

**Center Distance Designer:** Provides computerized Drive Ratio and Center Distance calculations. The Center Distance Designer program, on the web, computes belt lengths for various center distances and checks the number of teeth in mesh for both pulleys. It calculates pulley drive ratios and the minimal center distance for a designated pulley pair.

The Center Distance Designer searches and retrieves all pulleys and belts shown in the handbook that fits within the customer criteria. Once the design is completed, the part numbers can be instantly retrieved from the database. Each part number is then linked to an electronic catalog page, which is viewable and can be printed.

The user can design a drive in a most efficient manner, since the program described above presents available alternatives, as well as a direct reference to catalog page numbers and part numbers involved.

It is assumed, however, that not all users of this Handbook have access to a computer. Therefore, the Drive Ratio and Center Distance Tables are presented in this Handbook in printed format.

## SECTION 21 DRIVE RATIO TABLES

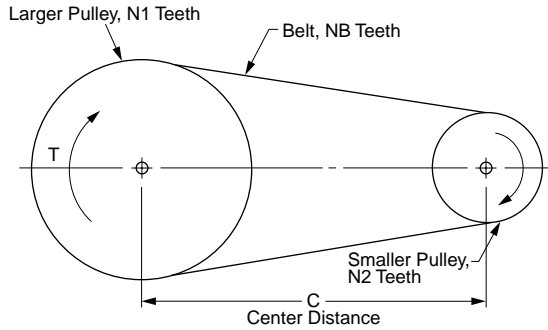
In the design of belt drives, we usually know the speed ratio (transmission ratio) and we need to determine pulley sizes, center distance and belt length. These quantities are shown in **Figure 39**, for an open (uncrossed) belt.

The Drive Ratio Tables (**Table 41**, starting on page T-74) are designed to facilitate the determination of these quantities. They list the following information:

- N1/N2 = the transmission ratio obtained when the larger pulley (N1 teeth) is the input and smaller pulley (N2 teeth) is the output. Given to 3 decimal places.
- N2/N1 = the transmission ratio obtained when the larger pulley (N1 teeth) is the output and the smaller pulley (N2 teeth) is the input. Given to 3 decimal places.  
(Note that N1/N2 is the reciprocal of N2/N1)
- N1 = number of teeth on larger pulley.
- N2 = number of teeth on smaller pulley.
- N1 – N2 = difference between number of teeth on larger and smaller pulleys. This number is useful in center-distance determination.
- C MIN = The minimum center distance between pulleys for a belt of unit pitch. If the pitch is denoted by  $p$ , the actual minimum center distance is a product of C MIN and  $p$ . The minimum center distance is determined from the condition that at the minimum center distance, the pitch circles of the pulleys can be assumed to touch. This will generally give a satisfactory approximation to the practical minimum center distance. The table is based on the equation:

$$C \text{ MIN} = \frac{N1 + N2}{2\pi} \times \text{Belt Pitch} \quad (21-1)$$

At the beginning of the table, a list of standard pulley sizes is shown. The smallest pulley has 10 teeth and the largest, 156 teeth. A standard size will be the most economical. If a nonstandard size is needed, however, please contact Stock Drive Products for assistance.



**Fig. 39 Belt Nomenclature**

The use of the tables is best illustrated by means of examples.

**Example 1:** For a transmission ratio of 1.067, find the number of teeth of the pulleys and the minimum center distance for a belt of 5 mm pitch.

When the transmission ratio is greater than unity, the larger pulley is the input and the smaller pulley is the output. That is to say, the transmission ratio is equal to  $N_1/N_2$ . The table is organized in order of increasing values of  $N_1/N_2$  and decreasing values of  $N_2/N_1$ . Referring to the table at this value of  $N_1/N_2$ , we find the following entries:

$N_1/N_2$	$N_2/N_1$	$N_1$	$N_2$	$N_1 - N_2$	$C \text{ MIN}$
1.067	0.938	16	15	1	4.934
		32	30	2	9.868

Hence, there are 2 different pulley combinations for the given transmission ratio of 1.067. For each of these, the minimum center distance is  $5 \times (C \text{ MIN})$  in mm. If the smaller pulley were driving, the transmission ratio would have been 0.938. The quantity  $(N_1 - N_2)$  is needed in center-distance calculations, as described in the next section.

**Example 2:** Given a transmission ratio of 0.680, determine the pulley sizes.

Since the transmission ratio is less than one, the smaller pulley is the input and the transmission ratio is given by  $N_2/N_1 = 0.680$ . Looking up this ratio in the table, we find  $N_1 = 25$ ,  $N_2 = 17$ ,  $N_1 - N_2 = 8$ . In this case, only one pulley combination is available.

**Example 3:** Given a driving pulley of 48 teeth and a driven pulley of 19 teeth, find the minimum center distance for a belt pitch of 3 mm.

The transmission ratio is  $N_1/N_2 = 48/19 = 2.526$ . Looking up this ratio in the table, we find  $C \text{ MIN} = 10.663$ . The minimum center distance, therefore, is given by  $3 \times 10.663$  or 31.989 mm.

**Example 4:** Given a transmission ratio of 2.258, find the pulley sizes.

Looking through the table, there is no entry at this value of the transmission ratio. The nearest entries are:

$N_1/N_2$	$N_2/N_1$	$N_1$	$N_2$	$N_1 - N_2$
2.250	0.444	36	16	20
		72	32	40
2.273	0.440	25	11	14

Since the difference between the desired ratio and the nearest available ratios is only about 0.008, it is likely that the 2.250 or 2.273 ratios will be acceptable. If this is not the case, however, the design may require review, or a nonstandard pulley combination may be considered.

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Drive Ratio Tables</h2>
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**Table 41**

<p><b>Definition:</b></p> <p>Drive Ratio (Transmission Ratio) is the ratio of number of teeth of the input and output pulleys. If the input pulley is larger than the output, the Drive Ratio will be larger than one and we have a step-up drive. If the input pulley is smaller than the output pulley, the Drive Ratio will be smaller than one and we have a step-down drive.</p>
<p><b>Nomenclature Used:</b></p> <p>N1 = Number of teeth of large pulley          N2 = Number of teeth of small pulley          N1/N2 = Step-up Drive Ratio          N2/N1 = Step-down Drive Ratio          N1 – N2 = Pulley tooth differential needed for <b>Table 42 – Center Distance Factor Table</b>          C MIN = Minimum center distance for particular pulley combination expressed in belt pitches</p>
<p><b>Pulley Sizes Included:</b></p> <p>10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25,          28, 30, 32, 36, 40, 48, 60, 72, 84, 96, 120, 156</p>
<p><b>Note:</b></p> <p>These pulley sizes reflect the preferred sizes per ISO Standard 5294 for synchronous belt drives – Pulleys (First edition – 1979-07-15). Many other sizes are offered in this catalog. The availability of stock sizes varies depending on the particular choice of pitch, material and configuration. Nonstandard sizes are available as custom made specials. Please submit your requirement for us to quote.</p>

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**Table 41 (Cont.)**

N1/N2	N2/N1	N1	N2	N1-N2	C MIN	N1/N2	N2/N1	N1	N2	N1-N2	C MIN
1.000	1.000	10	10	0	3.183	1.120	0.893	28	25	3	8.435
		11	11	0	3.501	1.125	0.889	18	16	2	5.411
		12	12	0	3.820			36	32	4	10.823
		13	13	0	4.138	1.133	0.882	17	15	2	5.093
		14	14	0	4.456	1.136	0.880	25	22	3	7.480
		15	15	0	4.775	1.143	0.875	16	14	2	4.775
		16	16	0	5.093			32	28	4	9.549
		17	17	0	5.411			96	84	12	28.648
		18	18	0	5.730	1.154	0.867	15	13	2	4.456
		19	19	0	6.048	1.158	0.864	22	19	3	6.525
		20	20	0	6.366	1.167	0.857	14	12	2	4.138
		22	22	0	7.003			28	24	4	8.276
		24	24	0	7.639			84	72	12	24.828
		25	25	0	7.958	1.176	0.850	20	17	3	5.889
		28	28	0	8.913	1.182	0.846	13	11	2	3.820
		30	30	0	9.549	1.188	0.842	19	16	3	5.570
		32	32	0	10.186	1.200	0.833	12	10	2	3.501
		36	36	0	11.459			18	15	3	5.252
		40	40	0	12.732			24	20	4	7.003
		48	48	0	15.279			30	25	5	8.754
60	60	0	19.099			36	30	6	10.504		
72	72	0	22.918			48	40	8	14.006		
84	84	0	26.738			72	60	12	21.008		
96	96	0	30.558			1.214	0.824	17	14	3	4.934
120	120	0	38.197			1.222	0.818	22	18	4	6.366
156	156	0	49.656			1.231	0.813	16	13	3	4.615
1.042	0.960	25	24	1	7.799	1.250	0.800	15	12	3	4.297
1.053	0.950	20	19	1	6.207			20	16	4	5.730
1.056	0.947	19	18	1	5.889			25	20	5	7.162
1.059	0.944	18	17	1	5.570			30	24	6	8.594
1.063	0.941	17	16	1	5.252			40	32	8	11.459
1.067	0.938	16	15	1	4.934			60	48	12	17.189
		32	30	2	9.868			120	96	24	34.377
1.071	0.933	15	14	1	4.615	1.263	0.792	24	19	5	6.844
		30	28	2	9.231	1.267	0.789	19	15	4	5.411
1.077	0.929	14	13	1	4.297	1.273	0.786	14	11	3	3.979
1.083	0.923	13	12	1	3.979			28	22	6	7.958
1.091	0.917	12	11	1	3.661	1.280	0.781	32	25	7	9.072
		24	22	2	7.321	1.286	0.778	18	14	4	5.093
1.100	0.909	11	10	1	3.342			36	28	8	10.186
		22	20	2	6.685	1.294	0.773	22	17	5	6.207
1.111	0.900	20	18	2	6.048	1.300	0.769	13	10	3	3.661
		40	36	4	12.096			156	120	36	43.927
1.118	0.895	19	17	2	5.730	1.308	0.765	17	13	4	4.775

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**Table 41 (Cont.)**

N1/N2	N2/N1	N1	N2	N1-N2	C MIN	N1/N2	N2/N1	N1	N2	N1-N2	C MIN				
1.316	0.760	25	19	6	7.003	1.600	0.625	16	10	6	4.138				
1.333	0.750	16	12	4	4.456	1.625	0.615	24	15	9	6.207				
		20	15	5	5.570			32	20	12	8.276				
		24	18	6	6.685			40	25	15	10.345				
		32	24	8	8.913			48	30	18	12.414				
		40	30	10	11.141			96	60	36	24.828				
		48	36	12	13.369			156	96	60	40.107				
		96	72	24	26.738			1.636	0.611	18	11	7	4.615		
1.357	0.737	19	14	5	5.252	36	22	14	9.231	1.647	0.607	28	17	11	7.162
1.364	0.733	15	11	4	4.138	1.667	0.600	20	12	8	5.093				
		30	22	8	8.276			25	15	10	6.366				
1.375	0.727	22	16	6	6.048	30	18	12	7.639	1.684	0.594	32	19	13	8.117
1.385	0.722	18	13	5	4.934	40	24	16	10.186						
1.389	0.720	25	18	7	6.844	60	36	24	15.279						
1.400	0.714	14	10	4	3.820	120	72	48	30.558						
		28	20	8	7.639	1.692	0.591	22	13	9	5.570				
1.412	0.708	24	17	7	6.525	1.700	0.588	17	10	7	4.297				
		1.417	0.706	17	12	5	4.615	1.714	0.583	24	14	10	6.048		
1.429	0.700	20	14	6	5.411	48	28	20	12.096	1.727	0.579	19	11	8	4.775
		40	28	12	10.823	1.750	0.571	28	16			12	7.003		
		120	84	36	32.468	84	48	36	21.008						
1.440	0.694	36	25	11	9.708	1.765	0.567	30	17	13	7.480				
1.455	0.688	16	11	5	4.297	1.778	0.563	32	18	14	7.958				
		32	22	10	8.594	1.786	0.560	25	14	11	6.207				
1.462	0.684	19	13	6	5.093	1.800	0.556	18	10	8	4.456				
1.467	0.682	22	15	7	5.889	36	20	16	8.913	1.818	0.550	72	40	32	17.825
1.471	0.680	25	17	8	6.685	40	22	18	9.868						
1.474	0.679	28	19	9	7.480	1.833	0.545	22	12			10	5.411		
1.500	0.667	15	10	5	3.979	1.846	0.542	24	13	11	5.889				
		18	12	6	4.775	1.857	0.538	156	84	72	38.197				
		24	16	8	6.366	1.867	0.536	28	15	13	6.844				
		30	20	10	7.958	1.875	0.533	30	16	14	7.321				
		36	24	12	9.549	60	32	28	14.642						
		48	32	16	12.732	1.882	0.531	32	17	15	7.799				
		60	40	20	15.915	1.895	0.528	36	19	17	8.754				
72	48	24	19.099	1.900	0.526	19	10	9	4.615						
1.538	0.650	20	13	7	5.252	1.920	0.521	48	25	23	11.618				
1.545	0.647	17	11	6	4.456	1.923	0.520	25	13	12	6.048				
1.556	0.643	28	18	10	7.321	2.000	0.500	20	10	10	4.775				
1.563	0.640	25	16	9	6.525										
1.571	0.636	22	14	8	5.730										
1.579	0.633	30	19	11	7.799										
1.583	0.632	19	12	7	4.934										

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**Table 41 (Cont.)**

N1/N2	N2/N1	N1	N2	N1-N2	C MIN	N1/N2	N2/N1	N1	N2	N1-N2	C MIN		
2.000	0.500	22	11	11	5.252	2.500	0.400	120	48	72	26.738		
		24	12	12	5.730			2.526	0.396	48	19	29	10.663
		28	14	14	6.685			2.545	0.393	28	11	17	6.207
		30	15	15	7.162			2.571	0.389	36	14	22	7.958
		32	16	16	7.639					72	28	44	15.915
		36	18	18	8.594			2.600	0.385	156	60	96	34.377
		40	20	20	9.549			2.625	0.381	84	32	52	18.462
		48	24	24	11.459			2.667	0.375	32	12	20	7.003
		60	30	30	14.324					40	15	25	8.754
		72	36	36	17.189					48	18	30	10.504
		96	48	48	22.918					96	36	60	21.008
120	60	60	28.648	2.727	0.367	30	11	19	6.525				
2.083	0.480	25	12	13	5.889	60	22	38	13.051				
2.100	0.476	84	40	44	19.735	2.769	0.361	36	13	23	7.799		
2.105	0.475	40	19	21	9.390	2.800	0.357	28	10	18	6.048		
2.118	0.472	36	17	19	8.435	84	30	54	18.144				
2.133	0.469	32	15	17	7.480	2.824	0.354	48	17	31	10.345		
2.143	0.467	30	14	16	7.003	2.857	0.350	40	14	26	8.594		
2.143	0.467	60	28	32	14.006	2.880	0.347	72	25	47	15.438		
2.154	0.464	28	13	15	6.525	2.909	0.344	32	11	21	6.844		
2.167	0.462	156	72	84	36.287	3.000	0.333	30	10	20	6.366		
2.182	0.458	24	11	13	5.570			36	12	24	7.639		
48		22	26	11.141	48			16	32	10.186			
2.200	0.455	22	10	12	5.093			60	20	40	12.732		
2.222	0.450	40	18	22	9.231			72	24	48	15.279		
2.250	0.444	36	16	20	8.276			84	28	56	17.825		
		72	32	40	16.552			96	32	64	20.372		
2.273	0.440	25	11	14	5.730			120	40	80	25.465		
2.286	0.438	32	14	18	7.321			3.077	0.325	40	13	27	8.435
2.308	0.433	30	13	17	6.844			3.158	0.317	60	19	41	12.573
2.333	0.429	28	12	16	6.366			3.200	0.313	32	10	22	6.685
		84	36	48	19.099	48	15			33	10.027		
40	17	23	9.072	96	30	66	20.054						
2.353	0.425	40	17	23	9.072	3.250	0.308	156	48	108	32.468		
		24	10	14	5.411	3.273	0.306	36	11	25	7.480		
		36	15	21	8.117	72	22	50	14.961				
		48	20	28	10.823	3.333	0.300	40	12	28	8.276		
		60	25	35	13.528			60	18	42	12.414		
72	30	42	16.234	120	36	84	24.828						
96	40	56	21.645	3.360	0.298	84	25	59	17.348				
2.462	0.406	32	13	19	7.162	3.429	0.292	48	14	34	9.868		
2.500	0.400	25	10	15	5.570			96	28	68	19.735		
		30	12	18	6.685	3.500	0.286	84	24	60	17.189		
		40	16	24	8.913			60	17	43	12.255		
		60	24	36	13.369								

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Table 41 (Cont.)

N1/N2	N2/N1	N1	N2	N1-N2	C MIN		
3.600	0.278	36	10	26	7.321		
		72	20	52	14.642		
3.636	0.275	40	11	29	8.117		
3.692	0.271	48	13	35	9.708		
3.750	0.267	60	16	44	12.096		
		120	32	88	24.192		
3.789	0.264	72	19	53	14.483		
3.818	0.262	84	22	62	16.870		
3.840	0.260	96	25	71	19.258		
3.900	0.256	156	40	116	31.194		
4.000	0.250	40	10	30	7.958		
		48	12	36	9.549		
		60	15	45	11.937		
		72	18	54	14.324		
		96	24	72	19.099		
		120	30	90	23.873		
4.200	0.238	84	20	64	16.552		
4.235	0.236	72	17	55	14.165		
4.286	0.233	60	14	46	11.777		
		120	28	92	23.555		
4.333	0.231	156	36	120	30.558		
4.364	0.229	48	11	37	9.390		
		96	22	74	18.780		
4.421	0.226	84	19	65	16.393		
4.500	0.222	72	16	56	14.006		
4.615	0.217	60	13	47	11.618		
4.667	0.214	84	18	66	16.234		
		4.800	0.208	48	10	38	9.231
		72		15	57	13.846	
		96		20	76	18.462	
120	25	95		23.077			
4.875	0.205	156	32	124	29.921		
4.941	0.202	84	17	67	16.075		
5.000	0.200	60	12	48	11.459		
		120	24	96	22.918		
5.053	0.198	96	19	77	18.303		
5.143	0.194	72	14	58	13.687		
5.200	0.192	156	30	126	29.603		
5.250	0.190	84	16	68	15.915		
5.333	0.188	96	18	78	18.144		
5.455	0.183	60	11	49	11.300		
		120	22	98	22.600		
5.538	0.181	72	13	59	13.528		
5.571	0.179	156	28	128	29.285		

N1/N2	N2/N1	N1	N2	N1-N2	C MIN
5.600	0.179	84	15	69	15.756
5.647	0.177	96	17	79	17.985
		6.000	0.167	60	10
72	12	60		13.369	
84	14	70	15.597		
96	16	80	17.825		
120	20	100	22.282		
6.240	0.160	156	25	131	28.807
6.316	0.158	120	19	101	22.123
6.400	0.156	96	15	81	17.666
6.462	0.155	84	13	71	15.438
6.500	0.154	156	24	132	28.648
6.545	0.153	72	11	61	13.210
6.667	0.150	120	18	102	21.963
6.857	0.146	96	14	82	17.507
7.000	0.143	84	12	72	15.279
7.059	0.142	120	17	103	21.804
7.091	0.141	156	22	134	28.330
7.200	0.139	72	10	62	13.051
7.385	0.135	96	13	83	17.348
7.500	0.133	120	16	104	21.645
7.636	0.131	84	11	73	15.120
7.800	0.128	156	20	136	28.011
8.000	0.125	96	12	84	17.189
		120	15	105	21.486
8.211	0.122	156	19	137	27.852
8.400	0.119	84	10	74	14.961
8.571	0.117	120	14	106	21.327
8.667	0.115	156	18	138	27.693
8.727	0.115	96	11	85	17.030
9.176	0.109	156	17	139	27.534
9.231	0.108	120	13	107	21.168
9.600	0.104	96	10	86	16.870
9.750	0.103	156	16	140	27.375
10.000	0.100	120	12	108	21.008
10.400	0.096	156	15	141	27.215
10.909	0.092	120	11	109	20.849
11.143	0.090	156	14	142	27.056
12.000	0.083	120	10	110	20.690
		156	13	143	26.897
13.000	0.077	156	12	144	26.738
14.182	0.071	156	11	145	26.579
15.600	0.064	156	10	146	26.420