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#### **DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

#### **DESIGN OF Transmission System**

III YEAR VISEM

UNIT 2- Design of Flexible Transmission Elements

**TOPIC : Chain Drive** 



















#### CALCULATE THE RPM OR RATIO BY IGNORING THE CHAIN







# Typical drive chain





## Drive Chain Advantages

- Positive drive
- No slip--no wasted energy
- More efficient than belt drives





# Drive Chain Advantages

- Wide range of power available
- Can be used over a long distance
- Can be used in low speed, high torque applications
- Can absorb shock loads





# Drive Chain Advantages

- Easier to remove/replace than belts
- Compact
- Somewhat flexible
- Relatively inexpensive
- Can handle heat, dirt, weather exposure (when properly lubricated)





# Drive Chain **Disadvantages**

- Allow very little misalignment
- Require frequent lubrication
- Are noisy
- Heavier than belts
- Can not slip





## Terminology

- Sprocket
- Chain pitch
- Pitch diameter
- Ultimate strength
- Chain rating

















# **Roller Chains**

- Most common type of drive chain.
- Standards set by ANSI.
- Have rollers that rotate on bushings.
- Makes rolling contact with the sprocket teeth rather than sliding contact, thus reducing friction and wear.
- Generally, single strand chain is used.
- High power units may use multiple strands.





## **Roller Chains**

- Parts
- 1. Pin link plate
- 2. Roller link plate
- 3. Roller
- 4. Bushing
- 5. Pin





## Pin Link Plate

#### Roller Link Plate

Rollers

Bushings

**Roller Link Plate** 

**Pin Link Plate** 











# **Connecting Links**

- Called master links
- Allow easy assembly/disassembly of the chain
- Available in full link or in half link
- (Sometimes called full pitch and 1/2 pitch)





#### **Connecting Links**



#### Spring Clip Cotter Pins







Cottered Type Connecting Link



Spring Clip Type Connecting Link

Connecting Links - Standard #60 & Smaller - Spring Clip Type #80 & Larger - Cottered Type others available upon request

Cottered and Spring Clip type connecting links are available in both slip-fit and press-fit configurations, slip-fit is the

standard.

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#### Half Link







# **Rollerless Chains**

- A modification of standard roller chain
- Often used as a hoist chain but
- Can be used as a drive chain in gritty, abrasive environments
- Why????





# **Double Pitch Chains**

- The rollers are spaced twice as far apart as in the standard roller chain
- All other dimensions remain the same as for the standard chain
- For light duty applications at low to moderate speeds
- Can be used with standard or special sprockets





# Double pitch chain







#### **Conveyor Chain**







#### Silent Chain

- Smooth and fairly quiet operation
- Made of heat treated high-carbon or alloy steel,
- Can be made of stainless steel
- May have a center guide plate, 2 guide plates, side-guide plates or with no guide plates
- Can be made with a tooth contour on both sides





Nonflange silent chain







Duplex silent chain











# Engineering Class Chain

- Stronger, heavier chain, generally low speed applications
- Roller or rollerless
- Straight sidebars or offset sidebars











#### Cast Drive Chain

- Not used for high speed or where precision control is important.
- Can be a drive chain or a conveyor type chain.
- Generally made of malleable iron, which may be further processed for higher strength.
- Off-set sidebars.
- Generally, not for reversing drives.





## Cast Drive Chain

- Often used in nasty environments;
- 1. High moisture areas
- 2. Dirty, gritty areas
- 3. In areas with high concentrations of chemicals or corrosives
- 4. In high temperature areas





# Cast chain







#### Sprockets

- Solid or spoked
- Classes
  - A, b, c, d
- Teeth may be hardened or manufactured by the "chill mold" method which makes better wear properties in the tooth area
- May have plain bores or may use a taper hub





#### Sprockets

- Made of cast iron, cast steel or fabricated steel
- Drive chain sprockets require a locking device





#### Sprockets

- Most common is the key-way, key and setscrews
- Double pitch chain uses either single duty or double duty sprockets































#### Installation

- Alignment of sprockets is critical to long life of the chain and sprockets
- Proper sag is about 1/4 inch for every 12" between the sprocket centers (2%)
- Safety guards
- Lubrication
- Periodic inspections







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#### Chain Sag

 The proper chain tension is critical to achieving acceptable service life as excessive tension can cause accelerated wear or chain overload and excessive slack can cause rough chain operation and possibly result in the chain skipping a sprocket tooth, resulting in a catastrophic failure.





#### Chain Sag

 For the majority of slow and medium speed drives, the total mid-span movement in the slack span of the chain should be approximately 4-6% of the drive's center distance. For drives operating at high speeds, impulse or reversing loads, the total mid-span movement should be reduced to 2-3% of the center distance.





### Chain Sag

 Drives with vertical centers should also be adjusted to the smaller percentage. If the drive is designed to incorporate shaft adjustment or an idler, the amount of movement or "take-up" should always allow for the removal of two pitches of chain.













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# Leaf Chains

- Are not used as drive chains
- Used in forklift trucks and hoisting devices
- A modification is the wrench chain used in pipe vices and chain wrenches





#### Leaf Chain







#### Wrench Chain









Safety

- Lock out/tag out.
- Watch for sharp edges or teeth on worn sprockets.
- Do a finger count.
- No loose clothing.(Long sleeves, ties, shirttails.).
- Tie back long hair.





# Lock out/tag out









The End!!!!