

# Harmonic Planetary®

HPG Series  
Planetary Gearhead



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Precision Gearing & Motion Control

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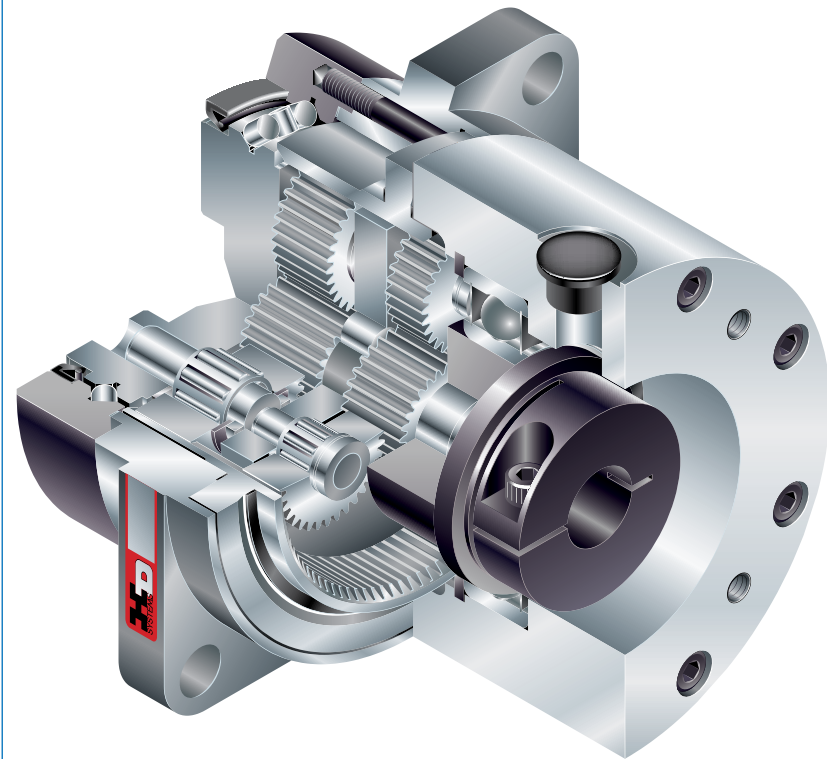
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## The NEW Harmonic Planetary® Low Backlash For Life

The new **Harmonic Planetary®** gearhead is a revolutionary new design in planetary gearheads. The innovative Ring Gear automatically adjusts for backlash, ensuring consistent, low backlash for the life of the gearhead. Harmonic Drive LLC's experience in designing and producing harmonic drive gears was used to design a unique ring gear. This ring gear acts as a "backlash buffer," as it automatically provides the optimum backlash in the planetary gear train. As compared to other planetary designs, where gear wear increases backlash over time, the Harmonic Planetary® maintains the same low backlash for the life of the gearhead. The design engineer is ensured of consistently low backlash, without the annoying "backlash creep" of other designs.



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## HPG Series Harmonic Planetary Gears

The outstanding feature of the new HPG series precision planetary gears is the innovative ring-gear. This is the result of Harmonic Drive LLC's engineering and manufacturing know-how. By using a new ring-gear design, the planetary gears achieve a backlash level of less than 3 arc-min without requiring an additional backlash adjustment mechanism. In addition, a backlash level of less than 1 arc-min is available as an option.

Until now highly accurate gears and an additional adjustment mechanism were necessary to minimize backlash. Tight gear engagement for conventional planetary gears leads to torque ripple and an increase in noise and wear. To avoid this problem the new HPG series features a unique internally toothed ring-gear, thereby exploiting many years of Harmonic Drive LLC experience. The ring-gear ensures that backlash is minimized and that all planet gears share the load equally.

### Backlash less than 1 arc-min

By using an innovative ring-gear, backlash of less than 1 arc-min can be achieved without requiring an additional backlash adjustment mechanism.

### High moment stiffness

The very compact and very stiff cross-roller output bearing provides the planetary gears with a high moment stiffness and excellent running tolerances at the output flange.

### High efficiency

As a result of the optimized tooth profile efficiencies of more than 90 % can be achieved.

### Repeatability better than 20 arc-sec

The highly precise components and the automatic backlash compensation mechanism afforded by the ring gear design provide a repeatability better than  $\pm 20$  arc-sec.

### Easy motor assembly

The supported motor shaft coupling and the variable adapter flange guarantee an extremely rapid and easy motor assembly.

### Reduction ratios between 3:1 and 45:1

A selection of reduction ratios (3:1, 11:1, 21:1, 33:1 and 45:1) allows a wide range of output torque and speed.

### Flange or Shaft Output Configuration

The HPG is available in either configuration to provide convenient methods to attach the output load.



# System Components

- Input coupling
- Ring gear
- One piece: Inner ring of cross-roller bearing, carrier of the second stage, and output flange.

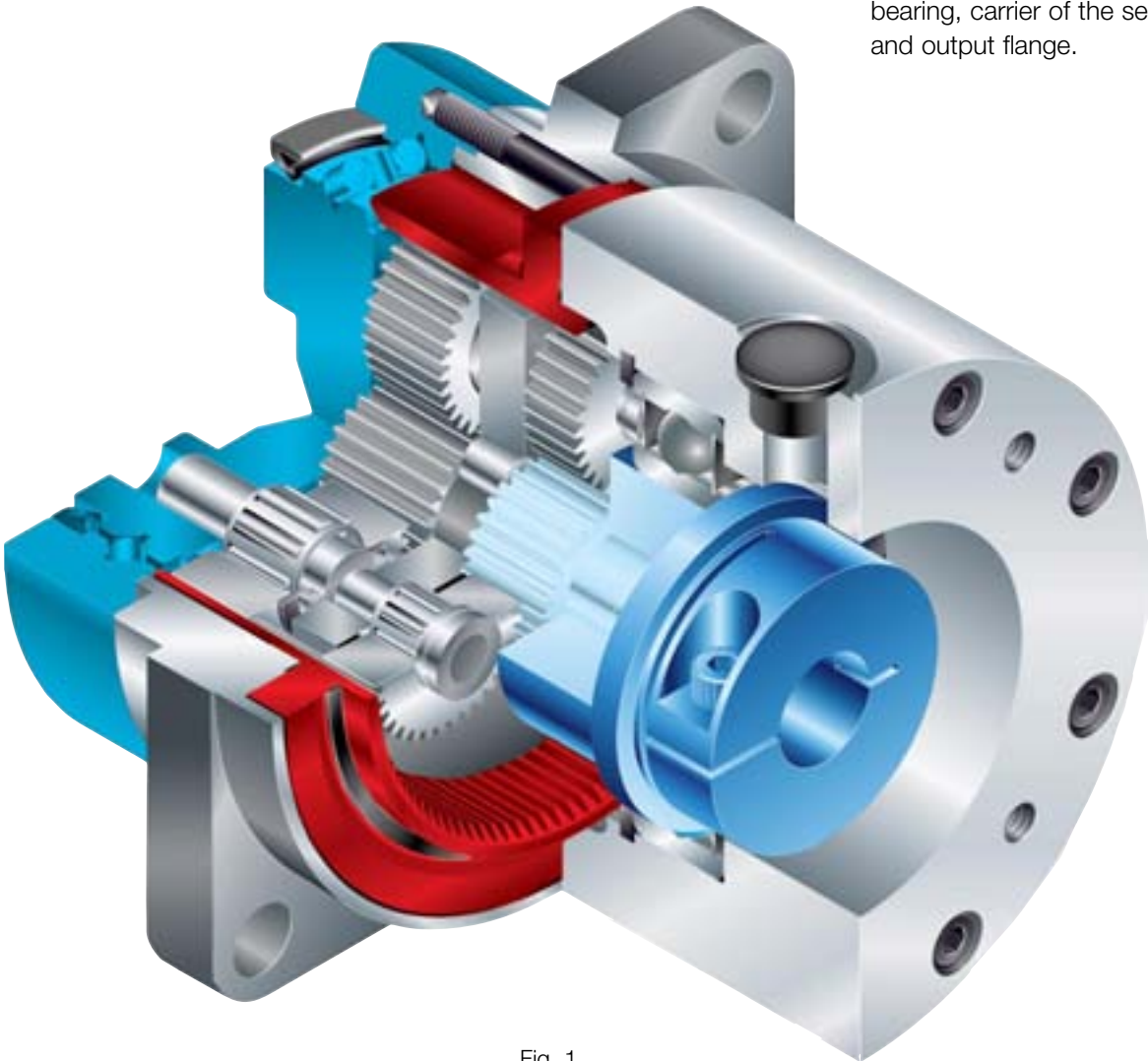
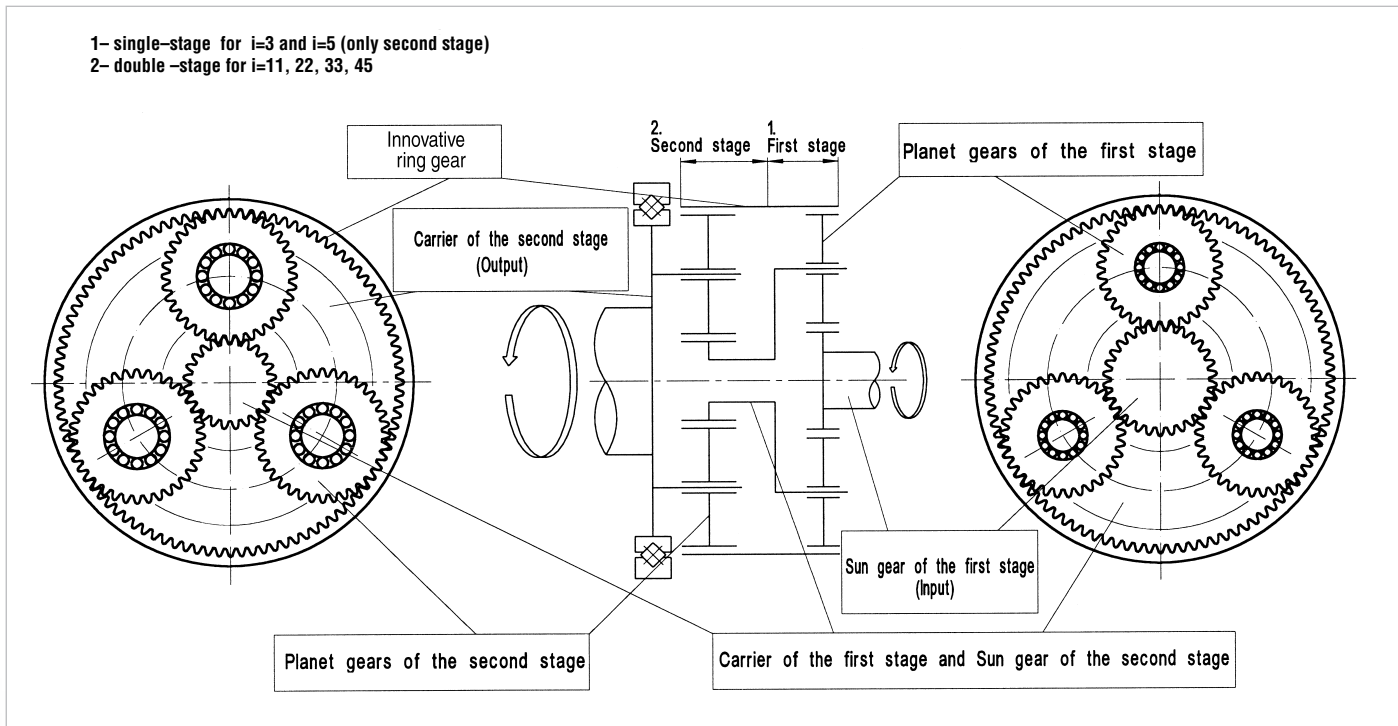


Fig. 1

Fig. 2



For double-stage HPG gears the sun gear of the first-stage planetary gear is connected to the motor shaft. The input torque from the motor is transmitted to three equally spaced planet gears. The ring gear is common to both gear stages. The carrier of the first stage is connected to the fully floating sun gear of the second planetary stage. This also features three equally spaced planet gears, which engage with the deformable region of the ring gear. The carrier of the second stage, which acts as output element, is integrated with the flange and inner ring of the output-side cross roller bearing. The direction of rotation of the input shaft and output flange/shaft are the same. For single-stage HPG gears the complete first stage as described above is absent and the sun gear of the second stage is connected directly to the motor shaft.



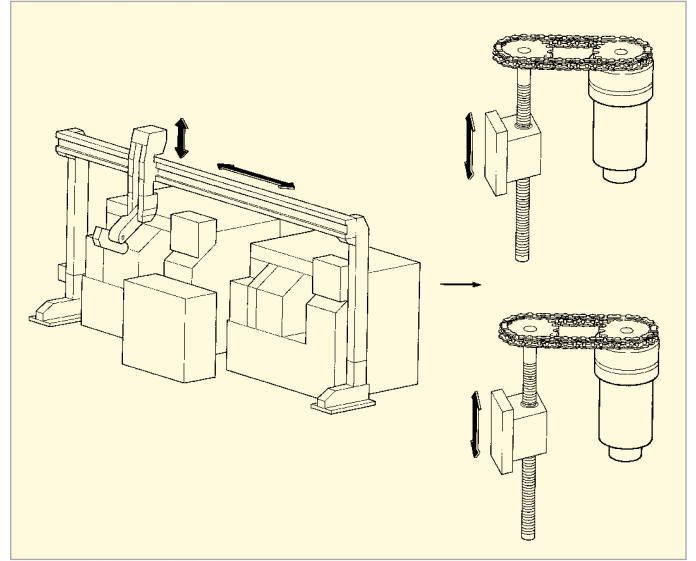
Linear axis for robots

Fig. 3



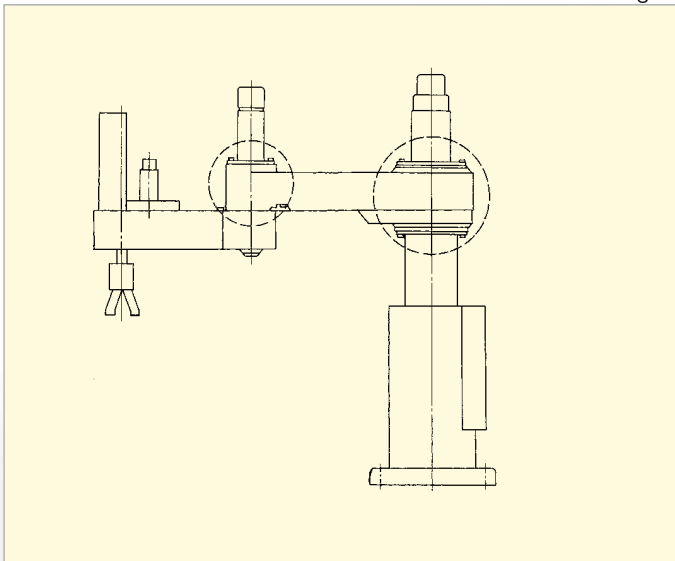
Loading and unloading equipment

Fig. 4



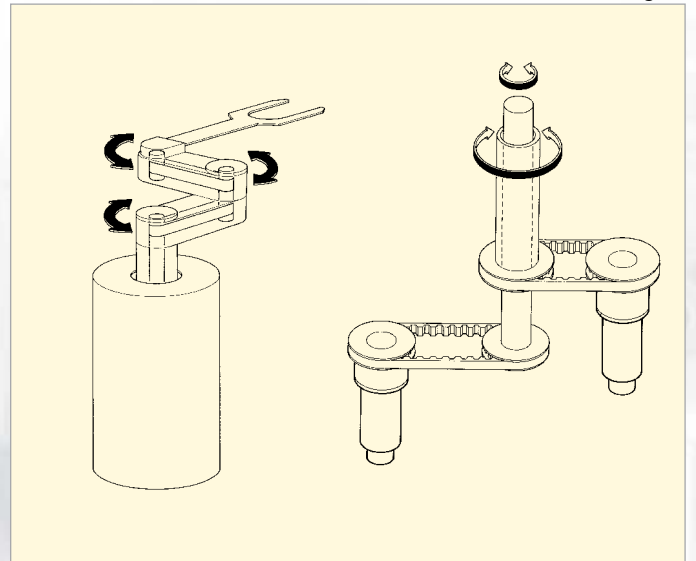
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Fig. 5



Wafer handling robots

Fig. 6



# Rating Table

Table 1

Size	Ratio	Rated Torque	Limit for Average Torque	Limit for Repeated Peak Torque	Limit for Momentary Peak Torque	Maximum Input Speed <sup>1)</sup>	Moment of Inertia for Gear with Output Shaft <sup>2)</sup>	Moment of Inertia for Gear with Output Flange <sup>2)</sup>	Weight with Output Shaft <sup>3)</sup>	Weight with Output Flange <sup>3)</sup>
		T <sub>N</sub> Nm	T <sub>A</sub> Nm	T <sub>R</sub> Nm	T <sub>M</sub> Nm	rpm	kgm <sup>2</sup>	kgm <sup>2</sup>	kg	kg
14	3	3	6	15	37	5000	0.120 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.110 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.8	0.7
	5	6	13	23	56	6000	0.073 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.067 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.8	0.7
	11	8	15	23	56	6000	0.059 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.058 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.9	0.8
	15	9	15	23	56	6000	0.057 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.056 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.9	0.8
	21	9	15	23	56	6000	0.049 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.049 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.9	0.8
	33	10	15	23	56	6000	0.043 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.043 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.9	0.8
	45	10	15	23	56	6000	0.043 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.043 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.9	0.8
20	3	9	19	64	124	4000	0.80 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.69 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.4	2.0
	5	16	35	100	217	6000	0.44 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.40 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.4	2.0
	11	20	45	100	217	6000	0.32 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.31 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.7	2.1
	15	24	53	100	217	6000	0.30 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.30 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.7	2.1
	21	25	55	100	217	6000	0.23 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.23 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.7	2.1
	33	29	60	100	217	6000	0.19 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.19 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.7	2.1
	45	29	60	100	217	6000	0.18 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.18 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.7	2.1
32	3	31	71	255	507	3600	4.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	3.4 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.3	4.9
	5	66	150	300	650	4500	2.4 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.3	4.9
	11	88	170	300	650	4500	2.0 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.9 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.9	5.3
	15	92	170	300	650	6000	1.8 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.8 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.9	5.3
	21	98	170	300	650	4500	1.5 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.5 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.9	5.3
	33	108	200	300	650	4500	1.3 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.3 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.9	5.3
	45	108	200	300	650	4500	1.3 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.3 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.9	5.3
50	3	97	195	657	1850	3000	21 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	18 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	17	14
	5	150	340	850	1850	4500	11 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	9.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	17	14
	11	176	400	850	1850	4500	7.4 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	7.1 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	19	16
	15	230	450	850	1850	4500	6.8 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.7 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	19	16
	21	230	500	850	1850	4500	5.5 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	5.4 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	19	16
	33	240	500	850	1850	4500	4.4 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.3 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	19	16
	45	240	500	850	1850	4500	4.3 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.3 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	19	16

1Nm = 8.85in-lbs

**Contact Harmonic Drive LLC for additional sizes and gear ratios**

Please note:

- 1) Rated torque for input speed 3000 rpm and life L<sub>10</sub> = 20000 hrs.
- 2) Moment of inertia for standard coupling referred to the input shaft.
- 3) Weight for gear with standard motor flange and coupling.

## How to use the Rating Table

### Limit for Average Torque (T<sub>A</sub>) - Load Limit 1

When a gear is used under a variable load, an average torque should be calculated for the complete operating cycle, (see equation 15, page 21). The value calculated should not exceed the limit T<sub>A</sub> given in the rating table. Otherwise the performance and life of the gear may be impaired.

### Limit for Repeated Peak Torque (T<sub>R</sub>) - Load Limit 2

This is the allowable output torque that can be developed during acceleration or deceleration. The peak torque that occurs during starting or stopping can be calculated if the load moment of inertia and acceleration (or deceleration) time are known. This torque limit must not be exceeded during the normal operating cycle.

### Limit for Momentary Peak Torque (T<sub>M</sub>) - Load Limit 3

The gear may be subjected to momentary peak torques in the event of a collision or emergency stop. The magnitude and frequency of occurrence of such peak torques must be kept to a minimum and they should under no circumstance occur during the normal operating cycle, (see equation 22, page 21).



Fig. 7

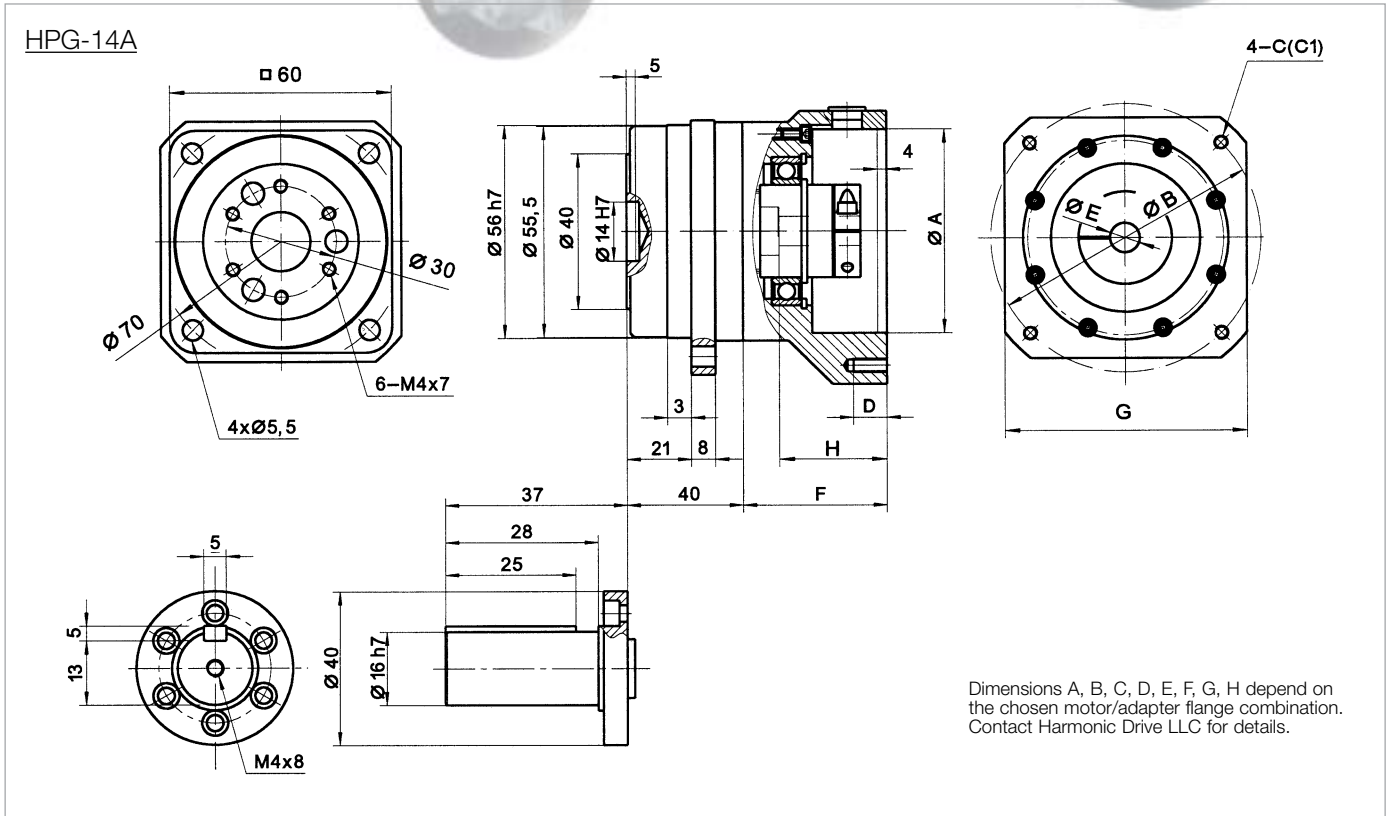


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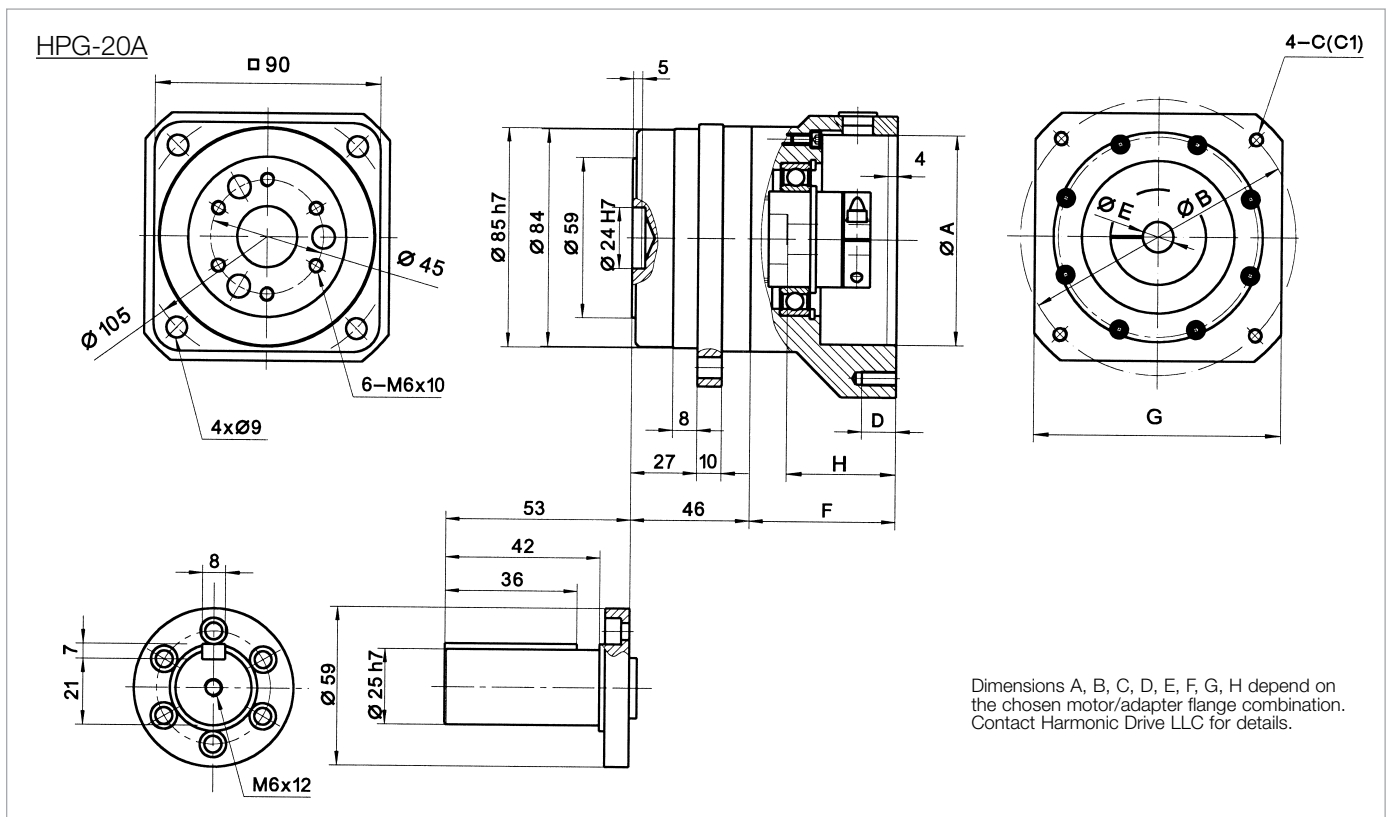
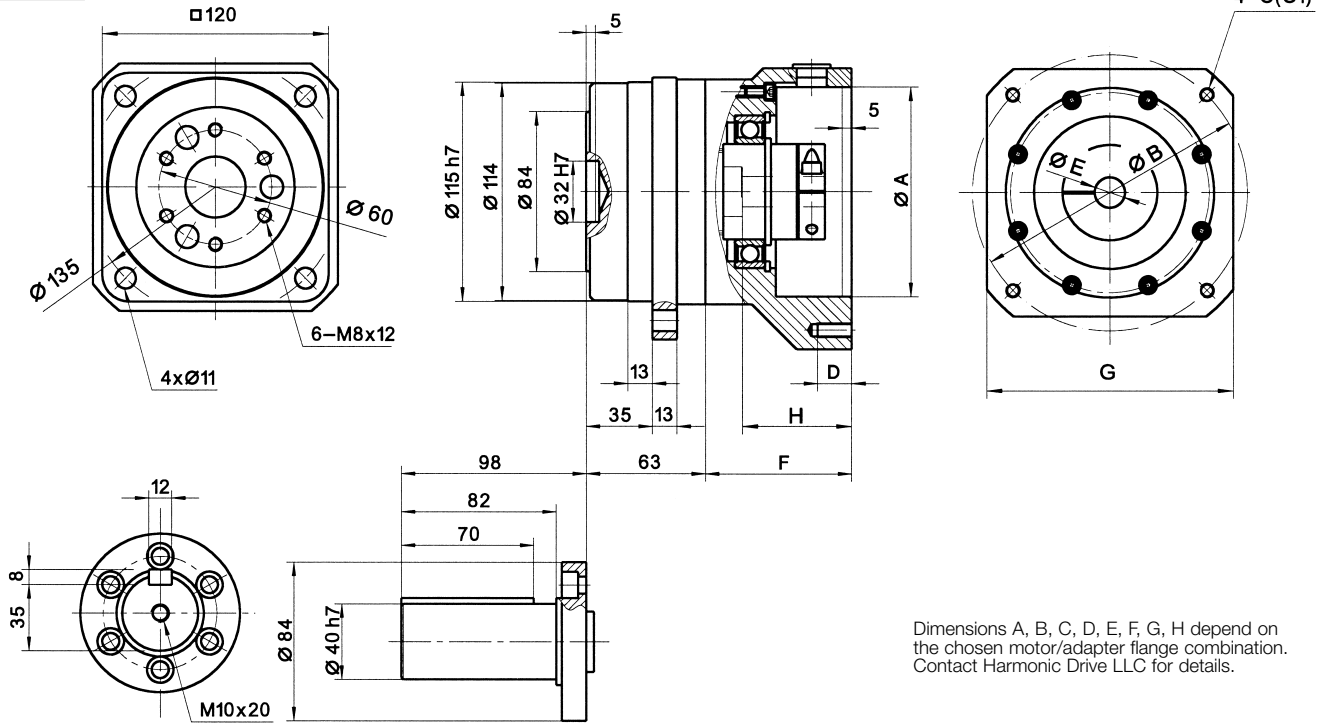


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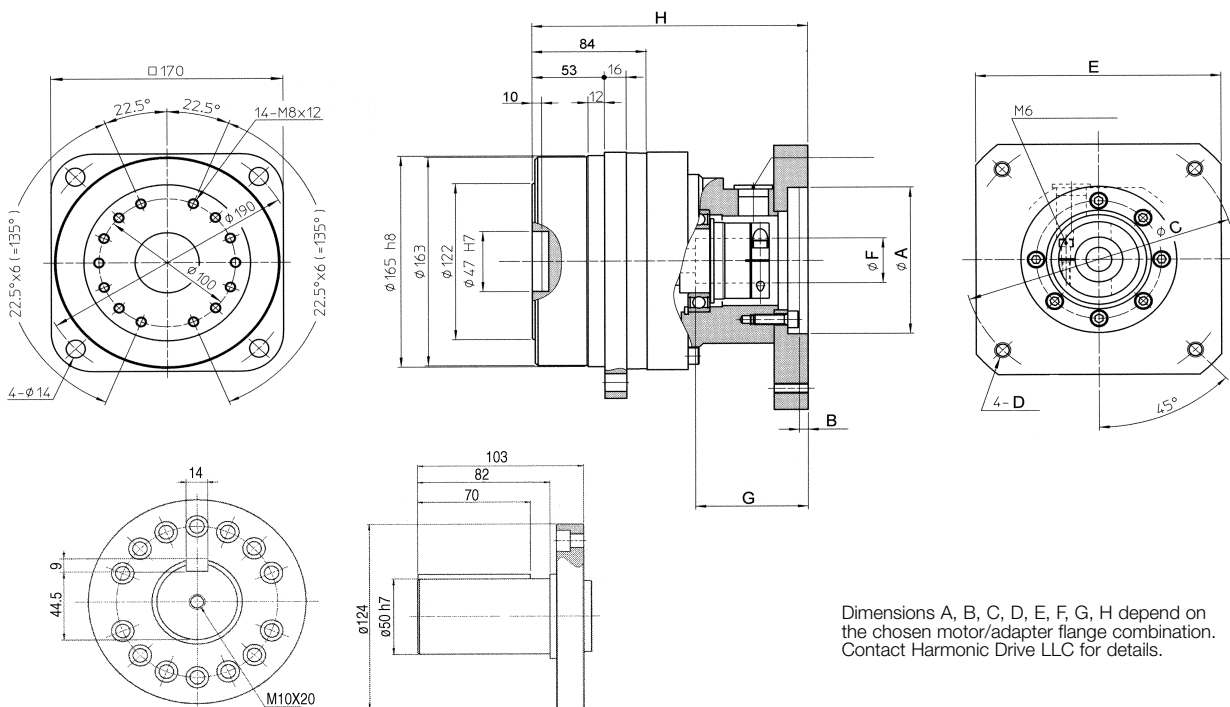
HPG-32A



Dimensions A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H depend on the chosen motor/adaptor flange combination. Contact Harmonic Drive LLC for details.

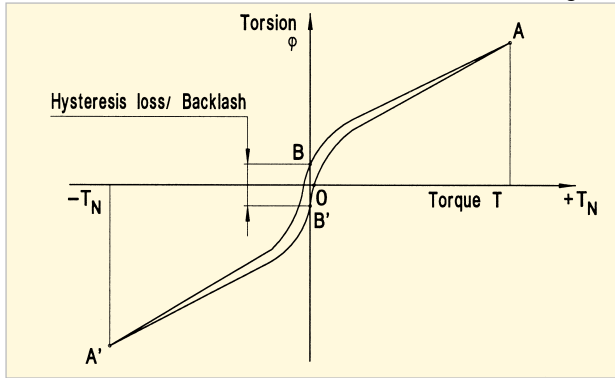
Fig. 10

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Dimensions A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H depend on the chosen motor/adaptor flange combination. Contact Harmonic Drive LLC for details.

Fig. 11



$T_N$  : Rated output torque  
 $\phi$  : Output rotation angle

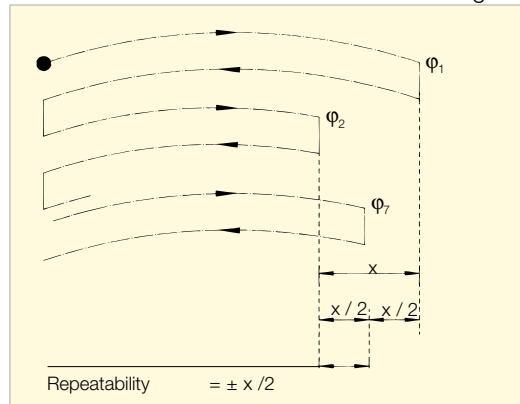
When a torque is applied to the output of a Harmonic Planetary Gear HPG with the input rotationally locked, the torque-torsion relationship measured at the output typically follows the hysteresis curve 0-A-B-A'-B'-A, as shown in Fig. 11.

The value of the displacement B-B' is defined as the hysteresis loss or backlash.

Repeatability (linear representation)

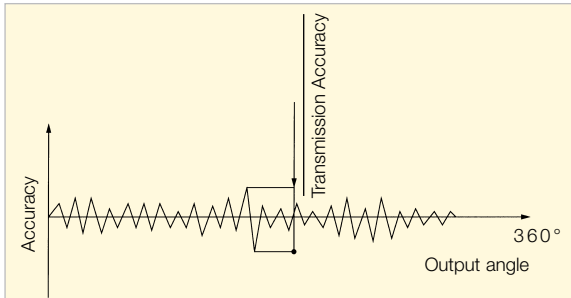
The repeatability of the gear describes the position difference measured during repeated movement to the same desired position from the same direction. The repeatability is defined as half the value of the maximum difference measured, preceded by a  $\pm$  sign, as shown in Fig. 12.

Fig. 12



Transmission Accuracy (linear representation)

Fig. 13



The transmission accuracy of the gear represents a linearity error between input and output angle. The transmission accuracy is measured for one complete output revolution using a high resolution measurement system. The measurements are carried out without direction reversal. The transmission accuracy is defined as the sum of the maximum positive and negative differences between theoretical and actual output rotation angle, as shown in Fig. 13.

Accuracy Definitions

Table 2

Accuracy of HPG Harmonic Planetary Gears				
Size	Hysteresis Loss Backlash [arc min]		Repeatability [arc sec]	Transmission Accuracy [arc min]
	Standard BL3	Optional BL1		
14	3	1	$< \pm 20$	$< 5$
20	3	1	$< \pm 15$	$< 4$
32	3	1	$< \pm 15$	$< 4$
50	3	1	$< \pm 15$	$< 4$

Accuracy Data

# Torsional Stiffness



The torsional stiffness may be evaluated by means of the torque-torsion curve shown in Fig. 14. The values quoted in table 3 are the average of measurements made during numerous tests.

Fig. 14

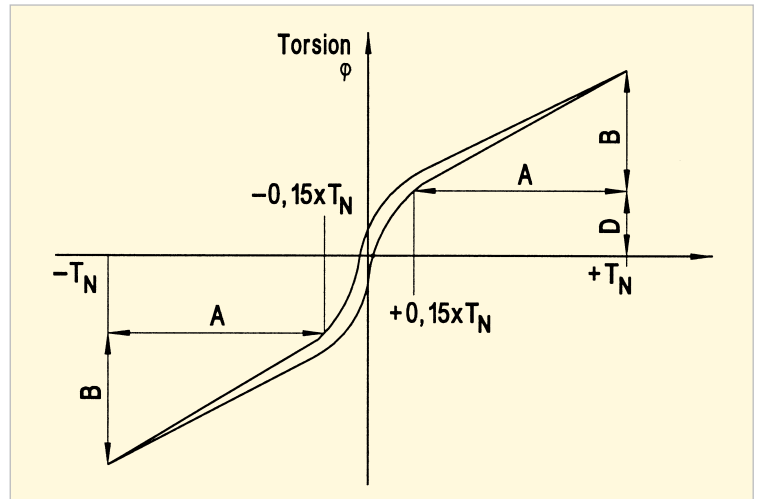


Table 3

Size	Torsional Stiffness = $\frac{A}{B}$		D [arc-min]			
			Backlash Class			
	[Nm/min]	[Nm/rad]	BL3		BL1	
			i = 5	i > 5	i = 5	i > 5
14	1.4	4700	2.2	2.7	1.1	1.7
20	5.4	18500	1.5	2.0	0.6	1.1
32	22.0	74100	1.3	1.7	0.5	1.0
50	66.6	230000	1.3	1.7	0.5	1.0

$\frac{A}{B}$  : Torsional stiffness  
 $T_N$ : Rated Torque; Tab.1  
 D: Average torsion angle at  $0,15 \times T_N$   
 $\phi$ : Output rotation angle

Calculation of the torsion angle  $\phi$  at load torque T

$$\phi = D + \frac{(T - T_L)}{\left(\frac{A}{B}\right)}$$

[Equation 1]

D : [min] (Fig. 14)

T : Load torque -[Nm]

$T_L$ :  $T_N \times 0,15$  [Nm]

$\frac{A}{B}$  : Torsional stiffness [Nm/min] ; Tab. 3



## No-load Starting Torque, Back Driving Torque, Running Torque

Table 4

Size	Ratio	No-load starting torque	No-load back driving torque	No-load* running torque at 3000 rpm
		Ncm	Ncm	Ncm
14	3	14	43	21
	5	8.6	43	10
	11	8.0	90	5
	15	2.4	110	3
	21	6.1	130	3
	33	4.5	150	2
	45	3.9	180	2
20	3	31	93	50
	5	18.6	93	28
	11	15.1	170	15
	15	12	180	11
	21	9.3	200	9
	33	7.1	240	6
32	3	56	170	135
	5	33.3	170	73
	11	26.7	290	38
	15	25	370	29
	21	22.4	470	24
	33	17.2	570	14
50	3	134	400	250
	5	80	400	130
	11	45	500	60
	15	40	600	47
	21	38	800	40
	35	30	1000	24
	45	29	1300	20

All values refer to a gear at an operating temperature of +25°C.

\* For Backlash Class BL1 the values increased by 20%.

### No-load Starting Torque

The no-load starting torque is the quasistatic torque required to commence rotation of the input element (high speed side) with no load applied to the output element (low speed side), see Table 4.

### No-load Back Driving Torque

The no-load back driving torque is the torque required to commence rotation of the output element (low speed side) with no load applied to the input element (high speed side).

The approximate range for no-load back driving torque, based on tests of actual production gears, is shown in Table 4. In no case should the values given be regarded as a margin in a system that must hold an external load. A brake must be used where back driving is not permissible.

### No-load Running Torque

The no-load running torque is the torque required to maintain rotation of the input element (high speed side) at a defined input speed with no load applied.

## Efficiency

The efficiency curves are mean values, which are valid for the following conditions:

- Input Speed:  $n = 3000$  rpm
- Ambient Temperature: 25°C
- Lubrication: Size 14A~32A - Grease SK-2  
Size 50A - EPNOC AP(N)2
- Backlash Class: BL3 (for BL1 efficiency approx. 2% lower)

In case of an ambient temperature below 25°C the efficiency  $\eta_T$  can be determined using equation 2, and figure 15. Efficiency  $\eta$  is found from figures 16~19.

$$\eta_T = \eta \cdot K$$

[Equation 2]

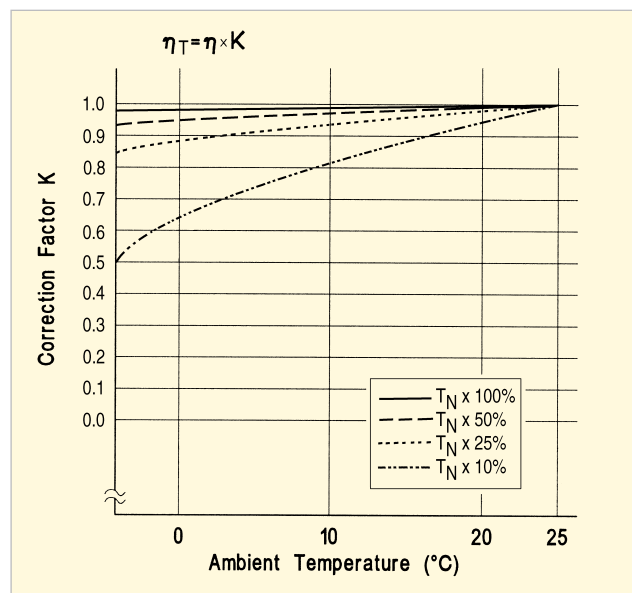
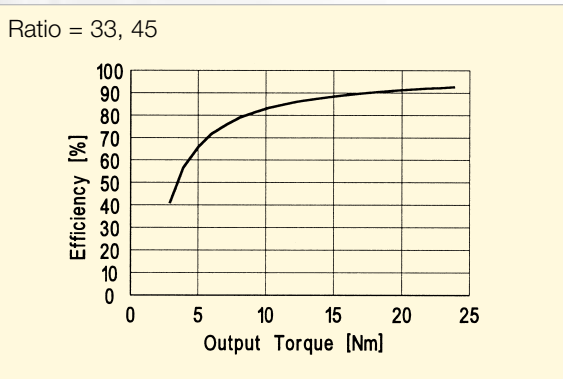
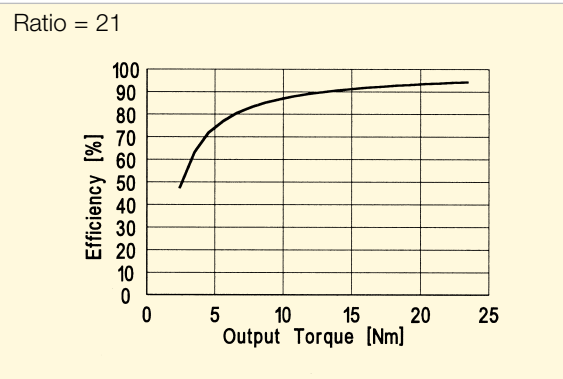
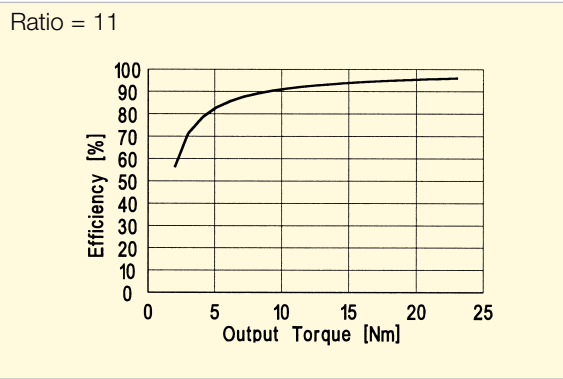
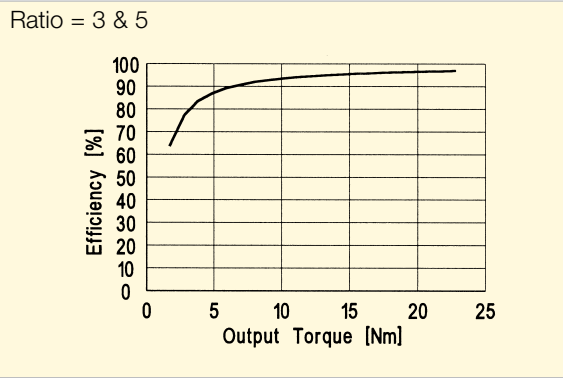


Fig. 15

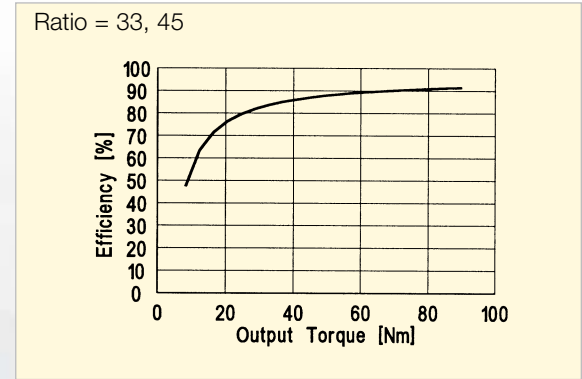
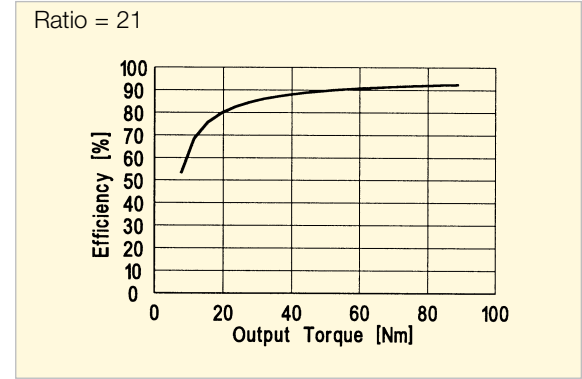
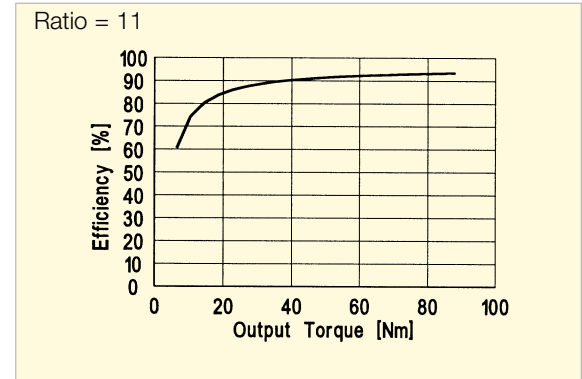
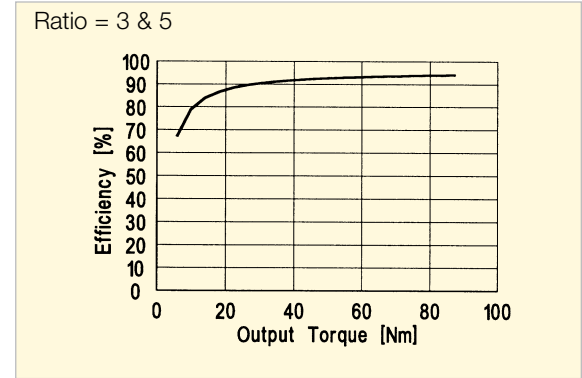
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Fig. 16



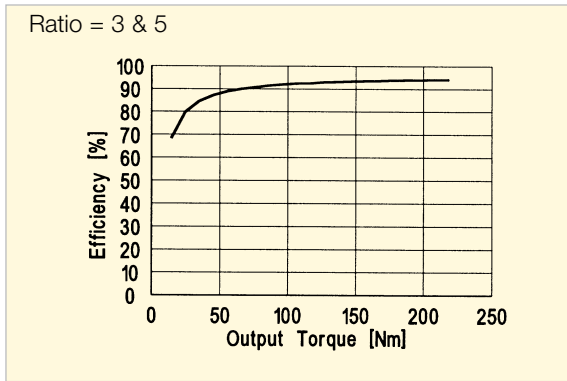
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Fig. 17



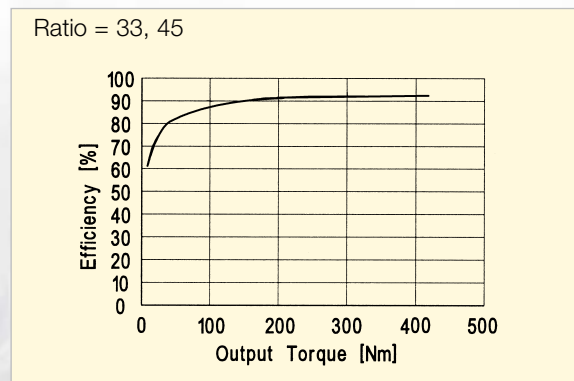
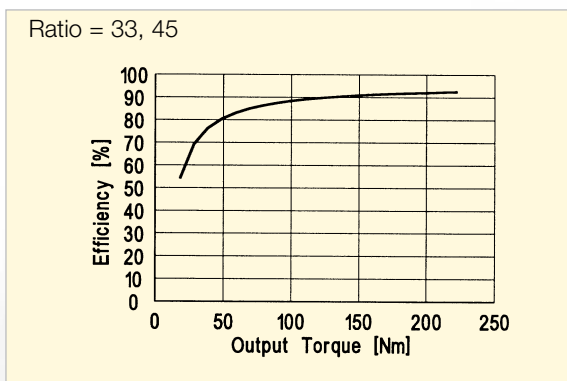
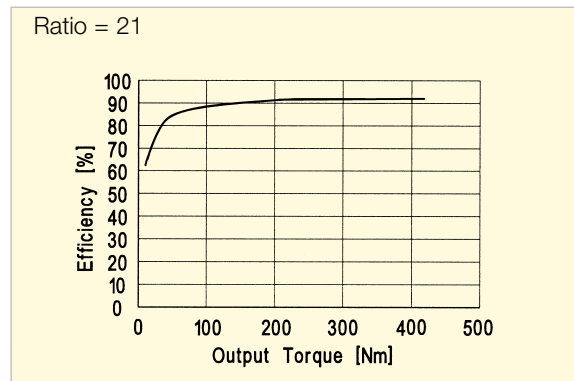
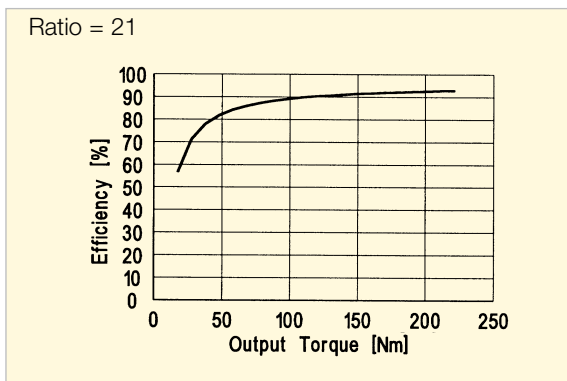
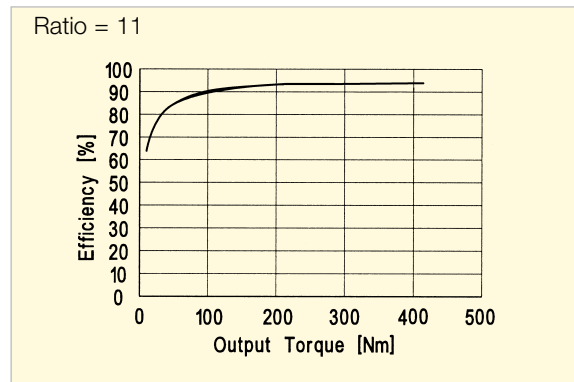
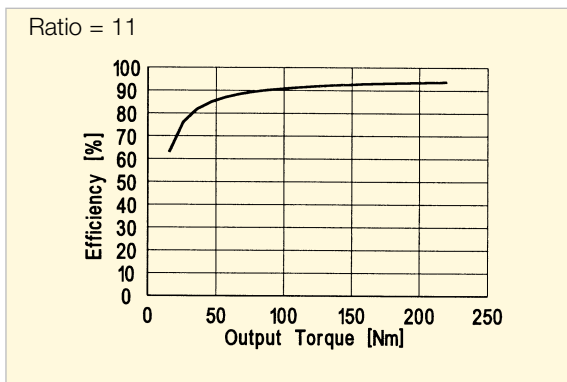
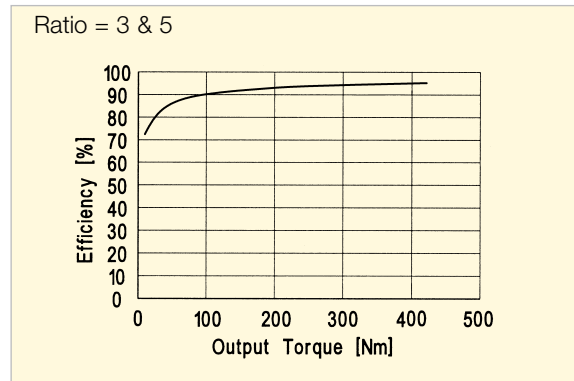
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Fig. 18



Size 50

Fig. 19



## Motor Assembly

To connect a motor to a HPG Series gear please follow the following instructions:

- 1 Turn the coupling on the input side so that the head of the bolt aligns with the bore for the rubber cap.
- 2 Apply Loctite® 515 (or equiv.) sealant on mating surface of Gearhead adapter.
- 3 Gently insert the motor into the gear.
- 4 Fix the motor and gear by tightening the bolts on the flange (see Table 5).
- 5 Fasten the bolt on the input coupling (see Table 6).
- 6 Finally, insert the rubber cap provided.

Fig. 20

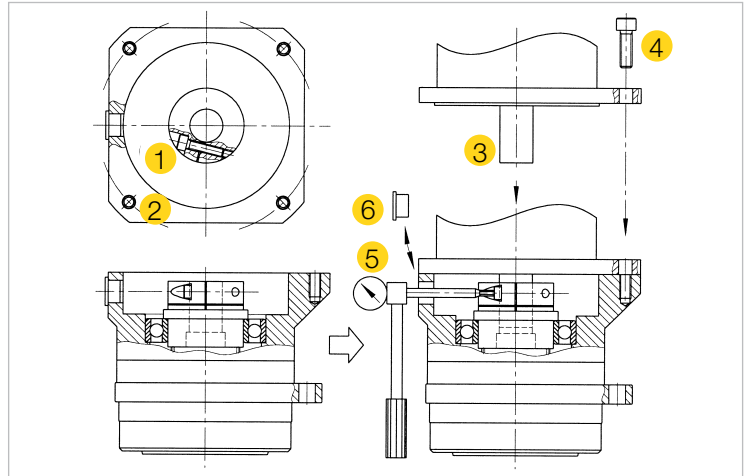


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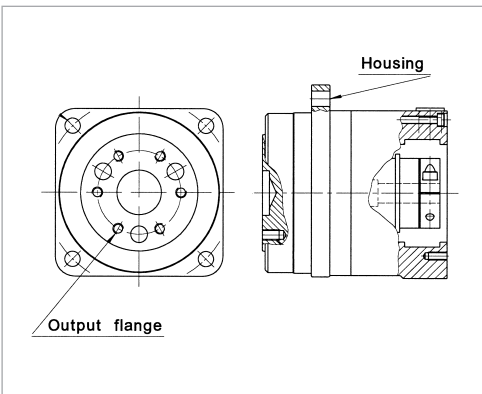
Bolt Size							
Tightening Torque [Nm]	1.4	3.1	6.3	10.7	26.1	51.5	75.5

Table 6

Bolt Size	M3	M4	M5	M6	M8
Tightening Torque [Nm]	2.0	4.5	9.0	15.3	37.2

## Assembly of the Housing and Output Flange

Fig. 21



### Assembly of the Housing

When installing the HPG in a machine, please ensure that the assembly surfaces are flat and the tapped holes are free of burrs.

Table 7

Size	HPG-14A	HPG-20A	HPG-32A	HPG-50A
Number of Bolts	4	4	4	4
Bolt Size	M5	M8	M10	M12
Bolt pitch diameter [mm]	70	105	135	190
Tightening Torque [Nm]	6.3	26.1	51.5	102.7
Torque transmitting capacity [Nm]	110	428	868	2033

### Assembly of the Output Flange

When connecting the load to the output flange please observe the specifications for the output bearing given on page 17.

Table 8

Size	HPG-14A	HPG-20A	HPG-32A	HPG-50A
Number of Bolts	6	6	6	14
Bolt Size	M4	M6	M8	M8
Bolt pitch diameter [mm]	30	45	60	100
Tightening Torque [Nm]	4.5	15.3	37.2	37.2
Torque transmitting capacity [Nm]	63	215	524	2036

#### Please note:

The flange is sealed against oil leakage. It is therefore not necessary to apply additional sealing liquid.

## Lubrication

HPG Planetary Gears are delivered grease-packed. An additional grease lubrication is not necessary, either during assembly or during operation.

Applied lubricant: 14A~32A: Harmonic Drive Grease type SK-2.

50A: EPNOC AP(N)2 Nippon Oil Company

Ambient temperature range: -10°C up to +40°C.

Maximum operating temperature: + 80°C



## Performance Data for the Output Bearing

HPG Planetary Gears incorporate a high stiffness cross-roller bearing to support output loads. This specially developed bearing can withstand high axial and radial forces as well as high tilting moments. The reduction gear is thus protected from external loads, enabling a long service life and consistent performance. The integration of an output bearing also serves to reduce subsequent design and production costs, by removing the need for additional output bearings in most applications. Furthermore, installation and assembly of the reduction gear is greatly simplified. Table 9 lists ratings and important dimensions for the output bearings.

Table 9

Size	Pitch Circle	Offset	Dynamic Load Rating	Stating Load Rating	Permissible Dynamic Tilting Moment	Permissible <sup>2)</sup> Static Tilting Moment	Tilting Moment Stiffness	Permissible <sup>1)</sup> Dynamic Axial Load	Permissible <sup>1)</sup> Dynamic Radial Load	Permissible <sup>3)</sup> Static Axial Load	Permissible <sup>3)</sup> Static Radial Load
	$\varnothing d_p$ [m]	R [m]	C [N]	$C_0$ [N]	M [Nm]	$M_0$ [Nm]	$K_B$ [Nm/arc min]	$F_a$ [N]	$F_r$ [N]	$F_a$ [N]	$F_r$ [N]
14	0.0405	0.011	5110	7060	27	95	5.9	1093	732	10697	4707
20	0.064	0.0115	10600	17300	145	369	39.2	2267	1519	26212	11533
32	0.085	0.014	20500	32800	258	929	68.7	4385	2938	49697	21867
50	0.123	0.019	41600	76000	797	3116	215	8899	5962	115152	50667

<sup>1)</sup> These values are valid for the following conditions:

For  $F_a : M = 0; F_r = 0$   
 $F_r : M = 0; F_a = 0$   
 $n = 140 \text{ rpm}$   
 $L_{10} = 20000 \text{ h}$   
 $f_w = 1.5$

These values correspond to a static safety factor  $f_s = 1.5$ . For other values of  $f_s$  please refer to equations on page 21.

Fig. 22

$$\gamma = \frac{M}{K_B}$$

[Equation 3]

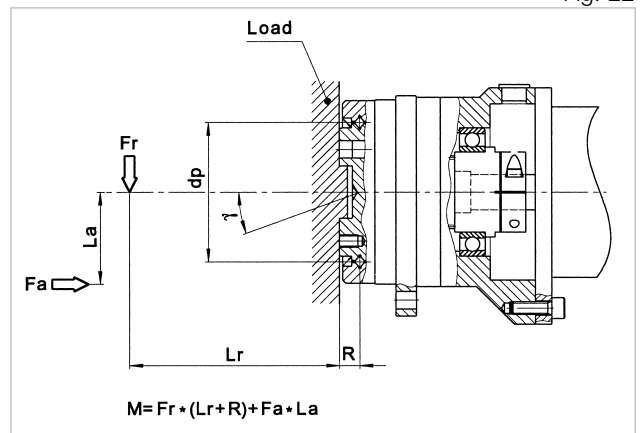
The angle of inclination of the output flange as a function of the tilting moment acting on the output bearing, can be calculated by means of equation 3:

$\gamma$  [arc min]

M [Nm]

$K_B$  [Nm/min]

with:  
 = Angle of inclination of the output flange  
 = Tilting moment acting on the output bearing  
 = Moment stiffness of the output bearing



$$M = F_r \cdot (L_r + R) + F_a \cdot L_a$$

$$f_s = \frac{C_0}{P_0} \text{ with } P_0 = x_0 \left( F_r + \frac{2M}{d_p} \right) + y_0 \cdot F_a$$

and so

Equation 4)

$$M_0 = \frac{d_p \cdot C_0}{2 \cdot f_s}$$

[Equation 5]

### Calculation of the Permissible Static Tilting Moment

In case of static load, the bearing load capacity can be determined as follows:

$f_s$  = Static load safety factor  
 ( $f_s = 1.5 \dots 3$ ) (Tab. 10)  
 $C_0$  = Static load rating (Tab. 9)  
 $x_0 = 1$   
 $y_0 = 0.44$   
 $P_0$  = Static equivalent load  
 $d_p$  = Pitch circle diameter of the output bearing (Tab. 9)

Table 10

Rotation Conditions of Bearing	Lower limit value for $f_s$
Normal	$\geq 1.5$
Impacts	$\geq 2$
Vibrations	$\geq 2$
High Positioning Accuracy	$\geq 3$

$$L_{10} = \frac{10^6}{60 \cdot n_{av}} \cdot \left( \frac{C}{f_w \cdot P_c} \right)^{10/3}$$

[Equation 6]

where:

- $L_{10}$  [h] = Operating life
- $n_{av}$  [rpm] = Actual output speed
- $C$  [N] = Dynamic load rating
- $P_c$  [N] = Dynamic equivalent load
- $f_w$  = Operating factor



Table 11

Load Conditions	$f_w$
No impact loads or vibrations	1 ... 1,2
Normal rotating, normal loads	1,2 ... 1,5
Impact loads and/or vibrations	1,5 ... 3

The operating life of the output bearing can be calculated using equation 6.

Calculation of the dynamic equivalent load

where:

- $F_{rav}$  [N] = Average of Radial force
- $F_{aav}$  [N] = Average of Axial force
- $d_p$  [m] = Pitch circle (Tab. 15)
- $x$  = Radial load factor (Tab. 18)
- $y$  = Axial load factor (Tab. 18)
- $L_r, L_a, R$  = see Fig. 23



$$P_c = x \cdot \left( F_{rav} + \frac{2(F_{rav} \cdot (L_r + R) + F_{aav} \cdot L_a)}{d_p} \right) + y \cdot F_{aav}$$

[Equation 7]

$$F_{rav} = \sqrt[10/3]{\frac{n_1 t_1 |F_{r1}|^{10/3} + n_2 t_2 |F_{r2}|^{10/3} + \dots + n_n t_n |F_{rn}|^{10/3}}{n_1 t_1 + n_2 t_2 + \dots + n_n t_n}}$$

[Equation 8]

Please note:

$F_{r1}$  represents the maximum radial force acting for the duration  $t_1$ .  $F_{r3}$  represents the maximum radial force for the duration  $t_3$ .  $t_p$  represents the pause time between cycles.

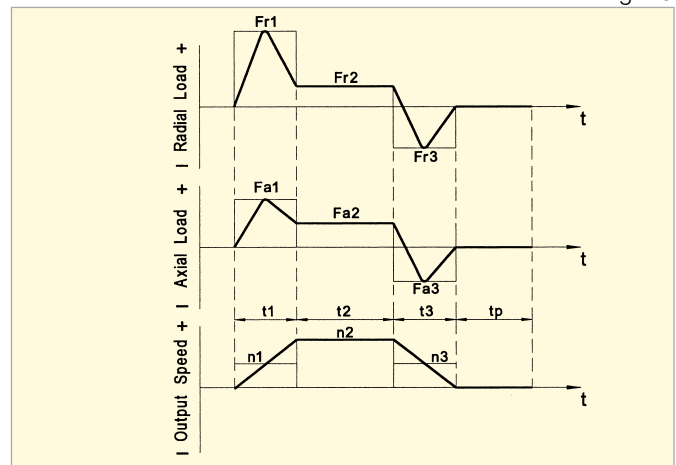
$$F_{aav} = \sqrt[10/3]{\frac{n_1 t_1 |F_{a1}|^{10/3} + n_2 t_2 |F_{a2}|^{10/3} + \dots + n_n t_n |F_{an}|^{10/3}}{n_1 t_1 + n_2 t_2 + \dots + n_n t_n}}$$

[Equation 9]

Please note:

$F_{a1}$  represents the maximum axial force acting for the duration  $t_1$ .  $F_{a3}$  represents the maximum axial force for the duration  $t_3$ .  $t_p$  represents the pause time between cycles.

Fig. 23



Calculation of the average output speed

$$n_{av} = \frac{n_1 t_1 + n_2 t_2 + \dots + n_n t_n}{t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_n + t_p}$$

[Equation 10]

Table 12

Load Factors	x	y
$\frac{F_{aav}}{F_{rav} + 2(F_{rav}(L_r + R) + F_{aav} \cdot L_a) / d_p} \leq 1.5$	1	0.45
$\frac{F_{aav}}{F_{rav} + 2(F_{rav}(L_r + R) + F_{aav} \cdot L_a) / d_p} > 1.5$	0.67	0.67

$$M = \frac{C \cdot d_p}{2 \cdot f_w} \cdot \left( \frac{10^6}{L_{10} \cdot 60 \cdot n_{av}} \right)^{3/10}$$

[Equation 11]

### Calculation of the Permissible Dynamic Tilting Moment M

Equation 11 is valid for a tilting moment load only. The values for M given in Table 9 must not be exceeded.

$$F_a = \frac{C}{f_w \cdot 0,67} \cdot \left( \frac{10^6}{L_{10} \cdot 60 \cdot n_{av}} \right)^{3/10}$$

[Equation 12]

### Permissible Axial Load

Equation 12 is valid for axial load only, Fig. 24. Values referring to typical load conditions are given in Table 9.

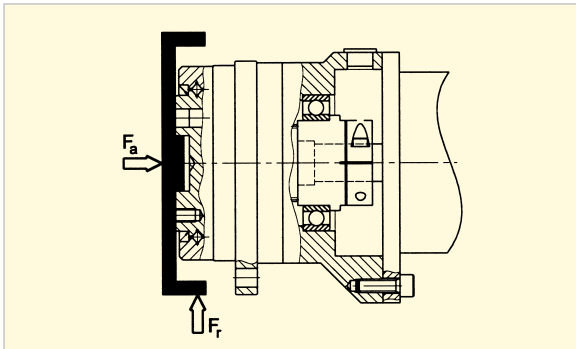
$$F_r = \frac{C}{f_w} \cdot \left( \frac{10^6}{L_{10} \cdot 60 \cdot n_{av}} \right)^{3/10}$$

[Equation 13]

### Permissible Radial Load

Equation 13 is valid for radial load only, Fig. 24. Values referring to typical load conditions are given in Table 9.

Fig. 24



# Life of Output Bearing for Oscillating Motion

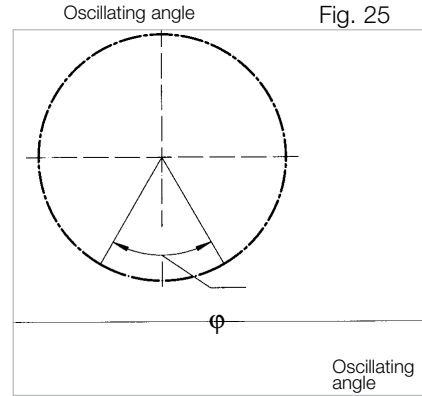
$$L_{oc} = \frac{10^6}{60 \cdot n_1} \cdot \frac{180}{\phi} \cdot \left( \frac{C}{f_w \cdot P_c} \right)^{10/3}$$

[Equation 14]

where:

$L_{oc}$	[h] = Operating life for oscillating motion
$n_1$	[cpm] = Number of oscillations/minute
$C$	[N] = Dynamic load rating
$P_c$	[N] = Dynamic equivalent load
$\phi$	[Degree] = Oscillating angle
$f_w$	= Load factor (Table 11)

The operating life with oscillating motion can be calculated using equation 14.



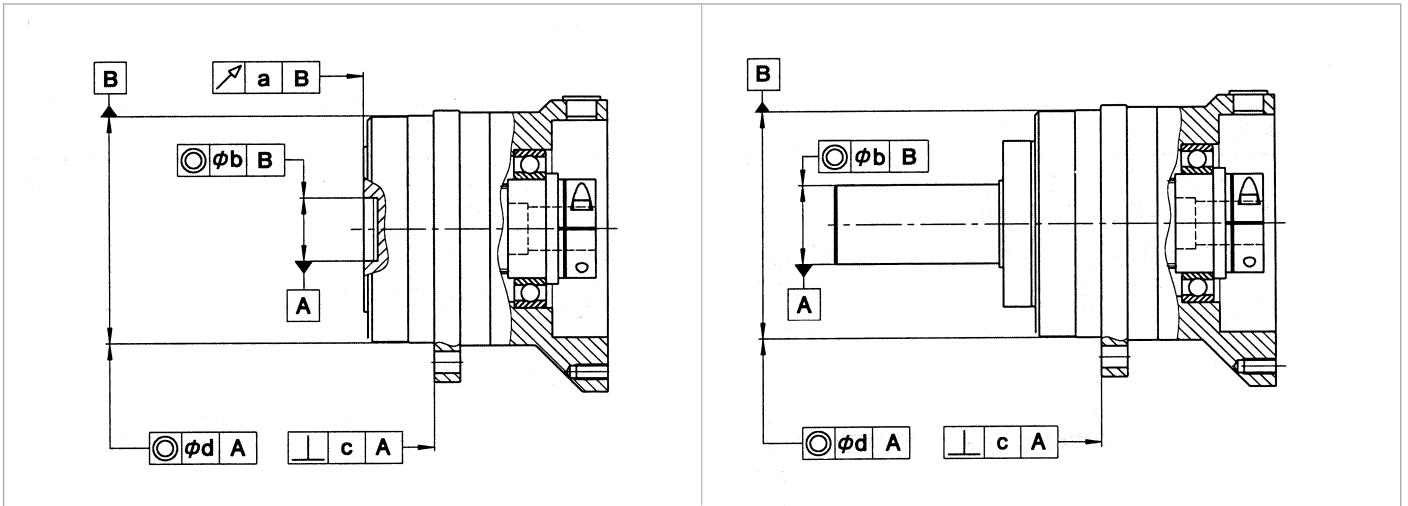
At oscillating angles < 5° fretting corrosion may occur due to insufficient lubrication.  
In this case please contact Harmonic Drive LLC.

## Output Bearing Tolerances

Table 13


Size	Run-out a	Run-out b	Perpendicularity c	Concentricity d
14	0.020	0.040	0.060	0.050
20	0.020	0.040	0.060	0.050
32	0.020	0.040	0.060	0.050
50	0.020	0.040	0.060	0.050

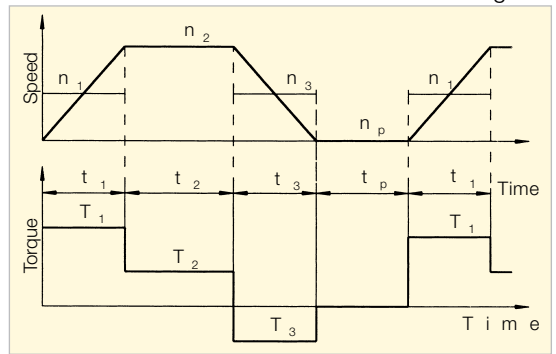
Fig. 26



## Output Data

Fig. 27

Torque	$T_1 \dots T_n$ [Nm]	
Duration of Torque	$t_1 \dots t_n$ [s]	
Dwell time	$t_p$ [s]	
Output Speeds	$n_1 \dots n_n$ [rpm]	
Emergency-Stop		
Momentary Peak Torque	$T_k$ [Nm]	
Gear Ratio	$R$	
Is gearhead oriented with output flange/shaft pointing up? (yes/no)		



Please note:

All torques and speeds are used as scalar values (with a positive sign).

Calculation of the Average Output Torque

[Equation 15]

$$T_{av} \leq T_A$$

(Values for  $T_A$  see page 8)

[Equation 16]

No

Select a bigger size

Yes

Calculation of the Average Output Speed

$$n_{out\ av} = \frac{|n_1| \cdot t_1 + |n_2| \cdot t_2 + \dots + |n_n| \cdot t_n}{t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_n + t_p}$$

[Equation 17]

Average Input Speed

$$n_{in\ av} = R \cdot n_{out\ av}$$

[Equation 18]

Permissible maximum input speed

$$n_{in\ max} = n_{out\ max} \cdot R \leq \text{Maximum Input Speed (page 8)}$$

[Equation 19]

Load Limit 2,  $T_R$

$$T_{max} \leq T_R$$

[Equation 20]

Load Limit 3,  $T_M$

$$T_k \leq T_M$$

[Equation 21]

Allowable number of Momentary Peak Torques

$$N_k\ max = 10^x$$

$$x = 8.5 - 1.5 \cdot \frac{T_k}{T_R}$$

$$T_k > T_R$$

[Equation 22]

Operating Life

$$L_{10} = 20\ 000 \cdot \frac{3000}{n_{in\ av}} \cdot \left( \frac{T_N}{T_{av}} \right)^{10/3}$$

[Equation 23]

If gearhead is oriented with output flange/shaft pointing up, then select **"D" Gearhead Orientation** option in ordering code. Otherwise select **"Z" Gearhead Orientation** option.

## Output Data

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_1 &= 40 \text{ Nm} & t_1 &= 0,3 \text{ s} & n_1 &= 125 \text{ rpm} \\
 T_2 &= 32 \text{ Nm} & t_2 &= 3 \text{ s} & n_2 &= 250 \text{ rpm} \\
 T_3 &= 20 \text{ Nm} & t_3 &= 0,4 \text{ s} & n_3 &= 125 \text{ rpm} \\
 & & t_p &= 4 \text{ s} & & \\
 T_k &= 200 \text{ Nm} \\
 \text{Gear Ratio} & R = 11
 \end{aligned}$$

Is gearhead oriented with output flange/shaft pointing up? yes

Based on these conditions,  
a HPG-20-11 is tentatively selected

## Selection Example



Load limit 1,  
Calculation of the Average Output Torque  $T_{av}$

$$T_{av} = \sqrt[10/3]{\frac{125 \text{ rpm} \cdot 0,3 \text{ s} \cdot (40 \text{ Nm})^{10/3} + 250 \text{ rpm} \cdot 3 \text{ s} \cdot (32 \text{ Nm})^{10/3} + 125 \text{ rpm} \cdot 0,4 \text{ s} \cdot (20 \text{ Nm})^{10/3}}{125 \text{ rpm} \cdot 0,3 \text{ s} + 250 \text{ rpm} \cdot 3 \text{ s} + 125 \text{ rpm} \cdot 0,4 \text{ s}}}$$

$$T_{av} = 32 \text{ Nm} \leq T_A = 45 \text{ Nm}$$

yes

Selected size

HPG-20-11 Satisfies this condition

Calculation of the Average Output Speed

$$n_{out \text{ av}} = \frac{125 \text{ min}^{-1} \cdot 0,3 \text{ s} + 250 \text{ min}^{-1} \cdot 3 \text{ s} + 125 \text{ min}^{-1} \cdot 0,4 \text{ s}}{0,3 \text{ s} + 3 \text{ s} + 0,4 \text{ s} + 4 \text{ s}} = 109 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

Average Input Speed

$$n_{in \text{ av}} = 11 \cdot 109 \text{ rpm} = 1199 \text{ rpm}$$

Permissible Maximum Input Speed

$$n_{in \text{ max}} = 250 \text{ rpm} \cdot 11 = 2750 \text{ rpm} \leq 6000 \text{ rpm}$$

Load Limit 2,  $T_R$

$$T_{max} = 40 \text{ Nm} \leq T_R = 100 \text{ Nm}$$

Load Limit 3,  $T_M$

$$T_k = 200 \text{ Nm} \leq T_M = 217 \text{ Nm}$$

Allowable number of  
Momentary Peak Torques

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_{k \text{ max}} &= 10^x \\
 x &= 8,5 - 1,5 \cdot \frac{200 \text{ Nm}}{100 \text{ Nm}} = 5,5 \\
 N_{k \text{ max}} &= 10^{5,5} = 316227
 \end{aligned}$$

Operating Life

$$L_{10} = 20000 \cdot \frac{3000 \text{ rpm}}{1199 \text{ rpm}} \cdot \left( \frac{20 \text{ Nm}}{32 \text{ Nm}} \right)^{10/3} = 10445 \text{ h}$$

Select **"D" Option** in ordering code since the gearhead is oriented with the output flange/shaft pointing up.

## ORDERING INFORMATION

Harmonic Planetary®	Size	Gear Ratio	Backlash Specifications	Gearhead Orientation	Output	Motor
HPG Series	14A	3 5 11 15 21 33 45	BL3 3 arc-min BL1 1 arc-min	D: Shaft/Flange Up Z: All Other Cases	F0: Flange Output  J2: Shaft Output, No Keyway or Tapped Hole  J6: Shaft Output, Key and Tapped Hole	Please provide the model number of the motor being coupled to this gearhead so we can specify a unique Harmonic Drive LLC P/N for a ready-to-mount gearhead.
	20A					
	32A					
	50A					

HPG - 20A - 11 - BL1 - D - F0 - XXX





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