

ENGINEERING INFORMATION

SPUR GEARS

LEWIS FORMULA (Barth Revision)

Gear failure can occur due to tooth breakage (tooth stress) or surface failure (surface durability) as a result of fatigue and wear. Strength is determined in terms of tooth-beam stresses for static and dynamic conditions, following well established formula and procedures. Satisfactory results may be obtained by the use of Barth's Revision to the Lewis Formula, which considers beam strength but not wear. The formula is satisfactory for commercial gears at Pitch Circle velocities of up to 1500 FPM. It is this formula that is the basis for all Boston Spur Gear ratings.

METALLIC SPUR GEARS

$$W = \frac{SFY}{P} \left(\frac{600}{600 + V} \right)$$

- W = Tooth Load, Lbs. (along the Pitch Line)
- S = Safe Material Stress (static) Lbs. per Sq. In. (Table II)
- F = Face Width, In.
- Y = Tooth Form Factor (Table I)
- P = Diametral Pitch
- D = Pitch Diameter
- V = Pitch Line Velocity, Ft. per Min. = .262 x D x RPM

For NON-METALLIC GEARS, the modified Lewis Formula shown below may be used with (S) values of 6000 PSI for Phenolic Laminated material.

$$W = \frac{SFY}{P} \left(\frac{150}{200 + V} + .25 \right)$$

TABLE II—VALUES OF SAFE STATIC STRESS (s)

Material	(s) Lb. per Sq. In.
Plastic	5000
Bronze	10000
Cast Iron	12000
.20 Carbon (Untreated).....	20000
.20 Carbon (Case-hardened).....	25000
.40 Carbon (Untreated).....	25000
.40 Carbon (Heat-treated).....	30000
.40 C. Alloy (Heat-treated).....	40000

Max. allowable torque (T) that should be imposed on a gear will be the safe tooth load (W) multiplied by $\frac{D}{2}$ or $T = \frac{W \times D}{2}$

The safe horsepower capacity of the gear (at a given RPM) can be calculated from $HP = \frac{T \times RPM}{63,025}$ or directly from (W) and (V);

$$HP = \frac{WV}{33,000}$$

$$\text{For a known HP, } T = \frac{63025 \times HP}{RPM}$$

TABLE I TOOTH FORM FACTOR (Y)

Number of Teeth	14-1/2° Full Depth Involute	20° Full Depth Involute
10	0.176	0.201
11	0.192	0.226
12	0.210	0.245
13	0.223	0.264
14	0.236	0.276
15	0.245	0.289
16	0.255	0.295
17	0.264	0.302
18	0.270	0.308
19	0.277	0.314
20	0.283	0.320
22	0.292	0.330
24	0.302	0.337
26	0.308	0.344
28	0.314	0.352
30	0.318	0.358
32	0.322	0.364
34	0.325	0.370
36	0.329	0.377
38	0.332	0.383
40	0.336	0.389
45	0.340	0.399
50	0.346	0.408
55	0.352	0.415
60	0.355	0.421
65	0.358	0.425
70	0.360	0.429
75	0.361	0.433
80	0.363	0.436
90	0.366	0.442
100	0.368	0.446
150	0.375	0.458
200	0.378	0.463
300	0.382	0.471
Rack	0.390	0.484