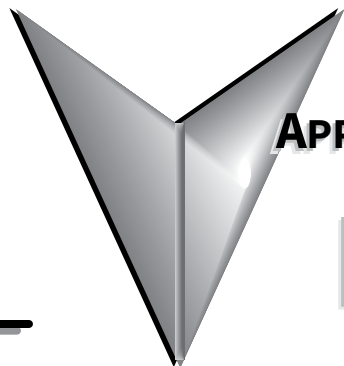


# GEARBOX SELECTION

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## APPENDIX

# B

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## GEARBOX SELECTION PROCEDURE

### GEARBOX SELECTION STEPS

- 1) Determine the torque and speed required for the load.
- 2) Determine the overall speed ratio of motor speed to load speed.
- 3) Determine the gearbox ratio as well as any reduction outside the gearbox (pulleys, gears, etc.).
- 4) Determine the applicable service factor and overhung load K factor.
- 5) Determine the gearbox real output torque required, and select a gearbox with a higher Maximum Thermal output Torque rating.
- 6) Determine the gearbox design output torque required (torque with service factor applied), and select a gearbox with a higher Maximum Mechanical Output Torque rating. (Gearbox must also meet requirement #5.)
- 7) Determine the required sizes of pulleys, gears, etc., and determine the overhung load force. Select a gearbox with a higher Overhung Load rating. (Gearbox must also meet requirements #5 & #6.)
- 8) Confirm that the selected gearbox meets the applicable system requirements.
- 9) Select a compatible motor.

### GEARBOX SELECTION EXAMPLE

**(Refer to the specifications tables for gearbox specifications, service factors, and K factors.)**

A conveyor will run 8 hours/day with moderate shock loading. The conveyor will be driven by a v-belt and needs to be driven approximately 30 rpm. The motor used will have a nominal speed of 1800 rpm (1750 rpm actual speed). The conveyor will require 5500 in·lb of torque.

- 1) Required torque = 5500 in·lb; required speed = 30 rpm.
- 2) Determine the overall speed ratio of motor speed to load speed:  
Overall speed ratio = (motor speed) / (load speed) = 1750 / 30 = 58.33 (about 58:1)
- 3) Determine pulley ratios at available gearbox ratios:  

$$\text{Gearbox ratio} = (\text{overall speed ratio}) / (\text{pulley ratio})$$

$$\text{Pulley ratio} = (\text{overall speed ratio}) / (\text{gearbox ratio})$$

$$= (\text{conveyor pulley diameter}) / (\text{gearbox pulley diameter})$$
  - For ~~5:1 gearbox~~: pulley ratio = 58.33 / 5 = ~~11.67~~ [11.67 pulley ratio too large]
  - For 10:1 gearbox: pulley ratio = 58.33 / 10 = 5.83
  - For 15:1 gearbox: pulley ratio = 58.33 / 15 = 3.89
  - For 20:1 gearbox: pulley ratio = 58.33 / 20 = 2.92
  - For 30:1 gearbox: pulley ratio = 58.33 / 30 = 1.94
  - For 40:1 gearbox: pulley ratio = 58.33 / 40 = 1.46
  - For ~~60:1 gearbox~~: pulley ratio = 58.33 / 60 = ~~0.97~~ [0.97 pulley ratio too small]
- 4) Determine service factor (SF) and overhung load factor (K) from applicable tables:  
 SF = 1.25 due to moderate shock loading and 3-10 hours/day operation  
 K = 1.5 due to V-belt

- 5) Use specification table to select gearbox with Max Output Torque Rating > required real torque:  
*Gearbox required real torque = (final torque) / (pulley ratio)*

For 10:1 gearbox:	$(5500 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in}) / 5.83 = 943.40 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in};$	use HGR-37-x or larger
For 15:1 gearbox:	$(5500 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in}) / 3.89 = 1413.88 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in};$	use HGR-37-x or larger
For 20:1 gearbox:	$(5500 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in}) / 2.92 = 1883.56 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in};$	use HGR-47-x or larger
For 30:1 gearbox:	$(5500 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in}) / 1.94 = 2835.05 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in};$	use HGR-67-x or larger
For 40:1 gearbox:	$(5500 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in}) / 1.46 = 3767.12 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in};$	use HGR-67-x or larger

- 6) Use specifications table to select gearbox with Max Output Torque Rating > required design torque:  
*Gearbox required design torque = (real gearbox torque)(service factor)*

For 10:1 gearbox:	$(943.40 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in})(1.25) = 1179.25 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in};$	use HGR-37-x or larger
For 15:1 gearbox:	$(1413.88 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in})(1.25) = 1767.35 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in};$	use HGR-47-x or larger
For 20:1 gearbox:	$(1883.56 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in})(1.25) = 2354.45 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in};$	use HGR-47-x or larger
For 30:1 gearbox:	$(2835.05 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in})(1.25) = 3543.81 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in};$	use HGR-67-x or larger
For 40:1 gearbox:	$(3767.12 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in})(1.25) = 4708.90 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in};$	use HGR-67-x or larger

- 7) Use the gearbox overhung load ratings from the specifications table to determine the minimum allowable pulley diameter.

Select gearbox with Overhung Load Rating > overhung load force:  
*Gearbox required OHL rating = (gearbox real torque)(K)(SF)/(gearbox pulley diameter / 2)*  
*Minimum gearbox pulley diameter = (T)(K)(SF)(2) / (OHL rating)*  
*Conveyor pulley diameter = (gearbox pulley diameter)(pulley ratio)*

For 10:1, HGR-37-010-x gearbox:

Minimum gearbox pulley diameter =  $(943.40 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in})(1.5)(1.25)(2)/(388 \text{ lb}) = 9.12''$  (use 9.25")  
 Conveyor pulley diameter =  $(9.25'')(5.83) = \del{53.93''}  
**[pulley size is too large; try next higher gearbox ratio]**$

For 15:1, HGR-37-015-x gearbox:

Minimum gearbox pulley diameter =  $(1413.88 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in})(1.5)(1.25)(2)/(451 \text{ lb}) = 11.76''$  (use 11.8")  
 Conveyor pulley diameter =  $(11.8'')(3.89) = \del{45.9''}  
**[pulley size is too large; try next higher gearbox ratio]**$

For 20:1, HGR-47-020-x gearbox:

Minimum gearbox pulley diameter =  $(1883.56 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in})(1.5)(1.25)(2)/(690 \text{ lb}) = 10.24''$  (use 10.3")  
 Conveyor pulley diameter =  $(10.3'')(2.92) = \del{30.08''}  
**[pulley size is too large; try next higher gearbox ratio]**$

For 30:1, HGR-67-030-x gearbox:

Minimum gearbox pulley diameter =  $(2835.05 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in})(1.5)(1.25)(2)/(1305 \text{ lb}) = 8.15''$  (use 8.5")  
 Conveyor pulley diameter =  $(8.5'')(1.94) = 16.5''$  (use 16.0")  
**Select HGR-67-030-x gearbox, 8.5" gearbox pulley and 16" conveyor pulley.**

For 40:1, HGR-67-040-x gearbox:

N/A – All gearboxes of the same frame size are the same price, yet the smaller ratio gearboxes offer higher efficiency and power characteristics than higher ratio gearboxes. Therefore, the HGR-67-030-x gearbox is preferable over the HGR-67-040-x gearbox for this application.

8) Check results against original speed and torque requirements:

*NOTE: Actual gearbox ratio is used from the specifications table.*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) Conveyor speed} &= (\text{motor speed}) / ((\text{gearbox ratio})(\text{pulley ratio})) \\ &= (1750 \text{ rpm}) / (32.02)(16.0''/8.5'') = 29.03 \text{ rpm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) Max real torque available at conveyor} &= (\text{gearbox output torque})(\text{pulley ratio}) \\ &= (5045 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in})(1.94) = 9787.3 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) Max design torque available at conveyor} &= (\text{gearbox output torque})(\text{pulley ratio})/\text{SF} \\ &= (5045 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in})(16.0''/8.5'') / 1.25 = 7829.8 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in} \end{aligned}$$

*The speed is very close to the required speed, and both maximum torque values are greater than the 5500 lb-in required by the load. Minor changes to pulley sizes can be tried to get conveyor speed closer to the required 30 rpm.*

9) Select a motor and check torque transmitted to the load:

From the gearbox spec tables, HGR-67-030-B efficiency = 94%

Max mechanical input power @ 1.0 SF = 4.83 hp

Max mechanical input power @ 1.25 SF

$$= (\text{max input power}) / (\text{SF}) = 4.83 \text{ hp} / 1.25 = 3.86 \text{ hp}$$

Max allowable motor power = 3.86 hp

The largest motor that HGR-67-030-B can accept is 2 hp.

Select 2 hp motor, and check for adequate torque at the load:

$\text{Torque} = \text{Power} / \text{Speed}$  [conversion factor: 1 hp = 63,025 lb-in-rpm]

$\text{Torque}_{\text{load}}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (63025 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in}\cdot\text{rpm}/\text{hp})(\text{motor hp})(\text{gearbox efficiency})/((\text{motor rpm}/(\text{gearbox ratio})(\text{pulley ratio})) \\ &= (63025)(2)(0.906) / (1750 / ((30)(16/8.5))) = 3685.15 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in} \text{ [insufficient torque at load]} \end{aligned}$$

This torque value is less than the required 5500 lb-in required by the load.

Since a larger motor will not fit on the HGR-67-030-B, select HGR-77-030-C gearbox with a 3 hp motor.

From the gearbox spec tables, HGR-77-030-C efficiency = 90.7%

Max mechanical input power @ 1.0 SF = 6.36 hp

Max mechanical input power @ 1.25 SF = (max input power) / (SF)

$$= 6.36 \text{ hp} / 1.25 = 5.09 \text{ hp}$$

Max allowable motor power = 5.09 hp

The largest motor that HGR-77-030-C can accept is 5 hp.

Select 3 hp motor, and check for adequate torque at the load:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Torque}_{\text{load}} &= (63025)(3)(0.907) / (1750 / ((30)(16/8.5))) \\ &= 5533.8 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in} > 5500 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in} \end{aligned}$$

**Final Selection:            HGR-77-030-C gearbox            3 hp motor**