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Design of Belt Drives

Arms of Cast Iron Pulley

1) Bending Moment on Arm of Belt Driven Pulley

$$\text{fx } M_b = P \cdot R$$

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

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

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

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$$\text{ex } 37468.89\text{N} \cdot \text{mm} = 17350\text{mm}^4 \cdot \frac{29.5\text{N}/\text{mm}^2}{13.66\text{mm}}$$

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

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

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$$\text{ex } 37500\text{N} \cdot \text{mm} = 2 \cdot \frac{75000\text{N} \cdot \text{mm}}{4}$$


4) Bending Stress in Arm of Belt Driven Pulley

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

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$$\text{ex } 27.16254\text{N}/\text{mm}^2 = 34500\text{N} \cdot \text{mm} \cdot \frac{13.66\text{mm}}{17350\text{mm}^4}$$



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

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

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 37.46444N/mm^2 = 16 \cdot \frac{75000N*mm}{\pi \cdot 4 \cdot (13.66mm)^3}$$

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

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

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 29.57737mm = \left(64 \cdot \frac{17350mm^4}{\pi \cdot 13.66mm} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

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

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

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 13.6287mm = 64 \cdot \frac{17350mm^4}{\pi \cdot (29.6mm)^3}$$

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

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

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 14.38304mm = 1.72 \cdot \left(\left(\frac{34500N*mm}{2 \cdot 29.5N/mm^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right)$$

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

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

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 14.49806mm = \left(8 \cdot \frac{17350mm^4}{\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$



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

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

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 14.79278\text{mm} = \left(16 \cdot \frac{75000\text{N*mm}}{\pi \cdot 4 \cdot 29.5\text{N/mm}^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

11) Moment of Inertia of Pulley's Arm 

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

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 17389.85\text{mm}^4 = \frac{\pi \cdot 13.66\text{mm} \cdot (29.6\text{mm})^3}{64}$$

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

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

Open Calculator 


$$\text{ex } 15975.25\text{mm}^4 = 34500\text{N*mm} \cdot \frac{13.66\text{mm}}{29.5\text{N/mm}^2}$$

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

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

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 13672.96\text{mm}^4 = \pi \cdot \frac{(13.66\text{mm})^4}{8}$$


14) Number of Arms of Pulley given Bending Moment on Arm 

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

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 4.347826 = 2 \cdot \frac{75000\text{N*mm}}{34500\text{N*mm}}$$



15) Number of Arms of Pulley given Bending Stress in Arm 

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

Open Calculator 


$$\text{ex } 5.079925 = 16 \cdot \frac{75000\text{N} \cdot \text{mm}}{\pi \cdot 29.5\text{N}/\text{mm}^2 \cdot (13.66\text{mm})^3}$$

16) Number of Arms of Pulley given Torque Transmitted by Pulley 

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

Open Calculator 


$$\text{ex } 3.378378 = 2 \cdot \frac{75000\text{N} \cdot \text{mm}}{300\text{N} \cdot 148\text{mm}}$$

17) Radius of Rim of Pulley given Bending Moment Acting on Arm 

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

Open Calculator 


$$\text{ex } 115\text{mm} = \frac{34500\text{N} \cdot \text{mm}}{300\text{N}}$$

18) Radius of Rim of Pulley given Torque Transmitted by Pulley 

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

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 125\text{mm} = \frac{75000\text{N} \cdot \text{mm}}{300\text{N} \cdot \left(\frac{4}{2}\right)}$$

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

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

Open Calculator 


$$\text{ex } 233.1081\text{N} = \frac{34500\text{N} \cdot \text{mm}}{148\text{mm}}$$



20) Tangential Force at End of Each Arm of Pulley given Torque Transmitted by Pulley [Open Calculator](#) 


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

$$ex \quad 253.3784N = \frac{75000N \cdot mm}{148mm \cdot \left(\frac{4}{2}\right)}$$

21) Torque Transmitted by Pulley [Open Calculator](#) 


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

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

22) Torque Transmitted by Pulley given Bending Moment on Arm [Open Calculator](#) 

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

$$ex \quad 69000N \cdot mm = 34500N \cdot mm \cdot \frac{4}{2}$$

23) Torque Transmitted by Pulley given Bending Stress in Arm [Open Calculator](#) 

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

$$ex \quad 59056N \cdot mm = 29.5N/mm^2 \cdot \frac{\pi \cdot 4 \cdot (13.66mm)^3}{16}$$



Crossed Belt Drives

24) Belt Length for Cross Belt Drive

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

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$$\text{ex } 4942.023\text{mm} = 2 \cdot 1600\text{mm} + \left(\pi \cdot \frac{270\text{mm} + 810\text{mm}}{2} \right) + \left(\frac{(810\text{mm} - 270\text{mm})^2}{4 \cdot 1600\text{mm}} \right)$$

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

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

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$$\text{ex } 1575.408\text{mm} = \frac{810\text{mm} + 270\text{mm}}{2 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{220^\circ - 3.14}{2}\right)}$$

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

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

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$$\text{ex } 826.8587\text{mm} = \left(2 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{220^\circ - 3.14}{2}\right) \cdot 1600\text{mm} \right) - 270\text{mm}$$


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

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

[Open Calculator !\[\]\(683dba75afe26e28cd4de5730b776760_img.jpg\)](#)

$$\text{ex } 286.8587\text{mm} = \left(2 \cdot 1600\text{mm} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{220^\circ - 3.14}{2}\right) \right) - 810\text{mm}$$



28) Wrap Angle for Small Pulley of Cross Belt Drive [Open Calculator](#) 


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

$$ex \quad 219.358^\circ = 3.14 + \left(2 \cdot a \sin \left(\frac{810\text{mm} + 270\text{mm}}{2 \cdot 1600\text{mm}} \right) \right)$$

Introduction of Belt Drives 29) Angle of Wrap given Belt Tension in Tight Side [Open Calculator](#) 


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

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

30) Belt Tension in Loose Side of Belt given Tension in Tight Side [Open Calculator](#) 

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

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

31) Belt tension in tight side [Open Calculator](#) 

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

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



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

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

Open Calculator 

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

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

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

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 3126.36\text{mm} = \frac{810\text{mm} - 270\text{mm}}{2 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{3.14 - 170.0^\circ}{2}\right)}$$

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

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

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 0.350339 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{800\text{N} - 0.6\text{kg/m} \cdot (25.81\text{m/s})^2}{550\text{N} - 0.6\text{kg/m} \cdot (25.81\text{m/s})^2}\right)}{160.2^\circ}$$

35) Diameter of Big Pulley given Wrap Angle for Big Pulley 

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

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 828.1835\text{mm} = 270\text{mm} + \left(2 \cdot 1600\text{mm} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{200^\circ - 3.14}{2}\right)\right)$$


36) Diameter of Big Pulley given Wrap Angle of Small Pulley 

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

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 546.3597\text{mm} = 270\text{mm} + \left(2 \cdot 1600\text{mm} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{3.14 - 170.0^\circ}{2}\right)\right)$$



37) Diameter of Small Pulley given Wrap Angle of Big Pulley Open Calculator 

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

$$ex \quad 251.8165\text{mm} = 810\text{mm} - \left(2 \cdot 1600\text{mm} \cdot \sin \left(\frac{200^\circ - 3.14}{2} \right) \right)$$

38) Diameter of Small Pulley given Wrap Angle of Small Pulley Open Calculator 

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

$$ex \quad 533.6403\text{mm} = 810\text{mm} - \left(2 \cdot 1600\text{mm} \cdot \sin \left(\frac{3.14 - 170.0^\circ}{2} \right) \right)$$

39) Length of Belt Open Calculator 

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

$$ex \quad 4942.023\text{mm} = (2 \cdot 1600\text{mm}) + \left(\pi \cdot \frac{810\text{mm} + 270\text{mm}}{2} \right) + \left(\frac{(810\text{mm} - 270\text{mm})^2}{4 \cdot 1600\text{mm}} \right)$$

40) Mass per unit length of belt Open Calculator 

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


$$ex \quad 0.599657\text{kg/m} = \frac{800\text{N} - ((e^{0.35 \cdot 160.2^\circ}) \cdot 550\text{N})}{((25.81\text{m/s})^2) \cdot (1 - (e^{0.35 \cdot 160.2^\circ}))}$$



41) Velocity of belt given tension of belt in tight side [Open Calculator !\[\]\(4729e517bc6a7cd81c8025b9646574fb_img.jpg\)](#)


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

$$\text{ex } 25.80262\text{m/s} = \sqrt{\frac{((e^{0.35 \cdot 160.2^\circ}) \cdot 550\text{N}) - 800\text{N}}{0.6\text{kg/m} \cdot ((e^{0.35 \cdot 160.2^\circ}) - 1)}}$$

42) Wrap Angle for Big Pulley [Open Calculator !\[\]\(e474458956c9a37fbf9586ddb60a7fa1_img.jpg\)](#)


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

$$\text{ex } 199.339^\circ = 3.14 + \left(2 \cdot \left(a \sin \left(\frac{810\text{mm} - 270\text{mm}}{2 \cdot 1600\text{mm}} \right) \right) \right)$$

43) Wrap Angle for Small Pulley [Open Calculator !\[\]\(4fe57c3593bf1b21d272ae7ac8dfaf77_img.jpg\)](#)

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

$$\text{ex } 160.4784^\circ = 3.14 - \left(2 \cdot \left(a \sin \left(\frac{810\text{mm} - 270\text{mm}}{2 \cdot 1600\text{mm}} \right) \right) \right)$$

Maximum Power Conditions 44) Actual Power Transmitted given Power Transmitted by Flat for Design Purpose [Open Calculator !\[\]\(b64b40baaee5acddc1eab8538ba84754_img.jpg\)](#)

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


$$\text{ex } 6.443478\text{kW} = \frac{7.41\text{kW}}{1.15}$$

45) Belt Tension in Loose Side of Belt given Initial Tension in Belt [Open Calculator !\[\]\(aff7c69c44a5e015f18c35867ef3f5c3_img.jpg\)](#)

$$\text{fx } P_2 = 2 \cdot P_i - P_1$$

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



46) Belt Tension in Tight Side of Belt given Initial Tension in Belt 

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

[Open Calculator !\[\]\(e78f798d4ea5c530c9db49e7d26e6b95_img.jpg\)](#)


$$ex \quad 800N = 2 \cdot 675N - 550N$$

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

$$fx \quad P_1 = 2 \cdot T_b$$

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$$ex \quad 800N = 2 \cdot 400N$$

48) Belt Velocity given Tension in Belt Due to Centrifugal Force 

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

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$$ex \quad 25.81989m/s = \sqrt{\frac{400N}{0.6kg/m}}$$

49) Initial Tension in Belt Drive 

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

[Open Calculator !\[\]\(899d8b7697d64725bf017d3296cfcf1b_img.jpg\)](#)

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

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

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

[Open Calculator !\[\]\(40770d9ed6ed4f1222ebf89a1396e8b2_img.jpg\)](#)

$$ex \quad 674.6573N = 3 \cdot 0.6kg/m \cdot (19.36m/s)^2$$


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

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

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$$ex \quad 1.148837 = \frac{7.41kW}{6.45kW}$$




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

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

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$$ex \quad 1.067209 \text{ kg/m} = \frac{1200 \text{ N}}{3 \cdot (19.36 \text{ m/s})^2}$$

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

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

[Open Calculator !\[\]\(0b5e7e25e8775f7e7e80906ada4f0021_img.jpg\)](#)

$$ex \quad 0.60046 \text{ kg/m} = \frac{400 \text{ N}}{(25.81 \text{ m/s})^2}$$

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

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

[Open Calculator !\[\]\(bd3b31712ad9bab5a241210fa6925cdd_img.jpg\)](#)

$$ex \quad 84332.16 \text{ kg/m} = \frac{675 \text{ N}}{3} \cdot (19.36 \text{ m/s})^2$$

55) Maximum Belt Tension 

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

[Open Calculator !\[\]\(7bc43b319a082987e20f7bf78f4bab80_img.jpg\)](#)

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

56) Maximum Belt Tension given Tension Due to Centrifugal Force 

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

[Open Calculator !\[\]\(4a7b4ce770af8456e11a71f9565c8c2b_img.jpg\)](#)

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

57) Maximum Permissible Tensile Stress of Belt Material 

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

[Open Calculator !\[\]\(fa03f7688acce2280e23104ced18e610_img.jpg\)](#)

$$ex \quad 1.904762 \text{ N/mm}^2 = \frac{1200 \text{ N}}{126 \text{ mm} \cdot 5 \text{ mm}}$$



58) Optimum Velocity of Belt for Maximum Power Transmission [Open Calculator](#) 


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

$$ex \quad 19.36492\text{m/s} = \sqrt{\frac{675\text{N}}{3 \cdot 0.6\text{kg/m}}}$$

59) Power Transmitted by Flat Belt for Design Purpose [Open Calculator](#) 


$$fx \quad P_d = P_t \cdot F_a$$

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

60) Tension in Belt Due to Centrifugal Force [Open Calculator](#) 

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

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

61) Tension in Belt Due to Centrifugal Force given Permissible Tensile Stress of Belt Material [Open Calculator](#) 

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

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

62) Thickness of Belt given Maximum Belt Tension [Open Calculator](#) 

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

$$ex \quad 7.558579\text{mm} = \frac{1200\text{N}}{1.26\text{N/mm}^2 \cdot 126\text{mm}}$$



63) Velocity of Belt for Maximum Power Transmission given Maximum Permissible tensile Stress 

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

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 15.49193\text{m/s} = \sqrt{\frac{1200\text{N}}{3} \cdot 0.6\text{kg/m}}$$

64) Width of Belt given Maximum Belt Tension 

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

Open Calculator 

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

Synchronous Belt Drives 65) Datum length of synchronous belt 

$$fx \quad l = P_c \cdot z$$

Open Calculator 

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

66) Distance from Belt pitch line to Pulley tip circle radius 

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

Open Calculator 

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

67) Number of Teeth in Belt given Datum Length of Synchronous Belt 

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

Open Calculator 

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



68) Number of Teeth in larger pulley given Transmission ratio of Synchronous belt drive 

$$fx \quad T_2 = T_1 \cdot i$$

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$$ex \quad 60 = 20 \cdot 3$$

69) Number of Teeth in Smaller pulley given Transmission ratio of Synchronous belt drive 

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

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

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

$$fx \quad (d'2) = (d'1) \cdot i$$

[Open Calculator !\[\]\(4688aadfd656ded00cd6bdfae55089a9_img.jpg\)](#)

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

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

$$fx \quad (d'1) = \frac{d'2}{i}$$

[Open Calculator !\[\]\(4146d17f71dced09c6ad789cacceaa6d_img.jpg\)](#)


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

72) Pitch given Datum Length of Synchronous Belt 

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

[Open Calculator !\[\]\(08ff79f060f3543d9ed549cc693d8b98_img.jpg\)](#)

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

73) Power transmitted by synchronous belt 

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

[Open Calculator !\[\]\(346f5b9c8222e44e815e44b5dc7c53e5_img.jpg\)](#)

$$ex \quad 6.446154\text{kW} = \frac{8.38\text{kW}}{1.3}$$



74) Pulley outside Diameter given Distance between Belt Pitch line and Pulley tip circle radius 

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

Open Calculator 

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

75) Pulley Pitch Diameter given Distance between Belt pitch line and Pulley tip circle radius 

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

Open Calculator 

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

76) Service Correction Factor given Power transmitted by Synchronous Belt 

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

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 1.299225 = \frac{8.38\text{kW}}{6.45\text{kW}}$$

77) Speed of larger pulley given Transmission ratio of Synchronous belt drive 

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

Open Calculator 

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

78) Speed of smaller pulley given Transmission ratio of Synchronous belt drive 

$$fx \quad n_1 = n_2 \cdot i$$

Open Calculator 

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


79) Standard Capacity of selected Belt given Power transmitted by Synchronous Belt 

$$fx \quad P_s = P_t \cdot C_s$$

Open Calculator 

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



80) Transmission Ratio of Synchronous belt drive given no. of teeth in smaller and larger pulley 

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

Open Calculator 

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

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

$$\text{fx } i = \frac{d'2}{d'1}$$

Open Calculator 

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

82) Transmission Ratio of Synchronous belt drive given Speed of smaller and larger pulley 

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

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 0.333333 = \frac{640\text{rev/min}}{1920\text{rev/min}}$$


V Belt Drives Power Transmission 83) Belt Tension in Loose Side of V-Belt given Power Transmitted 

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

Open Calculator 

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



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

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

Open Calculator 

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

85) Belt Velocity given Power Transmitted using V-Belt 

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

Open Calculator 


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

86) Drive Power to be Transmitted given Number of Belts Required 

$$fx \quad P_t = N \cdot \frac{(F_{cr}) \cdot (F_{dr}) \cdot P_r}{F_{ar}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 6.447301kW = 2 \cdot \frac{1.08 \cdot 0.94 \cdot 4.128kW}{1.30}$$

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

$$fx \quad P_r = P_t \cdot \frac{F_{ar}}{(F_{cr}) \cdot (F_{dr}) \cdot N}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 4.129728kW = 6.45kW \cdot \frac{1.30}{1.08 \cdot 0.94 \cdot 2}$$

88) Power Transmitted using V Belt 

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

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 6.4525kW = (800N - 550N) \cdot 25.81m/s$$



Selection of V Belts 89) Correction Factor for Industrial Service given Design Power 

$$fx \quad (F_{ar}) = \frac{P_d}{P_t}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 1.148837 = \frac{7.41kW}{6.45kW}$$

90) Design Power for V Belt 

$$fx \quad P_d = (F_{ar}) \cdot P_t$$

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 8.385kW = 1.30 \cdot 6.45kW$$

91) Pitch diameter of big pulley of V Belt drive 

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

Open Calculator 


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

92) Pitch diameter of smaller pulley given pitch diameter of big pulley 

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

Open Calculator 

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


93) Speed of bigger pulley given speed of smaller pulley 

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

Open Calculator 

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




94) Speed of smaller pulley given pitch diameter of both pulleys 

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

Open Calculator 

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

95) Transmitted Power given Design Power 

$$fx \quad P_t = \frac{P_d}{F_a r}$$

Open Calculator 

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

V Belt Characteristics and Parameters 96) Angle of Wrap of V-Belt given Belt Tension in Loose Side of Belt 

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

Open Calculator 

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

97) Belt Tension in Loose Side of V-Belt 

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

Open Calculator 

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



98) Belt Tension in Tight Side of V-Belt [Open Calculator](#) 

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

ex

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

99) Belt Velocity of V-Belt given Belt Tension in Loose Side [Open Calculator](#) 

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

ex

$$25.80379\text{m/s} = \sqrt{\frac{800\text{N} - \left(e^{0.35 \cdot \frac{160.2^\circ}{\sin\left(\frac{62^\circ}{2}\right)}} \right) \cdot 550\text{N}}{0.76\text{kg/m} \cdot \left(1 - \left(e^{0.35 \cdot \frac{160.2^\circ}{\sin\left(\frac{62^\circ}{2}\right)}} \right) \right)}}$$

100) Coefficient of Friction in V-Belt given Belt Tension in Loose Side of Belt [Open Calculator](#) 

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

ex

$$0.350871 = \sin\left(\frac{62^\circ}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{\ln\left(\frac{800\text{N} - 0.76\text{kg/m} \cdot (25.81\text{m/s})^2}{550\text{N} - 0.76\text{kg/m} \cdot (25.81\text{m/s})^2}\right)}{160.2^\circ}$$




101) Correcting Factor for Belt Length given Number of Belts Required 

$$fx \quad (F_{cr}) = P_t \cdot \frac{F_{ar}}{N \cdot (F_{dr}) \cdot P_r}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 1.080452 = 6.45kW \cdot \frac{1.30}{2 \cdot 0.94 \cdot 4.128kW}$$

102) Correction Factor for Arc of Contact given Number of Belts Required 

$$fx \quad (F_{dr}) = P_t \cdot \frac{F_{ar}}{(F_{cr}) \cdot N \cdot P_r}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 0.940394 = 6.45kW \cdot \frac{1.30}{1.08 \cdot 2 \cdot 4.128kW}$$

103) Correction Factor for Industrial Services given Number of Belts Required 

$$fx \quad (F_{ar}) = N \cdot \frac{(F_{cr}) \cdot (F_{dr}) \cdot P_r}{P_t}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 1.299456 = 2 \cdot \frac{1.08 \cdot 0.94 \cdot 4.128kW}{6.45kW}$$

104) Effective Pull in V-Belt 

$$fx \quad P_e = P_1 - P_2$$

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 250N = 800N - 550N$$



105) Mass of One Meter Length of V-Belt given Belt Tension in Loose Side [Open Calculator](#) 

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

$$\text{ex } 0.759634 \text{ kg/m} = \frac{800 \text{ N} - \left(e^{0.35 \cdot \frac{160.2^\circ}{\sin\left(\frac{62^\circ}{2}\right)}} \right) \cdot 550 \text{ N}}{(25.81 \text{ m/s})^2 \cdot \left(1 - \left(e^{0.35 \cdot \frac{160.2^\circ}{\sin\left(\frac{62^\circ}{2}\right)}} \right) \right)}$$

106) Number of V Belts Required for Given Applications [Open Calculator](#) 

$$\text{fx } N = P_t \cdot \frac{F_{ar}}{(F_{cr}) \cdot (F_{dr}) \cdot P_r}$$

$$\text{ex } 2.000837 = 6.45 \text{ kW} \cdot \frac{1.30}{1.08 \cdot 0.94 \cdot 4.128 \text{ kW}}$$



Variables Used











- **a** Minor Axis of Pulley Arm (Millimeter)
- **a_p** Belt Pitch Line and Pulley Tip Circle Radius Width (Millimeter)
- **b** Width of Belt (Millimeter)
- **b_a** Major Axis of Pulley Arm (Millimeter)
- **C** Centre Distance between Pulleys (Millimeter)
- **C_s** Service Correction Factor
- **d** Diameter of Small Pulley (Millimeter)
- **D** Diameter of Big Pulley (Millimeter)
- **d_o** Pulley Outside Diameter (Millimeter)
- **d'** Pulley Pitch Diameter (Millimeter)
- **d'1** Pitch Diameter of Smaller Pulley (Millimeter)
- **d'2** Pitch Diameter of Larger Pulley (Millimeter)
- **F_a** Load Correction Factor
- **F_ar** Correction Factor for Industrial Service
- **F_cr** Correction Factor for Belt Length
- **F_dr** Correction Factor for Arc of Contact
- **i** Transmission Ratio of Belt Drive
- **I** Area Moment of Inertia of Arms (Millimeter⁴)
- **l** Datum Length of Belt (Millimeter)
- **L** Belt Length (Millimeter)
- **m** Mass of Meter Length of Belt (Kilogram per Meter)
- **M_b** Bending Moment in Pulley's Arm (Newton Millimeter)
- **M_t** Torque Transmitted by Pulley (Newton Millimeter)
- **m_v** Mass of Meter Length of V Belt (Kilogram per Meter)
- **N** Number of Belts
- **n₁** Speed of Smaller Pulley (Revolution per Minute)
- **n₂** Speed of Larger Pulley (Revolution per Minute)
- **N_{pu}** Number of Arms in Pulley
- **P** Tangential Force at End of Each Pulley Arm (Newton)
- **P₁** Belt Tension on Tight Side (Newton)




- P_2 Belt Tension on Loose Side (Newton)
- P_c Circular Pitch for Synchronous Belt (Millimeter)
- P_d Design Power of Belt Drive (Kilowatt)
- P_e Effective Pull in V Belt (Newton)
- P_i Initial Tension in Belt (Newton)
- P_{max} Maximum Tension in Belt (Newton)
- P_r Power Rating of Single V-Belt (Kilowatt)
- P_s Standard Capacity of Belt (Kilowatt)
- P_t Power transmitted by belt (Kilowatt)
- R Radius of Rim of Pulley (Millimeter)
- t Thickness of Belt (Millimeter)
- T_1 Number of teeth on smaller pulley
- T_2 Number of teeth on larger pulley
- T_b Belt Tension due to Centrifugal Force (Newton)
- v_b Belt Velocity (Meter per Second)
- v_o Optimum Velocity of Belt (Meter per Second)
- z Number of teeth on belt
- α Wrap Angle on Pulley (Degree)
- α_a Wrap Angle for Cross Belt Drive (Degree)
- α_b Wrap Angle on Big Pulley (Degree)
- α_s Wrap Angle on Small Pulley (Degree)
- θ V belt angle (Degree)
- μ Coefficient of Friction for Belt Drive
- σ Tensile Stress in Belt (Newton per Square Millimeter)
- σ_b Bending stress in pulley's arm (Newton per Square Millimeter)



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant: pi**, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
Archimedes' constant
- **Constant: e**, 2.71828182845904523536028747135266249
Napier's constant
- **Function: asin**, asin(Number)
The inverse sine function, is a trigonometric function that takes a ratio of two sides of a right triangle and outputs the angle opposite the side with the given ratio.
- **Function: ln**, ln(Number)
The natural logarithm, also known as the logarithm to the base e, is the inverse function of the natural exponential function.
- **Function: sin**, sin(Angle)
Sine is a trigonometric function that describes the ratio of the length of the opposite side of a right triangle to the length of the hypotenuse.
- **Function: sqrt**, sqrt(Number)
A square root function is a function that takes a non-negative number as an input and returns the square root of the given input number.
- **Measurement: Length** in Millimeter (mm)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Pressure** in Newton per Square Millimeter (N/mm²)
Pressure Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Power** in Kilowatt (kW)
Power Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Force** in Newton (N)
Force Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Angle** in Degree (°)
Angle Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Angular Velocity** in Revolution per Minute (rev/min)
Angular Velocity Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Torque** in Newton Millimeter (N*mm)
Torque Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Second Moment of Area** in Millimeter⁴ (mm⁴)
Second Moment of Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Linear Mass Density** in Kilogram per Meter (kg/m)
Linear Mass Density Unit Conversion 



- **Measurement: Stress** in Newton per Square Millimeter (N/mm²)
Stress Unit Conversion 



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