding Bearing 0.1~0.2	0.01
Diameter of Bearing Element ( <b>D</b> <sub>B</sub> )	mm	50 mm



#### SAMPLE APPLICATION INFORMATION

- Electronics Assembly Indexing Table
- 1 meter in diameter
- 8 stations equally spaced
- 60 indexes per minute desired
- Dwell time 0.33 sec



Acceleration based on time is linear and may not reflect the actual curve. All calculations assume constant acceleration.

## **Other Key Application Information**

Application Description:				
Environmental Conditions:	Typical Industrial	☐ High Humidity	☐ High Temperature	☐ High Dust
Positional Accuracy Requirements:				

#### STEP 2: CALCULATING RPG REQUIREMENTS FOR SIMPLE INDEXING APPLICATIONS

Gear selection is based on the load capacity required by your application. Using the information gathered on the preceding page, perform the following calculations. If acceleration or deceleration times vary, or there are other changes in velocity, calculate the acceleration torque for each interval and use the highest value for RPG selection purposes.



## **STEP 3: SELECTING A GEAR SIZE**

Using the table to the right, circle the RPG size needed to meet the Pinion Thrust requirements of your application (as calculated above).

	RPG SIZE	10	12	16	20	25	32	40	4014
PREMIUM PINION	@ Min Life	250	500	2400	2900	4000	6300	6000	14000
Dynamic Thrust (N)	@ Max Life	250	500	1000	1500	2200	3600	6000	14000
VALUE PINION Dynamic Thrust (N)		NA		500	750	1100	NA		

## STEP 4: VERIFY YOUR SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

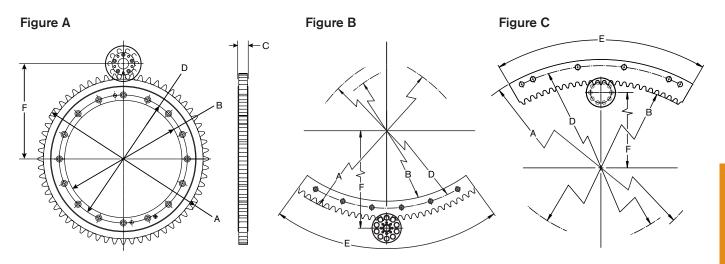
Using the selected RPG size and the Ring Gear Torque with Shock Factor requirement calculated above, use the tables on the next page to select a gear. Review Gear Specifications to ensure the selected gear meets all of your application requirements.



RPG	Gear	Gear	Pinion	Maximum Dyn	amic Torque @	Max Static		Accuracy	Repeatability
Size	Product	Ratio	Туре	Minimum Life	Maximum Life	Torque	Max RPM	Accuracy	Repeatability
	Number		· ·	Nm	Nm	Nm		ArcSec	ArcSec
	966566	3:1	PREMIUM	183.3	101.1	183.3	500	+/- 84.2	+/- 14
	900000	3:1	VALUE	38.1	38.1	38.1	250	+/- 308.7	+/- 14.0
	966567	4:1	PREMIUM	244.4	134.8	244.4	375	+/- 63.4	+/- 10.6
	300007	7.1	VALUE	50.8	50.8	50.8	188	+/- 232.5	+/- 10.6
	966568	5:1	PREMIUM	305.5	168.5	305.5	300	+/- 50.9	+/- 8.5
			VALUE	63.5	63.5	63.5	150	+/- 186.5	+/- 8.5
16	966569	6:1	PREMIUM	366.6	202.2	366.6	250	+/- 42.5	+/- 7.1
			VALUE	76.2 427.7	76.2 235.9	76.2 427.7	125 215	+/- 155.7 +/- 36.5	+/- 7.1 +/- 6.1
	966570	7:1	PREMIUM VALUE	88.9	88.9	88.9	108	+/- 134.0	+/- 6.1
			PREMIUM	916.5	505.5	916.5	100	+/- 16.9	+/- 2.8
	966797	15:1	VALUE	190.5	190.5	190.5	50	+/- 62.1	+/- 2.8
			PREMIUM	2444.0	1348.0	2444.0	38	+/- 6.4	+/- 1.1
	966571	40:1	VALUE	508.0	508.0	508.0	19	+/- 23.4	+/- 1.1
			PREMIUM	1292.2	735.0	1337.0	108	+/- 14.4	+/- 2.4
	966572	14:1	VALUE	334.6	334.6	334.6	43	+/- 14.4	+/- 2.4
			PREMIUM	1384.5	787.5	1432.5	100	+/- 13.4	+/- 2.2
	966798	15:1	VALUE	358.5	358.5	358.5	40	+/- 49.2	+/- 2.2
			PREMIUM	1661.4	945.0	1719.0	84	+/- 11.2	+/- 1.9
	966799	18:1	VALUE	430.2	430.2	430.2	34	+/- 41.2	+/- 1.9
20	000700	54:1	PREMIUM	4984.2	2835.0	5157.0	28	+/- 3.7	+/- 0.6
	966793	54:1	VALUE	1290.6	1290.6	1290.6	12	+/- 13.7	+/- 0.6
	966789	68.4:1	PREMIUM	6313.3	3591.0	6532.2	22	+/- 2.9	+/- 0.5
	300703	00.4.1	VALUE	1634.8	1634.8	1634.8	9	+/- 10.7	+/- 0.5
	966787	90:1	PREMIUM	8307.0	4725.0	8595.0	17	+/- 2.2	+/- 0.4
			VALUE	2151.0	2151.0	2151.0	7	+/- 8.2	+/- 0.4
	966573	3:1	PREMIUM	477.6	268.5	528.0	607	+/- 53.6	+/- 8.9
			VALUE	138.0	138.0	138.0	160	+/- 196.4	+/- 8.9
	966574	4:1	PREMIUM	636.8	358.0	704.0	455	+/- 40.1	+/- 6.7
			VALUE	184.0	184.0	184.0	120	+/- 147	+/- 6.7
	966575	5:1	PREMIUM	796.0 230.0	447.5 230.0	880.0 230.0	364 96	+/- 32.3 +/- 118.4	+/- 5.4 +/- 5.4
25			VALUE PREMIUM	955.2	537.0	1056.0	304	+/- 26.9	+/- 4.5
	966576	6:1	VALUE	276.0	276.0	276.0	80	+/- 98.8	+/- 4.5
			PREMIUM	1194.0	671.3	1320.0	243	+/- 21.5	+/- 3.6
	966577	7.5:1	VALUE	345.0	345.0	345.0	64	+/- 78.9	+/- 3.6
	066570	40.0.4	PREMIUM	7737.1	4349.7	8553.6	38	+/- 3.3	+/- 0.6
	966578	48.6:1	VALUE	2235.6	2235.6	2235.6	10	+/- 12.1	+/- 0.6
	966638	4:1	PREMIUM	1540.0	874.8	1760.0	430	+/- 26.5	+/- 4.4
	966639	7.25:1	PREMIUM	2791.3	1585.6	3190.0	238	+/- 14.6	+/- 2.4
32	966763	37.5:1	PREMIUM	14437.5	8201.3	16500.0	46	+/- 2.8	+/- 0.5
	966778	63.3:1	PREMIUM	24383.3	13851.0	27866.7	28	+/- 1.7	+/- 0.3
10	966791	4:1	PREMIUM	1833.6	1833.6	3667.2	188	+/- 21.0	+/- 3.5
40	966549	16.7:1	PREMIUM	7640.0	7640.0	15280.0	45	+/- 5.0	+/- 0.8
	966818	3:1	PREMIUM	3743.4	3743.4	5614.8	215	+/- 23.8	+/- 4.0
4014	966696	5.14:1	PREMIUM	6417.3	6417.3	9625.4	126	+/- 14.0	+/- 2.3
	966725	13.7:1	PREMIUM	17112.7	17112.7	25667.7	47	+/- 5.2	+/- 0.9

	Common Attributes for All Gears								
Estimated Life	Stimated Life Section.								
Operating Temperature Range °C	-5 to 40								
Tooth Grease	Part Number 853901								

## **Gear Dimensions & Specifications by Product Number**



Basic gear dimensions shown for selection purposes only and subject to change. Go to <a href="www.nexengroup.com">www.nexengroup.com</a> for detailed drawings and CAD models. If none of the products below meet your needs, contact Nexen and one can be designed to your specifications. Due to the variety of gears and gear segments, these products are made to order. Please contact Nexen for lead times.

D	Dimensions shown in <i>mm</i> unless otherwise noted.									В	С	D	E	F
RPG Size	Gear Product Number	Alignment Tool Product	Teeth Orientation	Number of Teeth	Moment of Inertia	Weight	Figure	Coating	Outer	Inner	Max Width	Bolt Circle Ø	Arc Length/	Distance from
	Number	Number		segment/ring	kgm²	kg			Diam	eter			Full Ring	Center
	966566	NA	external	NA/30	0.004	1.2	Α	Hard Chrome	161	70	11.5	90	360°/yes	98
	966567	NA	external	NA/40	0.01	1.7	Α	Hard Chrome	209	120	11.5	145	360°/yes	122
	966568	NA	external	NA/50	0.03	2.4	Α	Hard Chrome	257	160	11.5	180	360°/yes	146
16	966569	NA	external	NA/60	0.05	3.4	Α	Hard Chrome	305	190	11.5	220	360°/yes	170
	966570	NA	external	NA/70	0.08	3.3	Α	Hard Chrome	352	260	11.5	285	360°/yes	193.5
	966797	966557	external	30/150	0.19*	1.6*	В	Hard Chrome	745	652	11.5	670	72°/yes	390
	966571	966656	external	25/400	1.64*	1.8*	В	Hard Chrome	1954	1830	11.5	1870	22.5°/yes	995
	966572	966706	external	28/140	0.48*	2.9*	В	Hard Chrome	880	770	15.5	810	72°/yes	462
	966798	966615	internal	25/150	0.86*	3.6*	С	Hard Chrome	1038	906	15.5	1013	60°/yes	430
20	966799	966734	external	30/180	0.76*	2.7*	В	Hard Chrome	1120	1020	15.5	1060	60°/yes	582
20	966793	966794	external	30/540	9.57*	3.6*	В	Hard Chrome	3338	3220	15.5	3250	20°/yes	1692
	966789	966790	internal	19/684	14.9*	3.2*	С	Hard Chrome	4400	4241	15.5	4354	10°/yes	2098
	966787	966788	external	30/900	36.3*	4.9*	В	Hard Chrome	5554	5392	15.5	5438	12°/yes	2800
	966573	NA	external	NA/30	0.04	4.5	Α	Hard Chrome	254	120	18.5	145	360°/yes	154
	966574	NA	external	NA/40	0.12	6.8	Α	Hard Chrome	331	190	18.5	220	360°/yes	193
0.5	966575	NA	external	NA/50	0.25	9.1	Α	Hard Chrome	404	260	18.5	285	360°/yes	230
25	966576	NA	external	NA/60	0.47	11.5	Α	Hard Chrome	480	330	18.5	360	360°/yes	268
	966577	NA	external	NA/75	0.93	13.5	Α	Hard Chrome	596	460	22.5	490	360°/yes	326
	966578	966740	external	27/486	15.7*	4.6*	В	Hard Chrome	3760	3640	18.5	3684	20°/yes	1908
	966638	NA	external	NA/48	0.69	16.6	Α	Hard Chrome	493	330	24.5	360	360°/yes	292
	966639	NA	external	NA/87	4.4	27.8	Α	Black Oxide	874	730	24.5	770	360°/yes	482
32	966763	966685	external	18/450	35.7*	7.7*	В	Hard Chrome	4400	4220	24.5	4280	14.4°/yes	2246
	966778	966779	external	19/760	112.8*	8.4*	В	Hard Chrome	7428	7250	24.5	7310	9°/yes	3760
	966791	NA	external	NA/48	2.5	39.2	Α	Hard Chrome	622	390	35.5	430	360°/yes	369
40	966549	966546	external	11/200	9.1*	6.4*	В	Hard Chrome	2482	2320	31.5	2360	19.8°/no	1300
	966818	NA	external	NA/42	1.69	31.5	Α	Hard Chrome	551	390	46	430	360°/yes	346
4014	966696	966547	external	18/72	2.82*	17.3*	В	Hard Chrome	916	711.2	42	785	90°/yes	529
	966725	966548	external	12/192	12.5*	9.4*	В	Hard Chrome	2392	2230	42	2270	22.5°/yes	1268

<sup>\*</sup> Per Segment

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Once you have selected your rack/gear, finding the right pinion is easy. The following pages offer step-by-step selection instructions as well as pinion specifications and details on accessories.

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# **RPS Pinion Selection Process**

**STEP 1**: *Determine your rack/gear size and find the same RPS pinion size. Always use the same size rack/gear and pinion.* 

STEP 2: Select the material best suited for your application. (Other materials available upon request.)
Hard Chrome: alloy steel with a thin, dense chrome coating
Nickel: alloy steel with nickel plating
Stainless: stainless steel with or without a hard chrome coating

**STEP 3**: Select Mounting Style: For easy installation and maximum versatility, Nexen recommends using the flangemounted version when practical.

#### **Shaft Mount**

- Shaft Coupling or Shaft & Keyway mounting option
   Coupling option uses a keyless mechanical compression coupling to secure to shaft
   Available in multiple bore diameters. Contact Nexen.

#### Flange Mount

- Conforms to ISO 9409 specifications
- Nexen adapter preloader options available with this version

Pinion Type	RPS Size	Number	Distance per Revolution	Pitch Circle Diameter	Max RPM	Product Number	Base Material/	Mount Style	Bore Size	Mass	Moment of Inertia
.,,,,,	0.20	Rollers	mm	mm	141 111	Ttulli DOI	Counny		mm	kg	kgm²x10 <sup>-4</sup>
	10	10	100	31.8	2400	966480	Hard Chrome	Shaft Coupling	12	0.2	0.4
	12	10	120	38.2	4000	966490	Hard Chrome	Shaft Coupling	16	0.3	1.0
						966819	Nickel	Shaft Coupling	16	0.7	3.9
						966650	Nickel	Shaft Coupling	20	0.7	3.9
	16	10	160	50.9	1500	966761	Stainless	Shaft Coupling	20	0.7	3.9
						966687	Nickel	Flange	N/A	0.8	4.0
						966759	Stainless	Flange	N/A	0.8	4.0
						966820	Nickel	Shaft Coupling	22	1.4	10.6
						966660	Nickel	Shaft Coupling	25	1.3	10.5
	20	10	200	63.7	1500	966771	Stainless	Shaft Coupling	25	1.3	10.5
						966675	Nickel	Flange	N/A	1.2	10.2
						Request	Stainless	Flange	N/A	1.2	10.2
S						966670	Nickel	Shaft Coupling	30	2.1	25.5
<u> </u>	25	10	250	79.6	1820	966758	Stainless	Shaft Coupling	30	2.1	25.2
Z	25	10	230	79.0	1020	966673	Nickel	Flange	N/A	2.1	25.2
_ □						Request	Stainless	Flange	N/A	2.1	25.2
PREMIUM PINIONS						966821	Nickel	Shaft Coupling	32	7.3	173.0
<b> </b>						966822	Nickel	Shaft Coupling	40	6.8	171.0
Ē	32	12	384	122.2	1719	966680	Nickel	Shaft Coupling	45	6.4	169.0
PR	32	12	004	122.2	1713	Request	Stainless	Shaft Coupling	45	6.4	169.0
						966677	Nickel	Flange	N/A	6.6	168.0
						Request	Stainless	Flange	N/A	6.6	168.0
						966823	Nickel	Shaft Coupling	55	12.9	598.0
						966690	Nickel	Shaft Coupling	60	12.4	594.0
	40	12	480	152.8	750	Request	Stainless	Shaft Coupling	60	12.4	594.0
						966697	Nickel	Flange	N/A	15.5	665.0
						Request	Stainless	Flange	N/A	15.5	665.0
						966824	Nickel	Shaft Coupling	55	21.4	1184.0
						966693	Nickel	Shaft Coupling	60	20.9	1180.0
	4014	14	560	178.3	643	Request	Stainless	Shaft Coupling	60	20.9	1180.0
						966700	Nickel	Flange	N/A	23.5	1306.0
						Request	Stainless	Flange	N/A	23.5	1306.0
E S S	16	10	160	50.9	750	966826	Aluminum	Shaft & Keyway	16	0.4	2.4
VALUE	20	10	200	63.7	600	966827	Aluminum	Shaft & Keyway	16	0.7	6.0
N III	25	10	250	79.6	480	966828	Aluminum	Shaft & Keyway	22	1.1	14.7

Common Attributes for All Pinions						
Estimated Life	See <b>System Life</b> section.					
Operating Temperature Range °C	-5 to 40					
Lubrication/Tooth Grease	Part Number 853901					

## **Pinion Dimensions**

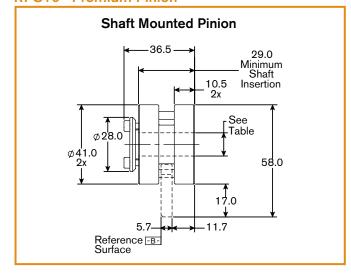
#### **ADDITIONAL DIMENSIONS**

The Pinion dimensions listed here are for selection purposes only. For detailed drawings and CAD models, please visit www.nexengroup.com.

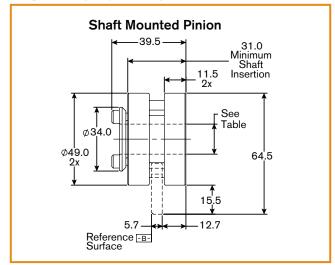
#### PINION ADAPTERS

Pinion adapters allow the pinion to mount to one frame-size larger of a reducer. Moving up a reducer size is sometimes needed due to reducer availability or motor sizing reasons. All Nexen pinion adapters are made from corrosion resistant materials or coatings. For your convenience, we have included pinion adapter dimensions next to each ISO9409 flange mounted pinion. See Table 6 for pinion adapter part numbers.

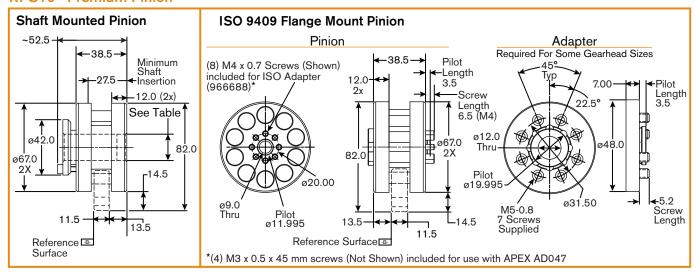
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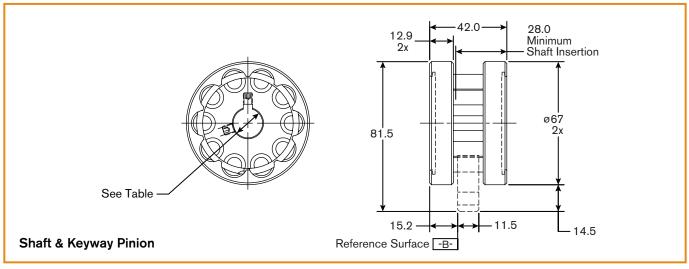
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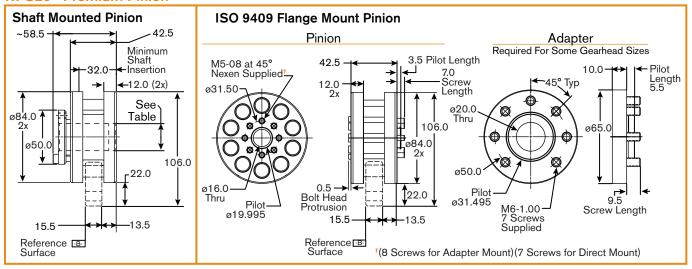
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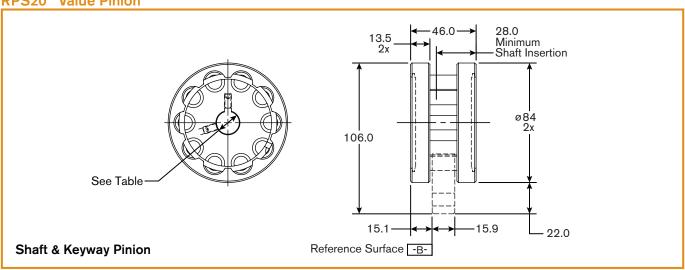
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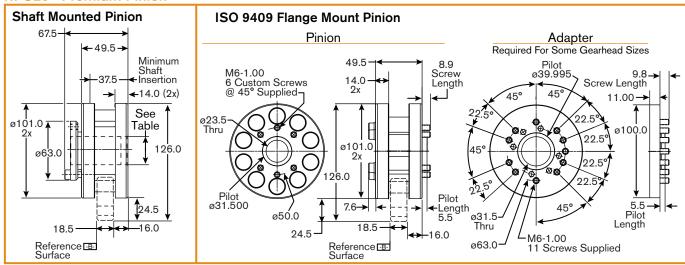
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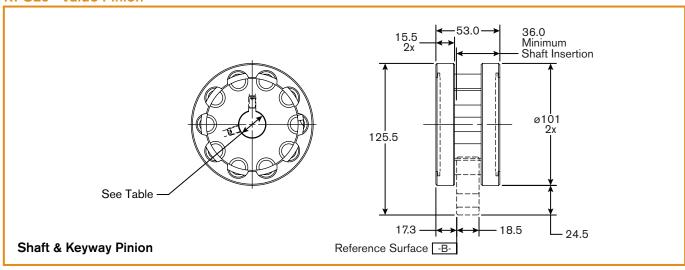
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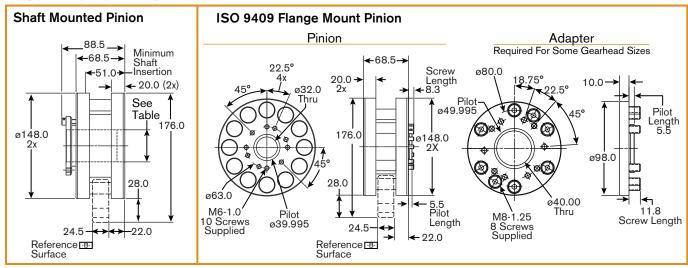
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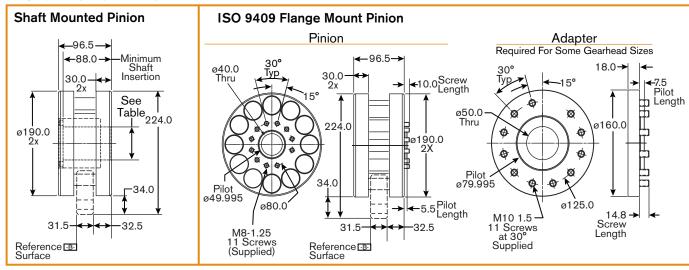
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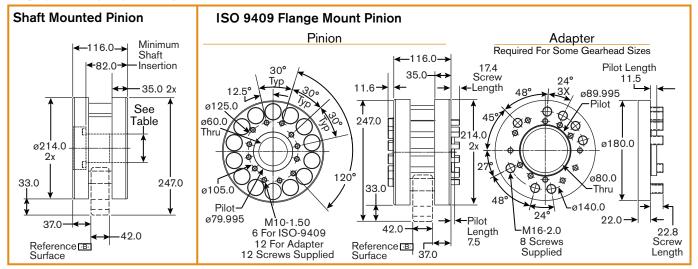
## **RPS32 Premium Pinion**



## **RPS40 Premium Pinion**



## RPS4014 Premium Pinion



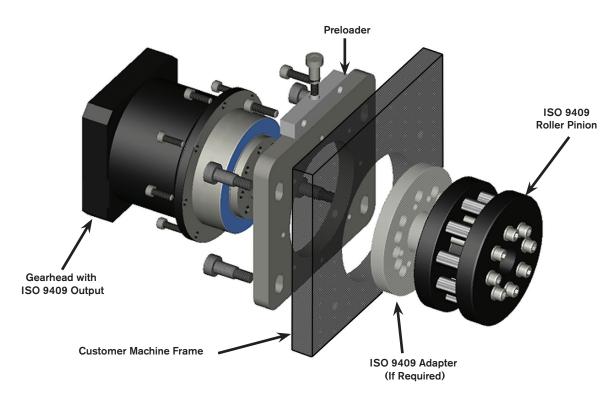
## **Pinion Preloader**

Pair Nexen's Flange-Mount Pinion with our RPS Pinion Preloader for easy integration into your machine design. Preloaders feature an adjuster that allows the pinion to be moved up or down into the rack while keeping the pinion properly oriented to the rack. The pilot in the adjuster plate accommodates common servo gearhead sizes from your favorite servo gearhead manufacturer.

Preloader and Adapter components are either made from corrosion-resistant stainless steel, nickel, or zinc plating.

#### **FEATURES:**

- High-Precision Ground Surfaces
- · Allows Perpendicular Movement
- Corrosion Resistant Materials



## **SELECTING PINION ADAPTERS AND PRELOADERS**

## If directly mounting the pinion to the reducer:

Disregard the Adapter column and select the preloader and gearhead for your RPS Pinion size.

## If going up a reducer frame size:

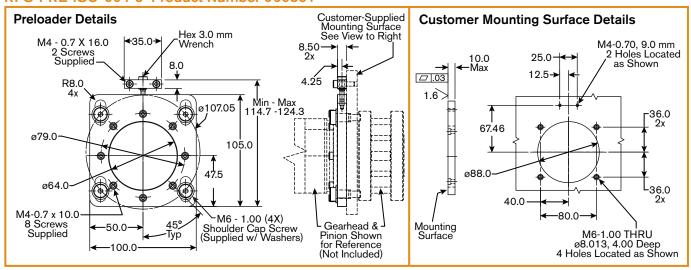
Start in the Adapter column and select the compatible pinion, adapter, preloader and gearhead.

## Table 6 Gearhead Compatibility Table

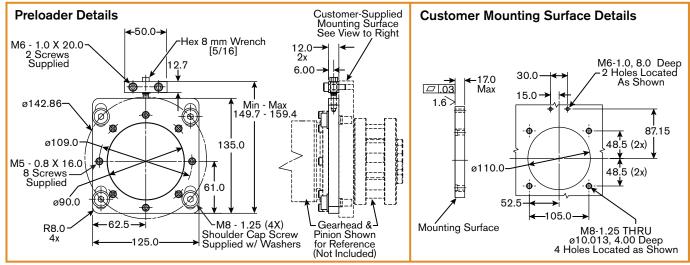
Pinion Size	Adapter w/ Pinion (not required in some applications)	Pinion Preloader	Customer Provided Gearhead							
			Alpha/ Wittenstein	APEX	Mijno	Neugart	SEW-Euro	Sumitomo	Stöber	
RPS16	N/A	N/A	N/A	AD047	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
RPS20	RPS16 & 966688	960851	TP004	AD064	BDB 085	PLFE/N 64	PSBF221/2	N/A	PH/A/KX 321/2	
RPS25	RPS20 & 966676	960850	TP010	AD090	BDB 120	PLFE/N 90	PSBF321/2	PNFX080	PH/A/KX 421/2	
RPS32	RPS25 & 966674	960852	TP025	AD110	BDB 145	PLFE/N 110	PSBF521/2	PNFX250	PH/A/KX 521/2	
RPS40	RPS32 & 966668	960853	TP050	AD140	BDB 180	PLFN 40	PSBF621/2	PNFX450	PH/A/KX 721/2	
RPS4014	RPS40 & 966698	960854	TP110	AD200	BDB 250	PLFN 200	PSBF721/2	N/A	PH/A/KX 821/2	
N/A	RPS4014 & 966701	N/A	TP300	AD255	BDB 300	N/A	N/A	N/A	PH/A/KX 912/23	

This is a partial list. Other gearheads may apply.

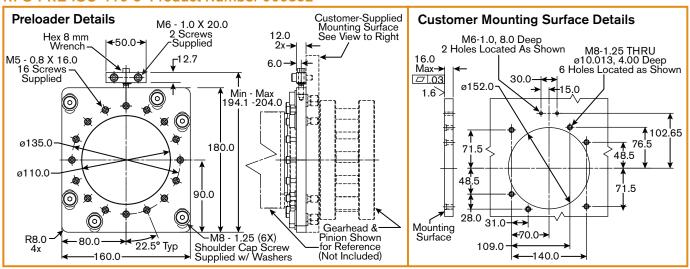
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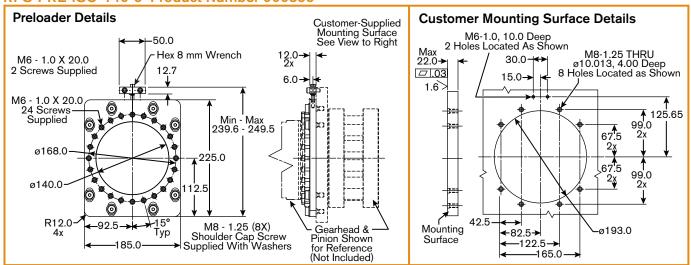
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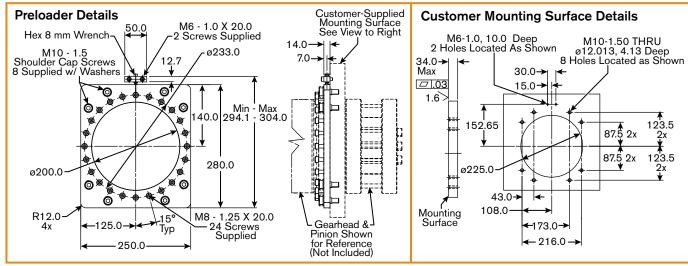
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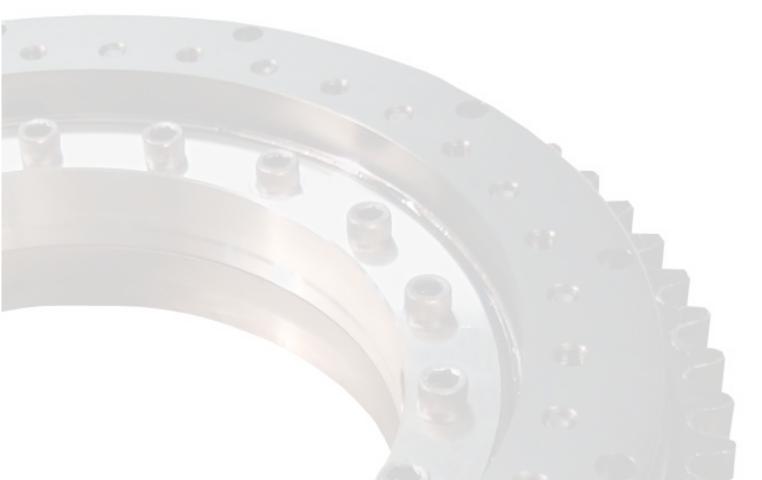
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## RPS-PRE-ISO-200-3 Product Number 960854







# PRECISION RING DRIVE SYSTEM

Based on Nexen's innovative Roller Pinion technology, the Precision Ring Drive System (PRD) comes complete with a precision-grade bearing and gearhead for a system with unmatched performance and efficiency. With accelerations up to twice as high as other indexing technologies, the PRD system provides more productivity while boasting low maintenance and long life.

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## The Nexen Precision Ring Drive Advantage

The Precision Ring Drive System (PRD) simplifies the selection process and includes all components needed for your rotary drive system. The PRD system offers all the great features of our other advanced RPS technology and opens up new design possibilities to next generation machines.

## **High Indexing Precision**

With an indexing precision up to  $\pm$  11 ArcSec and repeatability up to  $\pm$  1.2 ArcSec, Nexen's PRD offers unmatched mechanical system capabilities.

## **Unlimited Performance At Any Position**

Unlike some cam driven systems, the PRD can start and stop at any incremental position. Users can change the motion profile by simply loading a new servo drive program. The PRD also allows maximum acceleration or deceleration at any point without the risk of damage.

## **High Load Capacity**

The PRD table is supported by a high capacity cross-roller bearing rated for loads up to 1575 kN.

## Rigidity

The PRD provides very high system rigidity. An innovative design combination of a preloaded cross-roller bearing, RPS, and a precision gearbox create the high rigidity customers demand.

## **High Speed & Acceleration**

The PRD is capable of speeds of up to 94 RPM. Unlike traditional cam driven systems, the PRD can handle peak torque inputs at any time. This allows for indexing times up to 2x faster than the competition.

# **EASY SYSTEM INTEGRATION**MINIMAL ONGOING MAINTENANCE



## Large Open Center

The Ring Drive has a large open center that allows users to easily mount equipment and cabling in the center of the rotating plate.

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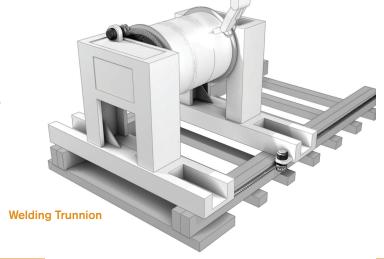
# Precision Ring Drive Features & Benefits

## Overcoming Common Problems Found in Other Drive Systems

INDUSTRY PROBLEMS	Large, Open-Center Cam Indexers	Traditional Gearing	Belt Drives	Direct Drive Motors	nexen.  PRECISION RING DRIVE
Low Accuracy	•				High Positional Accuracy
Backlash /Vibrations					Near-Zero Backlash
High Cost					Economical & Efficient
Dirty Operation					No Dust or Oil Emissions
High Maintenance	•				Little to No Maintenance
Low Load Capacity					High Load Capacity
Noisy					Quiet
Low Speed					Speeds up to 94 RPM
Magnetic Field					No magnetic field
High Wear/Low Life					Long Life
Low Acceleration	•				Rapid Accelerations
Inefficient	•				99% Efficient
Poor Rigidity					High Rigidity
Mounting Restrictions					Mounting In Any Position

## **Unlimited Mounting Configurations**

The PRD does not require an oil bath as some other indexing technologies do, allowing it to be mounted in any orientation.

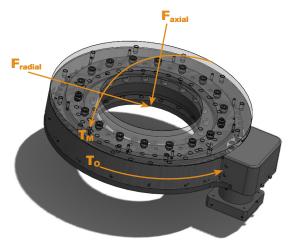




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# Precision Ring Drive Selection Process

Nexen will work with you to select the perfect Precision Ring Drive for your application needs. Please fill in the application data below and perform the calculations on the following page. With this information, Nexen will select a PRD system to meet all your application requirements.



## STEP 1: GATHER APPLICATION DATA

Before you begin calculations, there are key measurements that you will need from your application. Collect the data and record it in the chart below. With this data available you can proceed on to the calculations on the following page. (Refer to the diagram to the right when completing the table below.)

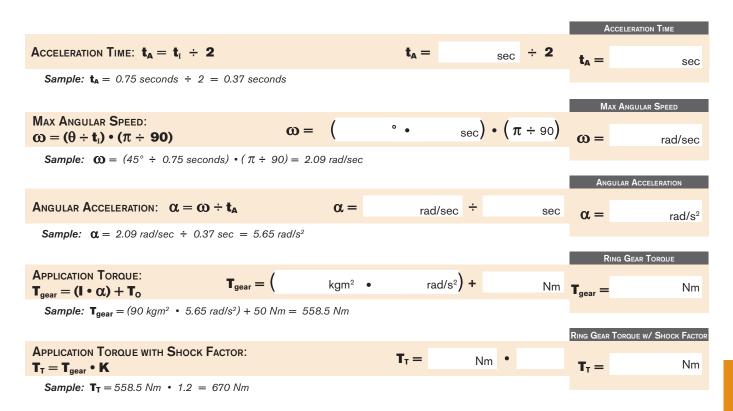
Measurements Required for PRD Selection	Customer Data (record your values below)	Sample Data	
Load Inertia (I)	kgm²	90 kgm²	
Index Time ( <b>t</b> <sub>I</sub> )	seconds	0.75 seconds	
Move Distance (θ)	٥	45°	
Maximum Axial Load ( <b>F</b> axial)	kN	100 kN	
Maximum Radial Load ( <b>F</b> <sub>radial</sub> )	kN	0 kN	
Maximum Moment Load (T <sub>M</sub> )	kNm	5 kNm	
Other Applied Torque Loads ( <b>T<sub>o</sub></b> ) May include table support friction, cutting or clamping forces, etc.	Nm	50 Nm	
Shock Factor ( <b>K</b> ) Circle the value that best reflects the smoothness of your application.	Shockless Operation 1.0 Normal Operation 1.2 Operation with Impact 1.5 Operation with High Impact 3.0	1.2	

## **Other Key Application Information**

Application Description:					
Environmental Conditions:	Typical Industrial	☐ High Humidity	☐ High Temperature		☐ High Dust
Positional Accuracy Requirements:					
Mounting Orientation:	☐ Vertical (Radial Load	) Horizontal (Ap	oplied Load)	Horizor	ntal (Suspended Load)

#### STEP 2: CALCULATING PRD REQUIREMENTS FOR SIMPLE INDEXING APPLICATIONS

PRD selection is based on the torque requirements of your application. Using the information gathered on the preceding page, perform the following calculations. If your application movement is more complex than basic indexing, evaluate each stage of movement independently and perform separate calculations for each stage.



#### STEP 3: EVALUATE LOAD CARRYING CAPACITY

Use the data for Maximum Axial Load, Maximum Radial Load, Maximum Moment Load, and Mounting Orientation to evaluate your load carrying needs against the load diagrams on the following pages.

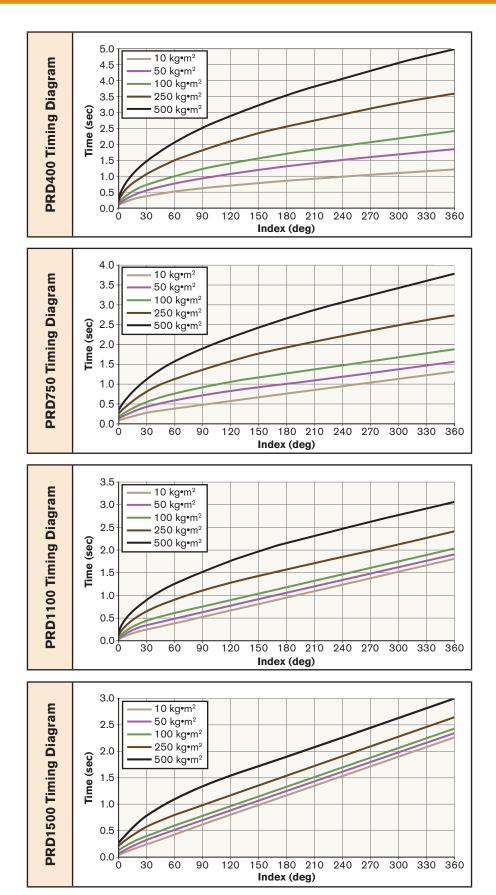
To do this, find the set of charts that represents your mounting orientation, then graph your data in the appropriate charts(s) to ensure that your requirements fall into the shaded area representing load capacity available in that PRD size and orientation.

(NOTE: The weight of the PRD is already factored into the load charts.)

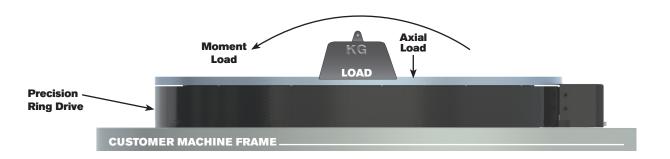
#### STEP 4: CHOOSE YOUR PRD SIZE

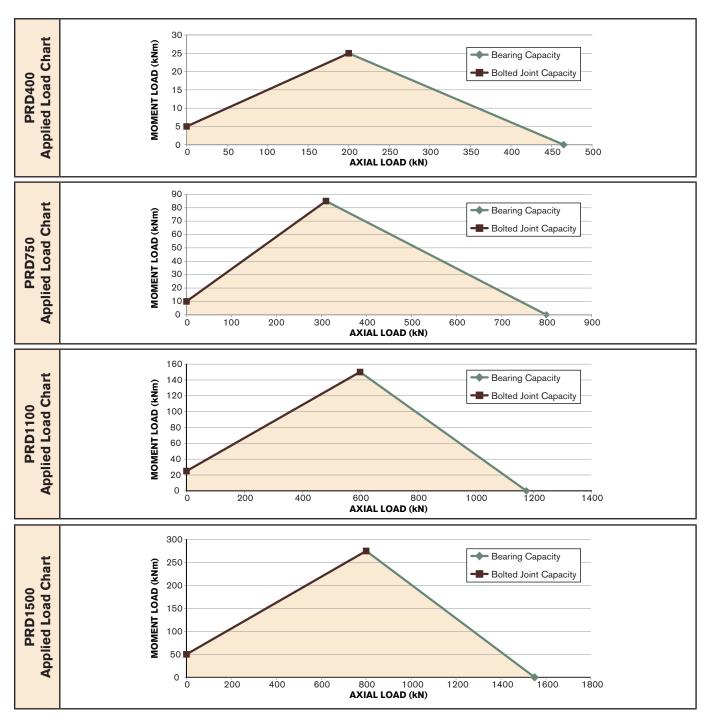
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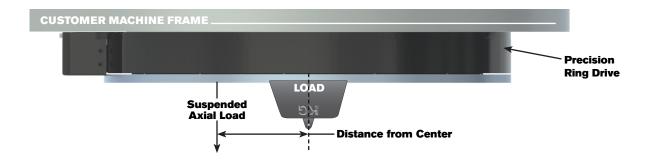


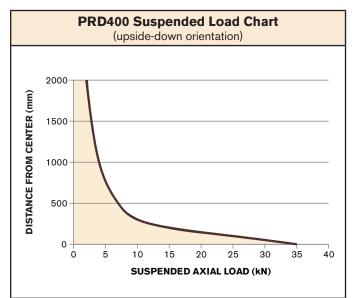


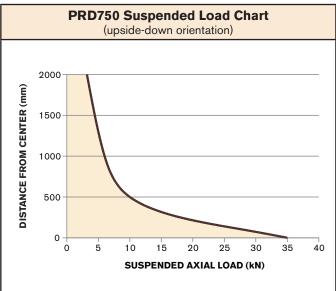
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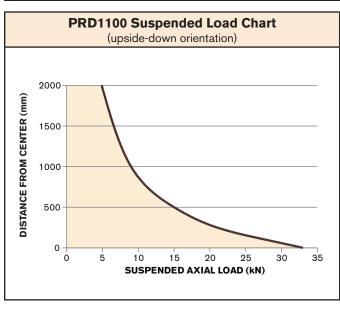


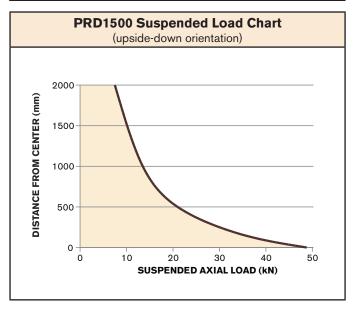




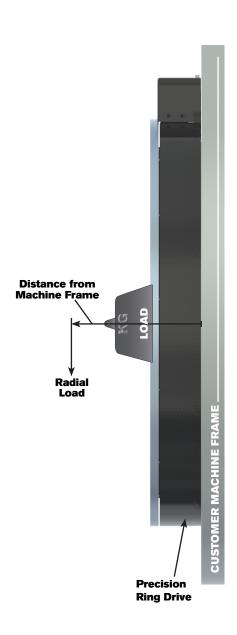




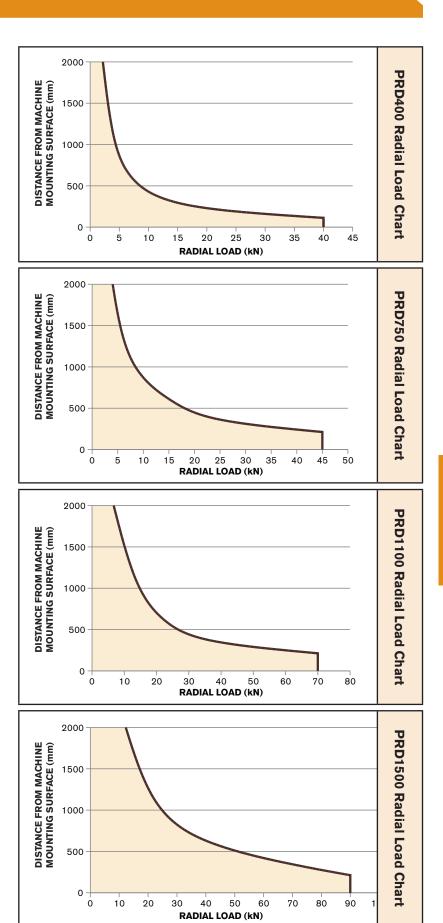




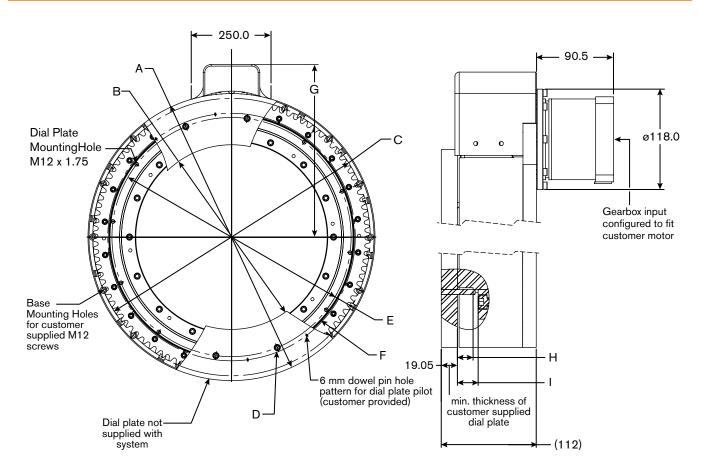
NOTE: The weight of the PRD is already factored into these charts.







# **Precision Ring Drive Dimensions**



**NOTE**: Basic dimensions shown for selection purposes only and subject to change. Visit www.nexengroup.com for detailed drawings and CAD models before designing into your system. (All dimensions shown in mm.)

		PRD400	PRD750	PRD1100	PRD1500
Α	Minimum Outer Diameter	550	900	1350	1750
В	Maximum Inner Diameter	280	579	966	1330
С	Base Mounting Hole Circle Diameter	500	870	1325	1715
D	Dial Plate Bolt Pattern Circle Diameter	396	750	1100	1500
E	Ring Drive Pilot Diameter	460	770	1150	1525
F	Dowel Pin Hole Circle For 6mm Pins	466	776	1156	1531
G	Drive Enclosure Envelope to Center Distance	363	543	770	970
Н	Minimum Depth to Dial Plate Pilot	0	18.5	18.5	18.5
I	Maximum Depth to Dial Plate Pilot	7	24.5	24.5	24.5

# **Precision Ring Drive Specifications**

Performance Specifications		PRD400	PRD750	PRD1100	PRD1500
Positional Accuracy*	±ArcSec	35	21	13	11
One Way Repeatability*	±ArcSec	4.2	2.4	1.6	1.2
Maximum Backlash*	±ArcSec	12	7	4	3
Peak Torque at Output	Nm	563	968	1496	1936
Maximum Velocity Output	RPM	94	54	35	27
Maximum Acceleration	rad/sec <sup>2</sup>	414	110	30	17
Input to Output Ratio (assuming 10:1 gearhead)		64:1	110:1	170:1	220:1
Gear/Pinion Ratio		6.4:1	11:1	17:1	22:1
Estimated Pinion & Ring Gear Life**		60 Million Co	ontacts per Pinion R	oller or 30 Million pe	r Gear Tooth
Output Inertia	kgm²	1.39	8.83	48.97	112.95
Pinion Inertia	kgm²		0.0	025	
Total reflected inertia to gearbox output	kgm²	0.036	0.075	0.172	0.236
Maximum Bearing Drag Torque	Nm	40	100	150	200

<sup>\*</sup> All performance specifications assume using Nexen's standard 10:1 high precision reducer. Other customer specified reducers can be requested but will have an impact on the above specifications.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Life rating is an estimate based on maintaining published accuracy specifications while operating with allowable dynamic loading. Nexen does not guarantee life since it can be impacted by environmental conditions, and lubrication intervals.



# **RPS SYSTEM LIFE**

The RPS system offers an efficiency greater than 99% with a long life of up to 60,000,000 pinion revolutions (up to 36 million meters of travel). Typically the rack/gear lasts through several pinion changes.

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# Calculating RPS System Life

The calculations in the following section will allow you to calculate the expected rack and pinion life. These calculations will result in the same values as the charts on the following pages.

# **RPS Pinion Life Data & Calculations**

Table 7 RPS Pinion Life Values

	RPS10	RPS12	RPS	16	RPS20		RPS	25	RPS32	RPS40	RPS4014
	RPS10		premium	value	premium	value	premium	value	KP332	KP340	RP34014
Max Torque (T <sub>max</sub> ) Nm	4.0	9.5	61.1	12.8	92.3	23.9	159.2	43.8	385.0	458.4	1247.8
Torque at Max Life (T <sub>final</sub> ) Nm	4.0	9.5	33.7	12.8	52.5	23.9	89.5	43.8	218.7	458.4	1247.8
Distance Per Revolution (Lrev) meters	0.1	0.12	0.16	0.16	0.2	0.2	0.25	0.25	0.384	0.48	0.56
Transition Point ( <b>E</b> <sub>T</sub> ) million contacts	60	60	8	2	8.2	2	8.5	2	9.2	60	60
Max Life (Nmax contacts) million contacts	60	60	60	2	60	2	60	2	60	60	60
Constant (C)	NA	NA	115.30	NA	179.43	NA	305.91	NA	747.91	NA	NA

#### STEP 1: GATHER APPLICATION DATA

Before you begin calculations, there are three key measurements that you will need from your application. Collect the data and record it in space provided to the right.

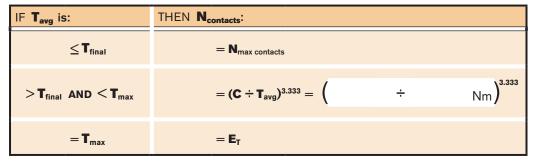
Measurements Required for Pinion Calculations	Customer Data (record your values below)	Sample Data		
Average Torque ( <b>T</b> <sub>avg</sub> )	Nm	85 Nm		
Distance Per Cycle (L) (single direction move)	m	1.3 m		
Average Speed (Vavg)	m/s	2 m/s		

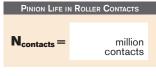
### STEP 2: CALCULATE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PINION CONTACTS (NCONTACTS)

Perform the following calculations using the data collected from your application data in Step 1.

#### **PINION ROLLER CONTACTS (Ncontacts)**

The total number of roller contacts (**N**contacts) that an RPS Pinion can sustain before needing replacement is based on the average torque of your application. Determine which equivalency or inequality statement below is true for the average torque (**T**<sub>avg</sub>) of your application. Then complete the corresponding pinion roller contact equation and record your value below.





**Sample:** (Evaluating RPS20 size)  $N_{contacts} = (179.43 \div 85 \text{ Nm})^{3.333} = 12 \text{ million contacts}$ 

## **RPS Pinion Life Calculations**

#### STEP 3: CONVERT ROLLER CONTACTS TO HOURS, METERS OR REVOLUTIONS

There are two options for converting contacts to other units: exact and estimated. Exact should be used whenever possible. The estimation is available for customers who do not have a well-defined distance per cycle.

### **EXACT OPTION: PINION LIFE IN HOURS (Nhours)**

Use Table 7 along with the data you collected above to calculate the total number of service hours your pinion can provide before needing replacement. First calculate  $\mathbf{E}_1$  to use in the  $\mathbf{N}_{\text{hours}}$  equation.

 $E_1 = L \div L_{rev}$ Must round  $E_1$  up to the nearest whole integer.  $E_1 = round (m \div m) = m$ 

Sample:  $\mathbf{E_1} = 1.3 \text{ m} \div 0.2 \text{ m} = 6.5 \text{ m} \longrightarrow \text{Round up to 7.}$ 

**Sample:** Nhours =  $(12 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 1.3 \, \text{m}) \div (3600 \cdot 7 \cdot 2 \, \text{m/s}) = 309.5 \, \text{hrs}$ 

#### **ESTIMATION OPTIONS: PINION LIFE IN METERS & LIFE IN REVOLUTIONS**

These calculations assume the pinion travels nonstop in one direction throughout its whole life.

PINION LIFE IN METERS (N<sub>meters</sub>)  $N_{meters} = N_{contacts} \cdot L_{rev} \cdot 10^{6}$   $N_{meters} = 0$   $N_{meters} = 0$   $N_{meters} = 0$   $N_{meters} = 0$   $N_{meters} = 0$ 

**Sample:**  $N_{meters} = 12 \cdot 0.2 \text{ m} \cdot 10^6 = 2,400,000 \text{ m}$ 

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{PINION LIFE IN REVOLUTIONS} \\ \text{N}_{rev} = \text{N}_{contacts} \end{array} \qquad \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{N}_{rev} = \text{million} \\ \text{revolutions} \end{array}$ 

Sample: N<sub>rev</sub> = 12 million revolutions

# **RPS Rack Life Data**

Table 8 RPS Rack Life Values

	RPS Rack Size	RPS10	RPS12	RPS16	RPS20	RPS25	RPS32	RPS40	RPS4014	
	Pitch (P) meters	0.01	0.012	0.016	0.02	0.025	0.032	0.04	0.04	
Dista	nce Per Revolution (L <sub>rev</sub> ) meters	0.1	0.12	0.16	0.2	0.25	0.384	0.48	0.56	
	Max Dynamic Thrust (F <sub>max</sub> )	250	500	2400	2900	4000	6300	6000	14000	
ANDARD	Thrust at Max Life N	250	500	1000	1500	2200	3600	6000	14000	
PREMIUM & STANDARD	Transition Point million contacts	30	30	5	5	5	5	30	30	
REMI	Max Life (Nmax contacts)				30 Millio	n Contacts				
L	Slope ( <b>m</b> )	NA	NA	-56	-56	-72	-108	NA	NA	
	Intercept ( <b>b</b> ) N	NA	NA	2680	3180	4360	6840	NA	NA	
	Max Dynamic Thrust (F <sub>max</sub> )	NA	NA	1500	2250	3300	5 400	6000	14000	
빙	Thrust at Max Life (T <sub>final</sub> )	NA	NA	1000	1500	2200	3600	6000	14000	
ENDURANCE	Transition Point million contacts	NA	NA	5	5	5	5	30	30	
_	Max Life (Nmax contacts)	NA	NA	30 Million Contacts						
	Slope ( <b>m</b> )	NA	NA	-20	-30	-44	-72	NA	NA	
	Intercept ( <b>b</b> ) N	NA	NA	1600	2400	3520	5760	NA	NA	
IL &	Max Dynamic Thrust N (F <sub>max</sub> )	NA	NA	750	1125	1650	2700	4500	10500	
Universal & Universal Stainless	Thrust at Max Life N	NA	NA	750	1125	1650	2700	4500	10500	
O NIV	Max Life (N <sub>max contacts</sub> )	NA	NA		5 Million	Contacts		2 Million	Contacts	
	Max Dynamic Thrust N (F <sub>max</sub> )	NA	NA	500	750	1100	NA	NA	NA	
VERSA	Thrust at Max Life N	NA	NA	500	750	1100	NA	NA	NA	
	Max Life (N <sub>max contacts</sub> )	NA	NA		2 Million	Contacts		1	NA	

## **RPS Rack Life Calculations**

#### STEP 1: GATHER APPLICATION DATA

Before you begin calculations, there are three key measurements that you will need from your application. Collect the data and record it in space provided below.

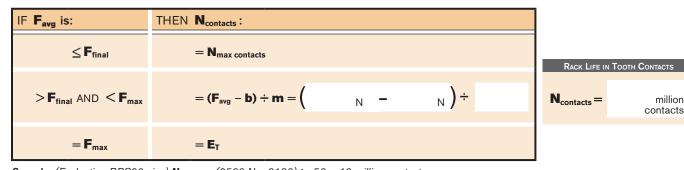
Measurements Required for Rack Calculations	Customer Data (record your values below)	Sample Data
Average Thrust Force (Favg)	N	2500 N
Distance Per Cycle (L) (single direction move)	m	1.3 m
Average Speed (V <sub>avg</sub> )	m/s	2 m/s

#### STEP 2: CALCULATE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TOOTH CONTACTS

Perform the following calculations using the data collected from your application and the values from Table 8.

#### **RACK TOOTH CONTACTS (Ncontacts)**

The total number of tooth contacts (N<sub>contacts</sub>) that an RPS Rack can sustain before needing replacement is based on the average thrust force of your application. Use Table 5 to determine which equivalency or inequality statement below is true for the average thrust force (**F**<sub>avg</sub>) of your application. Then complete the corresponding rack tooth contact formula and record your value below.



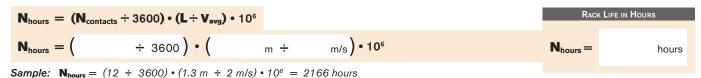
Sample: (Evaluating RPS20 size) N contacts =  $(2500 N - 3180) \div -56 = 12 million contacts$ 

#### STEP 3: CONVERT RACK TOOTH CONTACTS TO HOURS OF LIFE

Perform the following calculations using the data collected from your application and the values from Table 5.

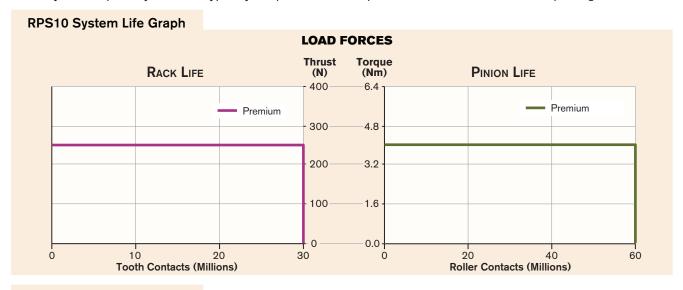
# RACK LIFE IN HOURS (Nhours)

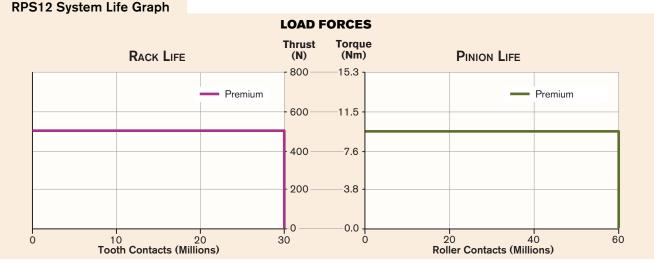
Use Table 5 along with the data you collected above to calculate the total number of service hours your rack can sustain before needing replacement.

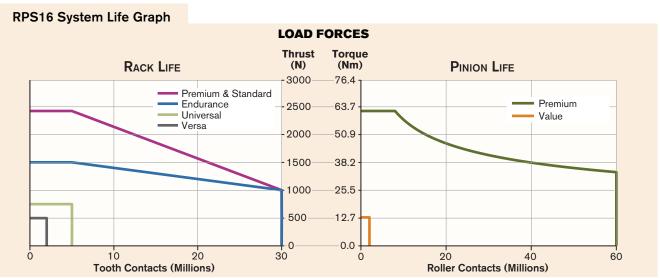


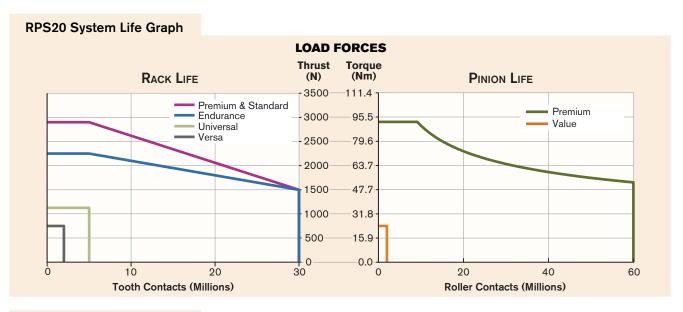
# RPS System Life Graphs (RPS10, 12 & 16)

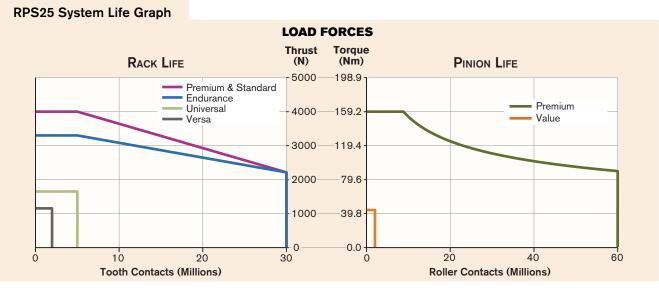
The RPS system life ratings are based on the force of the load. Refer to the following graphs to determine the pinion and rack life based on your application load forces. Graphs show the thrust along side the corresponding torque to more easily calculate your complete system life. Typically the pinion can be replaced numerous times before replacing the rack.

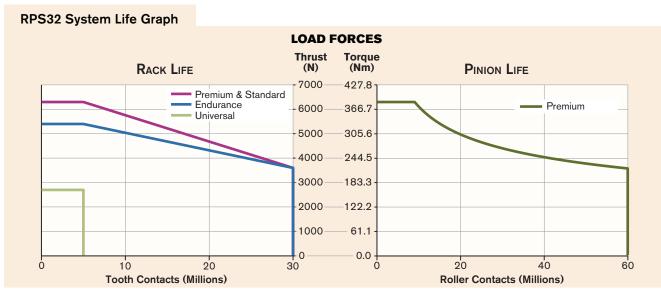






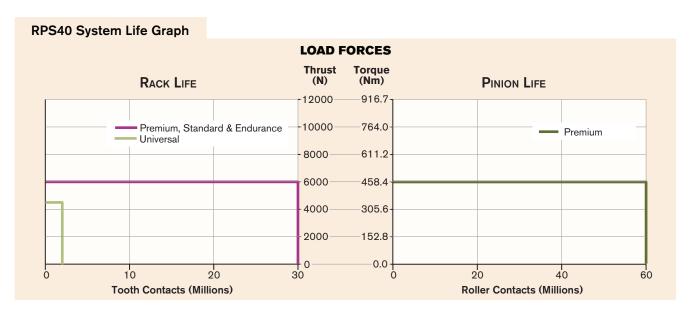


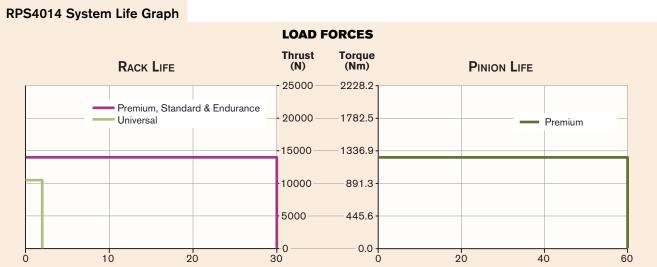




# RPS System Life Graphs (RPS40, 4014 & 50)

**Tooth Contacts (Millions)** 





**Roller Contacts (Millions)** 



# **HARMONIC GEARHEAD**

Nexen's revolutionary Harmonic Gearhead (HG) is the perfect combination of size and precision. Use the Harmonic Gearhead integrated with Nexen's RPS Pinion (HGP) to create a true backlash-free solution from the motor to the driven load. With up to a 70% reduction in length over standard gearheads, machine designers will appreciate the opportunities available with this space saving product.

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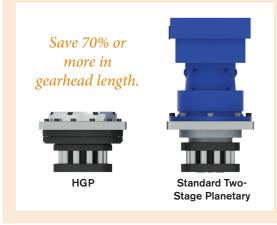
# The Nexen Harmonic Gearhead Advantage

Nexen's patent pending Harmonic Gearhead (HG) offers a precision drive solution that overcomes the challenges of existing gearing methods. This new technology eliminates problems with backlash that have plagued the motion control industry, offering reliable precision even when intricate movements are required.

In the tradition of Nexen's entire line of precision motion control products, the Harmonic Gearhead sets new standards with these great features:

- Zero Backlash
- High Positional Accuracy & Repeatability
- Quiet Operation
- Large, Rugged Cross-Roller Output Bearing
- Compact





## **Harmonic Gearhead with Pinion**

Save space by taking advantage of Nexen's Harmonic Gearhead with Pinion (HGP).

In this model, the RPS pinion comes fully integrated into the gearhead, creating the only drive solution that maintains **zero backlash** from the driving motor shaft through to the driven load for both linear and rotary motion.

# **DRIVING TECHNOLOGY IN ADVANCING MARKETS**

Nexen's HG(P) utilizes Harmonic Strain-Wave Technology made up of a circular spline, flex-spline and wave generator. As these components rotate, their unique shape and tooth profile allow 30% of the teeth to be engaged simultaneously for:

Smooth Rotation • High Torque • Zero Backlash

The effortless, low-stress meshing of the circular spline and flex-spline teeth results in a long gearhead life with reliable, quiet operation. Some operators call this peace of mind.

**Aerospace** 

**Robotics** 

**Semiconductor** 

**Factory Automation** 

Medical / Surgical

# **Harmonic Gearhead Specifications**

## **HARMONIC GEARHEAD (HG)**

Specifications			HG17				HG25				HG	i32		HG50		
Gear Ratio		50:1	80:1	100:1	120:1	50:1	80:1	100:1	120:1	50:1	80:1	100:1	120:1	80:1	100:1	120:1
Max Acceleration Torque <sup>1</sup>	Nm	35	35	51	51	72	113	140	140	140	217	281	281	675	866	1057
Max Average Torque <sup>1</sup>	Nm	25	30	35	35	51	85	90	90	100	153	178	178	484	611	688
Inertia at Input	kg-cm <sup>2</sup>	0.1959	0.1959 0.1954 0.1952 0.1952		0.7522	0.7503	0.7498	0.7496	2.6294	2.6236	2.6222	2.6215	20.485	20.467	20.457	
Backlash	ArcSec		(	)		0			0				0			
One Way Accuracy	±ArcSec		4	5			45			45				45		
One Way Repeatability ±ArcSec 10			10			10				10						
Weight kg			1.4			2.6			5.2				20.0			
Product Number		969000	969001	969002	969003	969040	969041	969042	969043	969060	969061	969062	969063	969100	969101	969102

## **HARMONIC GEARHEAD WITH PINION (HGP)**

Specifications			HGP17				HGP25				HG	P32		HGP50		
Integrated Pinion Size		RPS16				RPS20			RPS25				RPS40			
Gear Ratio		50:1	80:1	100:1	120:1	50:1	80:1	100:1	120:1	50:1	80:1	100:1	120:1	80:1	100:1	120:1
Max	Torque (Nm)	35	35	51	51	72	92	92	92	140	159	159	159		458	
Acceleration <sup>1</sup>	Thrust (N)	1374	1374	2003	2003	2262	2900	2900	2900	3519	4000	4000	4000		6000	
Man Arrana na 1	Torque (Nm)	25	30	35	35	51	85	90	90	100	153	159	159	458		
Max Average <sup>1</sup>	Thrust (N)	982	1178	1374	1374	1602	2670	2827	2827	2513	3845	4000	4000		6000	
Inertia at Input	kg-cm <sup>2</sup>	0.1971	0.1958	0.1955	0.1954	0.7538	0.7509	0.7502	0.7499	2.6326	2.6248	2.6230	2.6221	20.518	20.488	20.471
Backlash	μm		(	)			0			0				0		
One Way Accuracy	± µm		2	5			25			25				25		
One Way Repeatability ± µm			7.5				7.5			7.5				7.5		
Weight	kg		1.	.7			3	.0			5	.8			24.8	
Product Number			969011	969012	969013	969050	969051	969052	969053	969070	969071	969072	969073	969110	969111	969112

## **GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR BOTH HG & HGP UNITS**

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Specification	ons	Size 17	Size 25	Size 32	Size 50						
Max Input Speed	cyclic	7300	5600	4800	3500						
(RPM) <sup>1</sup>	continuous	3500	3500	3500	2500						
Max Average Input Speed <sup>1</sup>	RPM	3650	3500	3500	2500						
Max Input rad/sec²		5100	3900	3350	2450						
Efficiency @ Max Aver (E <sub>T_max</sub> )	age Torque	80% ±5%									
Stiffness, Hysteresis		See <i>Stiffness</i> Section									
Output Loading		See <i>Output Loading</i> Section									
Temperature Limits		Ambient Temperature: 0°C to +40°C Maximum Unit Temperature: < 90°C									
Mounting Position		No Restriction									
Direction of Rotation		Motor Opposite Gearhead									
Lubrication		Lubricated for Life									
Life			See <b>HG &amp; HG</b>	P Life Section							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the *Harmonic Gearhead Selection Process* section for product sizing procedures. **Note:** All accuracy data taken at 2% of maximum load.

# Harmonic Gearhead Selection Process

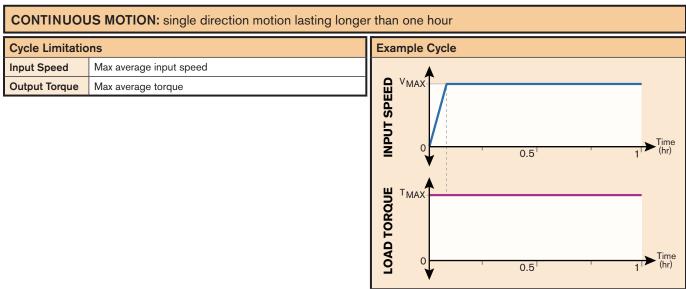
When selecting the proper Harmonic Gearhead, use the Specifications table to determine the HG/HGP size that best fits the application's torque, speed and physical size requirements. Then, use the following calculation sections to evaluate whether the cycle type, stiffness, efficiency and bearing load capacity of the selected HG/HGP size meets all the application requirements.

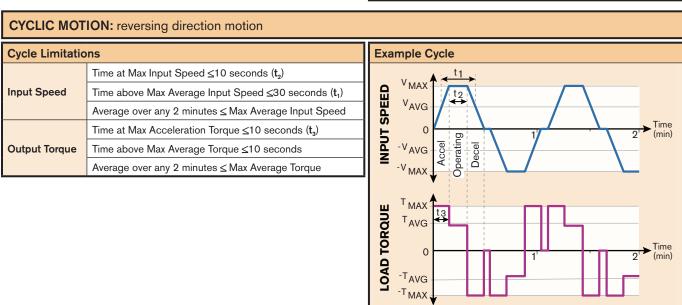
## **HG/HGP Cycle Determination**

Correct sizing of the Harmonic Gearhead is critical to the proper function and life expectancy of your unit. The following section provides information regarding cycle type to be used in the gearhead sizing process. The two <a href="Cycle Types">Cycle Types</a> are: Continuous Motion & Cyclic Motion

STEP 1: Determine which Cycle Type applies to your application.

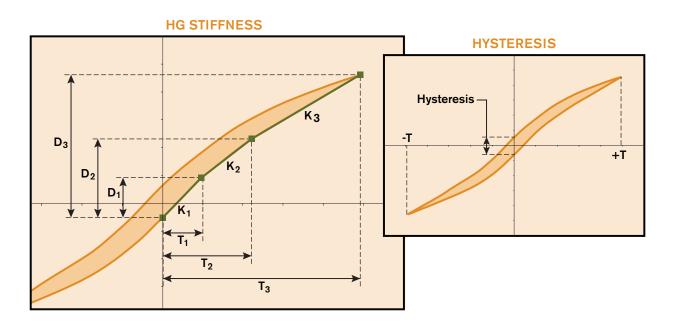
STEP 2: Use the Cycle Limitations information to correctly size the Gearhead.





# **HG/HGP Torsional Stiffness**

Unlike many other gearing types, Harmonic Gearhead stiffness is non-linear. As torque increases, stiffness also increases, as shown in the graph below. NOTE: If you wish to calculate "windup" at torque greater than T1, remember to include the displacement caused by lower stiffness regions.



## **HG AND HGP STIFFNESS DATA**

Torsional stiffness is determined by applying a torque to the output of the gearhead while the input is held from rotation. For ease of calculation, the slope of the curve is approximated using three straight lines representing stiffness values  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ , &  $K_3$ .

Refer to the tables below for the typical stiffness values for each size HG and HGP.

	Re	ference	Re	f. Disp. (/	ArcMin)	Stiffness (Nm/ArcMin)					
	Tord	Torque (Nm)		50:1	50:1 80:1 +		50:1	80:1 +			
17	T <sub>1</sub>	3.9	D <sub>1</sub>	1.66	1.44	K <sub>1</sub>	2.36	2.70			
Size 17	$T_2$	8.0	$D_2$	2.94	2.81	$K_2$	3.20	3.00			
Si	Тз	35.0	D₃	10.08	10.99	K <sub>3</sub>	3.78	3.30			
25	T <sub>1</sub>	14.0	D <sub>1</sub>	2.00	2.12	K <sub>1</sub>	7.00	6.60			
Size	$T_2$	48.0	$D_2$	6.53	6.98	$K_2$	7.50	7.00			
Si	Тз	90	D <sub>3</sub>	11.20	11.98	K <sub>3</sub>	9.00	8.40			

Reference Torque (Nm)		Ref. Disp. (ArcMin)			Stiffness (Nm/ArcMin)				
		<b>lue (</b> Nm)		50:1	80:1 +		50:1	80:1 +	
	32	T <sub>1</sub>	52.0	D <sub>1</sub>	3.11	2.81	K <sub>1</sub>	16.70	18.50
ı	Size	T <sub>2</sub>	108.0	$D_2$	6.06	4.81	K <sub>2</sub>	19.00	28.00
	Si	Тз	178.0	Dз	8.52	6.93	K <sub>3</sub>	28.50	33.00
	50	T <sub>1</sub>	108.0	D <sub>1</sub>		1.66	K <sub>1</sub>		65.00
ı	Size	T <sub>2</sub>	382.0	$D_2$	NA	5.81	$K_2$	NA	66.00
١	Si	Тз	688.0	Dз		10.38	K <sub>3</sub>		67.00

#### **HYSTERESIS**

Hysteresis is measured by applying maximum average torque in both directions on the output with the input locked. Typical values are provided in the table to the right.

Hysteresis (ArcSec)						
Size 17 Size 25 Size 32 Size 50						
90 90		60	60			

# **HG Output Loading**

Harmonic Gearheads come equipped with a cross roller bearing on the output, offering high precision and large, load-carrying capabilities. Use the following information to verify that the selected gearhead meets all application load requirements.

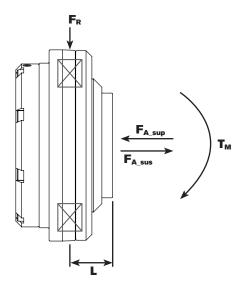


Table 9

Harmonic Gearhead Output Load Ratings Table							
	HG(P)17	HG(P)25	HG(P)32	HG(P)50			
Bearing Constant (C <sub>B</sub> )	m <sup>-1</sup>	31.25	23.81	18.52	11.90		
Bearing Center Distance to Flange (L)	m	0.0185	0.0255	0.029	0.0425		
Max Axial Suspended Load ( <b>F<sub>A_sus_max</sub></b> )	N	450	1100	1550	4500		
Max Axial Supported Load (F <sub>A_sup_max</sub> )	N	10100	11700	19000	45400		
Max Radial Load (F <sub>R_max</sub> )	N	2220	3180	4220	12200		
Max Moment Load (T <sub>M_max</sub> )	Nm	215	335	690	2550		
Max Combined Load (Pc_max)	N	6800	7900	12800	30450		

# Single vs. Multiple Load Direction

#### SINGLE LOADING DIRECTION

If only one loading direction applies to your application, simply compare the maximum application load with the HG ratings above to ensure that the gearhead is capable of withstanding the application load.

### **M**ULTIPLE **L**OADING DIRECTIONS

When two or more loading directions apply, calculate the combined load using radial, axial and moment load values. Record your application data and perform the calculations on the following page to determine the Combined Load ( $P_c$ ) of your application. Then compare this value with the Max Combined Load in Table 9 above.

NOTE: Although Combined Load is calculated using average loads, no load should exceed the maximum rated load for that loading direction.

#### CALCULATING COMBINED LOAD REQUIREMENTS

Refer to the explainations and data on the preceding page to complete the following calculations to determine the combined load requirements of your application.

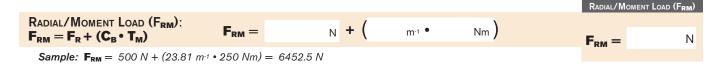
#### STEP 1: GATHER APPLICATION DATA

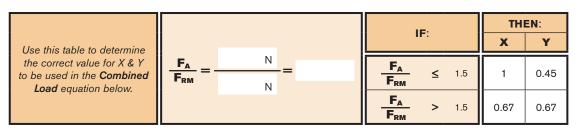
Axial  $(F_A)$ , Radial  $(F_R)$ , and Moment  $(T_M)$  Loads are application specific. Use the table below to record the average loads that the gearhead will be subjected to during operation.

Application Loads Required for Gearhead Selection	Customer Application Data (record your values below)	Sample Data (HG25)	Sample Application
Average Axial Load ( <b>F<sub>A</sub></b> ) [Either suspended ( <b>F<sub>A_sus</sub></b> ) or supported ( <b>F<sub>A_sup</sub></b> ), whichever is present in your application]	N	1000 N ( <b>F</b> <sub>A_sup</sub> )	F <sub>R</sub> =500 N
Average Radial Load ( <b>F</b> <sub>R</sub> )	N	500 N	0.5 m
Average Moment Load (T <sub>M</sub> )	Nm	250 Nm	V X

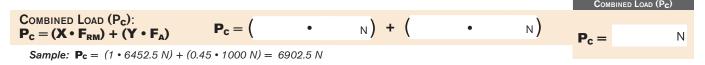
#### STEP 2: CALCULATE COMBINED LOAD ON BEARING

Calculating a Combined Load simplifies a complex load scenario into a single value that characterizes the application and can be compared to the Maximum Combined Load ( $P_{C_{max}}$ ) in the ratings table. Follow the steps below to find the Combined Load that characterizes your application.





**Sample:**  $1000 \text{ N} \div 6452.5 \text{ N} = 0.155 \text{ So, } X = 1 \text{ \& } Y = 0.45$ 



#### STEP 3: VERIFY APPROPRIATE HG SIZE

Compare the calculated Combined Load ( $P_C$ ) value with the Max Combined Load ( $P_{C_{-max}}$ ) found in Table 9 to verify whether the selected HG size meets your application load requirements.

NOTE: Consult Nexen if application subjects the HG output to significant vibrations or impact loading.

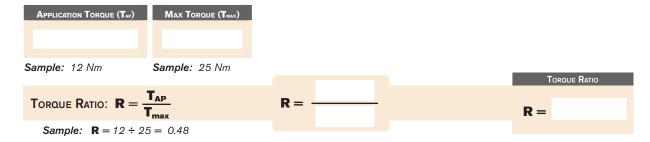
# **HG / HGP Efficiency**

Gearhead efficiency is dependent on many factors, including temperature, speed, torque, and lubrication type. However, the biggest contributor to efficiency loss is running torque, therefore the following calculations focus on your application torque. As is true with any system, efficiency calculations are merely estimations and should be treated as such.

#### STEP 1: CALCULATE THE TORQUE RATIO

To find the Torque Ratio, divide your application torque by the maximum average torque.

- a. Refer to the HG Specifications Table to find max average torque values.
- b. Determine the torque on which you want to base your efficiency ratings.

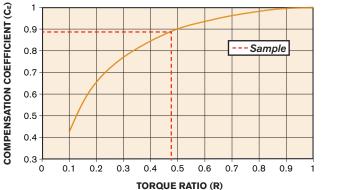


#### STEP 2: FIND THE EFFICIENCY COMPENSATION COEFFICIENT (CF)

*Use the graph below to determine the Compensation Coefficient* ( $C_E$ ).

- a. Mark on the x-axis the Torque Ratio (R) value calculated in Step One.
- b. Draw a vertical line from this point until it intersects the curve.
- c. From the intersection point marked on the curve, draw a horizontal line to the y-axis.
- d. Record the value at this y-axis intersection point as the Compensation Coefficient ( $C_E$ ).





Compensation Coefficient

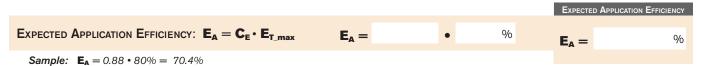
C<sub>E</sub> =

**Sample:**  $C_E = 0.88$ 

#### STEP 3: CALCULATE EXPECTED APPLICATION EFFICIENCY

To find the expected efficiency at your application torque, simply multiply the Efficiency Compensation Coefficient ( $C_E$ ) by the Efficiency at Max Torque ( $E_{T\_max}$ ).

a. Refer to the HG Specifications table to find the  $E_{T max}$  value and record it in the equation below.

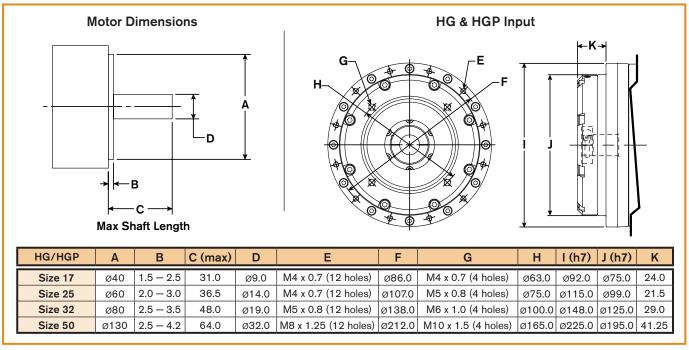


# **Harmonic Gearhead Dimensional Drawings**

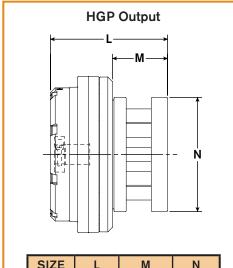
## **SAMPLE INPUT CONFIGURATION**

Input will be configured for user servomotor.

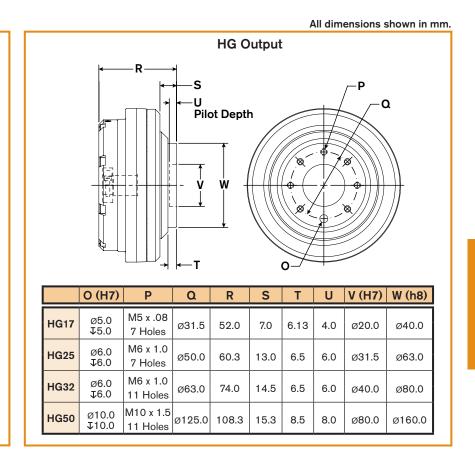
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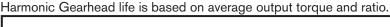


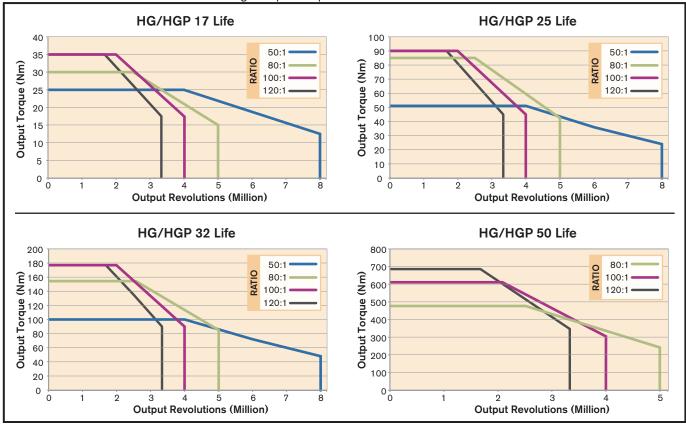
### **OUTPUT CONFIGURATION**



SIZE	L	M	N	
HGP17	79.8	34.8	ø67.0	
<b>HGP25</b> 87.8		40.5	Ø84.0	
HGP32	107.0	47.5	ø101.0	
HGP50	179.5	86.5	ø190.0	







# **Input Motor Recommendations**

#### Allowable Motor Tilting Torque

Allowable motor tilting torque is defined as the combination of static and dynamic force acting through the motor's center of gravity, multiplied by the distance (d<sub>CG</sub>) to the HG motor adaptor mounting face.

NOTE: DO NOT subject the input coupling to an overhung load (example: pulley, sheave, etc.).

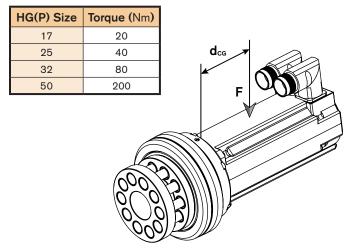
### Input Sealing

A gasket seal is positioned between the motor adaptor and the motor pilot to help seal the HG product from external dust and debris. Be sure to use a properly sized servo motor input flange. A servo motor with an oil seal on the output shaft is recommended.

NOTE: Consult Nexen in the following situations: a) before using a motor with an interrupted pilot; b) applications in which liquids or excessive dust are present and may ingress into the product.

### **Heat Dissipation**

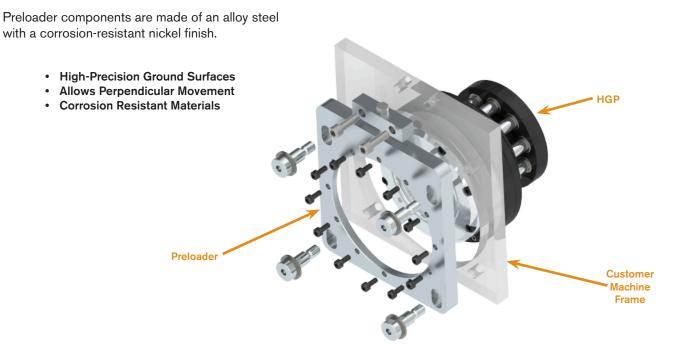
To dissipate heat generated by the motor, Nexen recommends mounting the gearhead to a machine frame or heat sink. Refer to the table at the right for aluminum heat sink plate sizes used in testing by Nexen.



Heat Sink Surface Area (m²)						
HG(P)17 HG(P)25 HG(P)32 HG(P)50						
0.11	0.14	0.14	0.27			

# **HGP Preloader**

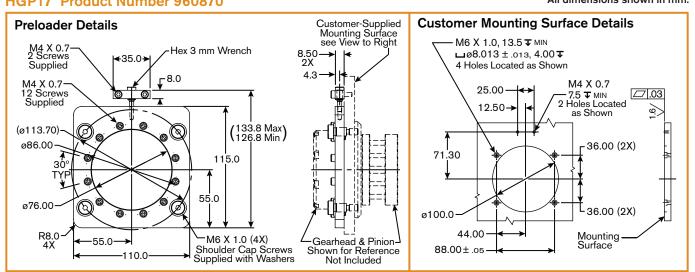
Pair Nexen's Harmonic Gearhead with our HG Preloader for easy integration into your machine design. Preloaders feature an adjuster that allows the HGP to be moved up or down into the rack while keeping the pinion properly oriented to the rack.



# **HGP Preloader Dimensional Drawings**

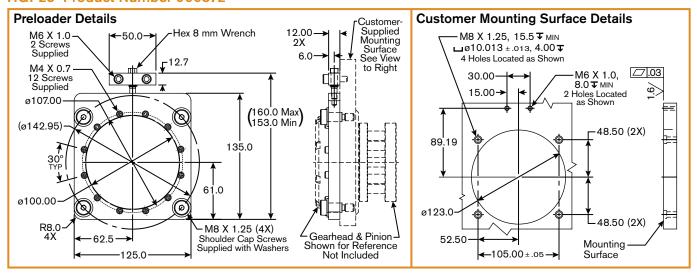
# **HGP17 Product Number 960870**

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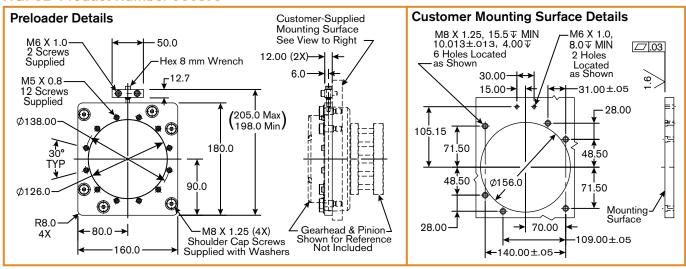


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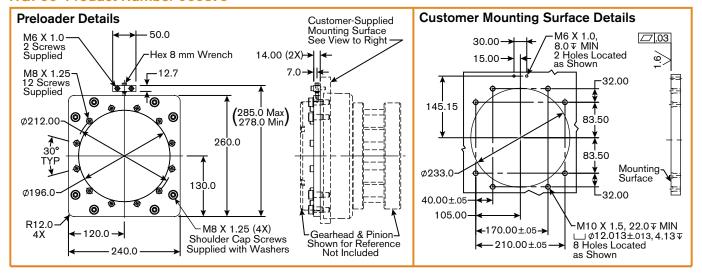
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#### **HGP32** Product Number 960873



#### **HGP50** Product Number 960875



# **APPENDIX: UNDERSTANDING THE TECHNOLOGY**

The revolutionary technology of Nexen's line of precision motion control products is changing the industry. New standards for precision, efficiency and ease of use are being set. The following section goes even deeper into the performance characteristics of these products. You'll find details about:

**ArcSecond** 

Backlash

**Corrosion Resistance** 

**Efficiency** 

Life Rating

**Lubrication Free Operation** 

Mass vs. Weight

**Noise Rating** 

**Operating Temperature Range** 

**Positional Accuracy** 

**Series Differentiation** 

**Shock Factor** 

# **Appendix: Definitions & Notes**

#### **ARCSECOND**

ArcSecond is a unit of angular measurement equal to 1/3600 of a degree.

#### **BACKLASH**

The innovative design of the RPS tooth allows for a zero-backlash drive system. Because zero backlash is impossible to measure, industry standard maintains that anything under 3.2 microns is considered zero.

#### **CORROSION RESISTANCE**

Nexen makes no corrosion resistance claims for specific applications but does offer various corrosion countermeasures that include stainless steel and various surface treatments or coatings. Nexen will convey all material and coating specifications, but it is up to the customer to determine application suitability based on this information and/or thorough sample testing.

#### **EFFICIENCY**

The RPS system uses needle bearings to support the rollers that engage the teeth. This eliminates the sliding friction found in many other motion control systems and gives it an efficiency greater than 99%. This high efficiency means little is lost to friction, heat, and wear, providing a long life of 60,000,000 pinion revolutions (up to 36 million meters of travel).

### **LIFE RATING**

Pinions: Pinion life is based on L10 of the bearing components. Just like any bearing, environmental conditions will affect life. The product rating is assuming a clean environment with normal manufacturing facility temperatures.

Pinion performance tends to be constant over its life with a rapid deterioration at the end of life as the needle bearings supporting the rollers fail.

Racks & Gears: The rack and gears have their own specific life ratings depending on model, and in some cases RPS size, and is based on tooth contacts at allowed loads and speeds. The combined pinion and rack or gear that makes up a given RPS or RPG system will have the combined life of the lower-rated component and will be greatly effected by machine design, RPS or RPG installation, operating patterns, and receiving recommended lubrication intervals while operated in a clean, dry, 20° C environment.

Rack wear is relatively linear over its life. Application and environmental conditions and lubrication intervals will impact expected product life. Depending on the length of the rack or diameter of the gear and usage patterns, it is often possible to replace the pinion several times, restoring full system performance before the rack or gear would need replacement if the pinion is replaced before reaching the point where its failure starts damaging rack or gear teeth.

## **LUBRICATION FREE OPERATION**

In some cases the RPS rack can be operated without lubrication on the rack teeth or pinion rollers. This is dependent on the specific rack model and the maximum speed being less than 30 m/min. The no-lubrication option generally applies to rack that has received a surface treatment and does not apply to bare steel models of rack or any gearing. See specifications for the specific rack model you are considering to know if this is possible.

Operating without tooth/roller lubrication will reduce tooth life but can be beneficial in food, pharmaceutical, clean room, and other applications where the grease could contaminate the environment, or applications with high levels environmental contaminates that would be attracted to the grease and accelerate the wear rate. Nexen can not calculate a life rating when running without lubrication due to the number of variables that impact life, but based on past experience, the reduction has been modest and far exceeds other mechanical drive alternatives.

# **Appendix: Definitions & Notes**

#### MASS VS. WEIGHT

Mass is the quantity of matter contained in an object, while weight is the force by which the object is pulled to the earth due to gravity. Therefore, in this literature, mass is shown in kilograms (kg) and weight is shown in kilograms force (kgf).

#### **NOISE RATING**

The RPS system is nearly silent at low speeds and typically less than 75 dB at full speed. This is dependent on machine design, proper RPS installation, whether lubrication is used or not, and is difficult to isolate from other drive train and guiding system noise, so your results may vary.

#### **OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE**

This is the range that the RPS system will function in. Accuracy specifications are based on 20° C and thermal expansion/contraction will effect the accuracy of the RPS system. It is recommended the RPS system be installed at the highest temperature the system will be operated at and avoid wide temperature swings for maximum accuracy and performance.

For applications outside of this temperature range, or with wide temperature swings, contact Nexen for more information.

#### **POSITIONAL ACCURACY**

This is dependent on proper machine design and RPS product installation. Positional accuracy is measured at 20° C and subject to variations due to mounting surface irregularities, rigidity, installation accuracy, proper maintenance, and ambient temperature. To be conservative, the RPS rack transmitting accuracy has been rounded up to the next  $\pm 10~\mu m$ . Other rack positional accuracy specifications have been rounded up to the next  $\pm 5~\mu m$ . For RPG gearsets, the angular accuracy rating is increased (less accurate) by 5% and then rounded to the next whole number, except in the case of very large gears where rounding may be fractional. This allows customers to achieve Nexen accuracy ratings with reasonable effort. Higher performance can be obtained if machine design and tolerances are optimized.

#### **SERIES DIFFERENTIATION**

The RPS and RPG pinions, racks and gears have been made in different series (thicknesses) depending on the specific product and should not be mixed when matching a pinion to a given rack or gear. All current pinions, racks and gears are B-series. Series A pinions (discontinued) are interchangeable with C-series pinions (discontinued) and have a wider body with longer rollers than the B-series pinions. The current rack and gear products only use B-series pinions, and the previous gears could use either depending on the RPG size. B-series pinions will not physically fit on a C-series gear, and a C-series pinion would be compromised if used on a B-series rack or gear due to a higher bending moment on the rollers, which would reduce their lives.

#### **SHOCK FACTOR**

Shock Factor is a value given to represent the smoothness of operation. Accommodating for Shock Factor when calculating system requirements ensures more accurate product selection.

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