

Important Design of Belt Drives Formulas PDF



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1) Arms of Cast Iron Pulley Formulas

1.1) Bending Moment on Arm of Belt Driven Pulley Formula

Formula

$$M_b = P \cdot R$$

Example with Units

$$44400 \text{ N} \cdot \text{mm} = 300 \text{ N} \cdot 148 \text{ mm}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.2) Bending Moment on Arm of Belt Driven Pulley given Bending Stress in Arm Formula

Formula

$$M_b = I \cdot \frac{\sigma_b}{a}$$

Example with Units

$$44399.9963 \text{ N} \cdot \text{mm} = 17350 \text{ mm}^4 \cdot \frac{34.957 \text{ N/mm}^2}{13.66 \text{ mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.3) Bending Moment on Arm of Belt Driven Pulley given Torque Transmitted by Pulley Formula

Formula

$$M_b = 2 \cdot \frac{M_t}{N_{pu}}$$

Example with Units

$$44400 \text{ N} \cdot \text{mm} = 2 \cdot \frac{88800 \text{ N} \cdot \text{mm}}{4}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.4) Bending Stress in Arm of Belt Driven Pulley Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_b = M_b \cdot \frac{a}{I}$$

Example with Units

$$34.957 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 44400 \text{ N} \cdot \text{mm} \cdot \frac{13.66 \text{ mm}}{17350 \text{ mm}^4}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.5) Bending Stress in Arm of Belt Driven Pulley given Torque Transmitted by Pulley Formula

Formula

$$\sigma_b = 16 \cdot \frac{M_t}{\pi \cdot N_{pu} \cdot a^3}$$


Example with Units

$$44.3579 \text{ N/mm}^2 = 16 \cdot \frac{88800 \text{ N} \cdot \text{mm}}{3.1416 \cdot 4 \cdot 13.66 \text{ mm}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula



1.6) Major Axis of Elliptical Cross-Section of Pulley's Arm given Moment of Inertia of Arm

Formula 

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$b_a = \left(64 \cdot \frac{I}{\pi \cdot a} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Example with Units

$$29.5774 \text{ mm} = \left(64 \cdot \frac{17350 \text{ mm}^4}{3.1416 \cdot 13.66 \text{ mm}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

1.7) Minor Axis of Elliptical Cross-Section of Arm given Moment of Inertia of Arm Formula

Formula


$$a = 64 \cdot \frac{I}{\pi \cdot b_a^3}$$

Example with Units

$$13.6287 \text{ mm} = 64 \cdot \frac{17350 \text{ mm}^4}{3.1416 \cdot 29.6 \text{ mm}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.8) Minor Axis of Elliptical Cross-Section of Pulley's Arm given Bending Stress in Arm

Formula 

Evaluate Formula 


Formula

$$a = 1.72 \cdot \left(\frac{M_b}{2 \cdot \sigma_b} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Example with Units

$$14.7843 \text{ mm} = 1.72 \cdot \left(\frac{44400 \text{ N*mm}}{2 \cdot 34.957 \text{ N/mm}^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

1.9) Minor Axis of Elliptical Cross-Section of Pulley's Arm given Moment of Inertia of Arm

Formula 

Evaluate Formula 


Formula

$$a = \left(8 \cdot \frac{I}{\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Example with Units

$$14.4981 \text{ mm} = \left(8 \cdot \frac{17350 \text{ mm}^4}{3.1416} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

1.10) Minor Axis of Elliptical Cross-Section of Pulley's Arm given Torque and Bending Stress

Formula 

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$a = \left(16 \cdot \frac{M_t}{\pi \cdot N_{pu} \cdot \sigma_b} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Example with Units

$$14.7887 \text{ mm} = \left(16 \cdot \frac{88800 \text{ N*mm}}{3.1416 \cdot 4 \cdot 34.957 \text{ N/mm}^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

1.11) Moment of Inertia of Pulley's Arm Formula

Formula

$$I = \frac{\pi \cdot a \cdot b_a^3}{64}$$

Example with Units

$$17389.8458 \text{ mm}^4 = \frac{3.1416 \cdot 13.66 \text{ mm} \cdot 29.6 \text{ mm}^3}{64}$$

Evaluate Formula 



1.12) Moment of Inertia of Pulley's Arm given Bending Stress in Arm Formula

Formula

$$I = M_b \cdot \frac{a}{\sigma_b}$$

Example with Units

$$17350.0014 \text{ mm}^4 = 44400 \text{ N}^* \text{ mm} \cdot \frac{13.66 \text{ mm}}{34.957 \text{ N/mm}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.13) Moment of Inertia of Pulley's Arm given Minor Axis of Elliptical Section Arm Formula

Formula

$$I = \pi \cdot \frac{a^4}{8}$$

Example with Units

$$13672.9644 \text{ mm}^4 = 3.1416 \cdot \frac{13.66 \text{ mm}^4}{8}$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.14) Number of Arms of Pulley given Bending Moment on Arm Formula

Formula

$$N_{pu} = 2 \cdot \frac{M_t}{M_b}$$

Example with Units

$$4 = 2 \cdot \frac{88800 \text{ N}^* \text{ mm}}{44400 \text{ N}^* \text{ mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.15) Number of Arms of Pulley given Bending Stress in Arm Formula

Formula

$$N_{pu} = 16 \cdot \frac{M_t}{\pi \cdot \sigma_b \cdot a^3}$$

Example with Units

$$5.0757 = 16 \cdot \frac{88800 \text{ N}^* \text{ mm}}{3.1416 \cdot 34.957 \text{ N/mm}^2 \cdot 13.66 \text{ mm}^3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.16) Number of Arms of Pulley given Torque Transmitted by Pulley Formula

Formula

$$N_{pu} = 2 \cdot \frac{M_t}{P \cdot R}$$

Example with Units

$$4 = 2 \cdot \frac{88800 \text{ N}^* \text{ mm}}{300 \text{ N} \cdot 148 \text{ mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.17) Radius of Rim of Pulley given Bending Moment Acting on Arm Formula

Formula

$$R = \frac{M_b}{P}$$

Example with Units

$$148 \text{ mm} = \frac{44400 \text{ N}^* \text{ mm}}{300 \text{ N}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

1.18) Radius of Rim of Pulley given Torque Transmitted by Pulley Formula

Formula

$$R = \frac{M_t}{P \cdot \left(\frac{N_{pu}}{2} \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$148 \text{ mm} = \frac{88800 \text{ N}^* \text{ mm}}{300 \text{ N} \cdot \left(\frac{4}{2} \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 



1.19) Tangential Force at End of Each Arm of Pulley given Bending Moment on Arm Formula



Formula

$$P = \frac{M_b}{R}$$

Example with Units

$$300 \text{ N} = \frac{44400 \text{ N*mm}}{148 \text{ mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.20) Tangential Force at End of Each Arm of Pulley given Torque Transmitted by Pulley

Formula

Formula

$$P = \frac{M_t}{R \cdot \left(\frac{N_{pu}}{2}\right)}$$

Example with Units

$$300 \text{ N} = \frac{88800 \text{ N*mm}}{148 \text{ mm} \cdot \left(\frac{4}{2}\right)}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.21) Torque Transmitted by Pulley Formula

Formula

$$M_t = P \cdot R \cdot \left(\frac{N_{pu}}{2}\right)$$

Example with Units

$$88800 \text{ N*mm} = 300 \text{ N} \cdot 148 \text{ mm} \cdot \left(\frac{4}{2}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula

1.22) Torque Transmitted by Pulley given Bending Moment on Arm Formula

Formula

$$M_t = M_b \cdot \frac{N_{pu}}{2}$$

Example with Units

$$88800 \text{ N*mm} = 44400 \text{ N*mm} \cdot \frac{4}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.23) Torque Transmitted by Pulley given Bending Stress in Arm Formula

Formula

$$M_t = \sigma_b \cdot \frac{\pi \cdot N_{pu} \cdot a^3}{16}$$

Example with Units

$$69980.3538 \text{ N*mm} = 34.957 \text{ N/mm}^2 \cdot \frac{3.1416 \cdot 4 \cdot 13.66 \text{ mm}^3}{16}$$

Evaluate Formula

2) Crossed Belt Drives Formulas

2.1) Belt Length for Cross Belt Drive Formula

Formula

$$L = 2 \cdot C + \left(\pi \cdot \frac{d + D}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{(D - d)^2}{4 \cdot C}\right)$$

Example with Units

$$4892.7457 \text{ mm} = 2 \cdot 1575 \text{ mm} + \left(3.1416 \cdot \frac{270 \text{ mm} + 810 \text{ mm}}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{(810 \text{ mm} - 270 \text{ mm})^2}{4 \cdot 1575 \text{ mm}}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula



2.2) Center Distance given Wrap Angle for Small Pulley of Cross Belt Drive Formula

Formula

$$C = \frac{D + d}{2 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\alpha_a - 3.14}{2}\right)}$$

Example with Units

$$1575.4081 \text{ mm} = \frac{810 \text{ mm} + 270 \text{ mm}}{2 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{220^\circ - 3.14}{2}\right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.3) Diameter of Big Pulley given Wrap Angle for Small Pulley of Cross Belt Drive Formula

Formula

$$D = 2 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\alpha_a - 3.14}{2}\right) \cdot C - d$$

Example with Units

$$809.7203 \text{ mm} = 2 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{220^\circ - 3.14}{2}\right) \cdot 1575 \text{ mm} - 270 \text{ mm}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.4) Diameter of Small Pulley given Wrap Angle for Small Pulley of Cross Belt Drive Formula

Formula

$$d = 2 \cdot C \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\alpha_a - 3.14}{2}\right) - D$$

Example with Units

$$269.7203 \text{ mm} = 2 \cdot 1575 \text{ mm} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{220^\circ - 3.14}{2}\right) - 810 \text{ mm}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.5) Wrap Angle for Small Pulley of Cross Belt Drive Formula

Formula

$$\alpha_a = 3.14 + 2 \cdot \arcsin\left(\frac{D + d}{2 \cdot C}\right)$$

Example with Units

$$220.0108^\circ = 3.14 + 2 \cdot \arcsin\left(\frac{810 \text{ mm} + 270 \text{ mm}}{2 \cdot 1575 \text{ mm}}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

3) Introduction of Belt Drives Formulas

3.1) Angle of Wrap given Belt Tension in Tight Side Formula

Formula

$$\alpha = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{P_1 \cdot m \cdot v_b^2}{P_2 \cdot m \cdot v_b^2}\right)}{\mu}$$

Example with Units

$$160.3553^\circ = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{800 \text{ N} \cdot 0.6 \text{ kg/m} \cdot 25.81 \text{ m/s}^2}{550 \text{ N} \cdot 0.6 \text{ kg/m} \cdot 25.81 \text{ m/s}^2}\right)}{0.35}$$

Evaluate Formula 



3.2) Belt Tension in Loose Side of Belt given Tension in Tight Side Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$P_2 = \left(\frac{P_1 - m \cdot v_b^2}{e^{\mu \cdot \alpha}} \right) + m \cdot v_b^2$$

Example with Units

$$550.1426 \text{ N} = \left(\frac{800 \text{ N} - 0.6 \text{ kg/m} \cdot 25.81 \text{ m/s}^2}{e^{0.35 \cdot 160.2^\circ}} \right) + 0.6 \text{ kg/m} \cdot 25.81 \text{ m/s}^2$$

3.3) Belt Tension in Tight Side Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$P_1 = e^{\mu \cdot \alpha} \cdot \left(P_2 - m \cdot v_b^2 \right) + m \cdot v_b^2$$

Example with Units

$$799.6205 \text{ N} = e^{0.35 \cdot 160.2^\circ} \cdot \left(550 \text{ N} - 0.6 \text{ kg/m} \cdot 25.81 \text{ m/s}^2 \right) + 0.6 \text{ kg/m} \cdot 25.81 \text{ m/s}^2$$

3.4) Center Distance from Small Pulley to Big Pulley given Wrap Angle of Big Pulley Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$C = \frac{D - d}{2 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\alpha_b - 3.14}{2}\right)}$$

Example with Units

$$1547.878 \text{ mm} = \frac{810 \text{ mm} - 270 \text{ mm}}{2 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{200^\circ - 3.14}{2}\right)}$$

3.5) Center Distance from Small Pulley to Big Pulley given Wrap Angle of Small Pulley Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$C = \frac{D - d}{2 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{3.14 - \alpha_s}{2}\right)}$$

Example with Units

$$1615.7782 \text{ mm} = \frac{810 \text{ mm} - 270 \text{ mm}}{2 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{3.14 - 160.67^\circ}{2}\right)}$$

3.6) Coefficient of Friction in between Surfaces given Belt Tension in Tight Side Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$\mu = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{P_1 - m \cdot v_b^2}{P_2 - m \cdot v_b^2}\right)}{\alpha}$$

Example with Units

$$0.3503 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{800 \text{ N} - 0.6 \text{ kg/m} \cdot 25.81 \text{ m/s}^2}{550 \text{ N} - 0.6 \text{ kg/m} \cdot 25.81 \text{ m/s}^2}\right)}{160.2^\circ}$$



3.7) Diameter of Big Pulley given Wrap Angle for Big Pulley Formula

Formula

$$D = d + 2 \cdot C \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\alpha_b - 3.14}{2}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$819.4619 \text{ mm} = 270 \text{ mm} + 2 \cdot 1575 \text{ mm} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{200^\circ - 3.14}{2}\right)$$

3.8) Diameter of Big Pulley given Wrap Angle of Small Pulley Formula

Formula

$$D = d + 2 \cdot C \cdot \sin\left(\frac{3.14 - \alpha_s}{2}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$796.3717 \text{ mm} = 270 \text{ mm} + 2 \cdot 1575 \text{ mm} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{3.14 - 160.67^\circ}{2}\right)$$

3.9) Diameter of Small Pulley given Wrap Angle of Big Pulley Formula

Formula

$$d = D - \left(2 \cdot C \cdot \frac{\sin(\alpha_b - 3.14)}{2}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$268.9618 \text{ mm} = 810 \text{ mm} - \left(2 \cdot 1575 \text{ mm} \cdot \frac{\sin(200^\circ - 3.14)}{2}\right)$$

3.10) Diameter of Small Pulley given Wrap Angle of Small Pulley Formula

Formula

$$d = D - 2 \cdot C \cdot \sin\left(\frac{3.14 - \alpha_s}{2}\right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$283.6283 \text{ mm} = 810 \text{ mm} - 2 \cdot 1575 \text{ mm} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{3.14 - 160.67^\circ}{2}\right)$$



3.11) Length of Belt Formula ↻

Formula

$$L = 2 \cdot C + \left(\pi \cdot \frac{D + d}{2} \right) + \left(\frac{(D - d)^2}{4 \cdot C} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

Example with Units

$$4892.7457 \text{ mm} = 2 \cdot 1575 \text{ mm} + \left(3.1416 \cdot \frac{810 \text{ mm} + 270 \text{ mm}}{2} \right) + \left(\frac{(810 \text{ mm} - 270 \text{ mm})^2}{4 \cdot 1575 \text{ mm}} \right)$$

3.12) Mass per unit length of belt Formula ↻

Formula

$$m = \frac{P_1 - e^{\mu \cdot \alpha} \cdot P_2}{v_b^2 \cdot (1 - e^{\mu \cdot \alpha})}$$

Example with Units

$$0.5997 \text{ kg/m} = \frac{800 \text{ N} - e^{0.35 \cdot 160.2^\circ} \cdot 550 \text{ N}}{25.81 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot (1 - e^{0.35 \cdot 160.2^\circ})}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

3.13) Velocity of Belt given Tension of Belt in Tight Side Formula ↻

Formula

$$v_b = \sqrt{\frac{e^{\mu \cdot \alpha} \cdot P_2 - P_1}{m \cdot (e^{\mu \cdot \alpha} - 1)}}$$

Example with Units

$$25.8026 \text{ m/s} = \sqrt{\frac{e^{0.35 \cdot 160.2^\circ} \cdot 550 \text{ N} - 800 \text{ N}}{0.6 \text{ kg/m} \cdot (e^{0.35 \cdot 160.2^\circ} - 1)}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

3.14) Wrap Angle for Big Pulley Formula ↻

Formula

$$\alpha_b = 3.14 + 2 \cdot \text{asin} \left(\frac{D - d}{2 \cdot C} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$199.6505^\circ = 3.14 + 2 \cdot \text{asin} \left(\frac{810 \text{ mm} - 270 \text{ mm}}{2 \cdot 1575 \text{ mm}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

3.15) Wrap Angle for Small Pulley Formula ↻

Formula

$$\alpha_s = 3.14 - 2 \cdot \text{asin} \left(\frac{D - d}{2 \cdot C} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$160.167^\circ = 3.14 - 2 \cdot \text{asin} \left(\frac{810 \text{ mm} - 270 \text{ mm}}{2 \cdot 1575 \text{ mm}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

4) Maximum Power Conditions Formulas ↻

4.1) Actual Power Transmitted given Power Transmitted by Flat for Design Purpose Formula ↻

Formula

$$P_t = \frac{P_d}{F_a}$$

Example with Units

$$6.4435 \text{ kW} = \frac{7.41 \text{ kW}}{1.15}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



4.2) Belt Tension in Loose Side of Belt given Initial Tension in Belt Formula

Formula

$$P_2 = 2 \cdot P_i - P_1$$

Example with Units

$$550 \text{ N} = 2 \cdot 675 \text{ N} - 800 \text{ N}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4.3) Belt Tension in Tight Side of Belt given Initial Tension in Belt Formula

Formula

$$P_1 = 2 \cdot P_i - P_2$$

Example with Units

$$800 \text{ N} = 2 \cdot 675 \text{ N} - 550 \text{ N}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4.4) Belt Tension in Tight Side of Belt given Tension due to Centrifugal Force Formula

Formula

$$P_1 = 2 \cdot T_b$$

Example with Units

$$800 \text{ N} = 2 \cdot 400 \text{ N}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4.5) Belt Velocity given Tension in Belt Due to Centrifugal Force Formula

Formula

$$v_b = \sqrt{\frac{T_b}{m}}$$

Example with Units

$$25.8199 \text{ m/s} = \sqrt{\frac{400 \text{ N}}{0.6 \text{ kg/m}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4.6) Initial Tension in Belt Drive Formula

Formula

$$P_i = \frac{P_1 + P_2}{2}$$

Example with Units

$$675 \text{ N} = \frac{800 \text{ N} + 550 \text{ N}}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4.7) Initial Tension in Belt given Velocity of Belt for Maximum Power Transmission Formula

Formula

$$P_i = 3 \cdot m \cdot v_o^2$$

Example with Units

$$696.436 \text{ N} = 3 \cdot 0.6 \text{ kg/m} \cdot 19.67 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Evaluate Formula 

4.8) Load Correction Factor given Power Transmitted by Flat Belt for Design Purpose Formula

Formula

$$F_a = \frac{P_d}{P_t}$$

Example with Units

$$1.1488 = \frac{7.41 \text{ kW}}{6.45 \text{ kW}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4.9) Mass of One Meter Length of Belt given Maximum Permissible Tensile Stress of Belt Formula

Formula

$$m' = \frac{P_{\max}}{3 \cdot v_o^2}$$

Example with Units

$$1.0338 \text{ kg/m} = \frac{1200 \text{ N}}{3 \cdot 19.67 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 



4.10) Mass of One Meter Length of Belt given Tension in Belt Due to Centrifugal Force Formula



Formula

$$m = \frac{T_b}{v_b^2}$$

Example with Units

$$0.6005 \text{ kg/m} = \frac{400 \text{ N}}{25.81 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula

4.11) Mass of One Meter Length of Belt given Velocity for Maximum Power Transmission

Formula

Formula

$$m' = \frac{P_i}{3} \cdot v_o'^2$$

Example with Units

$$1.0712 \text{ kg/m} = \frac{675 \text{ N}}{3} \cdot 0.069 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Evaluate Formula

4.12) Maximum Belt Tension Formula

Formula

$$P_{\max} = \sigma \cdot b \cdot t$$

Example with Units

$$793.8 \text{ N} = 1.26 \text{ N/mm}^2 \cdot 126 \text{ mm} \cdot 5 \text{ mm}$$

Evaluate Formula

4.13) Maximum Belt Tension given Tension Due to Centrifugal Force Formula

Formula

$$P_{\max} = 3 \cdot T_b$$

Example with Units

$$1200 \text{ N} = 3 \cdot 400 \text{ N}$$

Evaluate Formula

4.14) Maximum Permissible Tensile Stress of Belt Material Formula

Formula

$$\sigma = \frac{P_{\max}}{b \cdot t}$$

Example with Units

$$1.9048 \text{ N/mm}^2 = \frac{1200 \text{ N}}{126 \text{ mm} \cdot 5 \text{ mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula

4.15) Optimum Velocity of Belt for Maximum Power Transmission Formula

Formula

$$v_o = \sqrt{\frac{P_i}{3 \cdot m}}$$

Example with Units

$$19.3649 \text{ m/s} = \sqrt{\frac{675 \text{ N}}{3 \cdot 0.6 \text{ kg/m}}}$$

Evaluate Formula

4.16) Power Transmitted by Flat Belt for Design Purpose Formula

Formula

$$P_d = P_t \cdot F_a$$

Example with Units

$$7.4175 \text{ kW} = 6.45 \text{ kW} \cdot 1.15$$

Evaluate Formula

4.17) Tension in Belt Due to Centrifugal Force Formula

Formula

$$T_b = m \cdot v_b^2$$


Example with Units

$$399.6937 \text{ N} = 0.6 \text{ kg/m} \cdot 25.81 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Evaluate Formula



4.18) Tension in Belt Due to Centrifugal Force given Permissible Tensile Stress of Belt Material

Formula 

Formula

$$T_b = \frac{P_{\max}}{3}$$

Example with Units

$$400\text{ N} = \frac{1200\text{ N}}{3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4.19) Thickness of Belt given Maximum Belt Tension Formula

Formula

$$t = \frac{P_{\max}}{\sigma \cdot b}$$

Example with Units

$$7.5586\text{ mm} = \frac{1200\text{ N}}{1.26\text{ N/mm}^2 \cdot 126\text{ mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4.20) Velocity of Belt for Maximum Power Transmission given Maximum Permissible Tensile Stress Formula

Formula

$$v_o = \sqrt{\frac{P_{\max}}{3} \cdot m}$$

Example with Units

$$15.4919\text{ m/s} = \sqrt{\frac{1200\text{ N}}{3} \cdot 0.6\text{ kg/m}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

4.21) Width of Belt given Maximum Belt Tension Formula

Formula

$$b = \frac{P_{\max}}{\sigma \cdot t}$$

Example with Units

$$190.4762\text{ mm} = \frac{1200\text{ N}}{1.26\text{ N/mm}^2 \cdot 5\text{ mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

5) Synchronous Belt Drives Formulas

5.1) Datum Length of Synchronous Belt Formula

Formula

$$l = P_c \cdot z$$

Example with Units

$$1200\text{ mm} = 15\text{ mm} \cdot 80$$

Evaluate Formula 

5.2) Distance from Belt Pitch Line to Pulley Tip Circle Radius Formula

Formula

$$a_p = \left(\frac{d'}{2} \right) - \left(\frac{d_o}{2} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$8\text{ mm} = \left(\frac{170\text{ mm}}{2} \right) - \left(\frac{154\text{ mm}}{2} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

5.3) Number of Teeth in Belt given Datum Length of Synchronous Belt Formula

Formula

$$z = \frac{l}{P_c}$$


Example with Units

$$80 = \frac{1200.0\text{ mm}}{15\text{ mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



5.4) Number of Teeth in Larger Pulley given Transmission Ratio of Synchronous Belt Drive

Formula 

Evaluate Formula 


Formula

$$T_2 = T_1 \cdot i$$

Example

$$60 = 20 \cdot 3$$

5.5) Number of Teeth in Smaller Pulley given Transmission Ratio of Synchronous Belt Drive

Formula 

Evaluate Formula 


Formula

$$T_1 = \frac{T_2}{i}$$

Example

$$20 = \frac{60}{3}$$

5.6) Pitch Diameter of Larger Pulley given Transmission Ratio of Synchronous Belt Drive

Formula 

Evaluate Formula 


Formula

$$d'_2 = d'_1 \cdot i$$

Example with Units

$$762\text{mm} = 254\text{mm} \cdot 3$$

5.7) Pitch Diameter of Smaller Pulley given Transmission Ratio of Synchronous Belt Drive

Formula 

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$d'_1 = \frac{d'_2}{i}$$

Example with Units

$$254\text{mm} = \frac{762\text{mm}}{3}$$

5.8) Pitch given Datum Length of Synchronous Belt Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$P_c = \frac{l}{z}$$

Example with Units

$$15\text{mm} = \frac{1200.0\text{mm}}{80}$$

5.9) Power Transmitted by Synchronous Belt Formula

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$P_t = \frac{P_s}{C_s}$$

Example with Units

$$6.4462\text{kW} = \frac{8.38\text{kW}}{1.3}$$

5.10) Pulley Outside Diameter given Distance between Belt Pitch Line and Pulley Tip Circle

Radius Formula 

Evaluate Formula 

Formula

$$d_o = d' - (2 \cdot a_p)$$

Example with Units

$$154\text{mm} = 170\text{mm} - (2 \cdot 8\text{mm})$$



5.11) Pulley Pitch Diameter given Distance between Belt Pitch Line and Pulley Tip Circle Radius Formula

Formula

$$d' = (2 \cdot a_p) + d_o$$

Example with Units

$$170 \text{ mm} = (2 \cdot 8 \text{ mm}) + 154 \text{ mm}$$

Evaluate Formula 

5.12) Service Correction Factor given Power transmitted by Synchronous Belt Formula

Formula

$$C_s = \frac{P_s}{P_t}$$

Example with Units

$$1.2992 = \frac{8.38 \text{ kW}}{6.45 \text{ kW}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

5.13) Speed of Larger Pulley given Transmission Ratio of Synchronous Belt Drive Formula

Formula

$$n_2 = \frac{n_1}{i}$$

Example with Units

$$213.3333 \text{ rev/min} = \frac{640 \text{ rev/min}}{3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

5.14) Speed of Smaller Pulley given Transmission Ratio of Synchronous Belt Drive Formula

Formula

$$n_1 = n_2 \cdot i$$

Example with Units

$$5760 \text{ rev/min} = 1920 \text{ rev/min} \cdot 3$$

Evaluate Formula 

5.15) Standard Capacity of selected Belt given Power transmitted by Synchronous Belt Formula

Formula

$$P_s = P_t \cdot C_s$$

Example with Units

$$8.385 \text{ kW} = 6.45 \text{ kW} \cdot 1.3$$

Evaluate Formula 

5.16) Transmission Ratio of Synchronous Belt Drive given no. of Teeth in Smaller and Larger Pulley Formula

Formula

$$i = \frac{T_2}{T_1}$$

Example

$$3 = \frac{60}{20}$$

Evaluate Formula 

5.17) Transmission Ratio of Synchronous Belt drive given Pitch Diameter of Smaller and Larger Pulley Formula

Formula

$$i = \frac{d'_2}{d'_1}$$

Example with Units

$$3 = \frac{762 \text{ mm}}{254 \text{ mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



5.18) Transmission Ratio of Synchronous Belt Drive given Speed of Smaller and Larger Pulley Formula

Formula

$$i = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$$

Example with Units

$$0.3333 = \frac{640 \text{ rev/min}}{1920 \text{ rev/min}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6) V Belt Drives Formulas

6.1) Power Transmission Formulas

6.1.1) Belt Tension in Loose Side of V-Belt given Power Transmitted Formula

Formula

$$P_2 = P_1 \cdot \frac{P_t}{v_b}$$

Example with Units

$$550.0969 \text{ N} = 800 \text{ N} \cdot \frac{6.45 \text{ kW}}{25.81 \text{ m/s}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.1.2) Belt Tension in Tight Side of Belt given Power Transmitted using V-Belt Formula

Formula

$$P_1 = \frac{P_t}{v_b} + P_2$$

Example with Units

$$799.9031 \text{ N} = \frac{6.45 \text{ kW}}{25.81 \text{ m/s}} + 550 \text{ N}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.1.3) Belt Velocity given Power Transmitted using V-Belt Formula

Formula

$$v_b = \frac{P_t}{P_1 - P_2}$$

Example with Units

$$25.8 \text{ m/s} = \frac{6.45 \text{ kW}}{800 \text{ N} - 550 \text{ N}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.1.4) Drive Power to be Transmitted given Number of Belts Required Formula

Formula

$$P_t = N \cdot \frac{F_{cR} \cdot F_{dR} \cdot P_r}{F_{aR}}$$

Example with Units

$$6.4473 \text{ kW} = 2 \cdot \frac{1.08 \cdot 0.94 \cdot 4.128 \text{ kW}}{1.30}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.1.5) Power Rating of Single V-Belt given Number of Belts Required Formula

Formula

$$P_r = P_t \cdot \frac{F_{aR}}{F_{cR} \cdot F_{dR} \cdot N}$$

Example with Units

$$4.1297 \text{ kW} = 6.45 \text{ kW} \cdot \frac{1.30}{1.08 \cdot 0.94 \cdot 2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.1.6) Power Transmitted using V Belt Formula

Formula

$$P_t = (P_1 - P_2) \cdot v_b$$

Example with Units

$$6.4525 \text{ kW} = (800 \text{ N} - 550 \text{ N}) \cdot 25.81 \text{ m/s}$$

Evaluate Formula 



6.2) Selection of V Belts Formulas

6.2.1) Correction Factor for Industrial Service given Design Power Formula

Formula

$$F_{ar} = \frac{P_d}{P_t}$$

Example with Units

$$1.1488 = \frac{7.41 \text{ kW}}{6.45 \text{ kW}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.2.2) Design Power for V Belt Formula

Formula

$$P_d = F_{ar} \cdot P_t$$

Example with Units

$$8.385 \text{ kW} = 1.30 \cdot 6.45 \text{ kW}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.2.3) Pitch diameter of big pulley of V Belt drive Formula

Formula

$$D = d \cdot \left(\frac{n_1}{n_2} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$90 \text{ mm} = 270 \text{ mm} \cdot \left(\frac{640 \text{ rev/min}}{1920 \text{ rev/min}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.2.4) Pitch diameter of smaller pulley given pitch diameter of big pulley Formula

Formula

$$d = D \cdot \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$2430 \text{ mm} = 810 \text{ mm} \cdot \left(\frac{1920 \text{ rev/min}}{640 \text{ rev/min}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.2.5) Speed of bigger pulley given speed of smaller pulley Formula

Formula

$$n_2 = d \cdot \left(\frac{n_1}{D} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$213.3333 \text{ rev/min} = 270 \text{ mm} \cdot \left(\frac{640 \text{ rev/min}}{810 \text{ mm}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.2.6) Speed of smaller pulley given pitch diameter of both pulleys Formula

Formula

$$n_1 = D \cdot \frac{n_2}{d}$$

Example with Units

$$5760 \text{ rev/min} = 810 \text{ mm} \cdot \frac{1920 \text{ rev/min}}{270 \text{ mm}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.2.7) Transmitted Power given Design Power Formula

Formula

$$P_t = \frac{P_d}{F_{ar}}$$

Example with Units

$$5.7 \text{ kW} = \frac{7.41 \text{ kW}}{1.30}$$

Evaluate Formula 



6.3) V Belt Characteristics and Parameters Formulas

6.3.1) Angle of Wrap of V-Belt given Belt Tension in Loose Side of Belt Formula

Formula

$$\alpha = \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{\ln\left(\frac{P_1 - m_v \cdot v_b^2}{P_2 - m_v \cdot v_b^2}\right)}{\mu}$$

Example with Units

$$160.5987^\circ = \sin\left(\frac{62^\circ}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{\ln\left(\frac{800\text{ N} - 0.76\text{ kg/m} \cdot 25.81\text{ m/s}^2}{550\text{ N} - 0.76\text{ kg/m} \cdot 25.81\text{ m/s}^2}\right)}{0.35}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.3.2) Belt Tension in Loose Side of V-Belt Formula

Formula

$$P_2 = \frac{P_1 - m_v \cdot v_b^2}{e^\mu \cdot \frac{\alpha}{\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}} + m_v \cdot v_b^2$$

Example with Units

$$544.4056\text{ N} = \frac{800\text{ N} - 0.76\text{ kg/m} \cdot 25.81\text{ m/s}^2}{e^{0.35} \cdot \frac{160.2^\circ}{\sin\left(\frac{62^\circ}{2}\right)}} + 0.76\text{ kg/m} \cdot 25.81\text{ m/s}^2$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.3.3) Belt Tension in Tight Side of V-Belt Formula

Formula

$$P_1 = \left(e^\mu \cdot \frac{\alpha}{\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}\right) \cdot (P_2 - m_v \cdot v_b^2) + m_v \cdot v_b^2$$

Example with Units

$$843.0982\text{ N} = \left(e^{0.35} \cdot \frac{160.2^\circ}{\sin\left(\frac{62^\circ}{2}\right)}\right) \cdot (550\text{ N} - 0.76\text{ kg/m} \cdot 25.81\text{ m/s}^2) + 0.76\text{ kg/m} \cdot 25.81\text{ m/s}^2$$

Evaluate Formula 



6.3.4) Belt Velocity of V-Belt given Belt Tension in Loose Side Formula

Formula

$$v_b = \sqrt{\frac{P_1 - \left(e^{\mu \cdot \frac{\alpha}{\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}} \cdot P_2 \right)}{m_v \cdot \left(1 - \left(e^{\mu \cdot \frac{\alpha}{\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}} \right) \right)}}$$

Example with Units

$$25.8038 \text{ m/s} = \sqrt{\frac{800 \text{ N} - \left(e^{0.35 \cdot \frac{160.2^\circ}{\sin\left(\frac{62^\circ}{2}\right)}} \cdot 550 \text{ N} \right)}{0.76 \text{ kg/m} \cdot \left(1 - \left(e^{0.35 \cdot \frac{160.2^\circ}{\sin\left(\frac{62^\circ}{2}\right)}} \right) \right)}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.3.5) Coefficient of Friction in V-Belt given Belt Tension in Loose Side of Belt Formula

Formula

$$\mu = \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{\ln\left(\frac{P_1 - m_v \cdot v_b^2}{P_2 - m_v \cdot v_b^2}\right)}{\alpha}$$

Example with Units

$$0.3509 = \sin\left(\frac{62^\circ}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{\ln\left(\frac{800 \text{ N} - 0.76 \text{ kg/m} \cdot 25.81 \text{ m/s}^2}{550 \text{ N} - 0.76 \text{ kg/m} \cdot 25.81 \text{ m/s}^2}\right)}{160.2^\circ}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.3.6) Correcting Factor for Belt Length given Number of Belts Required Formula

Formula

$$F_{cR} = P_t \cdot \frac{F_a r}{N \cdot F_d r \cdot P_r}$$

Example with Units

$$1.0805 = 6.45 \text{ kW} \cdot \frac{1.30}{2 \cdot 0.94 \cdot 4.128 \text{ kW}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.3.7) Correction Factor for Arc of Contact given Number of Belts Required Formula

Formula

$$F_{dR} = P_t \cdot \frac{F_a r}{F_{cR} \cdot N \cdot P_r}$$

Example with Units

$$0.9404 = 6.45 \text{ kW} \cdot \frac{1.30}{1.08 \cdot 2 \cdot 4.128 \text{ kW}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.3.8) Correction Factor for Industrial Services given Number of Belts Required Formula

Formula

$$F_a r = N \cdot \frac{F_{cR} \cdot F_d r \cdot P_r}{P_t}$$

Example with Units

$$1.2995 = 2 \cdot \frac{1.08 \cdot 0.94 \cdot 4.128 \text{ kW}}{6.45 \text{ kW}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.3.9) Effective Pull in V-Belt Formula

Formula

$$P_e = P_1 - P_2$$

Example with Units

$$250 \text{ N} = 800 \text{ N} - 550 \text{ N}$$

Evaluate Formula 



6.3.10) Mass of One Meter Length of V-Belt given Belt Tension in Loose Side Formula

Formula

$$m_v = \frac{P_1 - \left(e^{\mu \cdot \frac{\alpha}{\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}} \right) \cdot P_2}{v_b^2 \cdot \left(1 - \left(e^{\mu \cdot \frac{\alpha}{\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}} \right) \right) \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$0.7596 \text{ kg/m} = \frac{800 \text{ N} - \left(e^{0.35 \cdot \frac{160.2^\circ}{\sin\left(\frac{62^\circ}{2}\right)}} \right) \cdot 550 \text{ N}}{25.81 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot \left(1 - \left(e^{0.35 \cdot \frac{160.2^\circ}{\sin\left(\frac{62^\circ}{2}\right)}} \right) \right) \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

6.3.11) Number of V Belts Required for Given Applications Formula

Formula

$$N = P_t \cdot \frac{F_a r}{F_c r \cdot F_d r \cdot P_r}$$

Example with Units

$$2.0008 = 6.45 \text{ kW} \cdot \frac{1.30}{1.08 \cdot 0.94 \cdot 4.128 \text{ kW}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



Variables used in list of Design of Belt Drives Formulas above

- **a** Minor Axis of Pulley Arm (Millimeter)
- **a_p** Belt Pitch Line and Pulley Tip Circle Radius Width (Millimeter)
- **b** Belt Width (Millimeter)
- **b_a** Major Axis of Pulley Arm (Millimeter)
- **C** Centre Distance between Pulleys (Millimeter)
- **C_s** Service Correction Factor
- **d** Diameter of Small Pulley (Millimeter)
- **D** Diameter of Big Pulley (Millimeter)
- **d_o** Pulley Outside Diameter (Millimeter)
- **d₁** Pulley Pitch Diameter (Millimeter)
- **d₁'** Pitch Diameter of Smaller Pulley (Millimeter)
- **d₂'** Pitch Diameter of Larger Pulley (Millimeter)
- **F_a** Load Correction Factor
- **F_ar** Correction Factor for Industrial Service
- **F_cr** Correction Factor for Belt Length
- **F_dr** Correction Factor for Arc of Contact
- **i** Transmission Ratio of Belt Drive
- **I** Area Moment of Inertia of Arms (Millimeter⁴)
- **l** Datum Length of Belt (Millimeter)
- **L** Belt Length (Millimeter)
- **m** Mass of Meter Length of Belt (Kilogram per Meter)
- **m'** Mass of One Meter Length (Kilogram per Meter)
- **M_b** Bending Moment in Pulley's Arm (Newton Millimeter)
- **M_t** Torque Transmitted by Pulley (Newton Millimeter)
- **m_v** Mass of Meter Length of V Belt (Kilogram per Meter)
- **N** Number of Belts
- **n₁** Speed of Smaller Pulley (Revolution per Minute)




Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Design of Belt Drives Formulas above

- **constant(s): pi**, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
Archimedes' constant
- **constant(s): e**, 2.71828182845904523536028747135266249
Napier's constant
- **Functions: asin**, asin(Number)
The inverse sine function, is a trigonometric function that takes a ratio of two sides of a right triangle and outputs the angle opposite the side with the given ratio.
- **Functions: ln**, ln(Number)
The natural logarithm, also known as the logarithm to the base e, is the inverse function of the natural exponential function.
- **Functions: sin**, sin(Angle)
Sine is a trigonometric function that describes the ratio of the length of the opposite side of a right triangle to the length of the hypotenuse.
- **Functions: sqrt**, sqrt(Number)
A square root function is a function that takes a non-negative number as an input and returns the square root of the given input number.
- **Measurement: Length** in Millimeter (mm)
Length Unit Conversion ↻
- **Measurement: Pressure** in Newton per Square Millimeter (N/mm²)
Pressure Unit Conversion ↻
- **Measurement: Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion ↻
- **Measurement: Power** in Kilowatt (kW)
Power Unit Conversion ↻
- **Measurement: Force** in Newton (N)
Force Unit Conversion ↻
- **Measurement: Angle** in Degree (°)
Angle Unit Conversion ↻
- **Measurement: Angular Velocity** in Revolution per Minute (rev/min)
Angular Velocity Unit Conversion ↻
- **Measurement: Torque** in Newton Millimeter (N*mm)



- n_2 Speed of Larger Pulley (*Revolution per Minute*)
- N_{pu} Number of Arms in Pulley
- P Tangential Force at End of Each Pulley Arm (*Newton*)
- P_1 Belt Tension on Tight Side (*Newton*)
- P_2 Belt Tension on Loose Side (*Newton*)
- P_c Circular Pitch for Synchronous Belt (*Millimeter*)
- P_d Design Power of Belt Drive (*Kilowatt*)
- P_e Effective Pull in V Belt (*Newton*)
- P_i Initial Tension in Belt (*Newton*)
- P_{max} Maximum Tension in Belt (*Newton*)
- P_r Power Rating of Single V-Belt (*Kilowatt*)
- P_s Standard Capacity of Belt (*Kilowatt*)
- P_t Power Transmitted by Belt (*Kilowatt*)
- R Radius of Rim of Pulley (*Millimeter*)
- t Belt Thickness (*Millimeter*)
- T_1 Number of Teeth on Smaller Pulley
- T_2 Number of Teeth on Larger Pulley
- T_b Belt Tension due to Centrifugal Force (*Newton*)
- v_b Belt Velocity (*Meter per Second*)
- v_o Optimum Velocity of Belt (*Meter per Second*)
- v'_o Optimum Belt Velocity (*Meter per Second*)
- Z Number of Teeth on Belt
- α Wrap Angle on Pulley (*Degree*)
- α_a Wrap Angle for Cross Belt Drive (*Degree*)
- α_b Wrap Angle on Big Pulley (*Degree*)
- α_s Wrap Angle on Small Pulley (*Degree*)
- θ V Belt Angle (*Degree*)
- μ Coefficient of Friction for Belt Drive
- σ Tensile Stress in Belt (*Newton per Square Millimeter*)
- σ_b Bending stress in pulley's arm (*Newton per Square Millimeter*)

Torque Unit Conversion 


- **Measurement: Second Moment of Area** in Millimeter⁴ (mm⁴)
Second Moment of Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Linear Mass Density** in Kilogram per Meter (kg/m)
Linear Mass Density Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Stress** in Newton per Square Millimeter (N/mm²)
Stress Unit Conversion 



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