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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the first issue of Gear Technology India Magazine for the year 2024! This edition delves into the intricate world of gear finishing processes and gear inspection, offering a wealth of technical articles, interviews, and event reports.

Highlighted articles include insights into key players in gear finishing, discussions on innovative solutions for health hazards in gear surface finishing by Hengst Filtration, The Nuts and Bolts of Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) in Gear Inspection,India And The Gear Industry Today and much more. Our ongoing knowledge sessions via webinars have received tremendous feedback, and we extend our gratitude to all participants for their active engagement in these interactive Q&A sessions.

Kicking off the year, we were honored to host the 8th edition of IPTEX and the 6th edition of GRINDEX, bringing together over 70 exhibitors from 10 countries at the Auto Cluster Exhibition Centre in Pune, Maharashtra, India. This three-day expo provided a vital platform for manufacturers, suppliers, and professionals to showcase their latest products, innovations, and technologies.

In a milestone event, Gear Technology India introduced the inaugural Business Excellence Gear Awards and the Gear Technology India Summit 2024. This knowledge-sharing platform featured presentations and panel discussions by industry experts and professionals, further enriching our community's collective expertise. We are also thrilled to share that the IPTEX GRINDEX 2024, alongside the inaugural Gear Technology India Summit and GTI Awards, concluded with resounding success!

The event witnessed remarkable participation from across the globe, with representatives and enthusiasts hailing from Europe, North America, Asia, and beyond. The convergence of industry leaders, innovators, and enthusiasts from diverse continents has truly enriched our discussions, insights, and collaborations.

As we reflect on the outstanding achievements and vibrant exchanges that took place during the event, I am confident that the momentum generated will take us towards even greater advancements and collaborations in the future.

Thank you for your continued support and participation. Together, let's propel the gear industry to new heights of excellence.

Warm regards

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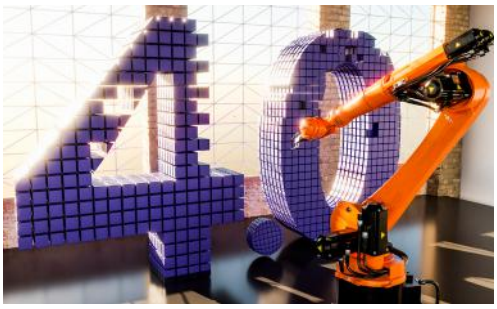
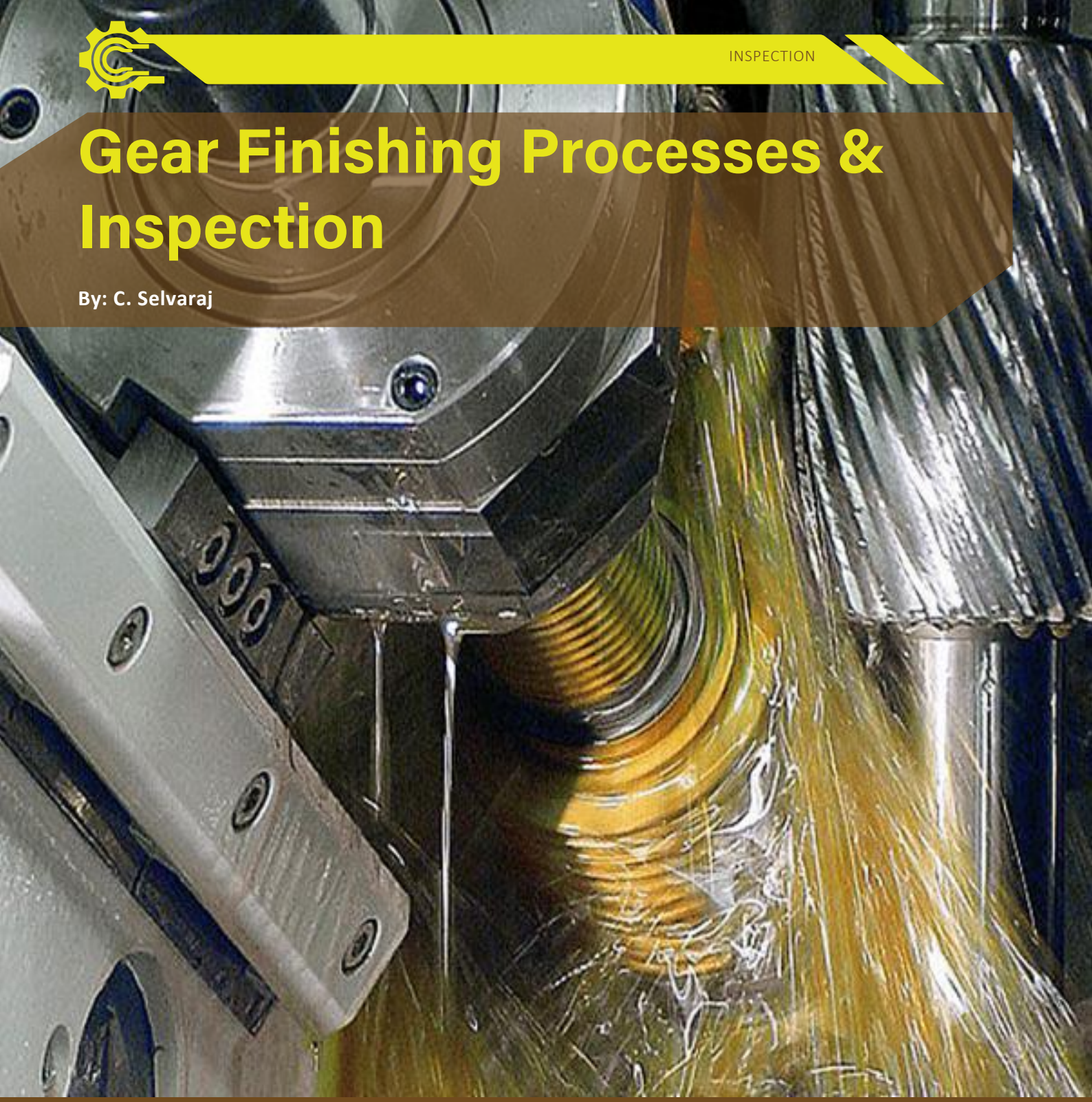


Gear Finishing Processes & Inspection

By: C. Selvaraj



From gear hobbing to gear grinding, each process is meticulously dissected to highlight its significance in the manufacturing landscape.

Gear hobbing, for instance, emerges as a preferred method for finishing hardened gears and worm wheels, offering a pathway to achieve stringent accuracy standards.

Similarly, gear shaving is explored as a crucial operation to fine-tune gear profiles, correcting errors and enhancing precision before heat treatment.

The following processes are being used for finishing the gear. Tooth parameters.

1. Gear Hobbing
2. Gear Shaving
3. Lapping/Hard Cutting
4. Gear Grinding

Depending on the types of Gear, and accuracy requirements, we need to select the appropriate process.

Gear Hobbing

The gear hobbing process is being used as a finishing operation for hardened gears & Worm wheels.

For some of the applications, customers want Spur/ Helical gears to be manufactured/finished through the hobbing process itself. In these cases, with the hardness of 300-320BHN gears can be hobbed by using AAA class carbide cutters to achieve DIN 7/8 Class of accuracy.

Worm wheels gear tooth profile finished by the hobbing process. By using appropriate worm hob cutters with the correct module can be selected for gear cutting. Since worm wheel material is used as PB2Z, We can maintain a surface roughness of 0.8 microns.

Gear Shaving

Gear shaving operation is used as a gear profile finishing process. Gear shaving cutters are being used for Gear shaving operations. Gears run at high speed in mesh and are pressed against a hardened shaving cutter. In this process, metal removal was very minimal.
The gear-shaving process is most widely used for finishing spur and helical gears.
This process is used after teeth cutting before heat treatment to improve accuracy. In this process, we can correct errors in tooth spacing, helix angle, and tooth profile to improve accuracy. Gear shaving is performed with a cutter and gear at crossed axes.

The crossed-axes angle controls the finishing of the component. If the angle is smaller, the finish will be finer. Angles ranging from 8 degrees to 15 degrees is ideal. In the shaving process, helical cutters of a helix angle 10-15degree, are generally used for spur gears and vice versa. In some cases, helical gears are shaved by using helical cutters. The action between the cutter and gears is a combination of rolling and sliding.

In the rack-shaving process, a rack-type shaving cutter is to be used. In this rack shaving, the rack is reciprocated under the gear to be shaved and infeed takes place at the end of each stroke.

Lapping

The lapping process followed for the spiral bevel gear /straight bevel gear manufacturing process. Lapping process used for case-hardened bevel gears.

This process can improve active tooth profile finish and tooth contact location, provided that gears do not have excessive errors during soft cutting or high distortions in heat treatment. Sometimes overlapping will do more harm for bevel gears.

Hard cutting

The hard-cutting process is used for spiral bevel gears. This process followed as a finishing process after heat treatment. CBN tools are used for hard cutting to improve productivity and accuracy.

A properly controlled process, starting from the design concept, good bevel generators, hard cutting tools, including sharpening fixtures, special machines, and a trained workforce, are a must for successful bevel hard cutting.

In the Bevel hard cutting process, gear teeth flanks are finished by removing the soft or rough teeth cutting. This process is similar to teeth grinding, with almost all operations remaining the same, with the exception of tooth grinding, which is replaced by hard cutting.

Gear Grinding

The gear grinding process is the most accurate method of finishing gear teeth.
This method is slower and more expensive, but it gives the highest quality gears.
Abrasive grinding wheels of a particular shape and geometry are used for finishing gear teeth.
There are two basic methods for the gear grinding process. Form grinding and generation grinding.

Form Grinding

This is very similar to machining gear teeth by a single disc type form milling cutter, where the grinding wheel is dressed to the form that is exactly required on the gear.

The gear to be finished is mounted and reciprocated under the grinding wheel.

The teeth are finished one by one and after one tooth is finished, the blank is indexed to the next tooth space as in the form milling operation. The need for indexing makes the process slow and less accurate.

Generation method

In this method, gear teeth generation by one or multi-toothed rack cutter. The single or multi-ribbed rotating grinding wheel is reciprocated along the gear teeth. For finishing large gear teeth, a pair of thin dish-type grinding wheels are used. However, the contacting surfaces of the wheels are made to behave as the two flanks of the virtual rack tooth.

Usually, gear grinding is performed after a gear has been cut and heat-treated to a high hardness.
Teeth made by grinding are usually those of fine pitch, where the amount of metal removed is much less.

Conclusion

We need to select the appropriate gear-finishing processes based on the type of gears to be finished, expected accuracy levels, Material used, hardness observed etc.

For spur and helical gears, if we go for the gear grinding process we can get the highest accuracy level of DIN2, Which is required for aerospace and defence applications.

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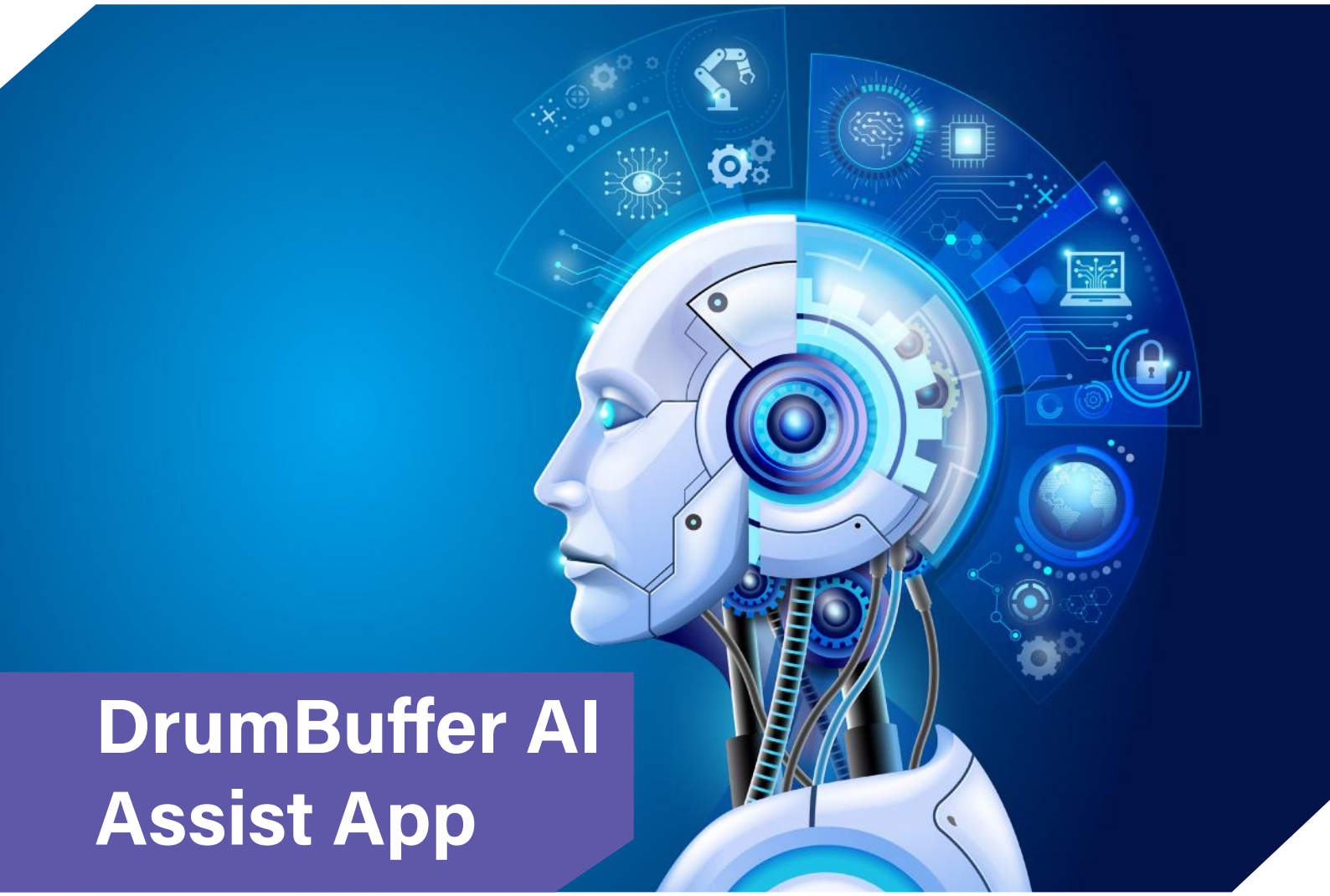

DrumBuffer AI Assist App

In the realm of manufacturing, the International Society of Automation highlights a critical issue: factories often experience a loss of manufacturing capacity due to downtime, ranging from 5% to 20%.

Traditional preventive maintenance processes, which involve repairing machines at fixed intervals based on time or usage, still result in significant equipment failures.

These failures lead to idle workers, increased scrap rates, lost revenues, and disgruntled customers. Moreover, preventive maintenance sometimes replaces parts that still have a considerable working life, resulting in wasted time and money.

AI-based predictive maintenance offers a smarter approach. It leverages data from various sources, including IoT sensors embedded in equipment, manufacturing operations data, and environmental data.

By analysing this wealth of information, AI models can identify patterns that indicate failure modes for specific components. They can also generate more accurate predictions of component lifespan based on environmental conditions.

When specific failure signals are detected or component ageing criteria are met, the components can be replaced during scheduled maintenance windows.

But that's not all. Traditional manufacturing processes often involve significant investment in prototyping and destructive testing to find safe and cost-effective assembly solutions. While this development process is essential to ensure that a design meets client specifications, it can be expensive in terms of wasted materials and time for designers and engineers.

By analysing a wide range of data—materials properties, prior configurations, test results, and more—AI can uncover patterns that lead to optimal manufacturing solutions.

It's like having a keen-eyed detective searching for clues in the manufacturing data landscape.

The result? More efficient processes, better designs, and ultimately, satisfied clients.

So, whether it's predicting maintenance needs or optimizing assembly methods, AI is transforming the manufacturing industry, one data point at a time.

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- Self-Service Support. It reduces information barriers for customers and provides efficient solutions to issues.
- Incorporating DBR AI Assist into knowledge management can revolutionize how organizations operate, fostering efficiency and growth.

Use Cases:

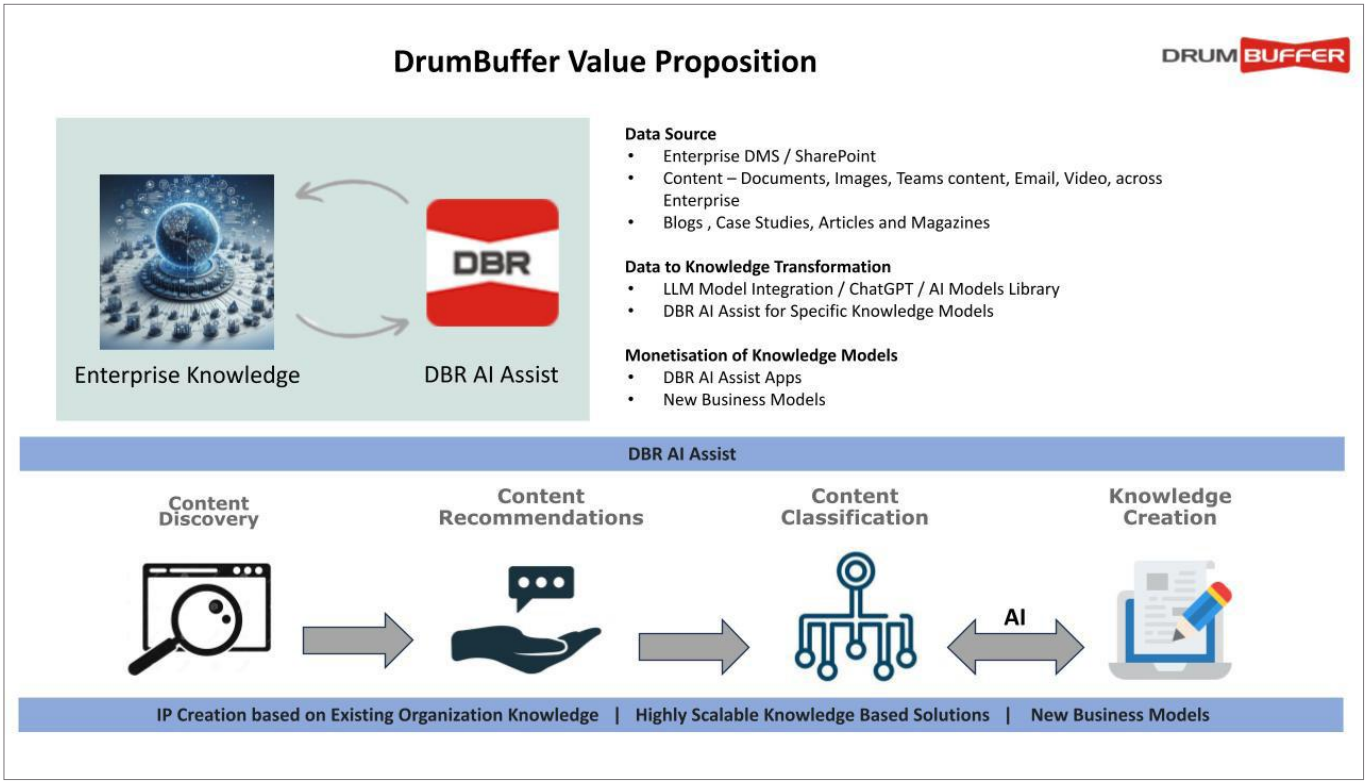
- Troubleshoot for Maintenance
- Gear Box Maintenance Assist
- Gear Box Selection Assist
- Gear Box comparison across various Brands

Conclusion

The DrumBuffer AI Assist App represents a significant advancement in manufacturing efficiency and effectiveness. By leveraging AI-based predictive maintenance, it addresses the critical issue of downtime in factories, leading to increased capacity and productivity.

Additionally, AI-driven analysis optimizes assembly methods, reducing costs and improving design outcomes.

Moreover, the integration of AI into knowledge management systems enhances organizational efficiency by facilitating seamless access to information and promoting collaboration. As AI continues to evolve, its transformative impact on the manufacturing industry promises to revolutionize operations and drive sustainable growth.



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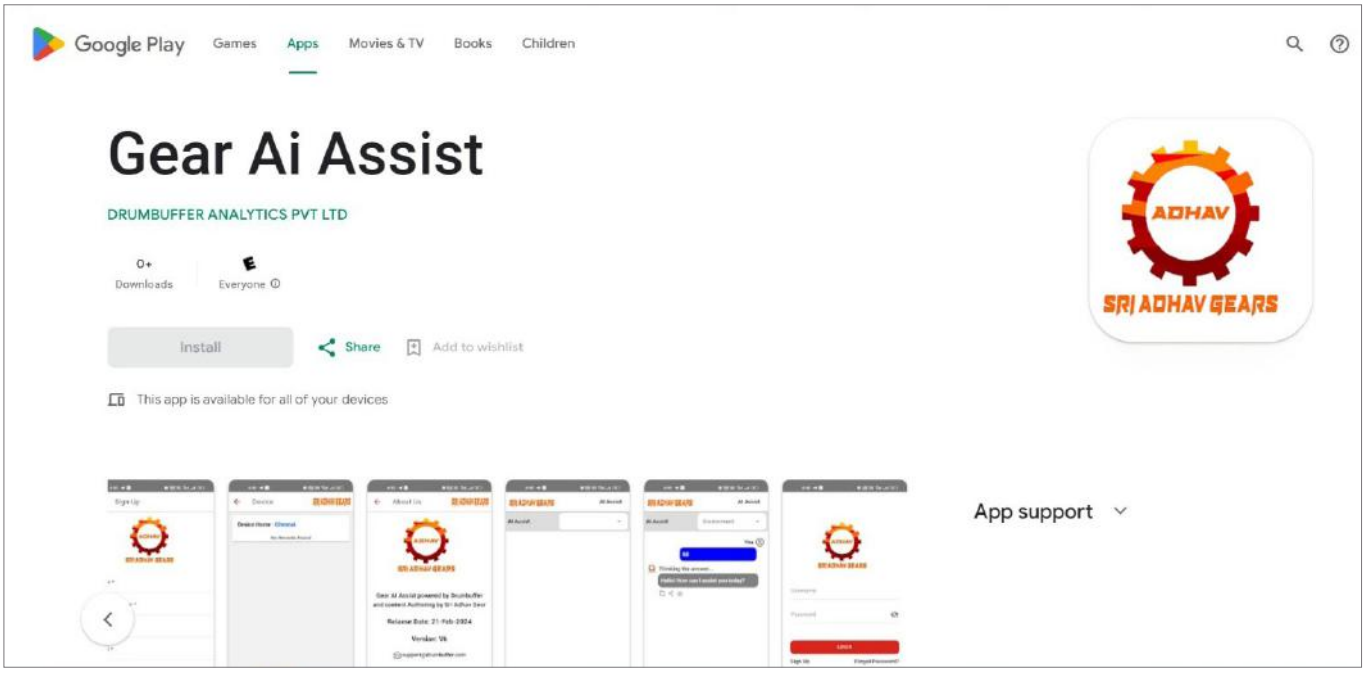

India And The Gear Industry Today

By: Ramakrishna Mantravadi

Whither art thou. Is India going to make any ripples in the Gear Manufacturing Industry & cater to the needs of India nay Bharat and the World? The cold war-like situation between the Western Nations on one side & one Asian country on the other side gives some indication of the precarious nature which can impact the global economy with devastating effects.

Many acknowledge that maintaining superiority in the market is a dream of every Industry. Strategies & tactics are applied or imposed on, either the company or the Nation in which the Industry is based.

This leads to a demand-supply tug-of-war & economics worked out and doled to consumers on a no-choice basis, based on the situation manipulated by various factors.

There is always a need to moderate & ensure that Demand & Supply chains are within reasonable margins of operability based on Ethical Business Practices.

There are many modes in which an Industry operates with respect to the environment that is glaringly visible to outsiders and that which is not so apparent (The Iceberg analogy). Let us take the example of the microelectronic components required in the automotive sector a few months back. It triggered a choke in the supply chain leading to extended delivery schedules of passenger cars.

The result was that some consumers approached alternate sources for their needs. This is a disruptive practice that can impact the Industry in a hard way.

Some time back (around the late Nineties) the purchasing power of the Indian middle class for affordable units on one hand and the hunger for their dream machines led every passenger car manufacturer to set up shop in India. Ones who understood the dynamics, adapted to the situation.

The assistance of Local entities and partnering with them to source components locally enabled them to optimise costs and thereby affordability to pitch in their marketing strategy.

The boom in business has seen an inflow of more entities. I guess this did help the Indian Gear manufacturing Industry also to stake a claim on this business. Partnerships were fostered for Tie-ups with the Principals abroad.

Coming to the situation today, there is a clarion call from the GOI stipulating the need for Self-Reliance. Dependence on external sources while being acknowledged on the principle of mutually beneficial partnerships can be limited to the core competence of the principal. This would leverage inclusive business partnerships with both concerns on a win-win footing.

The Indian Government is taking a lead with regard to the reduction in Carbon footprint and newer platforms to address are already in the pipeline. The idea of harvesting NRES, though promulgated a few decades ago, did not take off as planned.

The reasons could be multifaceted, starting from viability, generation of internal resources, efficient packaging of the business model, end user pliability and public policy. If we take the example of Wind Turbines, the business model has not provided succour to the parties involved.

In the initial stages, encouragement was given to the Industry in the form of subsidy, and the business proposition was beneficial to an extent. As time passed by and the vagaries of nature played their role, the users were besieged with maintenance problems.

The sufferer was inevitably the Gearbox – as it is the only entity having Metal-to-Metal contact. The cost overruns and the Timelines for bringing back to operational mode, not to mention the penalty clause, made many firms walk out of the Contract.

The gear industry has to consider this aspect when dealing in this sector. Is it the reason that there are a few players in this line of business as far as Gearboxes are concerned?

The current day situation is lightening up the transportation sector. It is public knowledge that the Indian Government is going full steam to improve the lives of Indians by providing reliable and safe transportation systems the Vande Bharat Train for example which has kick-started the revolution which the world is watching.

There may be other kinds too which will pick up speed anytime and need to be carefully followed through by everyone for whom Business matters. Don't forget – the Early Bird gets the Worm.

The other area that the Gear Industry can look forward to is EV transportation – Passenger Buses & Cars. The Journey has begun, and some parties have already pitched in, there may be a time when it may not suffice to meet the demand of the Market.

Being in its nascent stage, further developments; especially on the Gearboxes can pave the way for enhanced business, profitability and of course After market business potential. The concept of "Atmanirbhar Bharat" has been seeded, and the Gear Industry in India has given it a thought. The end users who are sceptical of the domestic players need to be brought onto the discussion table Iron out the concerns and take them on board with proper justification and confidence-building measures.

GOI has been very assertive in its vision for the same, which can be taken in two phases by the Gear Manufacturers viz: Atmavalokan (looking inward) related to capability & capacity on one hand & Establishing the facility catering to the development & ensuring the commitment to its fruition.

Gear manufacturers, across the world, have focussed primarily on their niche portfolios and the customer reach they have. Likewise, Indian Gear Manufacturers followed the same principle by taking a leaf out of their overseas counterparts.

The exercise has yielded positive results to a large extent and Companies have set up strong foundations in their respective areas of interest, ensuring continuous business potential.

Another aspect that needs attention is the foray into new pastures related to the Gear field by Indian Gear Manufacturers.

At the same time, new technologies to speed up manufacturing, high purity and homogenous metallurgy meeting ISO 6336-5 ME quality need to be explored considering stringent regimes of operation need to be consolidated. Technology Process has to be written and reviewed for establishment and if required a course correction to be implemented.

For this, there is no other way than to develop prototypes & experiment with them to learn from them & develop further. The environment of operation needs to be carefully simulated to match the exact operational environment with detailed evaluation & analysis.

Hitherto closed avenues for strategic requirements (e.g.: Defence & Aerospace) are also opening out. There is a stigma associated with respect to this domain. End users following the policy or certain stipulations emanating from elsewhere require thorough review and necessarily amend such needs.

Certain stipulations in the design and manufacture of critical Gearboxes can be simplified, which require industries & end users to take the support & guidance of experts in the field. One reason that I overheard from a Gear manufacturer is the business volume and the repeat order.

One point of concern observed is the reluctance of Gear manufacturers to expand their business horizons from their current core strengths. It could be due to the facility constraints on one hand or a possible impact on the current manufacturing line. A company I know & have been following since the mid-nineties till date has an exhaustive set-up and had to shift its

manufacturing base from a location in the city to another location on the outskirts of the same city that has more manufacturing area.

The company has done excellently well and reorganised its facility by adapting the manufacturing set-up to the flow of operations.

Another learning from this company is that it did not stop on its facility enhancement. Rather it continued installing new & latest state-of-the-art machinery well in advance, rather than wait for the need to arise.

A strategic sector in India depends on – out-of-country sources for the needs of Spares. Incidentally owing to a crisis, the source of the equipment disappeared one fine day leaving a huge gap.

The same if not remedied on time would have created a crisis of sorts. Luckily an Indian Company came forward and has bridged the gap. There is great learning from this small example, in which we may take out a leaf.

Knowledge of Gears alone may not suffice when speaking in the context of the system integration – The Big Picture.

Almost the entire gamut of mechanical engineering coupled with Metallurgy, Rotordynamics, and strength of materials juxtapose one another to give a consistently performing machine.

This does not end here- knowledge of the Prime Mover & the Driven equipment provides a better understanding & facilitates making the best Gearbox.

Expertise: There are a few experts in the Gear Industry or they do not advertise themselves for some reason best known to them.

Unfortunately, Time is not on anyone's side & thereby it may be lost due to improper mentoring or the availability of the right mentee.

This could be one reason why indiscriminate dependence on software tools without diligent discrimination and application of thought may have impacted the development of the Gear Design to an extent.

The migration of young Engineers to the IT field and Finance after their Engineering graduation has made some impact and hopefully, in the days to come, there will be something coming that augurs well for the Gear Industry.

Better late than never, maybe policy directives or attractive packages would woo capable youngsters into the Gear Industry & enable them to pursue this field. Not to mention, there must be a passion and zeal to go forward. The learning never stops and who knows, someone may discover better ways to transmit the required motive force with better efficiency. Lastly, talent needs to be identified along with the patient passion in an individual. The next step would be to nurture the individual and develop a growth plan both in terms of technical expertise & a good financial package.

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India's Rise as a Manufacturing Powerhouse: A Look at the Country's Success and Growth Drivers

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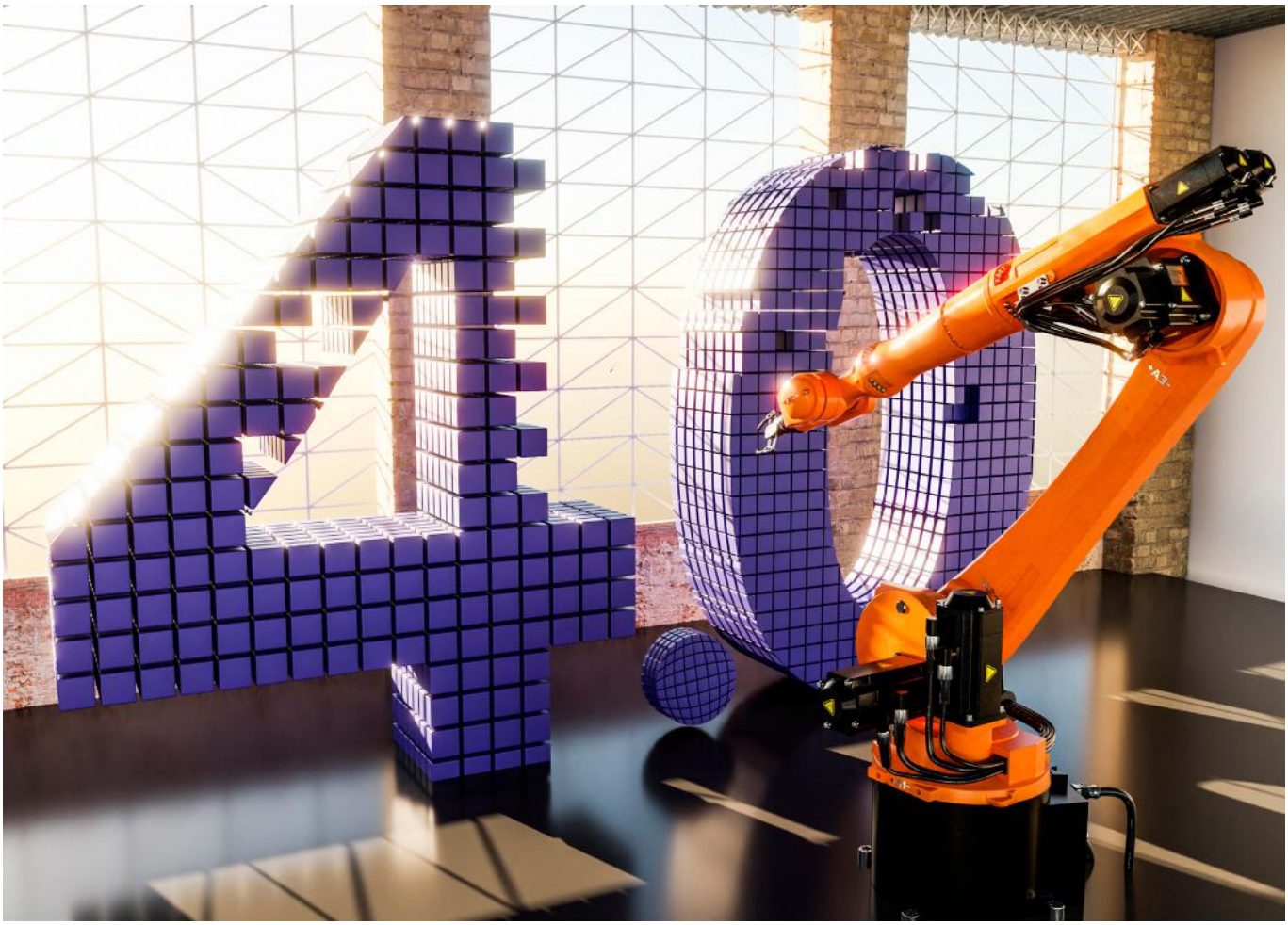


India has been steadily climbing the ranks as a global manufacturing hub in recent years, with the country's diverse economy and skilled workforce making it an attractive destination for investors.

The government's 'Make in India' initiative has further fuelled this growth, with a focus on attracting foreign investment and encouraging domestic production.

In this article, we will take a closer look at India's rise as a manufacturing powerhouse and some examples of its success. India, as per India Brand Equity Foundation, is making strides towards Industry 4.0 with initiatives like the National Manufacturing Policy and PLI scheme for manufacturing, aiming to increase the manufacturing share in GDP to 25% by 2025 and develop core manufacturing to global standards.

One of the key factors contributing to India's manufacturing success is its large and diverse economy.

The country is home to a wide range of industries, from automotive and electronics to textiles and pharmaceuticals. This diversity has helped India

weather global economic fluctuations and attract a diverse set of investors. Additionally, India's large and growing middle class has created a strong domestic market for manufactured goods, providing further incentives for companies to invest in production in the country.

Another key factor driving India's manufacturing growth is its skilled workforce. India has a large pool of young and educated workers, with a median age of 28 years old.

This demographic advantage has made India an attractive destination for companies looking for a skilled and affordable workforce.

Furthermore, the country has a strong network of technical and vocational training institutions, which have helped produce a highly skilled workforce in specialized areas such as engineering and technology.

India's success in manufacturing can be seen in a number of examples. Foxconn, a Taiwanese electronics manufacturing giant and a supplier for Apple, is reportedly planning to invest more than $200 million in a new plant in India for the production and supply of AirPods, among other products.

Similarly, Samsung has established its second-largest manufacturing facility in Noida, Uttar Pradesh, and its largest Research and Development centre in Bengaluru, India. Having started operations in India in 1996, the company now employs nearly 70,000 individuals in the country.

India's automotive sector has also seen significant growth in recent years. The National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency predict that India will become the third-largest automotive market in the world by volume by 2030.

Additionally, it is projected that the electric vehicle (EV) market will experience a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 49% between 2022 and 2030, resulting in 10 million units of annual sales by 2030.

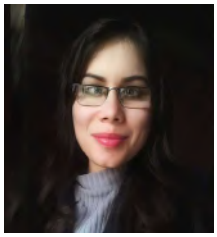
This growth is also expected to create 50 million direct and indirect jobs in the EV industry by 2030.

India's pharmaceutical industry is another success story, with the country emerging as a major producer of generic drugs.

According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, over the past nine years, the Indian pharmaceutical industry has grown at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 9.43%, evolving into a thriving industry that now holds the third rank in terms of pharmaceutical production by volume.

The country is home to a number of large pharmaceutical companies, including Sun Pharma, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, and Cipla, which have a strong presence in both domestic and international markets.India's manufacturing sector has become a major global player, driven by a diverse economy, skilled workforce, and supportive government policies.

With significant growth in industries such as electronics, automotive, and pharmaceuticals, India is poised to further strengthen its position in the global economy through continued investment in manufacturing capabilities.



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HIGHLIGHT

India's ascent as a global manufacturing hub is propelled by its diverse economy and skilled workforce, bolstered by government initiatives like 'Make in India.'

With a focus on Industry 4.0, exemplified by the National Manufacturing Policy and PLI scheme, India aims to boost manufacturing's GDP share to 25% by 2025.

With supportive policies and burgeoning sectors, India's manufacturing prowess continues to rise, shaping its position in the global economy.

Post Event Report: IPTEX & GRINDEX 2024

IPTEX & GRINDEX-2024, held at the Auto Cluster Exhibition Centre in Pune, Maharashtra, marked a significant milestone in the advancement of manufacturing technology in India.

This three-day event showcased cutting-edge gear technology, power transmission innovations, and surface grinding advancements, positioning India as a key player in the global manufacturing landscape.

The event also featured the inaugural Gear Technology India Summit and an awards ceremony, highlighting the excellence and achievements within the Indian gear industry. It served as a testament to the gear industry's resilience, creativity, and dedication to pushing the boundaries of innovation and excellence. Over three days, the exhibitors and the visitors showed immense interest in exploring the industrial innovation and were impassioned to learn from the experts around.

Exhibition Highlights

The event boasted the participation of over 70 exhibitors from 10 different countries, showcasing the latest innovations in gears, mechanical power transmission, and surface grinding technology.

Industry giants such as Kapp Niles, Reishauer AG, Proteck Machinery, Matrix Coventry, Nimble Machines, and Tyrolit were among the notable exhibitors, demonstrating a comprehensive display of


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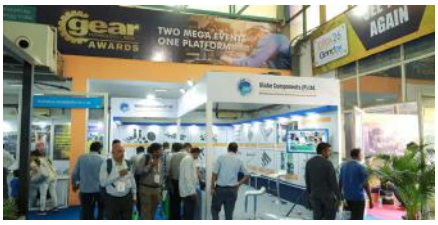
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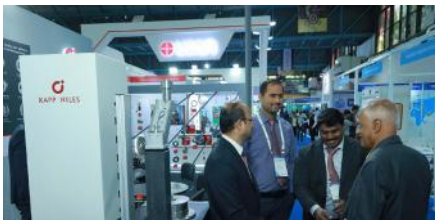


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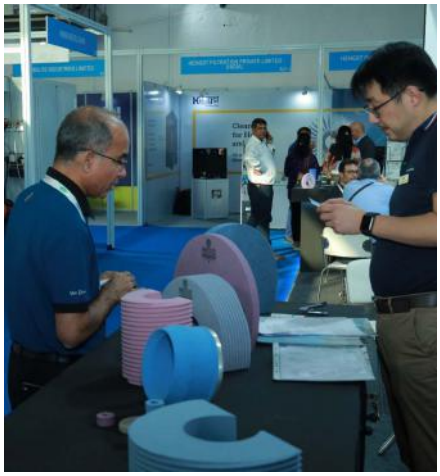


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cutting-edge technologies. The exhibition attracted a diverse audience, with over 3,000 business visitors representing various sectors in manufacturing, including aerospace, automobile, defence equipment, marine, power generation, steel, and cement industries.

Gear Technology India Summit 2024

A significant component of the event was the debut edition of the Gear Technology India Summit-2024, organised in collaboration with the American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA).

This pioneering summit served as a crucial platform for knowledge exchange among industry experts, featuring panel discussions and seminars covering various aspects of the gear industry.

Experts discussed topics such as the latest trends in gear manufacturing, the role of gears in the EV sector, the application of artificial intelligence in the gear industry, and concepts related to gear design and development.

There were also presentations by industry experts on the role of gear oil technology, fundamentally the role of lubrication for seamless industrial operations in the manufacturing sectors.

The summit witnessed a good participation of industry experts and students from mechanical engineering backgrounds showing their keen interest in learning from the presenters who shared invaluable knowledge during the Gear Technology India Summit.

Awards Ceremony

The second day of the exhibition featured India's inaugural gear industry business excellence and achievement awards ceremony.

Manufacturers and vendors gathered to celebrate their remarkable efforts and contributions to the Indian gear industry. Awards were presented under distinct categories, including excellence in design and development, manufacturing, cutting tools and innovation, heat treatment, servicing and testing, and social commitment.

Conclusion

IPTEX & GRINDEX-2024 was a grand success, underscoring India's ascent in manufacturing excellence and technological innovation.

The event provided a platform for industry leaders to showcase their latest offerings, exchange knowledge, and celebrate achievements within the gear industry.

Exhibitors expressed satisfaction with the expo, highlighting its role in fostering collaboration and driving advancements in gear technology. As India continues to strengthen its position in the global manufacturing landscape, events like IPTEX & GRINDEX play a pivotal role in shaping the future of the industry.

Tactile Triumph: A Spotlight on Contact-Based Gear Inspection Techniques

By: Nishant Kashyap

The seamless operation of mechanical systems hinges on the accuracy of gears, making gear inspection a pivotal process in manufacturing.

This scrutiny ensures that gears meet stringent quality standards, preventing potential issues such as increased friction and mechanical failure.

Within the realm of gear inspection, the tactile triumph of contact-based techniques, including the use of Coordinate Measuring Machines (CMMs), gear callipers, and micrometres, takes centre stage.

Unlike non-contact methods, these tools physically engage with gears, providing a hands-on approach that captures nuanced details crucial for optimal performance.

Importance of Contact-Based Techniques:

Direct contact in gear inspection serves as a cornerstone for achieving unparalleled accuracy in measurements, playing a pivotal role in upholding the highest standards of quality and reliability in gear manufacturing.

Unlike non-contact methods, which may infer measurements from a distance, contact-based techniques, such as the use of Coordinate Measuring Machines (CMMs), gear callipers, and micrometres, involve physical interaction between inspection tools and the gear surfaces.

This direct engagement allows for a detailed examination of the gear geometry, tooth profiles, and overall dimensions, ensuring that each component aligns precisely with the intended specifications.

Types of Traditional Gear-Checking Instruments:

To uphold the exacting standards of dimensional accuracy and tooth profile integrity, an array of traditional gear-checking instruments comes into play, each designed to engage directly with gears, offering a tactile approach for precise measurements and comprehensive analysis.

Gear Calipers: Functionality: Gear callipers are precision tools with toothed jaws designed to measure the dimensions of gears, including tooth thickness, pitch diameter, and other critical parameters.

Measurements and Analyses: Gear callipers provide direct and accurate measurements of various gear dimensions, helping ensure conformity to design specifications.

Gear Micrometres: Functionality: Gear micrometres are specialised micrometres designed for measuring gear tooth thickness and other dimensions with high precision.

Measurements and Analyses: These instruments offer accurate readings of gear parameters, allowing for meticulous inspection of tooth geometry and dimensions.

Gear Testers: Functionality: Gear testers, including rolling gear testers, simulate the motion of gears under operational conditions. They assess the smoothness, accuracy, and noise levels of gear engagement.

Measurements and Analyses: These testers provide dynamic measurements, evaluating the gear performance under realistic conditions, including backlash, transmission errors, and vibration analysis.

The Big Deal - “Coordinate Measuring Machines (CMM)”:

Coordinate Measuring Machines (CMMs) are advanced metrology instruments widely used in manufacturing and quality control processes to measure the physical dimensions and geometrical characteristics of three-dimensional objects.

CMMs play a crucial role in gear inspection by providing precise and detailed measurements of complex gear geometries.

CMMs operate based on a Cartesian coordinate system, where the machine’s probing system moves along three orthogonal axes (X, Y, and Z).

The gear to be inspected is securely mounted on the CMM’s platform, and the machine’s probe is

directed to specific points on the gear's surface. The CMM records the positional data of the probe, allowing for the creation of a highly accurate and detailed three-dimensional representation of the gear.

Precision and Versatility of CMMs in Measuring Complex Gear Geometries

High Precision: CMMs are renowned for their exceptional precision, making them ideal for measuring the intricate geometries of gears.

The accuracy of CMMs is typically within micrometres, ensuring that even the smallest details of gear teeth profiles, pitch diameters, and other critical dimensions are measured with reliability.

Versatility: CMMs offer versatility in measuring various types of gears, including spur gears, helical gears, bevel gears, and more.

Their flexibility allows for the inspection of gears of different sizes and configurations, making CMMs adaptable to a wide range of manufacturing applications.

Dimensional and Form Analysis: CMMs excel in providing comprehensive dimensional and form analysis.

They can accurately measure parameters such as tooth thickness, pitch diameter, runout, and concentricity, offering a holistic view of gear geometry and adherence to design specifications.

In conclusion, CMMs are invaluable tools in the gear inspection process, offering both precision and versatility, ensuring that manufactured gears meet the stringent quality standards demanded by modern industries.

Emphasis on Tactile Feedback for Quality Assurance:

In the context of gear inspection, tactile feedback acts as a crucial quality assurance mechanism. It allows inspectors to not only measure the dimensions accurately but also assess the texture, hardness, and overall integrity of the gear surfaces.

This hands-on approach, facilitated by direct contact, instils confidence in the manufacturing process, as inspectors can rely on both quantitative measurements# and qualitative tactile feedback to verify the quality of each gear produced.

By emphasising the role of tactile feedback through direct contact, gear inspection techniques not only meet the demands of precision manufacturing but also contribute to the overall reliability and longevity of gears in diverse applications.

The tactile triumph in gear inspection ensures that each gear component is meticulously scrutinised, promoting a level of quality assurance that is indispensable for the seamless and efficient functioning of mechanical systems.

Conclusive Notes:

In the ever-evolving landscape of manufacturing, the realm of contact-based gear inspection is witnessing a transformative journey, propelled by cutting-edge

technologies and innovative approaches. Automation has emerged as a key protagonist, seamlessly integrating with contact-based inspection systems to expedite processes and mitigate the risk of human error.

Concurrently, the infusion of artificial intelligence has ushered in a new era of intelligent analysis, empowering gear inspection with the ability to discern intricate patterns and anomalies with unparalleled precision.

Embracing Industry 4.0 concepts, smart factories orchestrate real-time data exchange, fostering a connected ecosystem where gear inspection seamlessly communicates with other manufacturing processes.

Complementing these advancements are sophisticated sensor technologies, delivering heightened sensitivity and precision in contact probes, while multi-sensor systems provide a comprehensive approach, capturing both tactile and optical data.

Moreover, data analytics now facilitates predictive maintenance, enabling gear inspection systems to anticipate potential issues and uphold seamless operations.

As manufacturing evolves, the enduring significance of contact-based gear inspection techniques becomes increasingly evident, standing as a testament to their role in ensuring precision, reliability, and adaptability in the manufacturing processes of today and tomorrow.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Tactile Triumph in Gear Inspection:
The article emphasises the importance of contact-based gear inspection techniques in ensuring accuracy and reliability in gear manufacturing, highlighting the hands-on approach provided by tools like Coordinate Measuring Machines (CMMs), gear callipers, and micrometres.

Traditional Gear-Checking Instruments:
Traditional gear-checking instruments such as gear callipers, gear micrometres, and gear testers are discussed for their role in achieving dimensional accuracy and tooth profile integrity, offering precise measurements and comprehensive analysis.

Coordinate Measuring Machines (CMMs):
CMMs are presented as advanced metrology instruments crucial in gear inspection, providing precise and detailed measurements of complex gear geometries through a Cartesian coordinate system, with high precision and versatility in measuring various types of gears.

Emphasis on Tactile Feedback:
The article underscores the significance of tactile feedback in gear inspection, enabling inspectors to assess not only dimensions but also texture, hardness, and overall integrity of gear surfaces, contributing to quality assurance in gear manufacturing.

Industry 4.0 Integration:
The integration of Industry 4.0 concepts into gear inspection is highlighted, showcasing how smart factories and data analytics facilitate real-time data exchange, predictive maintenance, and seamless operations, ensuring the continued significance of contact-based inspection techniques in modern manufacturing.

The article concludes by affirming the enduring significance of contact-based gear inspection techniques in ensuring precision, reliability, and adaptability in the manufacturing processes of today and tomorrow, amidst advancements in technology and automation.

A Comprehensive Product Range – Multiple Skills

The quality requirements expected from today's gear manufacturers are ever increasing, and sit alongside constant demands for cost reduction. Having a broad range of different grinding and dressing tools means TYROLIT can offer a host of solutions to customers, tailored exactly to their specific needs. As gear manufacturing specialists, they can optimise processes on location, saving the operator time and money.

In many areas of technology, transmissions and their components make an ever-increasing, valuable contribution to the safe, long-term operation of products, not just in terms of efficiency and lifetime, but also energy consumption, emissions and economic efficiency. However we look at today's automotive and aircraft industries, wind turbine operators and other power generators, or at the engineering industry generally, the performance demanded from gear wheels and shafts is more or less the same.

The demand is for surfaces with a constantly improving finish and optimised geometries. In this way, the percentage of contact area is increased, which in turn makes for even better power transfer. As a result, gear wheels can be made smaller with the same performance, which reduces the weight of both gear and shaft. In the drive train, this decreases energy consumption, with the further benefit of reduced emission of polluting exhaust gases. At the same time, a better finish of the contact area promotes smooth running, i.e. lower noise, with the added benefit of an increase in component lifetime.

However, the machining requirements of hardened gear surfaces differ significantly from one usage case to the next. There are major differences in size and design, which in turn demand a plethora of different tools. Not surprisingly, a great variety of machining concepts are employed. These range from intermittent profile grinding, through bevel gear grinding and continuous generating grinding to power honing.

Tyrolit – the market-leading supplier with a broad base

Whereas some suppliers concentrate on a limited range of specific technologies, Tyrolit is a system supplier that covers every aspect of gearing and is, therefore, able to offer its customers truly optimised solutions that meet virtually every tooling and process technology requirement. The range of bonded grinding wheels is further enhanced by dressing tools which Tyrolit, as one of the leading manufacturers of bonded grinding tools, offers to all its customers worldwide.The many different Tyrolit product lines, in particular MIRA

Ultra, MIRA Ice, MIRA Alpha and MIRA Ultra SF worm grinding wheels, the Mira BK, MIRA Ice BK and MIRA Alpha BK single profile grinding wheels, the MIRA REX honing rings and the MIRA DDG dressing gears are equally well-known products for gear machining.

They offer outstanding performance in everyday use, not merely because of their stock removal rate, but above all, because of their consistent product quality, which optimises the manufacturing process and makes it safer. Apart from the cool cut which is reflected in the name MIRA Ice, it boasts other features such as shape retention, extended dressing cycles, long-lasting sharpness and maintenance of contour.

Technical consultancy services included

This short list of the different types of MIRA grinding tools alone shows that no two grinding wheels are alike. Local ambient conditions at a customer's site also have a significant effect on the grinding results and the requirements that need to be met.

This starts with the machinery used and the clamping of the component, and continues with process parameters, cooling lubricants, their quantity and temperature, right up to handling and conditioning of the grinding wheels. All this goes far beyond the production of grinding wheels for the hard finishing of gears, which Tyrolit carries out exclusively at its plants in Austria and Germany.

Apart from product know-how, Tyrolit's development and application engineers need to have extensive experience with engineering processes and knowledge of the effects to be expected when certain machining parameters are changed. Last but not least, in order to ensure meaningful communication between its development engineers in the field of gearing and to provide a knowledge base that is up-to-date at all times, Tyrolit has set up a Competence Centre at Neuenrade (not far from Dortmund).

This Centre looks after all customers that are involved in the gearbox business and in gear machining, for the benefit of everyone. From here, Tyrolit application engineering teams can respond quickly with development and implementation support and can offer customer-specific solutions, always with the option of referring back to a strong development team at the company's Head Office in Schwarz (Austria).

This Competence Centre also offers machines for trialling purposes and process development, making it possible to provide the Client not just with products, but with safe and reliable processes. As a rule, these are optimised further by application engineering teams that will work on the customer's own premises. This ensures the ongoing further development of Tyrolit products.

Further development makes customer processes more cost-effective

Apart from reliable products, a position as a technical market leader also relies on further technological development. The performance of the deployed machines is becoming more efficient.

Therefore, grinding tools used must keep up with the development process. For example, the MIRA Ultra, MIRA Ice and MIRA Alpha worm grinding wheels now have operating speeds of up to 80 m/s. This creates the highest chip removal rate over time, which for the operator means the shortest possible grinding time.

At the same time, these worm grinding wheels still produce the well-known cool cut and have a high resistance to burning. The known homogeneity of the grinding body is a guarantee for high, reproducible grinding quality.When it comes to generating grinding, Tyrolit dedicates much time to the so-called superfinishing process, which involves the MIRA Ultra SF product range and polish grinding. Again, working speeds of 80 m/s are mainly used.

Thanks to the development of a novel kind of worm grinding wheel with two different machining zones: one with ceramic bonding, the other epoxy resin-bonded. Pre-grinding, finish grinding and superfinishing can now be performed with a single clamping operation, with a single tool. This saves customers long processing times, enables surface accuracies of Ra 0.05µm and improves productivity.

Tyrolit improved and completed the honing rings product assortment. The new honing rings MIRA REX VTEC-20, VTEC-30, VTEC-40 und VTEC-50 offer further advantages, especially when used on machines with path-controlled dressing tools (VSD). With the new 2-zone composite design MIRA REX COMP range, technically optimised and adapted honing wheels for power honing were launched. The abrasive inner ring is produced using vitrified bonding.

The outer ring is made of an PU bonding without abrasive grains. A patent application was filed for this innovative honing wheel design. With the additional performance upgrade with the specifications MIRA REX-580, REX-1200 and REX-1300 Tyrolit offers best technical solutions. By employing "gentler" honing, machining times can be shortened and/or dressing cycles extended. At the same time, the risk of breakage of overstressed honing rings is reduced.

To round off the range of services offered, Tyrolit plans to offer an additional component acceptance service on a high-performance honing machine for MIRA DDG (diamond dressing gears). The standard quality assessment is made on the MIRA DDG dressing gear wheel. With the additional workpiece acceptance offered, quality assessment then takes place by reference to the honed workpiece. The customer is

provided with the workpiece the acceptance diagram and the directly adapted honing ring.

This means that the customer is fully aware of the results that can be expected in actual production. It also acts as an investment guarantee and assurance of uninterrupted production.

Dressing affects economy

Working closely with manufacturers of machinery and in its own development department, Tyrolit is now investigating news in dressing techniques and the development of innovative dressing tools. Ultimately, the frequency of the necessary dressing operations affects not only their productivity, but also the cost of dressing tools and of the actual grinding wheels.

Dressing also means wear and tear on both sides. Optimisation means immediate cost savings. Tyrolit translates customer needs into action.

The Tyrolit Group

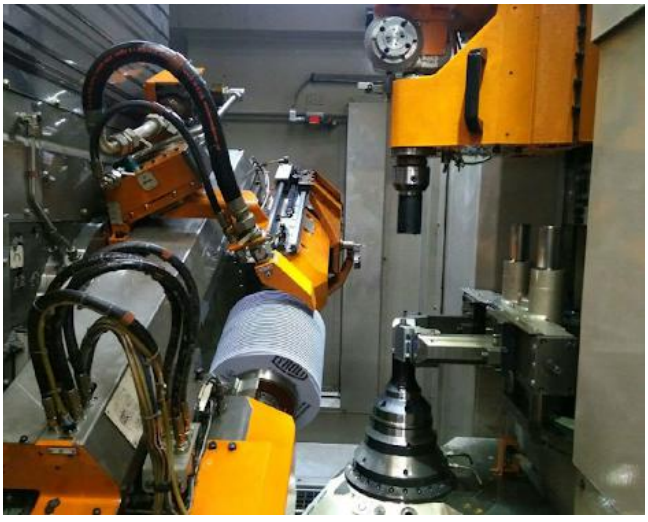
Tyrolit is a world-leading manufacturer of grinding and dressing tools, as well as being a system provider for the construction industry. The family-owned company, based in Schwaz, Austria, combines the dynamic strengths of the Swarovski Group with over a hundred years of commercial and technological experience.

The new TYROLIT product line MIRA ALPHA

The product line MIRA ALPHA has been specially developed for continuous generating grinding of gears. It is a product update to the product line MIRA ICE.

With the new ALPHA technology from TYROLIT previously unattained results in terms of economy and cool grinding can be achieved.

MIRA ALPHA is a technical upgrade New ALPHA technology



- Higher performance with best cost efficiency
- No risk of grinding burn operating with significant increased grinding parameters
- Improved surface qualities with the new ALPHA technology and grain size 60, 90 and 120 mesh

Best cost efficiency

Shortened grinding times as well as extended dressing cycles reduce both machining costs and tool costs per component significantly.

Cool grinding

Despite increased grinding parameters the risk of grinding burn is reduced, thus making the entire process safer.

Highest process reliability

The new ALPHA technology from TYROLIT guarantees an optimum grinding result at all times despite increased performance parameters.

Improved surface qualities

With the new grain geometry and quality of the ALPHA technology significantly improved surface qualities on the component can be achieved.

Health Hazards of Gear Surface Finishing: A Call for Improved Air Filtration by Hengst Filtration's Innovative Solutions

By: Sushmita Das

Gear surface finishing is a critical step in the production of gears, ensuring precision and durability in these mechanical components.

However, the process poses significant health risks to workers due to the generation of dirt and dust particles. These hazards, if not managed efficiently, can lead to various respiratory and skin ailments among workers.

What is Gear Surface Finishing?

Gear surface finishing encompasses a range of processes focused on refining the surface of gears to meet specific requirements.

These processes include grinding, honing, lapping, and polishing, among others. Every mentioned step involves the removal of material to achieve the desired surface finish, dimensional accuracy, and gear tooth profile. These operations generate metal particles, abrasive dust, aerosol and coolant mist as by-products.

These particles can become airborne and pose health risks to workers if proper precautions are not in place. The suspended particulate matter which cannot be seen but sensed by the internal organs upon getting affected due to their presence in the air.

Health Hazards Faced by Workers:

Workers involved in gear surface finishing are exposed to several health hazards due to the nature of the process:

Respiratory Issues: The inhalation of airborne particles can lead to respiratory problems such as coughing, wheezing, and shortness of breath. Prolonged exposure

to metal dust may also cause chronic conditions such as occupational asthma and pneumoconiosis.

Skin Irritation: Direct contact with metal particles and coolant fluids can cause skin irritation, dermatitis, and allergic reactions.

Workers may experience redness, itching, and inflammation, particularly in areas of prolonged contact.

Eye Irritation: Metal particles and coolant mist can irritate the eyes, leading to discomfort, redness, and watering. Prolonged exposure may increase the risk of eye infections and long-term damage to vision.

Long-term Health Impacts: Chronic exposure to airborne contaminants in gear surface finishing facilities has been associated with more serious health issues, including lung cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and neurological disorders.

Introducing Hengst Filtration Solutions:

To address these health hazards effectively, companies must invest in advanced air filtration systems. Hengst Filtration offers two innovative products designed specifically for the metalworking industry:

1. MultiAir eco:

The MultiAir eco is a compact air duct filter designed for the extraction of oil-based cooling agents. It features a range of benefits tailored to the needs of gear surface finishing operations:

- Safe filter function ensures efficient removal of airborne contaminants.
- Recirculating air mode complies with workstation limit values, ensuring a safe working environment.
- An innovative filter control system (MechaTronic EC) optimizes filtration efficiency and reduces maintenance requirements.
- Easy servicing and fast replacement of filter components enhance operational efficiency.
- Suitable for installation on processing machines, ensuring effective capture of contaminants at the source.

The MultiAir eco is an ideal solution for metal works, CNC tooling machinery, and process exhaust air systems, offering reliable protection for workers against airborne hazards (such as the aerosols causing breathing issues).

2. MultiTron Junior Premium:

The MultiTron Junior Premium is an electrostatic precipitator system designed for the separation of cooling lubricants, oil mist, smoke, and oxides. **Key features include:**

- Modular structure allows customisation to specific requirements, ensuring optimal performance.
- A highly efficient fan with low energy consumption reduces operational costs.
- A patented filter control unit (Multironic) with self-cleaning insulators maintains filtration efficiency over time.
- Compact design requires minimal space for installation, making it suitable for small-scale operations.
- Return air operation ensures compliance with maximum exposure limit values, safeguarding worker health.

By investing in Hengst Filtration's advanced solutions, companies can mitigate the health risks associated with gear surface finishing and create a safer working environment for their employees. These products make the air breathable for the workers working around at the workplace by removing the metal particles and the SPMs.

An Exclusive Interview with Mr Manish Khanna Business Development Head (India), Hengst Filtration

Mr Manish Khanna explained how the Hengst Filtration products can help prevent the hazardous impacts of surface finishing processes for the workers working on the shop floors.

He also adds the products are designed to keep the workplace clean by purifying the surrounding air which the people working are exposed to.

There are two types of metalworking fluids which act as coolants, of which one is mixed with water and the other is neat oil.

These oil-based lubricants extract the fumes in the atmosphere, eventually making the air clean and breathable.

The products are the state-of-the-art quality. Mr Khanna also told us how the demand for such products is increasing globally as every nation aims to reduce its carbon footprint in the present time.

When asked about the rising technological trends in such products, he mentioned that their smart multitron controller, which is IoT-enabled with advanced features displays the user all the live parameters of the air filtration device, and also controls the fan speed along with other requisite features.

Conclusion:

Gear surface finishing plays a crucial role in ensuring the quality and performance of gears in various industries.

However, the process poses significant health hazards to workers due to generating airborne contaminants. To protect employee health and well-being, companies must prioritise the implementation of effective air filtration systems.

Hengst Filtration's innovative products, such as the MultiAir eco and MultiTron Junior Premium, offer reliable solutions for capturing and removing harmful particles, ensuring a safer and healthier workplace for all.

HIGHLIGHT

The article underscores the critical role of effective air filtration systems in mitigating health risks associated with gear surface finishing and promoting employee well-being. To address health hazards, Hengst Filtration offers various innovative air filtration solutions: that include the MultiAir eco and MultiTron Junior Premium.

Kapp Niles sets standards in e-mobility

Fig 1: Trust in Technology- KAPP NILES

For over 10 years, the mechanical engineering company Kapp Niles has been working intensively on the topic of gears in e-mobility and has established itself as a pioneer in this rapidly growing industry. With a focus on innovation and quality, Kapp Niles offers customised solutions for the production of gearboxes and gears in electric vehicles.

Customers rely on Kapp Niles for their e-mobility projects

Electric vehicles are the future of mobility. Kapp Niles is actively shaping this future with a dedicated team of highly qualified employees.

"We understand the specific challenges of e-mobility and work closely with our customers to fulfil their requirements and achieve first-class results with our machines and technologies," summarises Matthias Kapp, Managing Director at Kapp Niles.

E-mobility in various application areas

E-mobility requires different gearing solutions for different areas of application.

"Flexibility in the range of components is one of our strengths. We can fulfil a wide range of requirements here, from the fine machining of miniature gears in e-bikes and components for electrically powered cars to larger components in electric commercial vehicles," emphasises Friedrich Wölfel, Head of Sales at Kapp Niles.

Optimising the surfaces for more range

The drivetrain in electric vehicles must be optimised even more than in conventional vehicles with combustion engines in terms of efficiency and therefore range. A key component of the measures used for this is the optimisation of the gear surfaces in the transmission. Fine or polishing grinding on Kapp Niles machines enables the highest surface accuracies to be produced economically and reproducibly.

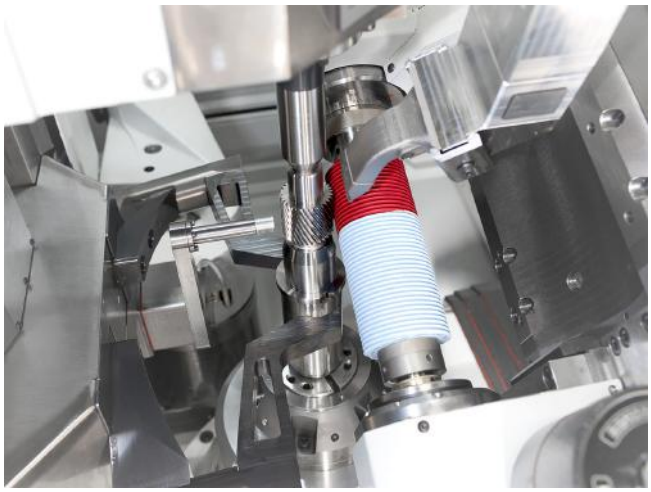


Fig 2: Grinding of an e-mobility shaft with a combined grinding worm

"An ultra-fine surface with an increased material contact ratio can extend the efficiency of torque transmission and improve the range of electric vehicles. Our technologies offer customised solutions for this," explains Patrick Duhre, Team Leader Subcontracting at Kapp Niles.

Process monitoring and waviness analysis for low-noise gearing

In e-mobility, gearboxes not only have to be efficient, but also particularly quiet.

Kapp Niles relies on intelligent process monitoring to identify noisy components during machining and reduce the return rate. This is an effective and cost-saving option and fulfils the high-quality requirements of e-mobility.

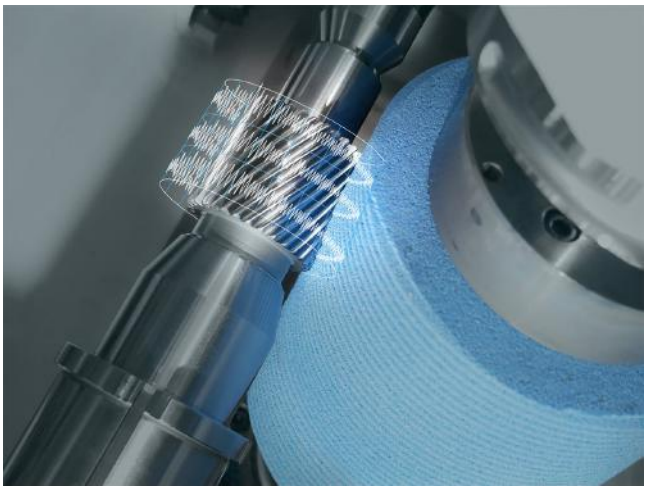


Fig 3: Process monitoring during generating grinding of an e-mobility shaft

For the same reason, waviness analysis is becoming increasingly important for assessing the quality of gearing in electric drives. A software option for order analysis is directly integrated on the Kapp Niles measuring machines to enable quality testing for low-noise gears during series production.

Fig 4: Process monitoring during the measuring of an e-mobility shaft

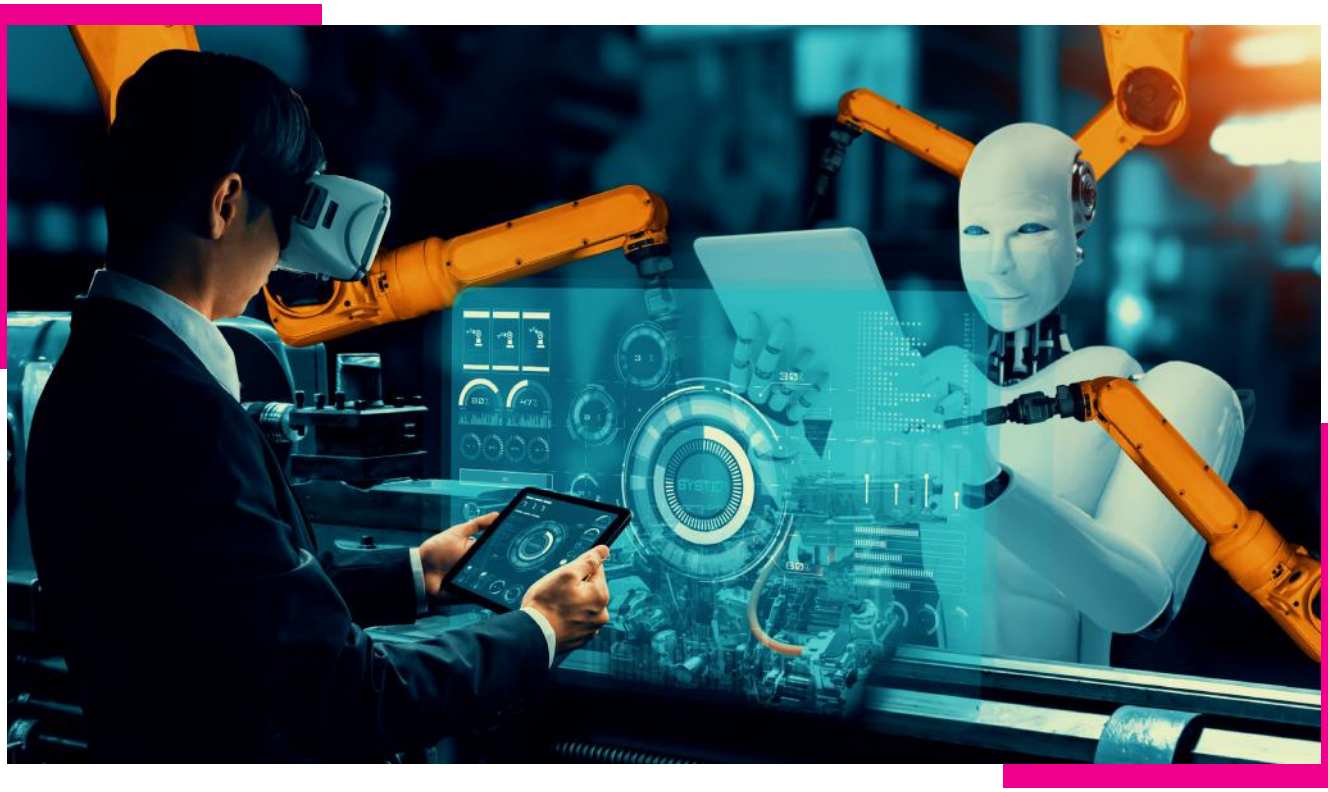
"With our waviness analysis, we offer a precise and efficient way to determine the smallest geometric deviations as a result of preliminary process steps and to evaluate components using definable tolerance curves," reports Dr Philip Geilert, Testing / Fundamentals at Kapp Niles.

Further information

Find out more about the innovative solutions for e-mobility from Kapp Niles at https://www.kapp-niles.com/en/e-mobilitaet

KAPP NILES is a globally operating group of companies with high-quality and economical solutions for finishing gears and profiles and is partner for companies from numerous industrial sectors in the mobility, automation and energy segments.

The perfect interaction between machine, tool, technology and metrology enables extremely precise machining to a thousandth millimetre.



Advancements in Gear Inspection: A Glimpse into Future Trends

By: Sushmita Das

Gear inspection plays a crucial role in ensuring the functionality and reliability of gears across various industries such as automotive, aerospace, and manufacturing. As technology advances, the methods and tools for inspecting gears have also evolved significantly.

Looking ahead, the future of gear inspection promises to be driven by innovative technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML), revolutionizing the way gears are inspected and ensuring higher efficiency and accuracy in the process.

Integration of AI and ML

One of the most significant trends shaping the future of gear inspection is the integration of AI and ML algorithms into inspection processes.

These technologies enable automated analysis of gear data, offering more precise and reliable results compared to traditional manual inspection methods. AI algorithms can detect defects and anomalies in gears with greater speed and accuracy, leading to improved quality control and reduced downtime.

Predictive Maintenance

AI and ML algorithms can be leveraged for the predictive maintenance of gear systems. By analysing data from sensors and monitoring equipment, these technologies can predict potential failures or issues in gears before they occur, allowing for timely maintenance and preventing costly downtime. Predictive maintenance also helps optimize the lifespan of gears and reduces the risk of unexpected failures, enhancing overall operational efficiency.

Advanced Imaging Techniques

The future of gear inspection will witness the adoption of advanced imaging techniques such as computed tomography (CT) scanning and high-resolution digital imaging.

CT scanning offers 3D visualization of internal gear structures, allowing for comprehensive inspection of

complex gear geometries and hidden defects. High-resolution digital imaging techniques provide detailed surface analysis, enabling inspectors to detect even the smallest imperfections or irregularities in gears.

Robotics and Automation

Automation and robotics are poised to play a significant role in the future of gear inspection. Automated inspection systems equipped with robotic arms and specialized sensors can perform inspections more efficiently and accurately than manual methods.

These systems can handle repetitive tasks with precision, freeing up human inspectors to focus on more complex analysis and decision-making processes. Additionally, robotic inspection systems can operate in hazardous or hard-to-reach environments, improving safety and accessibility in gear inspection processes.

Data Integration and Analysis

The future of gear inspection will be characterized by the integration of data from multiple sources and the analysis of large datasets to extract valuable insights. AI and ML algorithms can process vast amounts of inspection data, including images, sensor readings, and historical performance data, to identify patterns and trends.

By combining data from various sources, inspectors can gain a more comprehensive understanding of gear performance and make informed decisions regarding maintenance and quality control.

Cloud-Based Inspection Platforms

Cloud-based inspection platforms offer scalability and flexibility in gear inspection processes. These platforms enable inspectors to access inspection data and analysis tools from anywhere, facilitating collaboration and remote monitoring of gear systems. Cloud-based solutions also provide real-time insights into gear performance, allowing for proactive maintenance and continuous improvement of inspection processes.

Note for the Readers

The future of gear inspection is poised to undergo a paradigm shift driven by innovative technologies and methodologies.

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) algorithms into gear inspection processes stands out as a significant trend, promising more precise and efficient inspections compared to traditional methods.

By automating analysis and detection processes, AI and ML enable quicker identification of defects and anomalies, leading to enhanced quality control and reduced downtime.

Moreover, the implementation of predictive maintenance through AI and ML algorithms offers the potential to revolutionize gear system management.

By analyzing data from sensors and monitoring equipment, these technologies can forecast potential failures, allowing for timely interventions and preventing costly disruptions to operations. This proactive approach not only optimizes the lifespan of gears but also enhances overall operational efficiency.

Advanced imaging techniques, such as computed tomography (CT) scanning and high-resolution digital imaging, are expected to play a crucial role in the future of gear inspection. These techniques enable comprehensive inspection of complex gear geometries and hidden defects, ensuring thorough quality control.

Furthermore, the integration of robotics and automation into gear inspection processes promises to streamline operations and improve accuracy.

Automated inspection systems equipped with robotic arms and specialized sensors can handle repetitive tasks with precision, freeing human inspectors to focus on more complex analyses. Additionally, these systems enhance safety by operating in hazardous environments and inaccessible areas.

The future of gear inspection also entails the integration and analysis of large datasets from multiple sources. By harnessing AI and ML algorithms to process inspection data, inspectors can gain valuable insights into gear performance, facilitating informed decision-making regarding maintenance and quality control.

Cloud-based inspection platforms offer scalability, flexibility, and real-time insights into gear performance. By enabling remote access to inspection data and analysis tools, these platforms facilitate collaboration and proactive maintenance, driving continuous improvement in gear inspection processes.

To summarise, the future of gear inspection holds tremendous promise, characterized by the integration of cutting-edge technologies, predictive maintenance strategies, advanced imaging techniques, robotics, and data analytics.

Embracing these innovations will not only enhance the functionality and reliability of gears but also drive efficiency and productivity across various industries. As technology continues to evolve, gear inspection will remain at the forefront of ensuring optimal performance and reliability in critical machinery and equipment.

GEAR OIL TECHNOLOGY AND TRENDS

By: Vaibhav Verma

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These have to perform at increased speeds, under higher loads as well as being constructed from new materials in order to significantly improve output and performance. Additionally, the competitive market forces equipment owners to pursue more reliable and durable solutions to maintain profitability of their business. These improvements in gearbox design along with end-

user expectations demand more robust innovations in gear oils. The gear oils of today aren't what they used to be, and with good reason: The environment in which industrial gears operate has changed, and demands on the lubricant have increased dramatically. There are two main drivers that influence industrial gear oil trends: specifications and changes in industrial gearboxes. Reduced oil reservoir capacities and higher power output generate much greater oil stress, causing low-quality lubricants to fail prematurely, thus compromising system performance.

This potentially leads to increased maintenance costs and, in extreme situations, can have a dramatic impact on the continuity of a production process.

Gear oils in this demanding environment should be formulated in such a way to have higher thermal & oxidation stability, higher anti-wear & micro pitting protection and improved physical properties (lower foaming, faster air release, faster demulsibility, better filterability, seals & metals compatibility)

There are many gear oil standards such as AGMA 9005, DIN 51517-3 & ISO, Flender etc. DIN 51517-3 provides inputs on different levels of performance & requires oil properties (KV, VI, Water, TAN), Extended Data (Foam, Demulsibility, Elastomer Compatibility, Corrosion, Oxidation) and Anti Wear tests (FZG, FE-8) to evaluate gear oil including gear and bearing protection.

Some OEM such as Flender use additional tests to evaluate the performance of the gear oil and compatibility with gearbox subcomponents compatibility including micro pitting & paint compatibility). Resulting in more stringent performance standards for the gear oil.

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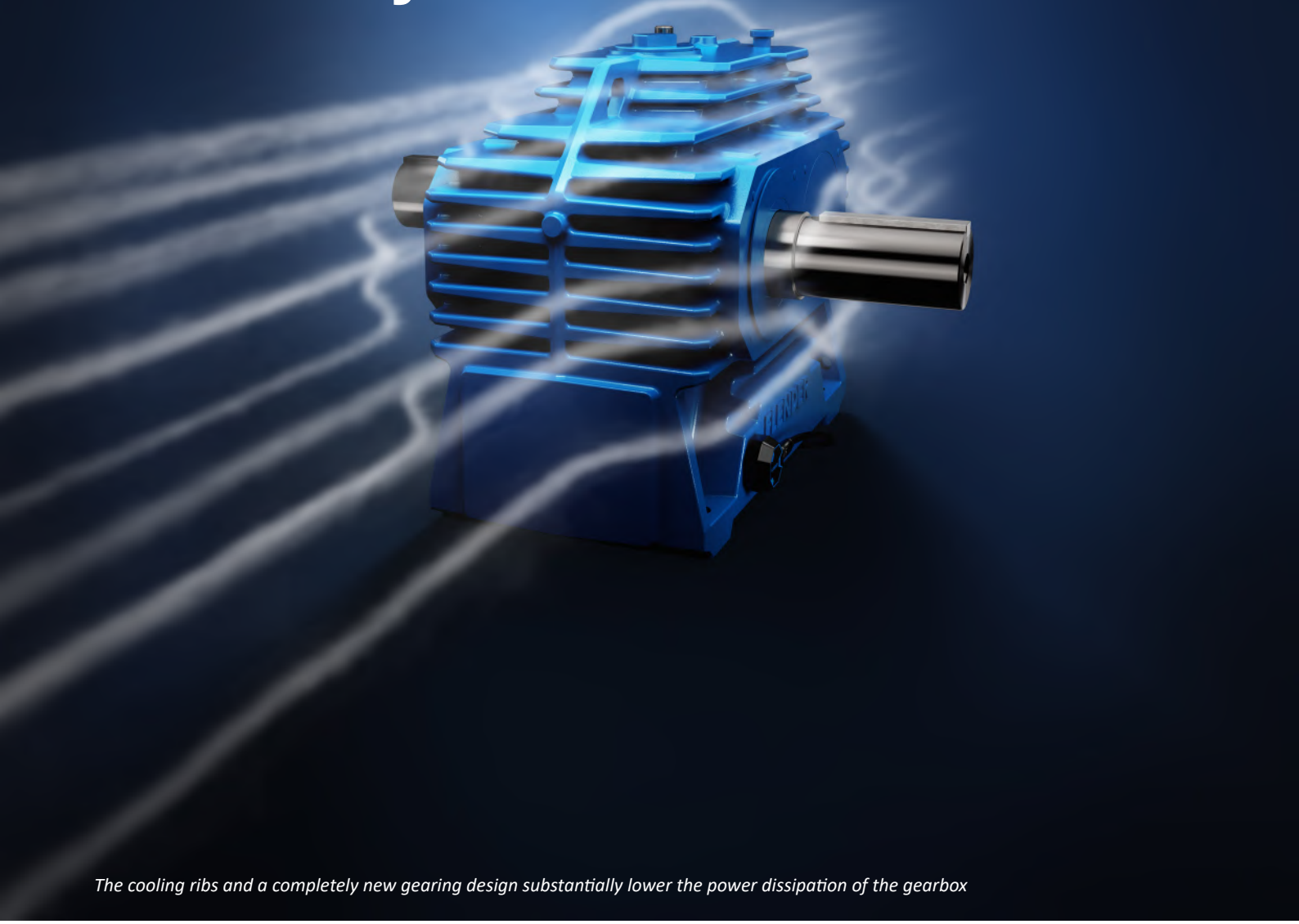
Next-generation industrial gearboxes with higher energy efficiency: Flender One



The cooling ribs and a completely new gearing design substantially lower the power dissipation of the gearbox

The Flender Standard Gearbox (FSG), has been the market benchmark in mechanical drive technology for nearly three decades. The signature blue gearboxes, designed in Germany, can be spotted at thousands of industrial plants worldwide. Changing market demands, however, required the German drive manufacturer to develop a successor to FSG, called FLENDER ONE.

It is a completely redesigned version of the standard industrial gear unit and was first introduced as the single-stage helical gearbox. The new gearbox reduces end users' operating expenditures and saves valuable resources, due to a unique housing design and a gear set calculated according to the latest Flender methods.

In addition, designers benefit from a quick and smart configuration that greatly simplifies the selection process. It is currently available as a single-stage version for the paper, pump and mining business.

Lower operating costs and energy consumption

The award-winning Flender One product design features a 35 per cent increase in housing surface area.

Its cooling ribs significantly increase thermal capacity and in many cases eliminate the need for additional, external cooling of the gearbox. This not only saves

investment and service costs but also valuable energy. The optimized Metaperform® gear set also reduces power loss by up to 50 per cent compared with previous gear unit solutions. This makes operating more efficient and the return on investment is reached very quickly.

Flender meets the greatest industrial challenges of our time with energy efficiency and sustainable product solutions. Precise design for the application and perfect dimensioning avoids wasting raw materials and other resources.

Flender has succeeded in developing the world's narrowest gear ratio range, with 103 stages between 1 and 7.1 per size. This allows the speed to be set almost ideally for maximum efficiency.

A key benefit in mining and pump applications. This speedfit means a maximum deviation of 1.5 per cent between the desired speed and the available speed. "We want to make the world more sustainable together with our customers and partners.

With Flender One, our customers get a completely new type of gearbox solution, custom-fit for their application and exactly according to their requirements - with the smallest possible drive concept and thus without waste.

The reduced energy requirement during operation also helps to save resources," says Andreas Evertz, CEO of the Flender Group.

Intelligence in operation

The uniqueness of Flender One also lies in the digital services throughout the entire life cycle - from ordering to operation in the plant. Flender's new gearbox intelligence AIQ® is installed as standard in the Flender One for the first time.

Thanks to integrated sensor technology and extensive analysis functions, it provides plant operators with valuable information about the gearbox and process during operation via an app or in the portal.

In this way, operating conditions that could have a damaging effect can be detected and failures avoided. Drive and process become transparent, and service can be planned.

The new AIQ drive intelligence ensures transparency of the gearbox and the process

The smooth life cycle of the drive and plant avoids unnecessary downtime and creates maximum planning reliability and efficiency for operators and services.

Three-step configuration

Another innovation in drive technology is the new product configurator.

With just three pieces of information, the customer can configure his customized gear unit online: Application, power, and speed. Within seconds, the 3D data and a 360-degree preview of the gearbox are available.

Flender One is already shipping as single-stage version, particularly suitable for the paper industry and pump applications like those found in the mining or water industry.

To acess the new FLENDER ONE online configurator, customers may contact their local Flender sales contact or reach out via flender.com. Later in 2024, the German drive manufacturer will also introduce redesigned multi-stage FLENDER ONE gear units.

Technologically advance Flender One gear units are currently produced in Germany and will be available soon from Flender manufacturing facilities across the globe. In India, Flender Standard Gearbox (FSG) series gear units are available from their local production facility in Chennai.

Gear Technology India Awards: A Maiden Event Honouring Excellence in Indian Gear Manufacturing

By: Sushmita Das

The inaugural Gear Technology India Awards, in collaboration with AGMA, marked a significant milestone in recognizing and celebrating the remarkable achievements within the Indian gear manufacturing industry.

As the backbone of progress and innovation, the gear manufacturing sector in India has been instrumental in driving the country towards its goals of becoming a global manufacturing hub.

The awards ceremony saw an impressive array of nominations across various categories, showcasing the diverse talent and expertise in the gear industry.

Through meticulous evaluation by our esteemed panel of jury members, comprising seasoned professionals and experts in the field, the deserving winners were identified based on their innovative approach and technological advancements.

From excellence in design and development to cutting-edge innovations in manufacturing and servicing, each award category highlighted the dedication and ingenuity of the recipients.

Moreover, special recognition was given to those who demonstrated exceptional commitment to social responsibility and indigenization through the 'Excellence in Social Commitment' and 'Excellence in Indigenization: Make in India' awards, respectively.

Along with these categories we also had a Lifetime Achievement Award category to honour Sulaiman Jamal, for his relentless contribution to the gear industry and for representing India, globally.

Mr Jamal has played a crucial role in fostering Industrial connections between the American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA) and its members thereby bridging the gap between the two nations.

As we reflect on the success of the inaugural awards ceremony, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the jury members whose expertise guided the entire evaluation process.

Our Esteemed Jury Members

The esteemed jury members for the Gear Technology India Awards 2024 comprise a diverse panel of experts with extensive experience in the field of gear technology and engineering.

C Selvaraj, Managing Director of Sri Adhav Gears and a Technical Advisor to Gear Technology India, brings valuable insights as a Gears and Gearbox Consultant. Mahendran Muthu, Head Transmission Engineer at Lohia Corp Limited, contributes his expertise in transmission systems. Cdr M S Srikant (Retd), Director of SysEng Consultants, offers his wealth of knowledge from a distinguished career in the military and engineering consultancy. KP Soundarajan, retired Director & GM of Gleason India, adds his expertise in gear manufacturing and management.

Gear Technology India Awards Winners

1) Excellence in Design & Development - IGW INDIA TECHNOLOGIES PVT LTD

2) Excellence in Manufacturing - RUPKALA ENGINEERS PVT LTD

3) Cutting Tool Innovation - LMT TOOLS INDIA PVT LTD

4) Gear Heat Treatment - TATA MOTORS LTD

5) Excellence in Servicing and Testing - PREMIUM TRANSMISSION PVT LTD

6) Excellence in Indigenization: Make in India - MUKUND TRANS GEARS

7) Excellence in Social Commitment - QUAKER HOUGHTON

8) Innovator of the Year - NIDEC MACHINE TOOL CORPORATION

9) Lifetime Achievement Award - SULAIMAN JAMAL

Vishwajit Kothari, CEO of Cyber Gears, brings innovative perspectives from the realm of cybersecurity in gear technology. Lastly, Jacob Thomas, Technical Director at SMS Engineers, offers his technical prowess and experience in engineering solutions. Together, this esteemed jury panel ensured a comprehensive and fair evaluation process and brought valuable insights to the table. Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that preparations are already underway for the Gear Technology India Awards 2025. We invite all manufacturers, vendors, and industry stakeholders to actively participate and showcase their achievements in the upcoming edition. Together, let us continue to push the boundaries of innovation and excellence, driving the Indian gear manufacturing industry to new heights of success.

Unlocking Peak Performance: Optimisation Techniques for Improving Gearbox Efficiency

By: Sushmita Das

In the world of mechanical engineering and industrial applications, efficiency is paramount.

Gearboxes play a pivotal role in power transmission, converting rotational motion from a power source into the desired output with as little energy loss as possible.

The pursuit of enhanced gearbox efficiency has been a constant endeavour, driven by economic, environmental, and performance factors.

This article will let you understand the intricate realm of optimisation techniques that gear industry professionals can employ to boost the efficiency of their gearboxes.

Understanding Gearbox Efficiency

Gearbox efficiency, often denoted as η, is a measure of how effectively a gearbox converts input power into useful output power.

It is typically expressed as a percentage, with a perfect gearbox having an efficiency of 100%, which means no energy is lost during the transmission.

In reality, though, no gearbox is perfect, and various factors contribute to energy losses, including friction, heat generation, and wear.

Efficiency is calculated using the following formula:

$$\eta = 100\% \cdot Pout / Pin$$

Where;

η is the gearbox efficiency (in percentage).

P_{out} is the output power.

P_{in} is the input power.

Optimization Techniques for Gearbox Efficiency

Lubrication and Friction Reduction

Friction is a primary source of energy loss in gearboxes. Employing the right lubrication techniques and selecting appropriate lubricants can significantly reduce friction. Engineers must carefully consider factors like viscosity, temperature, and lubricant type to maximize efficiency.

Stribeck Curve

The Stribeck curve, a graphical representation of the relationship between lubricant film thickness, speed, and coefficient of friction, is a valuable tool in optimizing lubrication.

By operating in the low-friction regime, engineers can minimize energy losses due to friction.

Lubrication is a fundamental aspect of various machines and machine components, serving to mitigate friction and wear.

The effectiveness of this friction reduction hinges significantly on the lubrication regime established within the contact area of rotating components.

In 1902, Richard Stribeck conducted a seminal study on friction in hydrodynamic bearings, revealing the presence of a minimum friction coefficient related to operational conditions.

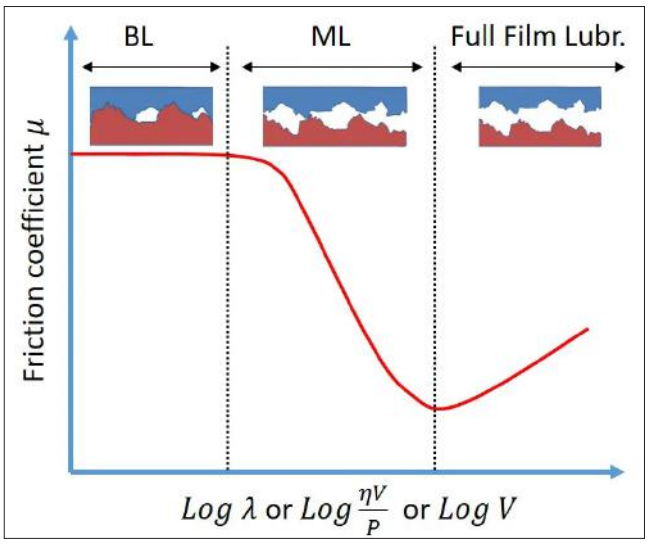
Subsequently, building upon Stribeck's findings, Gumbel observed that the friction curves could be superimposed on a common curve when plotted against a parameter that incorporates viscosity (η), speed (V), and load (p or pressure).

As research advanced and surface roughness measurement techniques were developed.

It became evident that the friction coefficient could also be graphed against the ratio of the lubricant film thickness, typically the central film thickness (λ = h), to the combined root-mean-square of the surface roughness of the contacting surfaces σ, that can be expressed as;

$$(\sigma = \sqrt{(Rq_1^2 + Rq_2^2)}).$$

Furthermore, one could generate a Stribeck curve by charting the friction coefficient as a function of speed (V) while keeping other parameters constant.



Gear Tooth Profile Design

The design of gear tooth profiles directly impacts efficiency. Involute gears are commonly used due to their favourable meshing characteristics, but optimizing tooth profiles through iterative design processes can yield improved performance.

Lewis formula

In 1892, Wilfred Lewis conducted an investigation into the strength of gear teeth, culminating in the derivation of an equation that has since become widely adopted by the industry for determining gear size and proportions.

The formula estimates the bending and surface stress on gear teeth, and can also help in achieving the right balance between tooth strength and energy efficiency.

The equation for a spur gear can be expressed as follows:

Beam strength (Sb) = m b Y σ,

Where; m represents the module, b denotes the face width of the tooth, Y is the modified Lewis form factor, and σ is the stress factor.

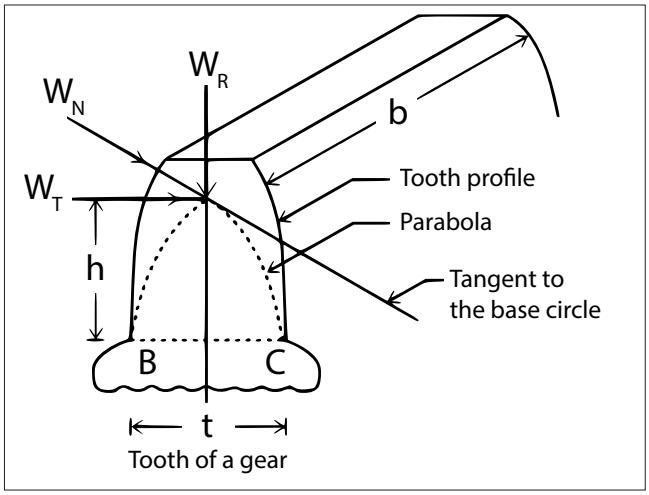
The Lewis form factor, y, can be defined as π * y.

Key Assumption

In the Lewis equation, the gear tooth is considered a cantilever beam, where the tangential component (WT) induces a bending moment around the base of the tooth.

The derivation of this equation is based on the following key assumptions:

- The influence of the radial component (W_1), which generates compressive stresses, is disregarded.



- It is postulated that the tangential component (W+) is evenly distributed across the gear's face width. This assumption holds true when the gears are rigid and precisely manufactured.
- Any potential stress concentration effects are omitted from consideration.
- It is presumed that at any given time, only one pair of teeth is in contact and bears the entire load.

Material Selection

Choosing the right materials for gears is essential in minimizing energy losses. High-quality materials with low friction coefficients, high strength, and good wear resistance can boost gearbox efficiency.

Engineers must consider factors like load-carrying capacity, wear rate, and cost when selecting materials.

Bearing Selection

Bearings support the gear shafts and help in transmitting power efficiently. Proper bearing selection is crucial for reducing energy losses due to friction. The choice of bearing type, size, and lubrication can significantly affect gearbox efficiency.

Tooth Surface Finish

The quality of the tooth surface finish has a direct impact on friction and efficiency. Fine-grinding or honing techniques can enhance the surface finish, reducing friction and improving gear meshing.

The Ra (average roughness) parameter is often used to quantify surface finish quality.

Helical and Bevel Gear Arrangements

Helical and bevel gears, though more complex to design and manufacture, can offer advantages in terms of reducing noise, vibration, and energy losses. The helical gear's oblique teeth and the bevel gear's

conical shape provide a larger contact area, resulting in reduced friction and smoother operation.

Gearbox Lubrication and Cooling Systems

Maintaining optimal operating temperatures is crucial for gearbox efficiency. Overheating can lead to increased friction and wear.

Proper cooling and lubrication systems, along with advanced oil cooling techniques like heat exchangers, can ensure that gearboxes operate at peak efficiency.

Noise and Vibration Reduction

Noise and vibration not only affect comfort but also indicate energy losses in gearboxes.

Employing vibration and noise analysis techniques, such as vibration spectrum analysis and acoustic emissions testing, can help identify and mitigate issues that may impact efficiency.

Monitoring and Maintenance

Regular monitoring and maintenance are critical to ensuring gearbox efficiency over the long term.

Condition monitoring systems, such as vibration sensors and thermography, can detect early signs of problems, allowing for preventive maintenance to minimize energy losses.

Short Case Studies: Real-World Application of Optimization Techniques

Case Study 1: Automotive Transmission Systems

In the automotive industry, the pursuit of increased fuel efficiency is a constant goal.

A leading auto-maker employed advanced optimization techniques to enhance the efficiency of their automatic transmission systems.

By fine-tuning gear tooth profiles, optimizing lubrication, and selecting high-quality materials, they achieved a significant reduction in energy losses.

This resulted in a notable increase in fuel economy for their vehicles. These optimizations also translated into improved performance and reduced environmental impact, contributing to a more sustainable and competitive product line-up.

Case Study 2: Wind Turbine Gearboxes

Wind turbines are vital for renewable energy production, and their gearboxes play a crucial role in converting wind energy into electrical power. A major wind turbine manufacturer adopted cutting-edge optimization techniques in their gearbox designs.

By using advanced bearing technology, optimizing gear tooth profiles, and improving lubrication systems, they significantly enhanced gearbox efficiency.

The result was a considerable increase in energy output and a reduction in maintenance costs, ultimately making wind energy more economically viable and environmentally friendly.

Case Study 3: Industrial Conveyor Systems

Efficient conveyor systems are essential in modern manufacturing plants and warehouses. An industrial equipment manufacturer focused on optimizing the gearbox efficiency in their conveyor systems.

They implemented various techniques, such as improving lubrication, minimizing friction through proper gear tooth design, and employing state-of-the-art monitoring systems.

These optimizations not only increased the conveyor system's overall efficiency but also extended its operational lifespan, reducing downtime and maintenance costs for their customers.

Case Study 4: Marine Propulsion Systems

In the marine industry, propulsion systems need to be highly efficient to ensure optimal performance and fuel economy.
A leading shipbuilder aimed to enhance the efficiency of their propulsion gearboxes.

By adopting advanced techniques like improved material selection, precise gear tooth profiling, and advanced lubrication systems, they achieved a substantial increase in fuel efficiency for their vessels.

This led to reduced operational costs and a more environmentally friendly approach to maritime transportation.

Case Study 5: Mining Equipment

The mining industry relies on heavy machinery, and gearbox efficiency is critical to the cost-effectiveness of mining operations.

A mining equipment manufacturer utilized optimization techniques to boost the efficiency of their gearboxes in heavy-duty mining trucks and excavators.

Through careful selection of materials, gear tooth design, and advanced monitoring systems, they significantly reduced energy losses during power transmission.

This resulted in improved productivity, reduced fuel consumption, and extended equipment lifespan, ultimately making mining operations more profitable and sustainable.

These case studies illustrate the real-world impact of optimization techniques in improving gearbox efficiency across various industries.

Whether it's enhancing fuel economy in vehicles, increasing energy output in wind turbines, or improving the cost-effectiveness of industrial operations, optimization plays a crucial role in advancing the efficiency of gearbox systems.

Conclusion

Efficiency in gearboxes is not a mere engineering challenge; it's a necessity in various industrial applications.

Optimization techniques, ranging from lubrication and friction reduction to material selection and advanced gear tooth profile design, are vital tools in achieving peak efficiency.

As the gear industry continually evolves, these techniques will remain at the forefront of innovation, driving the quest for ever more efficient gearboxes that reduce energy loss, lower operational costs, and contribute to a sustainable future.

The pursuit of optimizing gearbox efficiency is an ongoing journey, where the fusion of cutting-edge technologies, mathematical analysis, and engineering expertise promises to unlock the full potential of this critical mechanical component.

In a world where energy conservation and sustainability are paramount, the efficiency of gearboxes will continue to be a focal point in the realm of mechanical engineering.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Understanding Gearbox Efficiency:

- Gearbox efficiency (η) is crucial for converting input power into useful output power, with factors like friction and heat generation influencing efficiency.
- Engineers employ optimization techniques to enhance gearbox efficiency, focusing on lubri cation, tooth profile design, material selection, bearing choice, surface finish, gear arrange ments, lubrication systems, and noise reduction.

Optimization Techniques Overview:

- **Lubrication and Friction Reduction:** Employing suitable lubrication techniques and lubricants to minimize friction.
- **Stribeck Curve:** Utilizing graphical representa tions to optimize lubrication, reducing energy losses.
- **Gear Tooth Profile Design:** Optimizing tooth profiles for improved meshing characteristics and performance.
- **Lewis Formula:** Employing equations to estimate gear tooth strength and proportions, balancing strength and energy efficiency.
- **Material Selection:** Choosing materials with low friction coefficients, high strength, and good wear resistance to minimise energy losses.
- **Bearing Selection:** Selecting bearings to reduce friction and energy losses during power transmission.
- **Tooth Surface Finish:** Enhancing surface finish to reduce friction and improve gear meshing.
- **Helical and Bevel Gear Arrangements:** Utilising complex gear arrangements for reduced friction and smoother operation.
- **Gearbox Lubrication and Cooling Systems:** Ensuring optimal operating temperatures to minimize energy losses.
- **Noise and Vibration Reduction:** Identifying and mitigating issues impacting efficiency through vibration and noise analysis.
- **Monitoring and Maintenance:** Implementing condition monitoring systems for preventive maintenance, minimising energy losses over time.

Key Players in Gear Finishing: Grinding, Honing, and Beyond

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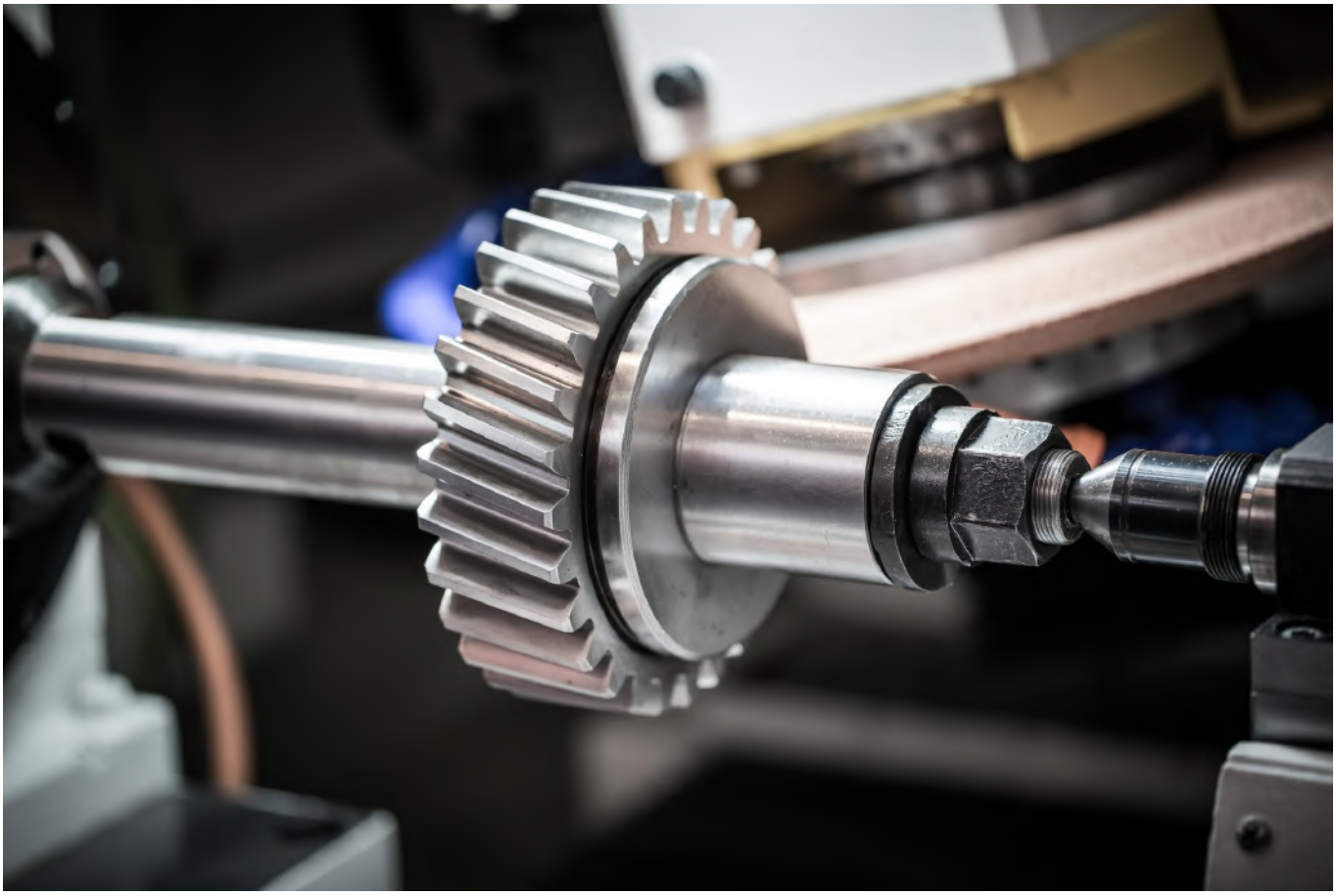


Gear finishing is a critical facet of the manufacturing realm, where precision meets performance. This complex process involves refining the surfaces of gears to enhance their durability, efficiency, and overall functionality.

In this exploration, we delve into the world of gear finishing, shedding light on key processes such as grinding, honing, and the avant-garde techniques that shape the future of this essential manufacturing discipline.

Key Players: Grinding and Honing

Gear Grinding: Precision Unleashed
Gear grinding stands at the pinnacle of precision machining, representing an artful blend of mechanical finesse and technological sophistication.

This process is employed to refine the tooth surfaces of gears, ensuring not only precise geometry but also superior surface finish. Unlike some other machining methods, gear grinding is capable of achieving incredibly tight tolerances and exceptional accuracy, making it an indispensable step in the production of high-performance gears.

Different Types of Gear Grinding:
Form Grinding: In form grinding, the gear wheel's profile is precisely shaped by the grinding wheel, which assumes the inverse shape of the desired gear tooth. This is ideal for manufacturing gears with complex and non-standard tooth profiles.

Generating Grinding: This involves the use of a generating motion between the grinding wheel and the gear. The gear is rotated, and the grinding wheel generates the tooth profile.

It is suited for producing gears with standard involute tooth profiles, providing high precision and efficiency.

Threaded Wheel Grinding: In this method, the grinding wheel has a threaded profile that meshes

with the gear, producing accurate helical gears.

This is commonly used for the production of worm gears and other helical gear types.

Bevel Gear Grinding: Specifically designed for bevel gears, this method employs grinding wheels with the desired bevel profile to achieve precise tooth geometry. It is used in the production of bevel gears commonly found in various mechanical systems.

In essence, gear grinding is an indispensable step in the pursuit of precision gear manufacturing. Its advantages in terms of accuracy and surface finish often outweigh the limitations, especially when high-performance gears are required for critical applications. The careful selection of the specific gear grinding method depends on the application, required tolerances, and production volume.

Honing: Meticulous Artisan

In the intricate world of gear manufacturing, achieving optimal performance and longevity hinges on the meticulous refinement of gear surfaces. One of the key processes instrumental in this pursuit of perfection is honing. Honing stands as a fine-tuning maestro, enhancing the dimensional accuracy, surface finish, and overall functionality of gears.

This precision finishing process employs abrasive stones to delicately sculpt gear surfaces, creating a symphony of accuracy and durability.

Different Types of Honing in Gear Manufacturing:

Gear Honing: In gear honing, abrasive stones move in a controlled reciprocating motion, removing material from the gear surface. This results in a highly accurate and precisely finished gear profile. It's widely used for finishing gears of various types, sizes, and materials, gear honing ensures improved contact patterns and reduced noise during operation.

Internal Gear Honing: Specifically tailored for internal gears, this honing method addresses the unique challenges of refining the interior surfaces of gears. Internal gear honing is often employed in the production of planetary gear systems and other configurations where internal gear surfaces require exceptional precision.

Cross-Honing: Cross-honing involves honing at an angle to the gear axis, creating a cross-hatch pattern on the gear teeth. This pattern promotes better lubrication and reduces friction. Commonly used in applications where enhanced lubrication and reduced wear are critical, such as high-performance automotive and industrial gears.

Through-Honing: In through-honing, the honing process extends entirely through the gear, ensuring consistent finishing on both the external and internal surfaces. Suitable for gears with complex geometries and intricate internal structures, through-honing ensures uniform surface quality.

Honing emerges as a meticulous artisan in the realm of gear finishing, sculpting gears to meet the highest standards of precision. The advantages it brings in terms of accuracy and surface quality often position it as an indispensable step in the manufacturing journey of gears designed for optimal performance and durability.

Grinding Vs Honing:

Grinding and honing represent two distinct yet complementary approaches in the realm of gear finishing. The process of grinding excels in precision machining, delivering tight tolerances and exceptional accuracy by removing material with a grinding wheel. However, it can pose challenges with certain materials and may result in a surface finish that requires further refinement.

Honing, on the other hand, specialises in achieving superior surface finishes and dimensional accuracy using abrasive stones. It is particularly effective for fine-tuning gears and improving surface quality. While grinding may excel in precision, honing steps in to address its limitations by refining surface finish.

Conversely, honing benefits from grinding initial precision by taking already well-shaped gears and further enhancing their surface characteristics. Together, grinding and honing form a dynamic duo, each compensating for the other's shortcomings and contributing to the production of gears that seamlessly blend precision and surface perfection.

What's beyond grinding and honing?

Gear manufacturing employs a variety of finishing processes beyond grinding and honing to achieve specific performance characteristics and surface

qualities. Let's explore some other key gear-finishing processes:

Superfinishing: This utilises abrasive stones or films to achieve ultra-smooth surfaces on gear teeth. It goes beyond traditional honing or grinding, producing extremely low surface roughness. It's commonly used for high-precision gears in applications where minimal friction, noise, and wear are critical, such as aerospace and high-performance automotive components.

Lapping: It involves the use of a lapping tool and abrasive slurry to remove small amounts of material from the gear surface. It is a gentle process that achieves tight tolerances and excellent surface finish. Lapping is suitable for fine-tuning gears with tight tolerances and complicated shapes, providing a high level of accuracy and surface quality.

Electrochemical Grinding (ECG): ECG combines traditional grinding with electrochemical machining. It uses an electrolyte and a grinding wheel to remove material, offering precise control over material removal rates. ECG is employed for gear finishing in cases where controlled and selective material removal is necessary, especially for complex geometries or hard-to-machine materials.

Burnishing: The process involves applying pressure to a gear surface using a hard tool, plastically deforming the surface and reducing roughness. It is a cold-working process. It's commonly used for achieving a smooth and polished finish on gear surfaces, burnishing enhances surface hardness and improves load-carrying capacity.

Vibratory Finishing: It utilises vibratory motion and abrasive media to remove burrs, and smooth surfaces, and improve the overall appearance of gears. Particularly effective for debarring and edge radiusing, vibratory finishing enhances the aesthetic quality of gears while maintaining tight tolerances.

Shot Peening: This involves bombarding gear surfaces with small metal shots. The impact induces compressive stresses on the surface, improving fatigue resistance. Often used to enhance the durability and fatigue life of gears, shot peening is especially beneficial for gears subjected to cyclic loading.

Coating Processes: Various coating methods, such as nitriding, carburizing, or physical vapour deposition (PVD), are employed to improve the surface hardness, wear resistance, and corrosion resistance of gears. Coating processes are essential for extending the life of gears in demanding environments, such as those with high temperatures or corrosive conditions.

These additional gear-finishing processes provide manufacturers with a diverse toolkit to meet specific requirements, whether it's achieving ultra-smooth surfaces, fine-tuning tolerances, or enhancing the material properties of gears for specialised applications. The selection of a particular finishing method depends on factors such as material, gear geometry, performance requirements, and production volume.

Key Takeaway:

"Key Players in Gear Finishing: Grinding, Honing, and Beyond" explores the tangled world of gear manufacturing, emphasising the critical role of precision in enhancing the durability, efficiency, and overall functionality of gears.

The article delves into the key processes of grinding and honing, highlighting their unique contributions to achieving precise gear profiles and superior surface finishes. Grinding, represented as a pinnacle of precision machining, is detailed in its ability to achieve tight tolerances and exceptional accuracy. Honing, characterised as a meticulous artisan, is explored for its role in fine-tuning gears and improving dimensional accuracy and surface quality. In summary, the article provides a comprehensive overview of key players and processes in gear finishing, showcasing the evolving landscape of gear manufacturing technologies and techniques.

HIGHLIGHT

- **Gear grinding is the pinnacle of precision machining, capable of achieving tight tolerances and exceptional accuracy crucial for high-performance gears.**
- **Gear-finishing processes like superfinishing, lapping, electrochemical grinding, burnishing, vibratory finishing, shot peening, and coating processes are explored, showcasing the diverse toolkit available to manufacturers.**
- **The critical role of precision in gear manufacturing and provides an overview of key processes, highlighting the evolving landscape of gear manufacturing technologies and techniques.**

Gear Manufacturing by Disposable Tools

By: Vishwajit Kothari

Introduction

Traditionally, the concept has been to value the gear tool in terms of the number of times it can be re-sharpened till its “end-of-life”. With this concept, the tool manufacturer produced the gear tool with the highest amount of re-grindable stock within the confining parameters of accuracy and productivity.

It must also be realized that the generating portion of the gear-cutting tool is an edge, resulting from the manufactured profile of the tool tooth flank and the sharpened or resharpened cutting face. With this, it becomes quite clear that the tool resharpening machine has a role to play in gear accuracy.

In short, the dominant conventional concept of gear-cutting tools, especially gear hobs and gear shaper cutters, has somewhat resisted the move to design and develop throwaway designs.

Tool Design Concept

The smaller the hob diameter, the faster the rotational speed. The productivity in terms of pieces per time period is in direct proportion to the rotational speed rather than cutting speed of the tool, and in inverse proportion to the tool diameter. Opposing to the above is the need to produce a tool with a substantial number of teeth in the cut. A large number of gashes are desirable to reduce chip load per tooth and to increase the number of flats which make up the generated profile of the teeth.

Obviously, the smaller the diameter of the hob becomes, the lesser the opportunity to make more gashes. This opportunity is further restricted by manufacturing methods and sharpenability. Hobs could be produced with a high number of gashes for a given diameter to achieve either maximum productivity or optimum control of the generated profile.

The fundamental idea, in any case, is that we should try to reduce the hob diameter and increase the number of gashes as much as possible. This has in fact been the main change in terms of hob design over the last few years.

Emergence of Disposable Hob

If the concept of reducing the hob's outer diameter and increasing the number of gashes is taken to an extreme case, the result is a small-diameter hob with so many gashes that there is no sharpenable life remaining. This hob becomes a “Disposable” or “Throwaway” tool with no maintenance costs and is the basis for the disposable hob concept. The hobbing cutting time is calculated by the following equation.

$$t = \frac{(b \times z \times d \times \pi)}{(1000 \times v \times z0 \times f)}$$

This equation leads us to make some interesting considerations.

It is, however, immediately apparent that it is possible to reduce hobbing times by carrying out three different actions:

- By reducing the hob diameter d
- By increasing the feed per revolution f
- By increasing the cutting speed V

The cutting speed is something which, as stated previously, depends on many factors, but fundamentally it depends on the type of material from which the tool is made and on the type of material being worked.

We have also already seen that the current limits for super alloy recoated steels are between 120 and 150 m/min.

Beyond this, wear formation becomes too rapid and unpredictable, and so it becomes possible to control the operation.

Having said this, therefore, it is necessary to act upon the remaining elements: the hob diameter and the feed per workpiece revolution.

It is immediately clear, however, that any adjustments that must be made to these two elements would be in contrast with one another.

In fact, if the hob diameter d1 is decreased and all other conditions are unvaried, the number of gashes should also decrease. Therefore, to keep the same chip thickness, it would be necessary to reduce the feed.

If were decided, however, to increase the feed per workpiece revolution there would be more gashes and therefore the hob diameter would increase.

This is only true; however, if we want to obtain uniform wear distribution on the hob. If the manufacturer is willing to accept a reduction in the mechanical

performance of the hob, that is if he is satisfied with an overall lower number of machined workpieces, it is a different matter.

Basically, the idea would be to reduce the diameter and to increase the number of gashes as much as possible.

If this concept is taken to extremes, it would lead us to utilize disposable hobs that are hobs with a diameter of around 50 mm (or even less) and a number of gashes that are such that the hob can only be used once without resharpening.

The outside diameter of around 50 mm makes it necessary to eliminate the entering bore, which means that the hob would be a solid shank type.

It would therefore not be possible to utilize it on all hobbing machines, but only on those that cater for this type of tool attachment.

The number of gashes may basically be from 20 to 22 allowing for a tooth of 3. - 4 mm which would be sufficient to cope with the cutting pressure.

One point against this type of hob is that it is necessary to reduce its useful length.

For a diameter of 50 mm, it is not possible to have a length of more than 200 mm. Generally, a ratio of 1:4 between the diameter and the length is the maximum possible. Traditional hobs with a diameter of 90–100 mm may, on the other hand, reach lengths of up to 250 mm.

Standard disposable hob sizes are 50 mm and 65 mm diameters, with 22 mm or 32 mm pilot diameter shank styles. Using a shank-style tool allows for quick hob change, and minimizes the chance for hob mounting run out. The shank style allows for economical manufacturing as well as automatic loading and truing of the tool. The hob length is maximized for more shift positions. The disposable hob is designed to be a high-speed, productive hob.

Concept Behind Disposable Gear Shaper Cutter

A disc shaper cutter, on the other hand, changes its profile even when sharpened correctly and this will have an effect on the generated tooth profile of the workpiece to a greater or lesser degree, depending on the design of the tool.

Normally, it is this change in the generated profile which determines the sharpenability of the cutter with respect to the end-of-the-life.

In a resharpenable form tool, like gear tools, the side clearance is a result of the front clearance, rather than an independent feature, and usually is less than the desirable or optimum.

In a circular shaper cutter, the design is even more limited. As the cutter is sharpened back, the diameter reduces according to the front clearance angle, and this change in diameter produces a change in the generated profile of the workpiece.

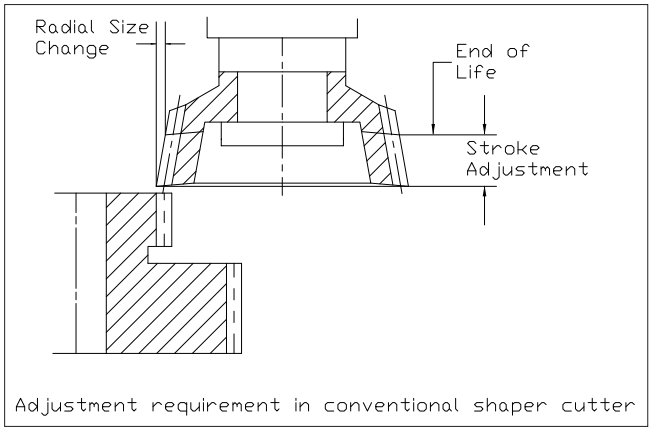
Therefore, the tolerance on the workpiece is the first consideration and the front rake is subordinate to that.

The side clearance, a critical consideration in this operation, is almost beyond the tool designer's control, it being the result of the front clearance.

In the case of a gear shaper cutter, one simple advantage is the elimination of machine setup changes related to tool change.

Normally a gear shaper has to be reset for centre distance to accommodate cuter diameter change and stroke position, to accommodate cutter length change due to sharpening. Both of these changes were completely eliminated, with a corresponding increase in machine utilization.

Such tools are used today for internal gears where the cutter diameter is restricted and for high helix gear cutting applications. Also, they can be used for limited production applications where the high cost of a special cutter body is not justified.



Adjustment requirement in conventional shaper cutter

Conclusion

The cost have so far of disposable hobs is not much lower than those which been used in gear manufacturing, even though they do bring some benefits in terms of manufacturing costs:

Amongst other advantages, we could also say that this type of hob is easier to handle since it weighs less than traditional tools.

This makes mounting and dismounting it on the machine easier, more accurate and quicker.

One final consideration: in the event of an accident due to a machine breakdown or to a faulty workpiece, the economic damage that the breakage of a disposable hob entails is less than in the case of a traditional hob.

Some of the advantages of this concept are;

- Less steel is used.
- It is not necessary to machine the bore or the keyway.
- The travel of the relieving tool and the grinding wheel is much shorter and less time is spent on these operations.
- More pieces per hob are manufactured since the operation is eliminated.
- With manufacturing control, size adjustment from one hob to the next is not needed.
- It is no longer necessary to sharpen the hob. Tool maintenance cost is therefore reduced to zero.
- Because tools are no longer sharpened, the cutting faces and flanks are always fully coated.
- Tool inventory can be reduced since a float of tools waiting at the sharpener is no longer needed.
- Tool accuracy is completely in the hands of the tool manufacturer; it is not dependent on the customer's sharpening ability.
- Most importantly, disposable hobs can give better profile accuracy, as their gash lead need not be infinite.

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The Nuts and Bolts of Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) in Gear Inspection

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Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) is a set of evaluation techniques used to inspect, test, or evaluate materials, components, or assemblies for discontinuities or differences in characteristics without causing damage to the tested object.

The primary goal of NDT is to assess the integrity, reliability, and quality of materials or structures without altering their properties or causing harm.

Significance of NDT in the Gear Industry:

The significance of Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) in the gear industry cannot be overstated, as it serves as a linchpin in ensuring the reliability, safety, and efficiency of gears within mechanical systems.

Gears play a pivotal role in machinery, transmitting power and facilitating movement, making their structural integrity of foremost importance. NDT techniques are instrumental in this context as they allow for meticulous inspections without causing harm to the gears, preserving their integrity and functionality. One of the key advantages lies in the early detection of defects, both on the surface and within the structure, preventing potential catastrophic failures and extending the operational lifespan of gears.

Moreover, NDT contributes to enhanced safety by identifying flaws that could compromise performance under high-stress conditions. The cost-effectiveness of NDT is notable, as it obviates the need for destructive testing, ensuring that gears can be thoroughly inspected without scraping or damaging the components.

Non-invasiveness is a critical feature, minimising downtime and facilitating inspections without the need for time-consuming and costly dismantling procedures. Quality assurance and compliance with industry standards are intrinsic to NDT, providing a thorough and reliable assessment that is vital in industries where precision and consistent performance

are imperative. Ultimately, the application of NDT in gear inspection serves as an indispensable element in maintaining the integrity and functionality of gears, contributing to increased productivity and overall operational efficiency in mechanical systems.

A look at types of NDT methods:

Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) encompasses a diverse array of methods designed to inspect materials and components without causing damage to the tested objects.

In the context of gear inspection, various NDT methods play a crucial role in identifying defects and ensuring the reliability and safety of gears. Here's an overview of key NDT methods applicable to gear inspection:

Ultrasonic Testing (UT): UT involves the use of high-frequency sound waves to detect internal and surface defects in gears. The method relies on the principle of sound wave reflection, allowing for precise measurements of material thickness and identification of flaws such as cracks or voids.

Magnetic Particle Testing (MPT): MPT is effective in detecting surface and near-surface defects in gears. It involves the application of a magnetic field to the gear, followed by the application of ferromagnetic particles. These particles accumulate at defect locations, making them visible for inspection.

Liquid Penetrant Testing (LPT): LPT is a surface inspection method where a liquid penetrant is applied to the gear surface. After a certain dwell time, the excess penetrant is removed, and a developer is applied. This process highlights surface-breaking defects, making them easily visible for inspection.

Eddy Current Testing (ECT): ECT is particularly useful for detecting surface defects and variations in conductivity. It involves inducing electric currents in the gear using a coil, and anomalies in the current flow caused by defects are analysed to identify flaws such as cracks or material inconsistencies.

Radiographic Testing (RT): RT utilises X-rays or gamma rays to inspect the internal structure of gears. This method is effective in detecting subsurface defects and providing detailed images of the internal composition of the gear. It is particularly valuable for assessing the integrity of intricate gear structures.

Thermographic Testing (TT): TT relies on the detection of temperature variations on the gear surface. An infrared camera captures heat patterns, revealing anomalies such as delamination, voids, or other defects. This method is sensitive to variations in thermal conductivity and can be applied to both surface and subsurface inspections. Each of these NDT methods has specific advantages and applications in gear inspection, allowing for a comprehensive evaluation of the gears' integrity. The selection of the appropriate NDT technique often depends on factors such as the type of gear, the material composition, and the nature of potential defects.

Challenges and limitations faced by NDT:

Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) techniques play a crucial role in gear inspection, but they face notable limitations and challenges. Surface accessibility becomes an issue in gears with complex geometries or confined spaces, hindering proper NDT application.

Material characteristics impact effectiveness, and the size or irregular shape of gears poses challenges in achieving uniform coverage. Detecting subsurface defects may be difficult, necessitating specialised techniques. Operator skill, environmental conditions, and various factors affecting accuracy must be considered.

Moreover, accuracy in NDT results is influenced by equipment calibration, adherence to standards, and the impact of surface finishes or coatings.

The resolution and sensitivity of NDT equipment are critical, and the frequency of inspections should strike a balance to avoid oversight or false positives. Variations in material properties can also affect NDT performance. Addressing these challenges and factors is essential for the successful implementation of NDT strategies, ensuring reliable results and maintaining the integrity of mechanical systems.

Advancements and Emerging Technologies in NDT:

Recent advancements in Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) technology have ushered in a new era of efficiency and accuracy in gear inspection. Digital Radiography (DR) now provides real-time high-resolution images, expediting the analysis of internal structures and improving the identification of subsurface defects in gears.

Computed Tomography (CT), originally associated with medical imaging, has found application in industrial NDT, offering three-dimensional reconstructions that provide unparalleled insights into gear internals, particularly in complex geometries.

Advanced ultrasonic techniques such as Phased Array Ultrasonic Testing (PAUT) and Full Matrix Capture (FMC) have evolved, enhancing flexibility in inspections by adjusting beam angles and focusing capabilities. Eddy Current Array (ECA) technology has gained prominence for its ability to simultaneously use multiple coils, offering detailed imaging of surface and

near-surface defects. These technologies collectively contribute to improved sensitivity and speed in gear inspections.

The impact of these emerging technologies on gear inspection is profound. There is a notable improvement in accuracy, as advanced NDT methods provide superior imaging resolution, enabling precise defect identification and ensuring reliable results.

The efficiency of gear inspections has been significantly enhanced by automated inspection systems and advanced ultrasonic techniques, reducing inspection time and optimising overall processes.

Increased sensitivity, particularly with Eddy Current Array technology, allows for the detection of smaller defects, vital for maintaining the precision and reliability of gears.

Moreover, the non-intrusive nature of these advanced technologies eliminates the need for gear disassembly, minimising downtime and preserving the structural integrity of gears during inspections.

The integration of artificial intelligence in NDT systems facilitates advanced data analysis, enabling predictive maintenance by identifying patterns and trends in gear conditions.

Overall, these advancements represent a paradigm shift in gear inspection, offering a holistic approach to efficiency, accuracy, and predictive maintenance in mechanical systems.

The Road Ahead:

The article emphasises the supreme importance of NDT in ensuring the reliability and safety of gears in various industries.

By preserving asset integrity, enabling early defect detection, and offering cost-effective, non-destructive inspection methods, NDT emerges as a cornerstone in the maintenance of precision and reliability in mechanical systems.

The recent technological strides in NDT further solidify its role, promising a future where gear inspection is not only thorough and accurate but also increasingly efficient and proactive in ensuring the longevity and safety of critical components in industrial machinery.

HIGHLIGHTS

Significance of NDT in the Gear Industry:

- NDT plays a crucial role in ensuring the reliability, safety, and efficiency of gears within mechanical systems.
- Early defect detection prevents catastrophic failures, extends operational lifespan, and enhances safety under high-stress conditions.
- Cost-effectiveness and non-invasiveness minimise downtime and preserve gear integrity without damaging components.

Types of NDT Methods:

- Ultrasonic Testing (UT), Magnetic Particle Testing (MPT), Liquid Penetrant Testing (LPT), Eddy Current Testing (ECT), Radiographic Testing (RT), and Thermographic Testing (TT) are key methods applied in gear inspection.
- Each method offers specific advantages, allowing for a comprehensive evaluation of gear integrity based on factors like gear type, material composition, and potentialdefects.

Challenges and Limitations in NDT:

- Challenges include surface accessibility in complex geometries, material characteristics, and detecting subsurface defects.
- Operator skill, environmental conditions, and equipment calibration also impact NDT accuracy and effectiveness.

Advancements and Emerging Technologies:

- Digital Radiography (DR), Computed Tomography (CT), Phased Array Ultrasonic Testing (PAUT), Full Matrix Capture (FMC), and Eddy Current Array (ECA) technology are revolutionising gear inspection.
- These technologies offer improved accuracy, efficiency, and sensitivity, enabling precise defect identification, reducing inspection time, and facilitating predictive maintenance.

The Road Ahead:

- NDT is crucial for ensuring gear reliability, safety, and longevity in various industries.
- Recent technological advancements promise a future where gear inspection is not only thorough and accurate but also increasingly efficient and proactive in ensuring the safety of critical components in industrial machinery.

Pillars of Progress: Catalysing India's Manufacturing Potential

By: Sushmita Das

As per the India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF), a Trust established by the Department of Commerce under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, India's manufacturing sector ranks third globally and holds the potential to export goods valued at US$ 1 trillion by 2030.

The "Make in India" initiative is founded on four fundamental principles aimed at fostering entrepreneurship across various sectors in India, not limited to manufacturing alone.

New Processes: Within the framework of 'Make in India,' emphasis is placed on recognizing 'ease of doing business' as the primary catalyst for fostering entrepreneurship.

Numerous initiatives have been launched to streamline the business environment, with the overarching goal of reducing licensing requirements and deregulating the industry throughout the entire business lifecycle.

New infrastructure: The presence of modern and supportive infrastructure is a critical prerequisite for industrial growth.

The government aims to foster this by developing industrial corridors and smart cities equipped with state-of-the-art technology, modern high-speed communication, and integrated logistics. Existing infrastructure will be bolstered through upgrades in industrial clusters.

Innovation and research activities are being encouraged through an expedited registration system, with corresponding enhancements made to the infrastructure of Intellectual Property Rights registration. Additionally, efforts will be made to identify industry skill requirements and develop the workforce accordingly.

New Sectors: 'Make in India' has pinpointed 25 sectors encompassing manufacturing, infrastructure, and service activities.

Detailed information on these sectors is being disseminated through interactive web portals and professionally crafted brochures.

Notably, significant avenues for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) have been opened up in Defence Production, Construction, and Railway infrastructure.

New Mindset:: Traditionally, industry has perceived the government solely as a regulator. 'Make in India' seeks to challenge this mindset by catalysing a paradigm shift in government-industry interactions.

The government aims to transition into a role of partnership with industry for the economic development of the country, adopting a facilitative approach rather than a regulatory one.

Indigenously Built Product Range: Mukund Trans-Gears' Contribution to Make in India

Mukund Trans-Gears has established itself as a reputable manufacturer, and supplier of a diverse range of industrial equipment.

Their products are indigenously built, catering to the gear industry in India. These products are namely; Aluminium Timing Pulleys, Charging Pumps, Gear Oil Pumps, Industrial Sprockets, Planetary Gearboxes, Track Drives, Track Drive Motors, Bevel Planetary Drives, Winch Drives, Worm Gearboxes, Helical Gears, and Harmonic Drives.

These products serve various industries such as Automobile, Transmission, SPM Manufacturing, and Process Industries. Additionally, they offer maintenance services for gearboxes.

With extensive experience in the market, they have built a strong presence not only in India but also across the globe. In the following section, you shall learn about some of the indigenously built products by Mukund Trans-Gears.

Industrial Sprockets:

Industrial Sprockets consist of teeth-like projections on a wheel rim, which engage with chains in conveyor systems and power transmission.

They are designed to minimize operation noise and wear. Regular inspection for wear and tear is essential, and worn or broken teeth should be replaced promptly.

Industrial Sprockets and chains require lubrication with chain lube, such as Bell Ray.

These sprockets are typically made from materials like cast iron, sintered metal, and carbon steel, offering economic and reliable drive systems for continuous

applications with maximum shock absorption and minimum torque loads. They find common usage in bicycles.

Planetary Gearboxes:

The team of professionals of Mukund Trans-Gears manufactures, supplies, and exports Planetary Gearboxes adhering to industry standards.

These gearboxes are known for their high rigidity and torque capacity, making them ideal for various industrial applications.

Celebrating Innovation: Mukund Trans-Gears' Strain Wave Gear Drives Triumph at Gear Technology India Awards 2024

Mukund Trans-Gears, a leading player in the industrial equipment manufacturing sector, has achieved a significant milestone with its Strain Wave Gear Drives.

These drives have garnered widespread recognition for their exceptional performance, winning the prestigious.

Gear Technology India Awards 2024 in the Make in India category

The Strain Wave Gear Drives manufactured by Mukund Trans-Gears stand out for their superior rigidity and impressive torque capacity, making them an ideal choice for gearbox applications across various industries.

What sets these drives apart is their exclusive production within India, accomplished by the skilled professionals at Mukund Trans-Gears.

Exclusive specifications of Strain Wave Gear Drives

- 3KW gear drive with 160:1 reduction which is used as an Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS), developed by Armament Research & Development Establishment (ARDE).
- These are fully indigenously developed having a range of 45 km which is the longest in the world, with zero backlash (less than 3 arc-seconds).

SUGH-15-50,25-50 &35-80

Designed with a coaxial input and output configuration, Strain Wave Gear Drives offer unmatched precision and reliability, meeting the stringent requirements of modern industrial applications.

Their ability to deliver consistent performance under demanding conditions has made them highly sought-after in the industry.

The recognition received by Mukund Trans-Gears at the Gear Technology India Awards 2024 underscores their commitment to innovation, quality, and contributing to the Make in India initiative.

With their expertise and dedication, Mukund Trans-Gears continues to push the boundaries of excellence in the manufacturing of Strain Wave Gear Drives, solidifying its position as a leader in the industry.

Conclusion

The "Make in India" initiative emerges as a pivotal force in propelling India's manufacturing sector towards global prominence.

Central to the initiative are four key pillars: the implementation of streamlined processes to ease business operations, the development of modern infrastructure to support industrial growth, the exploration of new sectors for expansion and investment, and a transformative shift in the government-industry relationship towards collaboration and facilitation.

Mukund Trans-Gears epitomises the spirit of Make in India with its indigenously built product range, catering to diverse industries both domestically and internationally.

Notably, their Strain Wave Gear Drives have garnered acclaim, exemplifying innovation and excellence in manufacturing. Winning the Gear Technology India Awards 2024 in the Make in India category

further establishes their commitment to quality and contribution to the initiative.

As India progresses on its journey towards becoming a global manufacturing hub, the success stories of companies like Mukund Trans-Gears underscore the transformative impact of Make in India, driving economic growth, fostering entrepreneurship, and cementing India's position on the world stage.

Through continued innovation, collaboration, and dedication, the vision of Make in India stands poised to shape India's manufacturing landscape for years to come.

HIGHLIGHTS

India's Manufacturing Potential:
India's manufacturing sector ranks third globally and aims to export goods valued at US$ 1 trillion by 2030.

Four Pillars of Make in India:

New Processes: Emphasis on ease of doing business, reducing licensing requirements, and deregulating industries.

New Infrastructure: Development of industrial corridors, smart cities, and modern logistics. Focus on enhancing IP rights infrastructure. New Sectors: Identification of 25 sectors for investment, including defence, construction, and railway infrastructure.

New Mindset: Shifting from a regulatory role to a facilitative partnership between government and industry.

Indigenously Built Product Range by Mukund

Trans-Gears: Offers a diverse range of industrial equipment, serving industries like automobile, transmission, and process industries.

Notable Products:

Industrial Sprockets: Designed for conveyor systems and power transmission, made from materials like cast iron and carbon steel.

Planetary Gearboxes: Known for high rigidity and torque capacity, ideal for various industrial applications.

Achievement of Mukund Trans-Gears: Their Strain Wave Gear Drives won the Gear Technology India Awards 2024 in the Excellence in Indigenisation - Make in India category.

Unique Features of Strain Wave Gear Drives:

Indigenously Developed: Fully developed in India, with superior rigidity and torque capacity. Applications: Used in various industries including the Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System.

Conclusion:

Impact of Make in India: Driving economic growth, fostering entrepreneurship, and solidifying India's position as a global manufacturing hub.

Role of Companies like Mukund Trans-Gears: Exemplifying innovation, quality, and commitment to the Make in India initiative.

Quality Matters: The Role of Gear Finishing in Enhancing Performance

By: NIshant Kashyap

Gear finishing refers to the set of precision machining processes applied to gear surfaces to achieve specific characteristics, dimensions, and surface qualities. This crucial phase in the manufacturing of gears ensures that the final product meets stringent requirements for accuracy, durability, and performance.

Gear finishing processes are designed to refine the surface texture, tooth profile, and overall geometry of gears, contributing to their functionality and longevity in diverse mechanical applications.

Significance of Gear Finishing in the Manufacturing Process:

The significance of gear finishing in the manufacturing process cannot be overstated, as it plays a pivotal role in shaping the functionality and longevity of gears.

Through precision machining techniques, gear finishing ensures that gears meet stringent tolerances and dimensional specifications, providing a foundation for reliable performance. The refinement of surface quality is a critical aspect, with smooth and precisely finished surfaces contributing to reduced friction and wear during gear operation. This not only enhances the overall efficiency of mechanical systems but also extends the lifespan of the gears.

Gear finishing goes beyond surface aesthetics; it includes the meticulous shaping of tooth profiles to facilitate optimal meshing and minimise issues such as noise and vibration.

Furthermore, the processes involved in gear finishing contribute to enhanced lubrication, as well as the development of wear-resistant surfaces, crucial factors in maintaining gear integrity over continuous operation. Rigorous quality control measures ensure

consistency, adherence to specifications, and the production of gears that meet the highest standards of performance and reliability. In adapting to various materials, gear finishing remains a versatile and indispensable step in the manufacturing process, supporting the use of advanced materials while maintaining the precision necessary for optimal gear function.

Ultimately, the significance of gear finishing lies in its ability to refine gears to meet specific standards, contributing to the overall reliability and efficiency of machinery across diverse industrial applications.

Common Gear Finishing Processes:

In the realm of gear manufacturing, several key finishing processes are employed to ensure precision, durability, and optimal performance.

Grinding: Gear grinding is a widely used process that involves the use of abrasive wheels to precisely shape and finish gear teeth. This high-precision method is effective in achieving tight tolerances and excellent surface finishes. Gear grinding is particularly suitable for hardened gears, providing a reliable solution for applications demanding superior accuracy.

Honing: Honing is a process that refines the tooth surface through the use of abrasive stones. It is effective in improving surface finish and eliminating irregularities, resulting in gears with enhanced accuracy. Honing is often employed for gears that require a high degree of precision but may not necessarily need the extreme precision achieved through grinding.

Lapping: Lapping is a process that utilises abrasive particles suspended in a liquid to abrade the gear surface. This method is known for achieving extremely fine surface finishes and tight tolerances. Lapping is commonly employed in applications where superior surface quality and dimensional accuracy are critical.

Superfinishing: Superfinishing is a high-precision process designed to further refine the surface finish of gears after grinding, honing, or other initial finishing processes. It involves the use of specialised abrasive tools to achieve exceptionally smooth surfaces, reducing friction, and contributing to noise reduction and increased gear lifespan.

Each process offers unique advantages, allowing for flexibility in addressing diverse industrial needs.

Gear Finishing's Impact on Precision and Tolerance:

Gear finishing is instrumental in ensuring the precision and tolerance required for the optimal performance of gears in mechanical systems.

Processes such as grinding and honing play a crucial role in achieving precise dimensions and tight tolerances, ensuring seamless integration into mechanical assemblies. The refinement of tooth profiles during gear finishing contributes to efficient power transmission and reduces the risk of premature wear or failure.

By minimising backlash and controlling clearances between gear teeth, gear finishing enhances accuracy and responsiveness in mechanical systems. Importantly, gear finishing serves as a corrective step, mitigating manufacturing variations and guaranteeing consistency across production.

Gear Finishing's Influence on Surface Finish and Tooth Profile:

Gear finishing plays a pivotal role in influencing both surface finish and tooth profile, crucial factors in ensuring the optimal performance of gears within mechanical systems. Through processes such as grinding, honing, lapping, and superfinishing, gear finishing aims to achieve a smooth and precisely finished surface on gears, reducing friction, wear, and noise during operation.

This refined surface quality directly impacts the efficiency of power transmission and enhances the overall durability of gears. Simultaneously, gear finishing processes meticulously shape and refine the tooth profiles, ensuring accurate meshing between gears.

Gears with precisely shaped tooth profiles experience minimized wear and reduced risk of failure, contributing to the longevity of the entire mechanical system.

By addressing imperfections and aligning teeth with precision, gear finishing processes play a vital role in creating gears that operate with reduced friction, minimal wear, and optimal efficiency, thus ensuring the reliable performance of mechanical systems across diverse industries.

Gear Finishing's Contribution to Reduction of Noise and Vibration:

Gear finishing makes a significant contribution to the reduction of noise and vibration in mechanical systems, enhancing the overall operational efficiency and user experience.

The precision achieved through gear finishing processes, such as grinding, honing, lapping, and superfinishing, plays a crucial role in shaping the tooth profiles and surfaces of gears.

By achieving smooth and precisely finished surfaces, gear finishing minimises irregularities that can lead to noise generation during gear engagement.

Additionally, the proper alignment and shaping of tooth profiles contribute to the reduction of vibration, as gears mesh more smoothly and consistently.

The enhanced surface quality achieved through gear finishing also promotes improved lubrication, reducing friction and further mitigating noise. As a result, gears that undergo meticulous finishing processes operate with reduced noise levels and minimised vibrations, providing quieter and smoother-running mechanical systems across various applications, from automotive to industrial machinery.

What's new in Gear Finishing?

Recent innovations in gear finishing technology have significantly improved the performance and efficiency of gears. Advanced materials and coatings, such as diamond-like carbon, enhance surface hardness and wear resistance, extending gear lifespan.

Precision machining technologies, including CNC and 3D printing, enable intricate designs and tighter tolerances. Simulation and modelling software optimises gear design and manufacturing processes, contributing to better performance. Sustainable practices, such as eco-friendly lubricants and recycling, are on the rise.

Automation and robotics streamline processes, ensuring consistency and reducing human error in gear finishing. These advancements collectively push the boundaries of gear quality, making systems more reliable and efficient in various industrial applications.

Key Takeaway:

The article emphasises the crucial role of gear finishing in achieving precision, tolerance, and optimal performance in mechanical systems.

Gear finishing processes, including grinding, honing, lapping, and superfinishing, play a pivotal role in refining surface texture, tooth profiles, and overall geometry.

The significance of gear finishing lies in ensuring seamless integration, reducing friction, and extending gear lifespan. Each finishing process offers unique advantages, addressing diverse industrial needs.

Gear finishing contributes to precision and tolerance by achieving accurate dimensions, controlling clearances, and minimising variations across production.

Moreover, it significantly influences surface finish, tooth profiles, and noise reduction, enhancing the overall efficiency of gears. Recent innovations in gear finishing technology, such as advanced materials, precision machining, simulation, sustainability, and automation, further contribute to improved gear performance and reliability in various industrial applications.

The Environmental Impact of Gear Finishing: Navigating Towards Sustainable Solutions

By: Sushmita Das

In the intricate world of manufacturing, the final touches to gears hold immense significance. Gear finishing processes, while imperative for functionality and performance, often come with environmental consequences.

From metal shaving to chemical treatments, every step leaves its mark on the planet.

In this article, we will focus on the environmental impact of gear finishing, explore its challenges and present sustainable solutions for a greener future.

Understanding the Environmental Footprint

Gear finishing encompasses a range of processes, including grinding, honing, lapping, and chemical treatments like phosphating and electroplating. Each method contributes to the environmental footprint in its unique way.

Energy Consumption: Grinding and machining, commonly used in gear finishing, require substantial energy inputs, primarily derived from non-renewable sources. This leads to significant greenhouse gas emissions, exacerbating climate change.

Waste Generation: Metal shavings, abrasive residues, and chemical by-products generated during gear finishing pose a considerable waste management challenge. Improper disposal may result in soil and water contamination, disrupting ecosystems.

Chemical Usage: Chemical treatments, such as pickling and electroplating, involve the use of hazardous substances like acids and heavy metals. Improper handling and disposal may lead to pollution

and health risks for workers and surrounding communities.

Challenges and Opportunities

Addressing the environmental impact of gear finishing requires a multifaceted approach that tackles energy consumption, waste generation, and chemical usage. Fortunately, advancements in technology and innovative practices offer promising solutions.

Energy-Efficient Processes: Adopting energy-efficient gear finishing technologies can significantly reduce carbon emissions.

Investing in precision machining tools, utilising renewable energy sources, and optimising process parameters can minimise energy consumption without compromising quality.

Waste Minimisation: Implementing waste minimisation strategies, such as recycling metal shavings and using eco-friendly abrasives, can mitigate the environmental impact of gear finishing.

Additionally, adopting closed-loop systems for coolant and lubricant management can reduce water usage and contamination risks.

Green Chemistry: Embracing green chemistry principles involves replacing hazardous chemicals with safer alternatives and designing processes that minimise waste generation.

Water-based lubricants, biodegradable cleaners, and non-toxic coatings are examples of eco-friendly alternatives that can enhance sustainability in gear finishing.

Towards Sustainable Solutions

Lifecycle Assessment (LCA): Conducting comprehensive LCAs can help manufacturers identify hotspots in the gear finishing process and prioritize areas for improvement.

By quantifying environmental impacts across the entire lifecycle, from raw material extraction to end-of-life disposal, companies can make informed decisions to minimize their ecological footprint.

Collaborative Initiatives: Collaboration across the supply chain is essential for driving sustainable practices in gear finishing.

Manufacturers, suppliers, and customers can work together to exchange best practices, develop eco-friendly technologies, and establish industry standards for environmental performance.

Regulatory Compliance: Adhering to stringent environmental regulations is crucial for minimizing the negative impact of gear finishing activities.

Compliance with laws governing air emissions, wastewater discharge, and hazardous waste management ensures responsible business practices and protects the environment and public health.

Conclusion

Therefore, the intricate processes involved in gear finishing carry significant environmental implications, spanning energy consumption, waste generation, and chemical usage.

The collective impact of these activities poses challenges to ecosystems and public health, necessitating urgent action for sustainable solutions.

The journey towards environmental stewardship in gear finishing requires a multifaceted approach.

Firstly, the adoption of energy-efficient technologies and renewable energy sources holds promise in reducing carbon emissions and minimizing the industry's ecological footprint.

Furthermore, implementing waste minimisation strategies and embracing green chemistry principles can mitigate waste generation and chemical hazards, promoting a circular and environmentally friendly approach to manufacturing.

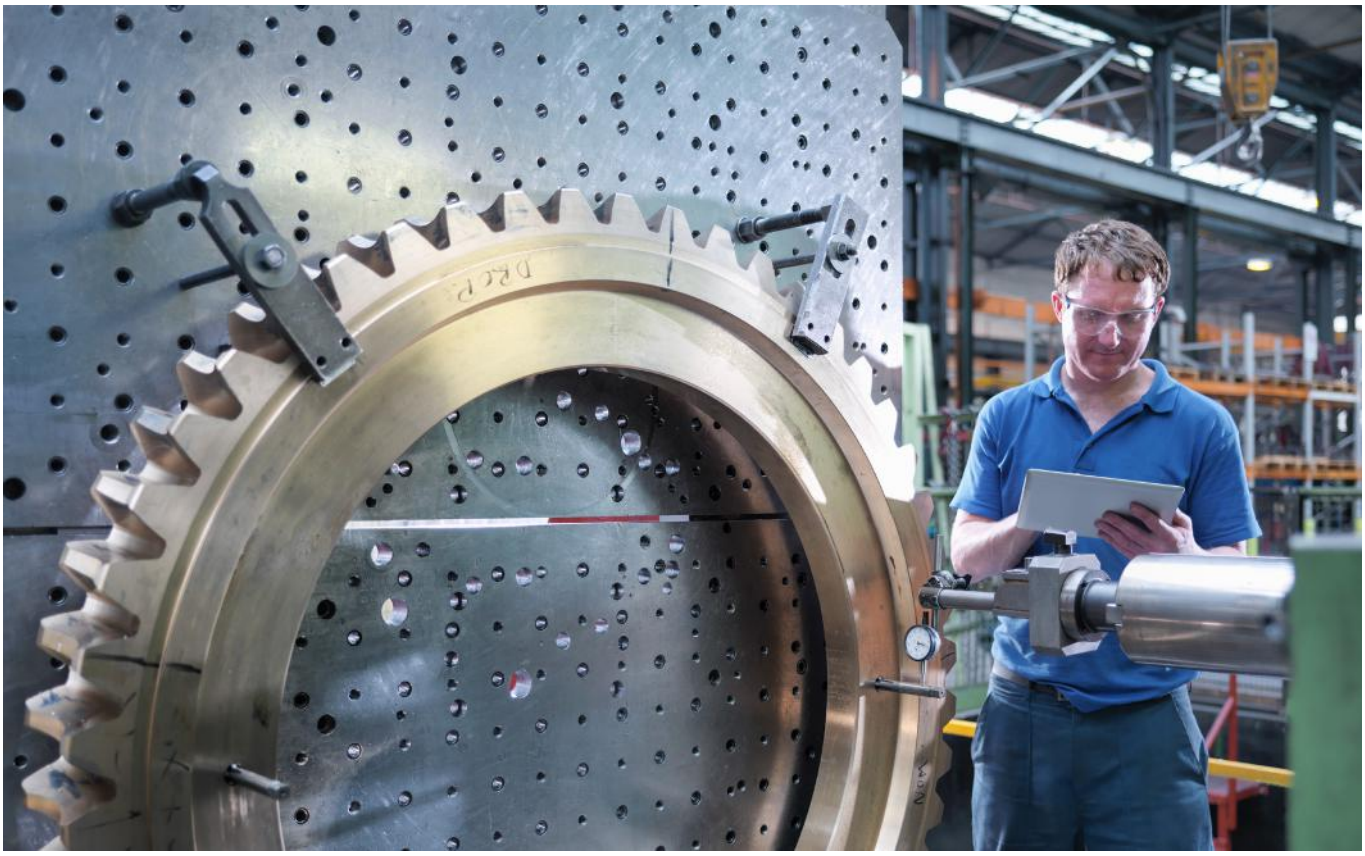
Importantly, collaborative efforts across the supply chain are paramount. Through knowledge sharing, technology development, and adherence to regulatory standards, manufacturers can collectively drive sustainable practices and foster innovation in gear finishing.

By conducting comprehensive lifecycle assessments and prioritizing environmental performance, companies can make informed decisions that balance industrial excellence with ecological responsibility.

To conclude, the gear industry stands at a pivotal juncture where sustainability and competitiveness intersect.

By embracing sustainable practices and leveraging technological advancements, manufacturers can navigate towards a future where environmental stewardship and industrial excellence go hand in hand.

Let us commit to gearing up for a sustainable tomorrow, where gears not only drive machinery but also steer us towards a greener and more prosperous future for generations to come.



Gear Tooth by Tooth: Analysing Profile and Lead Inspection Methods

By: NIshant Kashyap

In the intricate dance of mechanical systems, where precision is foremost and reliability is non-negotiable, the intricacies of gear design play a pivotal role. Central to this design are the often-overlooked heroes – the gear tooth profiles and leads. A gear's efficiency, performance, and longevity are critically tied to the geometric perfection of these fundamental components.

The gear tooth profile encapsulates the shape and contour of individual teeth, while the lead defines the axial distance travelled during one complete revolution.

Together, they form the backbone of motion transmission in various mechanical applications, from the rhythmic turning of clock gears to the robust power transmission systems of industrial machinery. This article delves into the crucial significance of inspecting gear tooth profiles and lead variations, unravelling the importance of maintaining precision at the heart of mechanical operations.

Functional Impact of Profile and Lead Variations:

Delving into the functional impact of profile and lead variations unveils the critical consequences these intricacies bear on the seamless operation, efficiency, and overall reliability of gears within mechanical assemblies.

Efficiency and Power Transmission: Variations in gear tooth profiles can have significant implications for the efficiency of power transmission. One key factor is the uneven load distribution that may arise during gear engagement due to inconsistent profiles.

This uneven loading leads to increased friction, wear, and diminished power transmission efficiency.

Moreover, irregularities in tooth profiles contribute to heightened frictional losses, resulting in the generation of heat rather than the effective transfer of power.

The cumulative effect is a decline in overall system efficiency, as a portion of the input energy is dissipated as thermal energy. Additionally, profile variations can induce vibrations during gear operation, contributing to both increased noise levels and potential threats to the structural integrity of the gear system.

Smooth Operation and Gear Engagement:
Lead variations, reflecting deviations in axial movement during one revolution, play a crucial role in determining the smoothness of gear operation.

A significant consequence of lead variations is the introduction of backlash, which represents the play or clearance between engaged gear teeth. Excessive backlash can lead to jerky motion, reduced precision, and increased wear. Furthermore, dynamic forces arising from lead variations during gear engagement can result in impacts between gear teeth, causing shock loads and potential damage.

Overall System Reliability: The impact of profile and lead variations extends beyond individual gear components to the reliability of the entire mechanical system. Misalignment issues, often associated with these variations, can lead to increased wear, heat generation, and a higher likelihood of tooth damage.

Misaligned gears compromise the reliability and longevity of the system as a whole. Addressing functional issues stemming from profile and lead variations incurs maintenance costs.

Factors Influencing Profile and Lead Variations:

The impact of lead variations on the smooth operation of gears is profound, influencing the fundamental dynamics that govern the engagement and movement of gear teeth. In applications demanding exacting precision, such as robotics and aerospace, addressing lead variations becomes important to ensure the reliability and longevity of the entire mechanical system. A lot of factors can influence a gear's profile, let's see them in brief;

Manufacturing Processes:
The precision of gear tooth profiles and leads is entangled with the nuances of the manufacturing processes employed.

Deviations in machining tolerances, tool wear, and cutting parameters can introduce unintended variations in the geometric specifications of gear teeth. Regular maintenance of cutting tools is imperative to minimise the risk of such deviations and uphold consistency in machining, ensuring the fidelity of gear profiles and leads.

Wear The inevitable wear experienced by gear teeth during operational use is a significant factor influencing profile and lead variations.

Prolonged use and operational stresses contribute to wear patterns, such as pitting and surface roughness, which can alter the original dimensions of tooth profiles and leads. The presence of abrasive contaminants in the operating environment further accelerates wear, gradually eroding tooth surfaces and introducing variations in geometry.

Misalignment:
This, whether axial or radial, emerges as a key factor leading to variations in tooth profiles and leads. Axial misalignment can result in tooth crowning or flattening, while radial misalignment can introduce eccentricities.

Both forms of misalignment impact gear engagement and transmission efficiency. Installation and assembly errors contribute to misalignment issues, emphasising the importance of precise setup procedures to mitigate variations in tooth geometry.

Environmental Conditions and Operational Stresses:
Temperature fluctuations during operation can cause thermal expansion or contraction of gear materials, potentially altering tooth dimensions. Fluctuating loads induce stresses on gear teeth, accelerating wear and contributing to variations in profiles.

Additionally, exposure to corrosive environments, characterised by high humidity or chemical contaminants, can compromise the surface integrity of gear teeth, leading to corrosion-induced changes and variations in tooth geometry.

Understanding these factors is important for gear manufacturers and operators, as it enables proactive measures to mitigate the risk of variations in tooth profiles and leads.

From precise manufacturing practices to proper maintenance and considerations for the operating environment, a comprehensive approach ensures the longevity and consistent performance of gears in diverse applications.

Lead Inspection Methods:

Lead inspection is a critical aspect of assessing and maintaining the axial movement characteristics of gears during one complete revolution.

Ensuring consistent lead angles is essential for the smooth engagement and operation of gears in mechanical systems. Several lead inspection methods are employed to evaluate and monitor lead

variations, each offering specific advantages in terms of accuracy and applicability.

Gear Roll Testing:
Gear roll testing is a widely used method for inspecting lead variations in gears. This technique involves rolling a gear against a master gear while measuring the angular displacement.

The resulting data allows for the assessment of variations in lead angles. Gear roll testing is particularly effective in identifying errors in gear manufacturing and assembly, providing valuable insights into the axial movement of gear teeth during rotation.

Gear Lead Analysers:
Gear lead analysers are specialised instruments designed to precisely measure and analyse lead variations in gears. These devices typically utilise contact or non-contact probes to assess the axial movement of gear teeth.

Gear lead analysers offer high accuracy and are capable of providing detailed information about lead angles. They are particularly valuable in applications where precision and fine-tuning of gear engagement are crucial.

Laser Interferometry:
Laser interferometry is an advanced non-contact method for lead inspection that utilises laser beams to measure minute variations in the axial movement of gear teeth. By analysing interference patterns, laser interferometry can provide highly accurate and detailed data on lead angles. This method is particularly suitable for high-precision applications where the utmost accuracy in lead inspection is required.

Importance of Maintaining Proper Lead Angles for Smooth Gear Engagement:

Maintaining proper lead angles is crucial for achieving and sustaining smooth gear engagement. Lead angles, representing the axial movement of gear teeth, directly influence how gears mesh during rotation. Deviations from the specified lead angles can result in backlash, jolts, and vibration, compromising the overall performance of the gear system.

To ensure smooth gear engagement, it is crucial to implement the following practices:

Regular Lead Inspections:
Conduct regular lead inspections using appropriate methods like gear roll testing, gear lead analysers, or laser interferometry. These inspections help identify variations in lead angles early on, allowing for timely corrective measures.

Precision Manufacturing and Assembly:
Emphasise precision in gear manufacturing and assembly processes to minimise errors that could lead to variations in lead angles. Accurate machining, proper alignment, and meticulous assembly contribute to maintaining the intended lead geometry.

Proactive Maintenance:
Implement proactive maintenance practices that include periodic lead inspections and adjustments. Addressing lead variations before they escalate ensures the longevity and optimal performance of the gear system.

Application-specific Considerations:
Tailor lead inspection and maintenance strategies to the specific requirements of the application. Precision industries such as aerospace and robotics may demand more stringent lead angle control, necessitating specialised inspection methods and meticulous maintenance protocols.

Hence, lead inspection methods play a crucial role in ensuring the reliability and efficiency of gear systems by monitoring and maintaining proper lead angles.

Final Words

Regular inspection is the linchpin of preventive maintenance, crucial for sustaining optimal gear performance. By routinely examining gear tooth profiles and lead angles, potential issues like variations, wear, and misalignment can be identified early, preventing the escalation of problems. Deviations in tooth profiles lead to inefficiencies, while lead angle discrepancies result in backlash and compromised performance.

Proactive inspections empower timely corrections, preventing unexpected breakdowns and reducing the need for extensive repairs. In essence, integrating gear inspections into preventive maintenance not only enhances reliability and longevity but also saves costs by averting unforeseen failures in mechanical systems.

Report on Gear Technology India Summit 2024: India's First-of-its-Kind Technical Summit

Date: February 22nd - 23rd, 2024

Location: Auto Cluster Exhibition Centre, Pune, Maharashtra, India

Host: Gear Technology India

Introduction:

The inaugural Gear Technology India Summit 2024 held from February 22nd to 23rd at the Auto Cluster Exhibition Centre in Pune, Maharashtra, marked a significant milestone in the Indian manufacturing landscape.

Organised by Gear Technology India, this pioneering event aimed to foster knowledge exchange, collaboration, and innovation within the gear technology industry.

With a diverse array of sessions, panel discussions, and presentations, the summit provided a platform for industry experts, professionals, and enthusiasts to converge and explore the latest advancements and challenges in gear technology.

Sessions and Highlights:

The summit featured nine comprehensive sessions, comprising panel discussions and presentations delivered by eminent leaders representing various organisations.

The first day of the summit covered a broad spectrum of topics ranging from Current Trends

In The Gear Manufacturing Industry And What Lies Ahead In The GM Future, Design Requirements of The Gearbox For Aerospace & Defence, Role Of Gear

Manufacturers In The EV Sector Innovative Gear Design: Precision Crafting For Optimal Performance, Gear Tooth Flank Surface Under EHL Lubrication & Friction.

Romance With Finance: Strategic Business Finance Workshop For Scaling Up the Business.

The second day of the summit covered various other sessions that included presentations on Manufacturing, Maintenance And Troubleshooting of Gearboxes, Gear Oil Technology and Future Trends, and the Benefits Of AGMA Standards For Indian Gear Manufacturing. Notable participants included representatives from Kapp Niles, Petronas, defence experts, gearbox specialists, gear design professionals, and many others.

Detailed Coverage of the Summit

In the following sections, you shall learn about some of the major aspects of the gear industry. To begin with we have compiled a quick summary of a few of the sessions that took place during the inaugural Gear Technology India Summit 2024.

Panel Discussion

Topic: Current Trends in the GMI and what lies ahead in the GM future.

Panellists: C Selvaraj, Mahendran Muthu, Commander Srikant, KP Soundarajan

During the panel discussion, panellists discussed Gear manufacturing Industries earlier and the future. Mr Mahendran addressed practices followed earlier during Gear design and developments happened now.

He was talking about the latest software, analytical tools used for gear design, methoding, topology optimization, Lubrication oil flow, casing strength analysis, bearing life calculation etc. The discussion happened about selecting appropriate raw materials for gears to get a better life.

Mr. Soundararajan touched upon machine tools used for gear manufacturing earlier and at present. He mentioned the skiving process and bevel gear grinder operations.

These are all highly precise operations being used for better productivity and quality. He also spoke about aerospace bevel gears which have DIN2 Accuracy on profile. Panel members stressed the importance of selecting appropriate hob cutters, and grinding wheels to improve productivity and accuracy.

Cdr Srikant addressed gearbox testing. He reiterated that gearbox vibration will play a crucial role in maintaining the gearbox. He explained about submarine gearbox function and how vibration will affect its performance. Also, he explained very nicely about their applications in the Navy.

The mechanical industry maintenance department will play a critical role in ensuring the availability of equipment at any time.

Any neglected equipment will fail during crucial times, where productivity and quality will be affected. Finally resulting in dissatisfied customers.

To avoid these kinds of circumstances preventive maintenance is to be followed. Based on the usage of equipment preventive maintenance schedule is to be prepared.

If we started monitoring the gear boxes on a daily basis, we can avoid unexpected failures. Every day the oil level of gear boxes is to be monitored. Breathers are to be cleaned periodically.

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Some of the critical applications' standby gearboxes are to be kept ready so that it will help to avoid major downtimes. Based on the observations during the preventive maintenance period bearings, and spares are to be replaced.

Every day, monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, and annual checks are to be carried out to avoid any catastrophic failures.

Servicing of Gear Boxes:

Based on the observations noted during preventive maintenance necessary spares are to be procured and kept ready. Accordingly, the shutdown of equipment is to be planned.

During servicing all the components are to be inspected for worn out, damage, improper contact pattern, runouts etc.

If the casing bore is worn out, rectifications like welding, and reboring are to be planned. Shafts bearing seating, oil seal seating O.D. worn-outs can be

rectified by using hard chrome plating and grinding. During assembly run out, Axial play, backlash, and contact pattern are to be measured. During servicing, if the gearbox is very old, we can check the possibility of improving the rating by using new gear sets by using the latest materials, design optimization etc.

Through the teeth cutting operation, proper fixtures are to be used to mount components and cutters, so that run out can be controlled. Also, appropriate hob cutters are to be selected to improve productivity.

During the heat treatment process, materials can be segregated based on raw material grade, case depth etc. Accordingly loaded into the furnace. During inspection case depth, hardness, and microstructure are to be checked for quality requirements.

After heat treatment bore grinding, face grinding, and O.D. grinding are to be done with respect to the centre hole/Bore to ensure quality. The final operation will be gear profile grinding. In this process, job mandrels/ sleeves are to be used for proper mounting. So that we can achieve the required gear profile quality as per DIN/AGMA Standards.

Gears are being inspected in a gear profile tester where we can measure profile, Lead and pitch graphs. After inspection gears are sent to assembly. During assembly, bearings are to be fitted by using induction heaters. During assembly contact patterns, run-outs, and backlash values are to be recorded.

Presentation

Topic: "Innovative Gear Design: Precision Crafting for Optimal Performance"

Presenter: Mahendran Muthu

The demands of the modern industry require more power transmission in a compact lightweight gearbox which shall be robust, durable, reliable, efficient yet cost optimal.

These requirements propel state-of-the-art gear design, computational analysis, high-strength alloy steel materials, and state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities complemented with brilliant Quality Control programs. From intricate mechanical gear calculations for component safety factors to sophisticated integrated multi-body dynamic simulations, to compute optimal tooth correction with profile and lead crowning to advanced Load tooth contact analysis, many software tools in the industry facilitate engineers to explore the virtual realm before a single physical component is produced.

For example, the windmill load simulations through SIMPACK software, LTCA through FVA, Gearbox system design through KINGSOFT, Romax, MASTA software, etc. empower us to tackle the complexity of multiple physics disciplines in a combined approach.

International standards act as a unifying force, allowing seamless integration of components and technologies from different corners of the globe. International Standards like AGMA /DIN/ISO/JIS/GOST /others address critical gearing topics, from design and analysis; manufacturing and quality; materials, metallurgy, and heat treatment; operation, maintenance, lubrication, and efficiency; and gear failure.

Smart gearing systems in factories while equipped with condition monitoring sensors through SCADA and connected with the Internet of Things (IoT) devices form the virtual networking control and act as digital twins in many areas.

By continuously comparing the digital twin's performance with real-world data, we can identify anomalies, predict maintenance needs, and optimise the efficiency of systems in once unimaginable ways.

The future of gear technology will be synergised between human intelligence and artificial intelligence, where AI algorithms analyse vast amounts of data from sensors in real time, predicting potential failures and prescribing pre-emptive maintenance.

In conclusion, innovative gear design and Precision crafting are not about making gears- but about creating solutions that redefine performance standards,

pushing the boundaries of what we thought possible toward optimum creativity and productivity.

Presentation

Topic: Gearbox Maintenance & Servicing
Presenter: C Selvaraj

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Conclusion

The Gear Technology India Summit 2024, held in Pune, Maharashtra, was a landmark event that brought together industry leaders, professionals, and enthusiasts to explore the latest advancements and challenges in gear technology.

With a diverse range of sessions covering topics such as current trends in gear manufacturing, innovative gear design, and gearbox maintenance, the summit provided a comprehensive platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration.

During panel discussions, experts delved into the evolution of gear manufacturing practices, emphasising the importance of precision and productivity in modern gear design. They highlighted the significance of selecting appropriate materials, tools, and technologies to enhance gear performance and reliability. Additionally, discussions on preventive maintenance underscored the critical role of maintenance departments in ensuring equipment availability and minimising downtime.Presentations showcased the cutting-edge developments in gear design, computational analysis, and manufacturing technologies. From sophisticated simulations to smart gearing systems integrated with IoT devices, the presentations illustrated the transformative potential of innovative gear design in pushing the boundaries of performance standards.Furthermore, insights into gearbox maintenance and servicing provided valuable guidelines for ensuring equipment reliability and longevity.

From daily monitoring to comprehensive preventive maintenance schedules, the importance of proactive maintenance practices was reiterated to avoid unexpected failures and optimise equipment performance.

The Gear Technology India Summit 2024 ended triumphantly, drawing keen participation from professionals spanning the gear industry. Serving as an exceptional forum for knowledge exchange, the summit facilitated dynamic interactions among industry experts and stakeholders.

Engaging discussions, presentations, and interactive sessions enriched attendees' comprehension of prevailing trends, obstacles, and advancements in gear technology.

The summit's capacity to promote collaboration, innovation, and excellence highlights its pivotal role in shaping the future of the gear technology sector, both in India and globally.

Cutting-Edge Innovations in Surface Finishing Techniques: Revolutionizing Gear Performance

By: Sushmita Das

In the complex world of mechanical engineering, where precision and performance are paramount, the significance of surface finishing techniques cannot be overstated.
Among the most critical components of machinery are gears, whose efficiency, durability, and aesthetics hinge upon meticulous finishing processes.

In recent years, significant advancements have emerged, propelling gear finishing to new heights.

By the end of this article, you shall bag knowledge on the latest technologies and methodologies transforming gear finishing, elucidating their profound impact on performance, durability, and aesthetics.

Nanotechnology: A Microscopic Revolution

At the forefront of modern gear finishing techniques lies nanotechnology, offering unprecedented precision and control over surface properties.

Utilizing nanoscale abrasives and coatings, manufacturers can achieve exceptionally smooth surfaces, reducing friction and wear.

One such innovation is the application of nanodiamond particles in abrasive slurries, facilitating ultra-fine polishing of gear surfaces. This method not only enhances surface smoothness but also improves load-bearing capacity and operational lifespan.

Electrochemical Machining (ECM): A Precise Approach

In the pursuit of flawless gear surfaces, electrochemical machining (ECM) has emerged as a highly precise and efficient technique. ECM involves the controlled removal of material through electrolysis, ensuring uniformity and consistency across gear teeth profiles.

Unlike traditional methods, ECM eliminates the risk of tool wear and thermal damage, preserving the integrity of gear surfaces. Furthermore, ECM enables intricate geometries and microstructures, catering to the diverse needs of modern machinery.

Laser Surface Texturing: Enhancing Lubrication and Performance

Laser surface texturing represents a paradigm shift in gear finishing, offering tailored surface modifications to optimize performance. By employing high-energy laser beams, manufacturers can create microscale patterns on gear surfaces, influencing lubricant retention and frictional behaviour.

These textured surfaces exhibit enhanced oil film retention, mitigating frictional losses and improving overall efficiency. Moreover, laser texturing allows for precise control over surface roughness, facilitating optimal meshing and noise reduction in gear assemblies.

Ion Implantation: Strengthening Surfaces

In the pursuit of enhanced durability, ion implantation has emerged as a promising technique for surface hardening of gears. By bombarding gear surfaces with ion beams, manufacturers can introduce controlled modifications to surface properties, such as hardness and wear resistance.

This process creates a hardened layer beneath the surface, fortifying gear teeth against abrasion and fatigue. Additionally, ion implantation facilitates selective alloying, enabling the incorporation of elements like nitrogen or carbon to enhance specific performance characteristics.

Superfinishing: Achieving Sub-Micron Precision

Superfinishing techniques have undergone significant advancements, offering unparalleled surface quality and dimensional accuracy.

Through the use of abrasive films and compounds, manufacturers can achieve sub-micron-level finishes, surpassing the capabilities of traditional honing and grinding methods. Superfinishing not only improves gear aesthetics but also reduces surface roughness and contact fatigue, resulting in quieter operation and extended service life. Moreover, the advent of automated superfinishing systems has streamlined the process, ensuring consistency and repeatability in production environments.

Conclusion: Pioneering the Future of Gear Finishing

The field of mechanical engineering is continuously evolving, driven by the relentless pursuit of precision and performance. Within this domain, surface finishing techniques stand as pivotal elements in ensuring the efficiency, durability, and aesthetic appeal of machinery, with gears occupying a central role.

The exploration of cutting-edge methodologies discussed in this article illuminates the transformative potential of modern technology in gear finishing.

From the microscopic realm of nanotechnology to the precision of electrochemical machining, each technique offers unique advantages in enhancing gear surfaces. Nanotechnology, with its utilization of nanoscale abrasives, promises unparalleled smoothness and longevity.

Electrochemical machining, through its controlled material removal, ensures uniformity and integrity in gear teeth profiles. Laser surface texturing introduces tailored modifications to optimize lubrication and performance, while ion implantation strengthens surfaces for enhanced durability.

Furthermore, superfinishing techniques achieve sub-micron precision, elevating gear aesthetics and functionality to unprecedented levels.

As we go deeper into these advancements, it becomes evident that the future of gear finishing is poised for remarkable progress.

Manufacturers now possess the tools and methodologies to push the boundaries of performance and reliability, ushering in an era of unprecedented innovation and excellence in mechanical engineering.

By harnessing the potential of these technologies, engineers can not only meet but exceed the demands of modern machinery, ensuring its seamless operation and longevity in diverse applications.

The advancements explored in this article not only underscore the significance of surface finishing techniques but also highlight their transformative impact on the world of mechanical engineering.

As we continue to push the boundaries of innovation, the quest for perfection in gear finishing remains steadfast, driving progress and shaping the future of machinery in remarkable ways.

From Raw to Refined: The Journey of Gear Manufacturing through Finishing

By: NIshant Kashyap

The journey of gear manufacturing is a fascinating expedition that transforms raw materials into precision-engineered components, crucial for the seamless operation of machinery across diverse industries. At the heart of this ravelled process lies the art of finishing, a critical phase that elevates gears from their raw, rudimentary forms to refined, high-performance components.

As gears are the mechanical keystone, translating power and motion within machinery, the significance of the finishing stage cannot be overstated. This article delves into the transformative odyssey of gear manufacturing, with an unwavering focus on the nuanced processes and technologies involved in achieving unmatched finishes.

From the initial stages of material selection and design to the cutting-edge advancements in surface coating and quality control, we embark on a journey that encapsulates the evolution of gears from raw to refined, where every finishing touch plays a pivotal role in ensuring optimal functionality and durability.

Join us as we navigate through the intricacies of gear manufacturing, unveiling the craftsmanship and innovation that converge to shape the backbone of mechanical systems worldwide.

Raw Material Selection in Gear Manufacturing

The foundational step in gear manufacturing is the careful selection of raw materials. Steel, cast iron, brass, and bronze are common choices, each selected based on specific characteristics.

Material properties, load-bearing requirements, temperature and corrosion resistance, and manufacturability considerations guide this decision-making process.

The chosen material sets the stage for the gear's performance, determining its strength, hardness, and overall durability.

Design Phase: Crafting Precision for Optimal Performance

Once the raw material is chosen, the design phase takes centre stage. Here, engineers carefully define the gear's tooth profile, size, gear ratio, and speed, considering factors like material distribution, precision, and tolerance.

Design considerations extend to minimising noise and vibration, addressing cost constraints, and leveraging CAD modelling and simulations for refinement. This phase serves as the blueprint, influencing subsequent manufacturing processes, and ensuring the gear's efficiency and effectiveness in diverse applications.

Cutting and Shaping Phase

The journey of gear manufacturing embarks with the complexities of cutting and shaping, where the raw materials are sculpted into precision-engineered components.

In this phase, various cutting processes such as hobbing, milling, and shaping play a pivotal role in defining the tooth profiles and ensuring accuracy. The advent of Computer Numerical Control (CNC) technology has elevated the precision standards, enabling manufacturers to achieve consistent and repeatable results. The choice of cutting method is dictated by the type of gear and its intended

application, emphasising the importance of attention to detail to meet the stringent requirements of gear functionality.

Building Toughness; Heat Treatment Stage

The gears undergo a transformative phase known as heat treatment, where the materials are subjected to controlled heating and cooling processes.
The primary goals of heat treatment include enhancing hardness, improving toughness, and fortifying the gears against wear and fatigue.

Techniques like carburizing and quenching are commonly employed, with strict quality controls in place to monitor parameters like temperature and cooling rates.

Advances in heat treatment technology, including induction hardening and flame hardening, showcase the industry's commitment to innovation.
The combination of cutting precision and judicious heat treatment ensures that gears not only boast intricate tooth profiles but also exhibit the resilience needed to withstand the demanding conditions of mechanical operations.

The Finishing Phase:

In this journey of gear manufacturing, the finishing process stands as the crowning achievement, where the raw precision of mechanically shaped gears is refined into masterpieces of engineering prowess. Employing a range of sophisticated techniques such as grinding, honing, and deburring, gears undergo a transformative surface refinement, achieving not only exact tooth profiles but also an unparalleled smoothness that mitigates friction and enhances overall efficiency.

While every stage in gear manufacturing is undeniably crucial, from meticulously selecting ideal material to crafting its inherent toughness, I believe the finishing phase stands as the crowning achievement. It's here that various techniques come into play, carefully refining gear surface & ensuring peak performance. This transformative process acts as final arbiter, dictating whether gear clears the strict benchmarks required for smooth operation within complex machinery.

This cautious process goes beyond mere aesthetics; it is a critical stage where the longevity and reliability of gears are meticulously secured.

From the application of specialised coatings, like nitriding, for corrosion resistance to the microscopic smoothing achieved through superfinishing, each step contributes to the gears' resilience and load-bearing capacity.

Thorough inspections, employing advanced tools and non-destructive testing, validate dimensional accuracy and structural integrity, ensuring that every gear meets stringent quality standards.

The final phase, a comprehensive assessment of performance and functionality, solidifies the role of the finishing process in crafting gears that not only meet industry benchmarks but also exemplify the pinnacle of precision and durability.

In this amalgamation of artistry and cutting-edge technology, the finishing process emerges as the cornerstone, shaping gears into indispensable components that power diverse machinery across industries.

Why Gear Finishing is Crucial?

The gear finishing phase occupies an important position in the world of gear manufacturing, wielding a transformative influence on the very essence of precision engineering.

This critical stage is not merely cosmetic; it is the crucible where mechanically shaped gears undergo a metamorphosis into high-performance components, ensuring the seamless operation of machinery across diverse industries.

Through techniques like grinding, honing, and superfinishing, the finishing phase guarantees the exactitude of tooth profiles and correct spacing, establishing a foundation for the smooth and efficient transfer of power between gears.

The reduction of friction and wear, coupled with the enhancement of load-bearing capacity, prolongs the lifespan of gears and fortifies them against premature failure.

Beyond this, the finishing process contributes to improved gear efficiency, corrosion resistance, and optimised lubrication.

Rigorous inspections and quality control measures implemented during this phase serve as guardians, certifying that each gear adheres to specified tolerances and standards, ensuring reliability and consistent performance. In the relentless pursuit of excellence, the integration of advanced technologies, including computer-aided inspection and automation,

further refines the precision and consistency of the finishing process.

Ultimately, the gear finishing phase emerges as the linchpin, where the marriage of artistry and cutting-edge technology forges gears that not only meet industry benchmarks but also embody the pinnacle of precision, durability, and reliability in the intricate tapestry of modern mechanical systems.

The Ending Note:

Through this process of gear manufacturing, from the careful selection of raw materials to the precision engineering of designs and the transformative phases of cutting, shaping, and heat treatment, the finishing process emerges as the crowning achievement.

This phase, often underestimated for its complexity, plays a pivotal role in elevating mechanically shaped gears into high-performance components.

The finishing process, incorporating grinding, honing, and superfinishing, ensures not only exact tooth profiles but also unparalleled smoothness, reducing friction and enhancing efficiency. Coatings and microscopic smoothing contribute to resilience and load-bearing capacity.

Tight inspections and advanced technologies validate quality, certifying gears to meet stringent standards. In essence, the finishing phase is the keystone, where the marriage of artistry and cutting-edge technology forges gears that embody the pinnacle of precision, durability, and reliability.

This article invites readers to appreciate the nuanced processes and innovations that converge in gear manufacturing, ultimately shaping the backbone of modern mechanical systems worldwide.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Introduction to Gear Manufacturing: The article introduces gear manufacturing as a captivating journey that begins with raw materials and culminates in refined, high-performance components essential for various industries. It emphasizes the pivotal role of the finishing phase in elevating gears to their optimal state.

Raw Material Selection and Design Phase: The foundational steps of gear manufacturing involve careful selection of raw materials, such as steel, cast iron, brass, and bronze, based on specific characteristics. Engineers then meticulously design the gear's tooth profile, size, and other parameters, considering factors like material properties, precision, and tolerance, to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in diverse applications.

Cutting and Shaping Phase: The journey continues with the complexities of cutting and shaping, where raw materials undergo processes like hobbing, milling, and shaping to define tooth profiles and ensure accuracy. Advanced technologies like Computer Numerical Control (CNC) enable manufacturers to achieve consistent and repeatable results, emphasizing the importance of attention to detail to meet stringent requirements.

Heat Treatment Stage: Gears undergo a transformative phase known as heat treatment, where controlled heating and cooling processes enhance hardness, improve toughness, and fortify against wear and fatigue. Techniques like carburizing and quenching, along with advancements like induction hardening and flame hardening, ensure gears exhibit resilience needed for demanding mechanical operations.

The Finishing Phase: The finishing phase stands as the crowning achievement in gear manufacturing, refining mechanically shaped gears into masterpieces of engineering prowess. Techniques such as grinding, honing, and superfinishing ensure exact tooth profiles and unparalleled smoothness, mitigating friction and enhancing efficiency. Rigorous inspections validate dimensional accuracy and structural integrity, solidifying gears' precision and durability.

Significance of Gear Finishing: The article emphasizes the crucial role of gear finishing in ensuring the seamless operation of machinery worldwide. Through techniques like grinding, honing, and superfinishing, the finishing phase guarantees precise tooth profiles, reduced friction, and enhanced efficiency, contributing to prolonged gear lifespan and reliability in diverse applications.

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