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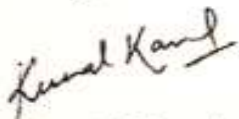
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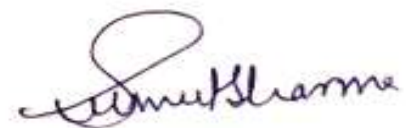


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Abstract

Rear axle is the last member of the power train which finally transfers the engine's power to the driving wheels. In heavy duty trucks, we often use more than one driving axle which brings us to the need for tandem axle. A tandem axle divides the incoming power into two parts, each one going to different driving axle. Using tandem axle in a vehicle also improves road stability at highway speeds and usually has better suspensions. At VECV, a wide range of heavy duty vehicles employ tandem axle which makes it quite beneficial to develop a modular design which helps in achieving a simpler design. To achieve this modular design, critical components inside a tandem axle such as hypoid gear set, helical gear pair and differential gears are designed taking consideration of the specifications of the whole range of vehicles and then grouping them into similar groups. The design procedure followed for all components is taken from various publications studied during our literature survey. Most prominent reasons for the failure of automotive gears are bending stresses and contact stresses. Therefore, each gear set designed is rated for both pitting resistance (contact stresses) and bending strength with the help of standards developed by organizations such as AGMA. Hypoid gear geometry is one of the most complicated geometry in all of the gear types. A geometry design calculation sheet has also been developed to generate complete design specifications sheet which includes a program for an iterative process.

Key words: Modular design; Hypoid gears; Bevel gears; Helical gears; Bending strength; Pitting resistance.

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Nomenclature

T_{PFG}	=Performance torque
T_{PMG}	=Maximum prime mover torque
T_{WSG}	= Maximum wheel slip torque
W_{C}	=Gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight
r_{R}	=Tire rolling radius
N_{D}	=Number of driving axles
G_{H}	=Highway grade factor
G_{R}	=Road rolling resistance factor
K_{O}	=Overload factor for shock loads resulting from snapping the clutch
T_{E}	=Minimum net engine output torque
m_{T}	=Transmission ratio in lowest gear
m_{c}	=Automatic transmission convertor ratio
m_{G}	=Bevel or hypoid drive gear ratio used in the axle
N_{D}	=Number of driving axle
T_{WSG}	= Maximum wheel slip torque
W_{D}	= Loaded weight on driving axle = $W_{\text{L}} \cdot f_{\text{d}}$
W_{L}	= Loaded weight of vehicle :GCW or GVW
f_{d}	= Drive axle weight distribution factor
f_{s}	= Coefficient of friction between tires and road
M_{G}	= Bevel or hypoid gear ratio
N_{D}	= Number of driving axles
M_{A}	= Overall axle ratio including bevel or hypoid drive gear, wheel reduction gear or two speed axle reduction gear
$s_{\text{tG}}, s_{\text{tP}}$	= Calculated tensile bending stresses at the root of the tooth for pinion and gear respectively
s_{c}	= Calculated contact stress at the point on tooth where its value will be maximum
C_{p}	= Elastic coefficient of gear and pinion material combination
$T_{\text{P}}, T_{\text{G}}$	= Transmitted torques of pinion and gear respectively
T_{Pmx}	= Maximum transmitted pinion torque
$K_{\text{o}}, C_{\text{o}}$	= Overload factors for strength and durability respectively

K_V, C_V	= Dynamic factors for strength and durability respectively
P_d	= Gear transverse diametral pitch at outer end of tooth
F_P, F_G	= Face widths of pinion and gear respectively
D	= Gear outer pitch diameter
n_N	= Numbers of teeth in pinion and gear respectively
K_S, C_S	= Size factors for strength and durability respectively
K_m, C_m	= Load distribution factors for strength and durability respectively
C_f	= Surface condition factor for durability
J_P, J_G	= Geometry factors for strength of pinion and gear respectively
J_P'	= Modified pinion geometry factor for strength
I	= Geometry factor for durability
S_{wt}, S_{wc}	= Working tensile bending stress and working contact stress respectively
S_{at}, S_{ac}	= Allowable tensile bending stress and allowable contact stress respectively
K_L, C_L	= Life factors for strength and durability respectively
C_H	= Hardness ratio factor for durability
K_T, C_T	= Temperature factors for strength and durability respectively
K_R, C_R	= Factors of safety for strength and durability respectively

Greek Symbols

σ_c	= Surface stress or contact stress
σ_b	= Bending Stress (Tensile)
ϕ_n	= Normal pressure angle
β	= Helix angle

Acronyms

GCW	= Gross Combination Weight
GVW	= Gross Vehicle Weight
FEA	= Finite Element Analysis
HD	= Heavy Duty
LMD	= Light and Medium Duty

Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Introduction

Rear axle is the last aggregate of a power train. In commercial vehicles, rear axle is the driving axle. The engine turns a propeller shaft which transmits rotational force to a drive axle at the rear of the vehicle. The pinion of the hypoid gear set or spiral bevel gear set drives the crown wheel and subsequently transferring power to differential arrangement. One half-axle or half-shaft links the differential with the left rear wheel, a second half-shaft does the same with the right rear wheel; thus the two half-axles and the differential create the rear axle.

The aim of this project is to create a modular design of rear tandem axle for the complete range of heavy duty trucks in VECV. For power transmission, a tandem axle has various types of gears namely, hypoid, straight bevel and helical gears which can be observed in figure 1.1. By modular design, it is simply meant that for the entire range of our product line, minimum numbers of designs are to be developed so as to reduce the operational cost and introduce simplicity to the system. Modularity also helps in reducing lead time for future projects (Langlois, 2002).

A tandem axle truck is equipped with two drive axles. Utilizing eight tires and wheels on the drive axles, this type of truck is able to support a tremendous amount of weight as well as provide improved traction despite poor road conditions. While the engine sends power to the lead axle, the trailing axle receives its power via a short drive shaft extending from the rear of the lead axle housing.

A tandem axle is type of an axle in which power coming from the engine via propeller shaft is divided into two parts with the help of an inter-axle differential. One part of this power is transferred to differential gears through a helical gear set from where it is given to the wheels. While the other part of this power goes to an output shaft which goes into further axle to drive another two wheels which can be seen in below figure 1.1.

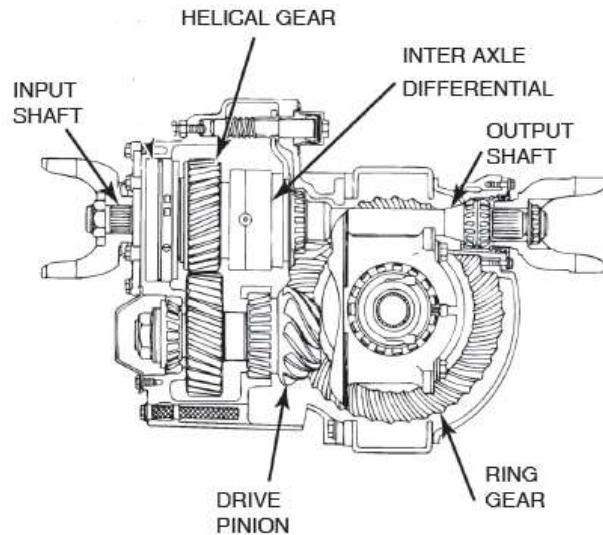


Figure 1.1: Representation of a forward tandem axle carrier (Dana Corporation, 2005)

1.2 Methodology

Following methodology has been adopted step by step to achieve our desired aim:

1. Understanding of rear axle design.
2. Understanding of rear axle manufacturing at VECV.
 - Process flow, critical assembly process
3. Understanding of basics of tandem axle and its various components.
 - Basic working, BOM of forward carrier assembly
4. Literature Survey
5. VECV tandem axle requirement.
6. Calculation for tandem axle components:
 - Hypoid gear,
 - Helical gear.
7. Selecting a modular design meeting requirement of all the vehicles.

1.3 Understanding of Rear Axle Design

The rear axle assembly comprises of the differential assembly, the rear drive axles, and axle housing. Rear axle assemblies are exposed to a major portion of the loads from the engine and road. Therefore, they have to be ruggedly constructed and should not ever fail. The most common rear end mischances are axle bearing failures. A typical rear axle assembly is shown in figure 1.2 (Duffy, 2000).

In a rear axle assembly, engine power enters the drive pinion gear from the drive shaft assembly and differential pinion flange. The pinion then transfers the power to the crown wheel or the ring gear. This is either a spiral bevel gear set or a hypoid gear set. Thus, the interaction of the crown wheel and the pinion turns the power flow at a 90° angle. At this stage, reduction also occurs which reduces the speed but increases the torque instead.

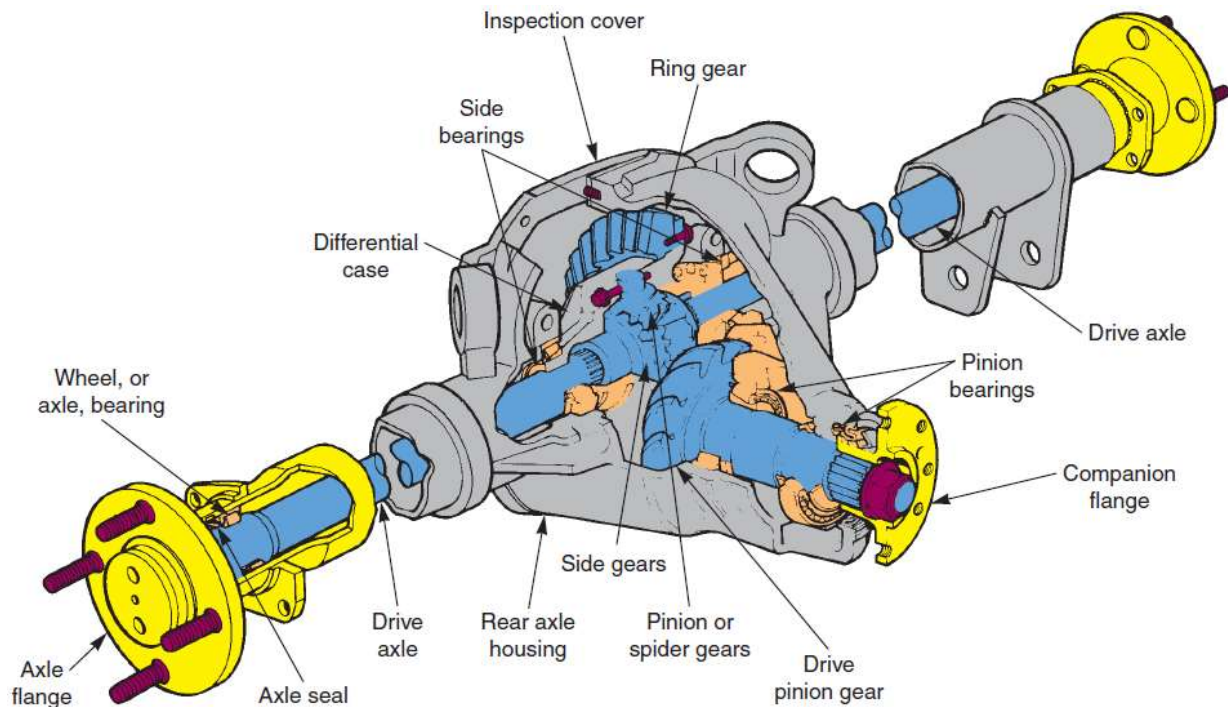


Figure 1.2: Cut section view of rear axle (Duffy, 2000)

Power from the crown wheel now transfers via the differential casing, spider bevel gears, and side bevel gears to the axle shafts. These shafts transfer power from the differential assembly to the wheels.

The bearings and rear axle housing are crucial parts of the rear axle assembly. They are designed to hold and align the whole assembly and axles. Bearings and axle housing are so ruggedly designed that they should not fail under any circumstances.

Seals and gaskets in the rear axle assembly insure the working of the rear axle assembly. Seals are used at the differential pinion yoke/flange and at the outer drive axles. Gaskets are used between different housing parts to provide a tight seal so that the lubricant should not leak or any contaminants from outside can come in.

The figure 1.3 is an exploded view of a common type of rear axle assembly. Notice the relationship of the internal parts to the housing and to each other. Note that the rear axle housing and drive axle designs will be different when the vehicle has independent rear suspension.

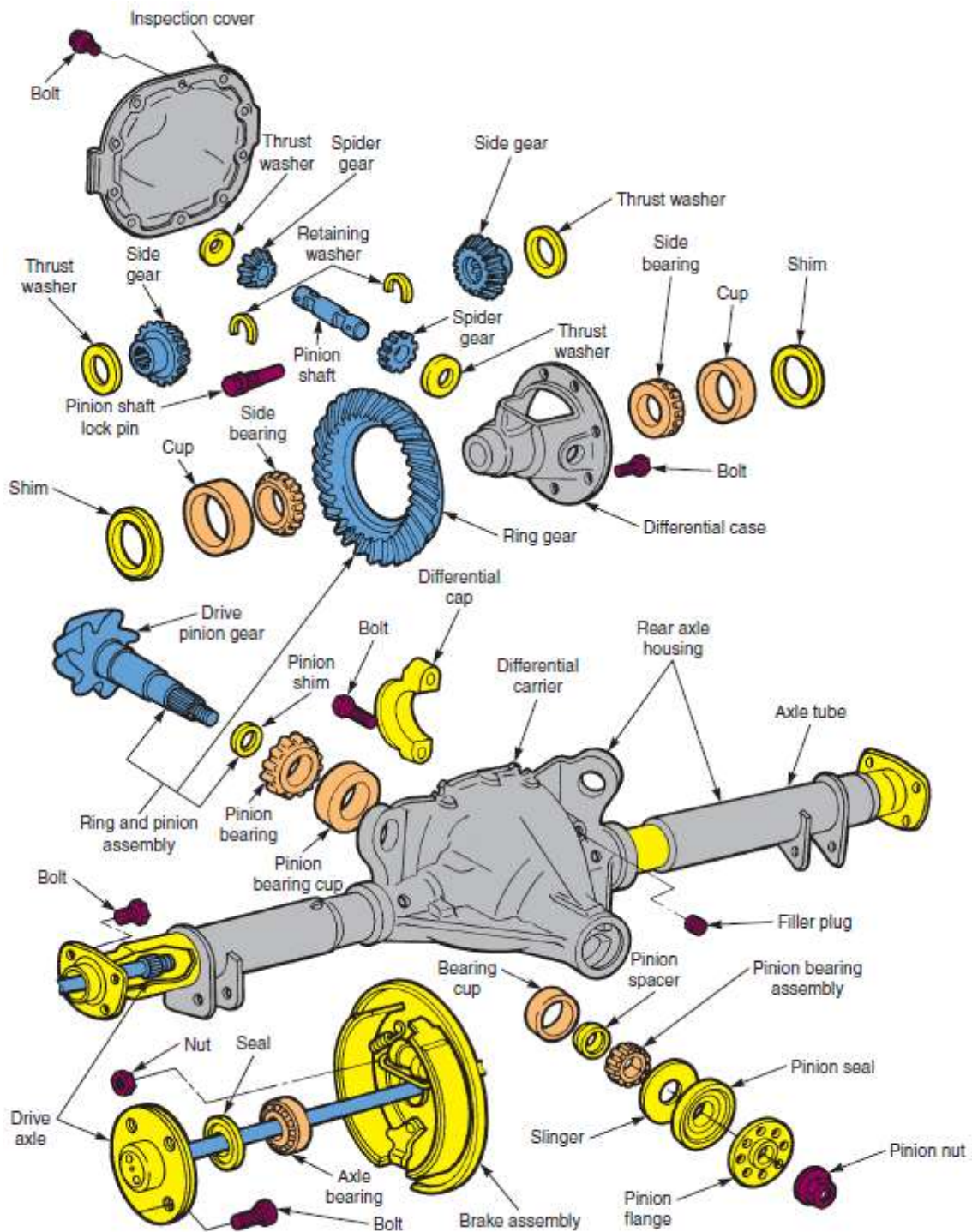


Figure 1.3: Exploded view of rear axle (Duffy, 2000)

1.4 Understanding Rear Axle Manufacturing

Flow process of the Rear Axle Manufacturing Line at VECV

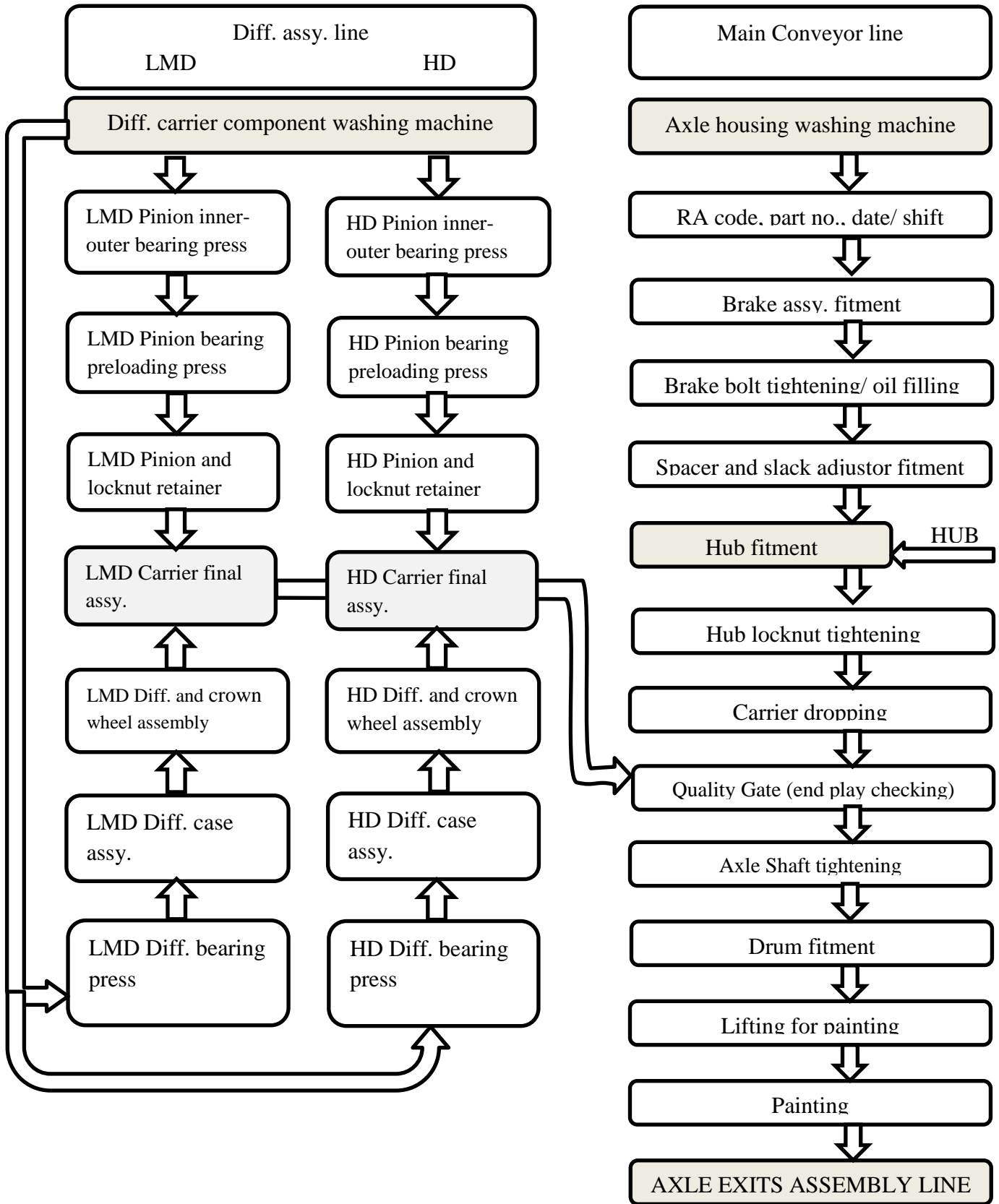


Figure 1.4: Flow process of rear axle manufacturing at VECV

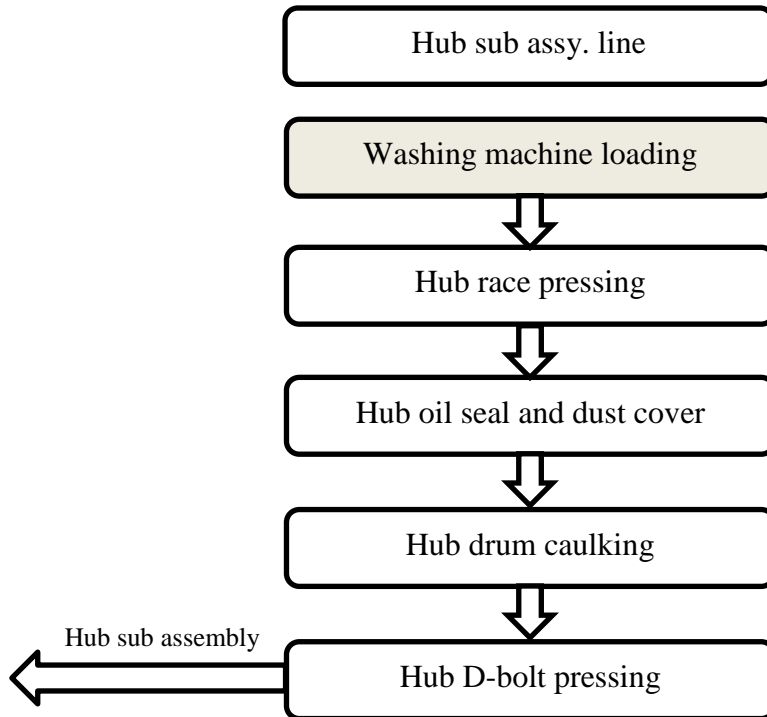


Figure 1.5: Flow process of hub sub assembly at rear axle manufacturing line at VECV

In rear axle assembly line, we have two separate lines to assemble the differential carrier, one for HD vehicles and one for LMD vehicles, one line for hub sub assembly and one main final line. There are few critical processes in the assembly line discussed below.

1.4.1 Critical Assembly Processes

- Collar Selection:** The rear axle pinion bearing is pressed onto the drive pinion gear shaft at the gear end. The front pinion bearing is often a slip fit on the smaller end of the shaft. The outer races, or bearing cups, of both bearings are pressed into the rear axle housing. A collar is used make some preload on the bearing. Sometime a collapsible spacer is also used for the preloading. The collar is made such that it is slightly compressed when the pinion gear is mounted in the rear axle housing. The spacer retains a mild pressure between both of the rear and front bearings, making it possible to precisely adjust the bearing preload. Collar is selected by pre loading it with a hydraulic press and then checking if it moves within a specific torque using a torque wrench.
- Shim Selection:** The location of the hypoid pinion relative to the crown wheel must be set exactly. Or else there will be noise and gears will wear out. The position of the pinion gear in the axle housing must be carefully adjusted as the contact at exact right tooth depth is

essential. To make this adjustment to the ring and drive pinion clearance, a pinion shim is installed in the housing, behind the rear bearing cup. The depth of the pinion in the axle housing is determined by the thickness of the shim. The shim is installed at the line only and after that it must be checked for proper thickness every time the drive pinion gear is removed. A shim of specific thickness is inserted to eliminate the errors in the dimensions of differential carrier, error of pinion and error of bearing retainer. Based on these parameters, thickness of the shim is selected.

$(0.3 * A) + B - C$			
Error in Dimension of differential carrier (A)	Error in pinion (B)	Error of bearing retainer (C)	Thickness of the Shim

- Backlash crown wheel – pinion:** Backlash can be defined as "the maximum distance or angle through which any part of a mechanical system may be moved in one direction without applying appreciable force or motion to the next part in mechanical sequence". Backlash between crown wheel and pinion in every carrier assembly is checked to be within specified range.

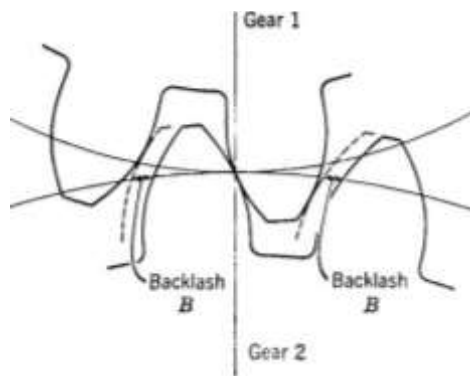


Figure 1.6: Backlash

- Contact Pattern:** Contact pattern between pinion and ring gear is tested to be optimum. The procedure of checking contact pattern is as follow: Apply tooth contact compound to the ring gear in two different places. Carefully apply moderate pressure to the outside ring gear. Rotate the pinion to turn the ring gear specified revolutions on the drive side and then in the opposite direction for the coast side. The following are typical ring gear patterns. Check with the manufacturer's manual for specifications or any special procedures.

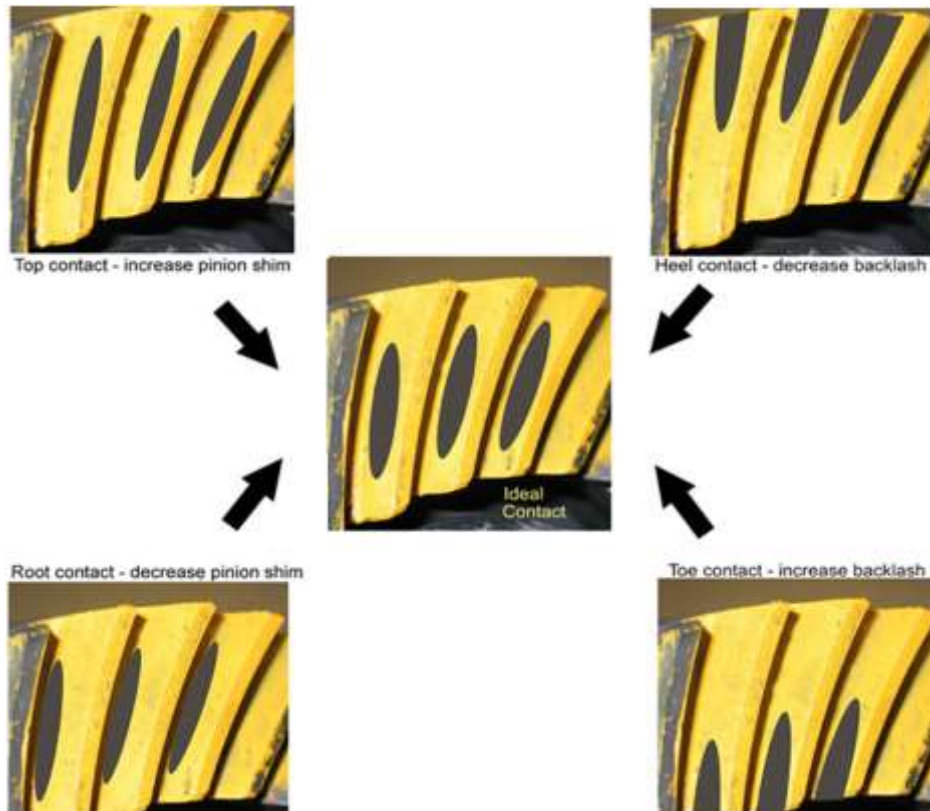


Figure 1.7: Ideal contact pattern

- **Back face run out:** Run out is an inaccuracy of rotating mechanical systems. Back face runout of the ring gear is tested with the help of a linear dial gauge.

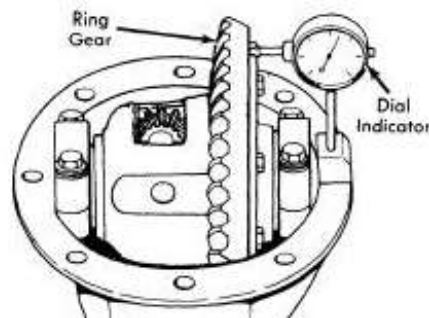


Figure 1.8: Back face runout testing

- **End play of hub:** End play of the hub is again checked with the help of a dial gauge (<math><0.1\text{mm}</math>).

1.5 Forward tandem axle carrier

For understand complete construction of forward tandem axle assembly, we can study an exploded view of forward axle carrier assembly of Dana ® Spicer ® Tandem Drive Axles in figure 1.9 (Dana Corporation, 2007) along with its Bill of Materials.

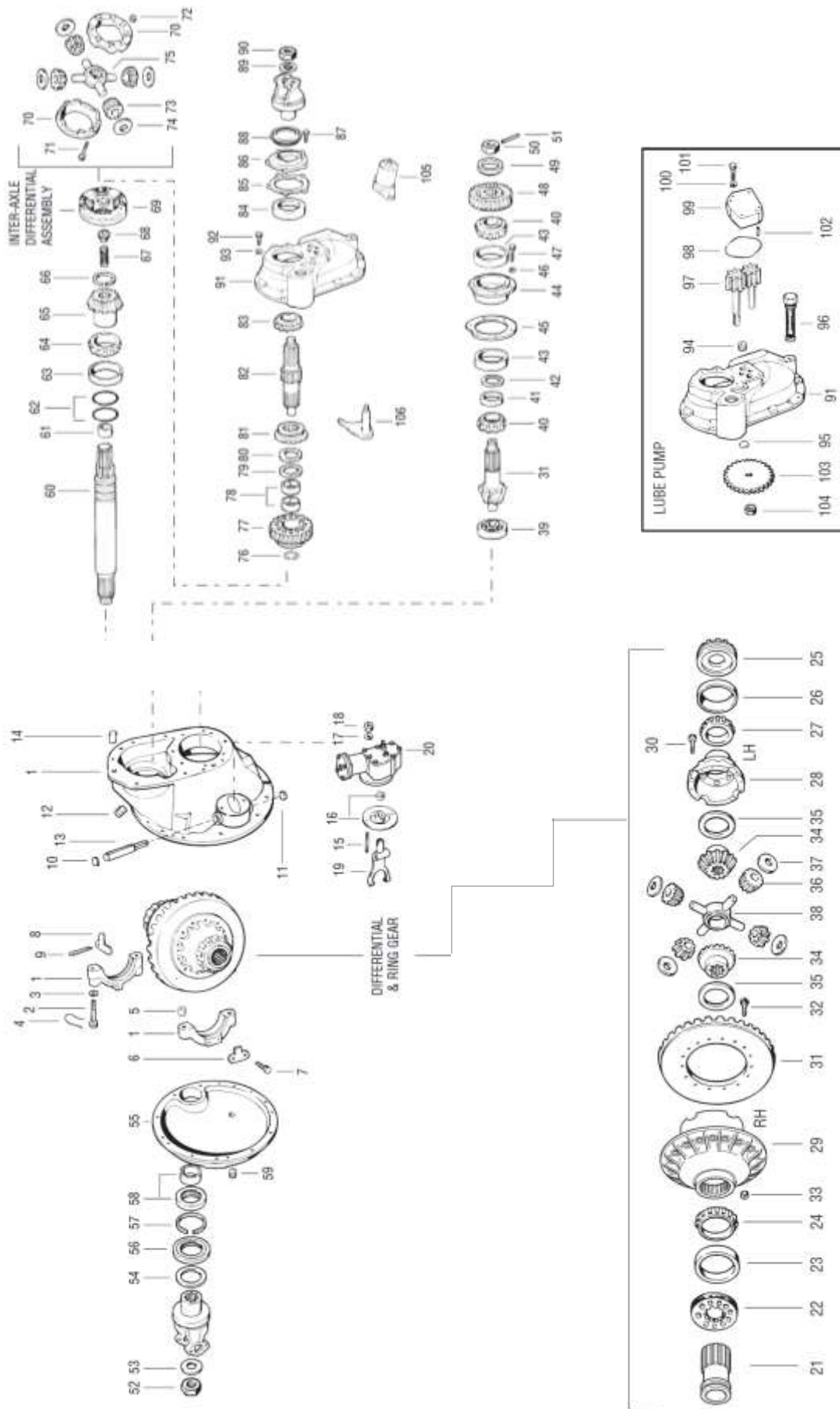


Figure 1.9: Exploded view of forward axle carrier assembly

Table 1.1: Bill of material for tandem axle carrier assembly

BILL OF MATERIALS					
PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1	Differential carrier & 2 bearing caps	1	55	Axle housing cover	1
2	Bearing capscrew	4	56	Output shaft oil seal	1
3	Flat washer	4	57	Bearing snap ring	1
4	Lockwire	4	58	Output shaft bearing	1
5	Dowel bushing	4	59	Filler plug	1
6	Bearing cap adjuster lock (RH)	1	60	Output shaft	1
7	Capscrew	4	61	Output shaft bushing	1
8	Bearing cap adjuster lock (LH)	1	62	Output shaft O-ring	2
9	Cotter pin (LH)	1	63	Output shaft bearing cup	1
10	Expansion plug (upper)	1	64	Output shaft bearing cone	1
11	Expansion plug (lower)	1	65	Output shaft side gear	1
12	Filler plug	1	66	Side gear snap ring	1
13	Shift fork shaft	1	67	Output shaft compression spring	1
14	Carrier cover dowel pin	2	68	Output shaft thrust bearing	1
15	Shift unit mounting stud	1	69	Inter-axle differential assembly	1
16	Shift fork seal & spring assembly	1	76	Helical side gear snap ring	1
17	Flat washer	1	77	Helical side gear	1
18	Stud nut	1	78	Helical side gear bushing	2
19	Shift fork & roller assembly	1	79	Helical side gear thrust washer	1
20	Shift unit assembly	1	80	Helical side gear "D" washer	1
21	Sliding clutch	1	81	Lockout sliding clutch	1
22	Differential bearing adjuster (RH)	1	82	Input shaft	1
23	Differential bearing cup (RH)	1	83	Input shaft bearing cone	1
24	Differential bearing cone (RH)	1	84	Input shaft bearing cup	1
25	Differential bearing adjuster (LH)	1	85	Input cover shim	1
26	Differential bearing cup (LH)	1	86	Input bearing cover	1
27	Differential bearing cone (LH)	1	87	Bearing cover capscrew	5
28	Differential case (plain half)	1	88	Input shaft oil seal	1
29	Differential case (flanged half)	1	89	Input shaft nut washer	1
30	Differential case capscrew	8	90	Input shaft nut	1
31	Ring gear & drive pinion	1 set	91	PDU carrier cover	1
32	Bolt	18	92	Carrier cover capscrew	11
33	Nut	18	93	Lock washer	11
34	Differential side gear	2	94	Pipe plug	1
35	Side gear thrust washer	2	95	Expansion plug	1
36	Side pinion	4	96	Magnetic filter screen	1
37	Side pinion thrust washer	4	97	Pump gear & shaft assembly	2
38	Spider	1	98	Cover O-ring	1
39	Pinion pilot bearing	1	99	Lube pump cover	1
40	Pinion bearing cone	1	100	Lock washer	6

41	Pinion bearing spacer washer	1	101	Cover capscrew	6
42	Pinion bearing spacer	1	102	Cover dowel pin	1
43	Pinion bearing cup	1	103	Pump drive gear	1
44	Pinion bearing cage	1	104	Drive gear locknut	1
45	Pinion bearing cage shim	1	105	Air-operated lockout assembly	1
46	Lock washer	6	106	Shift fork & push rod assembly	1
47	Bearing cage capscrew	6	INTER-AXLE DIFFERENTIAL ASSEMBLY		
48	Pinion helical gear	1	70	Inter-axle differential case half	2
49	Outer pinion support bearing (1 pc.)	1	71	Case bolt	8
50	Pinion shaft end nut	1	72	Case nut	8
51	Pinion nut spring pin	1	73	Side pinion	4
52	Output shaft nut	1	74	Side pinion thrust washer	4
53	Output shaft washer	1	75	Spider	1
54	Rear bearing retaining washer	1			

1.6 Outline of the thesis work

This thesis work has been carried out in various steps to reach our goal of designing hypoid and helical gears for tandem axle carrier. Chapter wise division of the work done is discussed below:

Chapter 1 consists of the introduction of the concept, basics of rear axle which includes the basic construction and its working. Current rear axle assembly line at Eicher Trucks and Buses plant and critical processes involved are also briefed.

Chapter 2 includes the literature survey various research papers and other sources to help us understand about the current procedures, standards being used in the industry to design automotive gears. The current trend in adaptation of modularity in operations and technology has also been surveyed in few papers.

Chapter 3 includes the whole design methodology and procedure adopted to design both hypoid and helical gears for given inputs. To analyse the gears, their ratings for both bending and pitting are calculated using AGMA standards.

Chapter 4 contains results part for the designs. A design summary sheet is prepared in which gear specifications for all the vehicles are tabulated.

Chapter 5 presents conclusions obtained from the research work conducted during thesis work. In addition to this, this chapter also deals with future scopes of the thesis.

Chapter 2

Literature Review

2.1 Introduction

This chapter discusses the literature review done for the completion of the thesis and the objectives of the thesis. Literature review was done in 3 areas: (i) Design and analysis of hypoid or helical gears, (ii) Gear materials and (iii) Modularity.

2.2 Literature survey on design and analysis of hypoid or helical gears

Gawande et al. (2013) performed mechanical design of crown wheel and pinion in differential gearbox of Mechanical Front Wheel Drive (MFWD) Axle of a tractor (TAFE MF 455). Details of modelling and assembly were explained. The crown wheel and pinion were designed using slip torque as application of load in case of tractor is usually in the peak range. After the design of the crown wheel and pinion, the same is drafted in PRO-E and analysed in ANSYS where it was seen that equivalent stress on tooth was coming out to be approximately 682 N/mm² whereas maximum allowed stress was 698.667 N/mm².

Barot and Vora (2014) explained how to design a single stage hypoid gear to be used in rear axle of trucks. Hypoid gears are being used in the rear axles of all leading companies due to advantage over spiral bevel gear. Major advantages of using hypoid gear are better fuel consumption and lower noise. The design procedure followed is based on ANSI-AGMA 2005-D034 (Design Manual for Bevel Gears). This procedure designs a gear set based on working torque by selecting appropriate pinion pitch diameter. Rest of formulae used are from ANSI-AGMA 2005-D03 which gives us the whole design sheet.

Brown (2009) gave out a detailed approach to spiral bevel gear design and its analysis for use in a medium class helicopter. SAE 9310 steel was chosen as gear material with proper carburisation and case hardening processes. Both bending analysis and fatigue analysis were done to make sure that design gear pair is safe due to both bending and pitting respectively. For pitting analysis, the author investigated the Hertz stresses. Also, it was shown that for the purpose of the application, the gears were designed for unlimited life.

Venkatesh et al. (2010) published his project that involved designing, modelling and manufacturing of helical gears in marine applications. The design conditions consisted of

rotations at very high speed inducing large stresses and deflections in the helical gears. All the parameters i.e. gear specifications are calculated theoretically using design data by PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore. Then analysis of design gear is done by equations derived by Lewis and Buckingham for dynamic loads and as well as by FEA using ANSYS.

Sekercioglu and Kovan (2007) investigated cause of failure of spiral bevel gear used in differential of trucks. All the possible causes of the failure were investigated either experimentally or analytically. Visual inspection, metallurgical tests, chemical analysis and hardness tests were performed on various specimens prepared from the damaged spiral bevel gears. The failure was observed to be due to pitting occurrence. It was found in the investigation that there was no consistency in the microstructure and hardness of the gear materials as chemical composition varied. It was concluded from this studied that hardness of gear outer surface should be between 58-60 HRC in order to obtain maximum pitting resistance. Calculated contact stresses also revealed that gear was exposed to overloading. Due to this high tooth- contact pressure, lubrication also suffered as oil film thickness may not be enough.

Lim and Cheng (1999) used a generic 3-D coupled rotational-translational model for vibrations for simulation of the dynamic responses of typical geared rotor designs with hypoid gears. The line of action and operative gear mesh point are presumed fixed and overlap with the theoretical pitch point and the surface normal vector, respectively. The model is proposed to be used for predicting the response of an automobile drivetrain including hypoid gears and to evaluate the effects of hypoid offset on vibrations (free and forced). It is concluded by the author that although the hypoid offset has minimal effect on the predicted values of natural frequencies, it creates a substantial frequency-dependent effect on the frequency response functions of the dynamic mesh force and bearing reaction loads.

Malek and Solanki (2015) reviewed various papers on helical gear design based on contact stresses and bending stresses. Bending stress basically measures the strength of a gear while contact stresses determine the durability. To minimise failure of the gears, these two stresses are the main considerations. These both stresses can be calculated using either analytical methods or Finite Elements Analysis tools such as ANSYS. Bending stresses are calculated by using modified Lewis equation while for contact stresses, AGMA contact stress formulae were used.

Hwang et al. (2013) analysed to different methods for calculating contact stresses. For his study he used both spur gears and helical gears. It was found that stresses were more severe in case of lowest point of single tooth contact (LPSTC) approach than that calculated with the help of AGMA equations. These values were calculated using finite element analysis tools.

Jyothirmal et al. (2014) also made similar attempt to co relate the analytics results of bending and contact stress based on AGMA with the results from a develop FEA model in ANSYS. For these investigations he used both helical and herringbone gears. Similar researched it also done by **Venkatesh and Muthy (2014)**.

Kakavas et al. (2016) measured and quantified the effect of viscosity on the efficiency of a hypoid gear drive in a vehicle. For this purpose he designed a test rig.

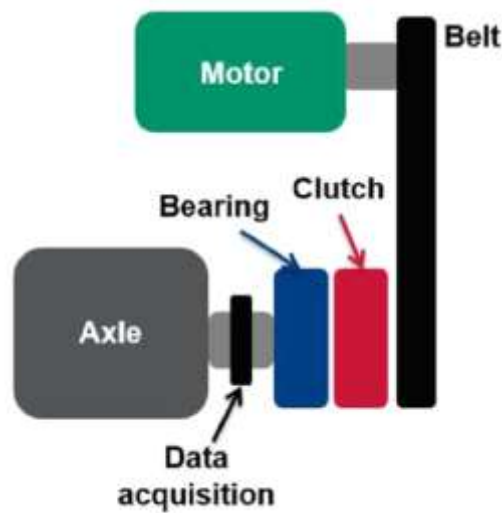


Figure 2.1: Spin loss measurement methodology

According to his studies, assumptions and simplifications used by other researchers lead to the wrong values the velocity of the point of contact in hypoid gears. Lubricant viscosity was found to be the main culprit in the loss of the efficiency. Experimental measurements were also co related with the generated simulations for number of scenarios and satisfactory results were observed.

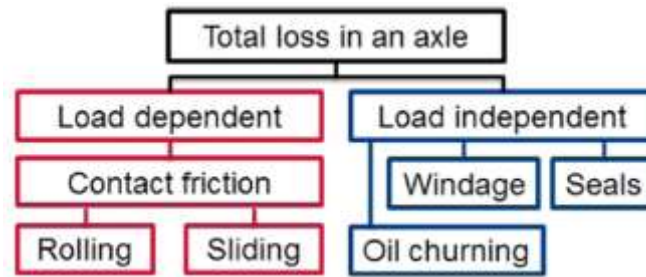


Figure 2.2: Axle losses categories

2.3 Literature survey on gear materials

Bagewadi et al. (2014) redesigned the spiral bevel gear for Mahindra Bolero pickup vehicle to increase its torque. This was achieved by reducing the no of teeth on pinion from 11 to 10 while keeping rest of the design same to fit new gear set in the same housing. Existing pinion material was also changed from SAE 4130 steel to SAE 9310 steel which helped in increasing margin of safety to 0.68 from existing 0.57 even though number of teeth on the pinion was reduced by 1.

Brnic et al. (2014) investigated the mechanical properties such as yield strength, ultimate tensile strength, Charpy test, creep test and total fracture strain, etc. on 20MnCr5 steel and similar steels. 20MnCr5 steel is being used for manufacturing of automobile gears these days. Comparison of properties of 20MnCr5 and other steels with similar properties is done by the author. Experiments were conducted at room temperature and higher temperatures. Tensile tests such as ultimate tensile strength along with other 0.2 offset yield strength were used to formulate stress- strain curves. Fracture toughness was assessed using using Charpy impact energy test.

Brnic and Brcic (2015) tried to compare two types of steel namely, 20MnCr5 Steel and X10CrAlSi25 Steel. It was found that both type of steels had similar mechanical properties such as yield strength, UTS, modulus of elasticity. It was also observed the their creep resistance was quite similar to each other.

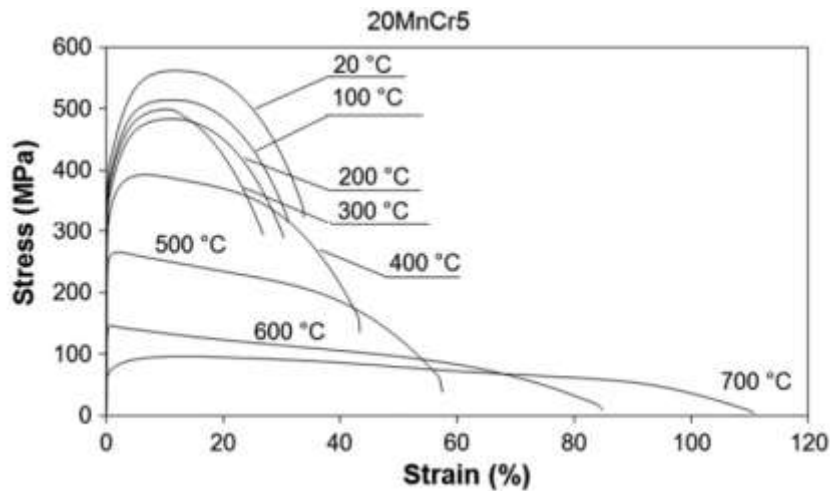


Figure 2.3: Engineering stress–strain diagrams for 20MnCr5 steel at room and elevated temperatures.

Gligorijević et al. (2008) pointed out the key issues for selection of materials and manufacturing processes in design of industrial products. The major design considerations that were given by the author includes bending fatigue lifetime index, bending fatigue limit index, surface fatigue lifetime index, surface fatigue limit index, machinability index and wear resistance of tooth flack index. Understanding of functional requirement is also necessary for material selection procedure. Other factors that affect the material selection are mechanical, chemical and physical properties, formability, castability, machinability, weldability, material impact on environment, product cost, availability, market trends, material cost, recycling etc.

2.4 Literature survey on modularity

Gamba (2009) researched on modularity in her doctoral thesis. It was found that over the last decade, many contributions had been done in field of modularity and extensive study was done on that. The study was performed taking in care of ‘six modular operators’ proposed by **Baldwin and Clark (2000)**.

Hölttä-Otto (2005) also worked on modular product platform in which sets of common modules were shared in a product family to generate cost savings and establish a multiple product platform in very less time. A multi criteria scorecard was introduced to evaluate the modular platform to help organisation focus on strategy and its competition.

Salvador et al. (2005) suggested that an organisation can cope up with the losses on operations because of product variety by pursuing the path of modularity. The research

focuses on which parameter should the modularity be designed and embedded into the product line. It is based on a qualitative research design that includes a multiple case study to investigate six product lines all belonging to the European companies. The modularity is suggested to be design on parameters such as type of modularity, level of modularity and component requiring modularity.

2.5 Objectives of present work

The work of this thesis has been carried out in VE Commercial Vehicles Ltd., Pithampur in Product Design and Development department. In their range of heavy duty trucks, tandem axles are used which were supplied by a third party vendor. Therefore, for in house development of tandem axle it was decide to go for a modular design which will reduce the operations cost. Hypoid gear pair is one of the most crucial part of the axle as it is an important link in the powertrain. Similarly, in tandem axle, a helical gear pair is also used. Keeping this in mind, the objectives of the work carried out in this thesis are:

- Creating preliminary dimensions for the complete range of the vehicles and then going for the modularity of the design. After finalizing the design, rating of the gear pair is to be calculated.
- Developing the calculation sheet for complete hypoid design dimensions including the iterative process.
- Designing and analysis of helical gear pair.

Chapter 3

Design Procedure and Calculations

3.1 Introduction

This chapter includes the methodology followed to obtain a complete modular design of both hypoid and helical gears.

3.2 Design of hypoid gear

3.2.1 Selection of drive gear type

The first consideration in gear design is the type of gear to be employed. Most heavy-duty drive axles employ either spiral bevel or hypoid gears in the drive-train. Hypoid gears are increasing in use in recent times due to their advantages over spiral bevel gears.

Table 3.1: Comparison between hypoid and spiral bevel gear

CHARACTERISTICS	HYPOID	SPIRAL BEVEL
Quietness	Quieter	Quiet
Strength	As much as 30% higher loads depending on offset – also better strength balance	Lower
Pitting Resistance	As much as 175% higher loads depending on offset	Lower
Scoring Resistance	Lower	As much as 200% higher loads
Sliding velocity	As much as 200% higher depending on the offset	Lower
Efficiency	As high as 96% depending on load and ratio	As high as 99% depending on load and ratio
Lubricant	EP (extreme pressure)	Mild EP
Sensitivity to misalignment	Varies with mounting rigidity and cutter diameter	Varies with mounting rigidity and cutter diameter
Manufacture	Larger point width cutter Easier to lap	Smaller point width cutter More difficult to lap

Ratio	Better for high ratios	Better for low ratios
Position of vehicle centre of gravity	Lower drive shaft	Higher drive shaft
Outside Diameter of differential case	Smaller – due to less available space as a result of drive pinion interference	Larger – due to greater availability
Bearing reaction	Greater thrust on pinion	Less thrust on pinion

Hypoid gears are very popular, especially for highway vehicles as they are even smoother and quieter than spiral bevel gears. One of the main attractions for the hypoid is relatively larger size of the hypoid pinion due to the offset. Even with the moderate offset, hypoid pinions are sufficiently larger to make practical considerably higher ratios in a single reduction. Hence, hypoid gears will be used in our design.

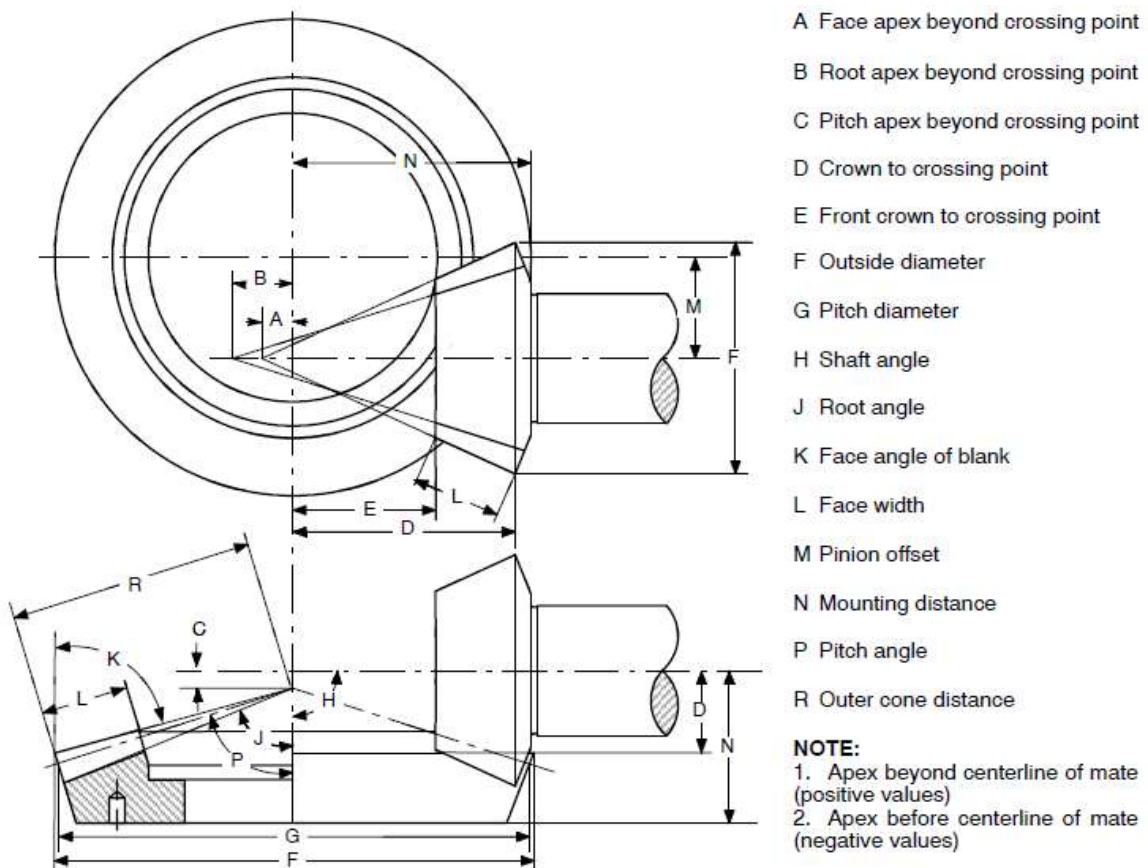


Figure 3.1: Hypoid gear nomenclature

3.2.2 Selection of drive gear size

Gear loading

Analysing the characteristics of the load that would be imposed by the vehicle on the gears is not an easy task. This is due to operation at an inconsistency load. Also, some vehicles may need to run at higher loads.

Performance Torque

This method of analysing the torque on the axle drive gears based on normal loads and overall vehicle performance has resulted in a more reliable estimate of the minimum gear sizes required for drive axles: (Thomas, 1984)

$$T_{\text{PFG}} = \frac{K_N W_C r_R}{100 N_D} (G_H + G_R)$$

Where (3.1)

T_{PFG} =Performance torque (Nm),

K_N =Unit conversion factor (for torque in Nm, $K_N=9.807$),

W_C =Gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight (kg),

r_R =Tire rolling radius,

N_D =Number of driving axles,

G_H =Highway grade factor, and

G_R =Road rolling resistance factor.

Table 3.2: Gradeability

Type of vehicle	Gradeability, % (G)
Domestic Highway Trucks	3.5 – 7.0
Foreign Highway Trucks	5.0 – 9.0
City Buses	5.0 – 9.0
Inter-urban Buses	6.0 – 10.0
Off- highway Trucks	9.0 – 30.0
Army Trucks	5.0 – 9.0

Table 3.3: Road rolling resistance factors

Road Class	Road Surface Type	GR factor		
		Condition of surface		
		Good	Fair	Poor
I	Bituminous macadam (high type)	1.00	1.10	1.20
	Cement concrete			
	Granite block			
	Asphaltic concrete			
	Wood block			
	Asphalt block			
	Brick			
II	Oil mats (oiled macadam)	1.20	1.60	2.00
	Bituminous macadam (low type)			
	Treated gravel			
	Bituminous (tar)			
III	Crushed stones	1.50	2.00	2.50
	Gravel			
	Cobbles			
	Sand-clay			
IV	Sand	2.00	2.50	3.50
	Earth			

Prime Mover Torque

The axle torque based on maximum engine torque through low transmission ratio is the maximum theoretical value that can be developed by the automobile engine and then transferred to the wheels. However in actual practice it is seldom that this high torque will be applied.

The maximum gear torque resulting from the engine may be determined as follows: (Thomas, 1984)

$$T_{PMG} = \frac{K_O K_C T_E m_T m_c m_G}{N_D} \quad (3.2)$$

Where

- T_{PMG} =Maximum prime mover torque (Nm),
 K_O =Overload factor for shock loads resulting from snapping the clutch,
 K_C =unit conversion factor,
 T_E =Minimum net engine output torque (Nm),
 m_T =Transmission ratio in lowest gear (For highway trucks use value below 7, and for off highway application use highest transmission ratio employed more than 1% of the expected life),
 m_c =automatic transmission convertor ratio (For manual transmission, take $m_c =1$),
 m_G =bevel or hypoid drive gear ratio used in the axle, and
 N_D =number of driving axle.

Slip torque

Wheel slip torque is seldom a good measure for designing bevel gear for a highway vehicle. However for off highway applications it may become a limiting condition.

Maximum torque on the gear from slip of the wheels may be determined as follow:
(Thomas, 1984)

$$T_{WSG} = \frac{K_N W_D f_s r_R M_G}{N_D M_A}$$

Where (3.3)

- T_{WSG} = Maximum wheel slip torque (Nm),
 K_N = Unit conversion factor (=9.807 for torque in Nm),
 W_D = Loaded weight on driving axle = $W_L \cdot f_d$,
 W_L = Loaded weight of vehicle (kg) :GCW or GVW,
 f_d = Drive axle weight distribution factor (0.7-0.8 for GVW and 0.3-0.35 for GCW),
 f_s = Coefficient of friction between tires and road,
 r_R = Tire rolling radius (m),
 M_G = Bevel or hypoid gear ratio,
 N_D = Number of driving axles, and
 M_A = Overall axle ratio including bevel or hypoid drive gear, wheel reduction gear or two speed axle reduction gear.

Estimated gear size

After calculation of performance torque, we can estimate the gear size for all vehicles using given graph:

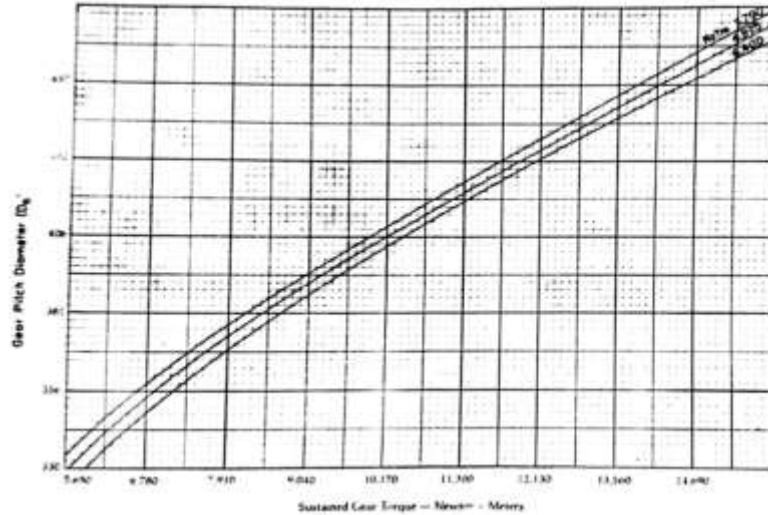


Figure 3.2: Charts for selecting approximate gear size for hypoid gears with 22.5° avg. pressure angle, 50 deg. pinion spiral angle, gear face width of approximately 28% of cone distance, and pinion offset approximately 11% of gear diameter (Thomas, 1984)

This graph is digitized by software named as ‘Plot digitizer’ from where these data points are taken. Plotting these data point on MATLAB, three equations for different gear ratios which are given below are generated:

For gear ratio = 3.7

$$D_G = 4.55E-11*(T_{PFG}^3) - 1.77E-6*(T_{PFG}^2) + (0.0353*T_{PFG}) + 184 \quad (3.4)$$

For gear ratio = 4.875

$$D_G = 5.41E-11*(T_{PFG}^3) - 2.11E-6*(T_{PFG}^2) + (0.0396*T_{PFG}) + 164 \quad (3.5)$$

For gear ratio = 6.4

$$D_G = 4.1E-11*(T_{PFG}^3) - 1.77E-6*(T_{PFG}^2) + (0.0371*T_{PFG}) + 164 \quad (3.6)$$

Interpolating them for desired gear ratio, preliminary gear diameter can be calculated. This interpolation calculation par is included in the excel calculation sheets. All the calculation sheets are attached along with the file.

Table 3.4: Specifications of the vehicle range for which tandem axle is to be designed

Vehicle		Gear Box	GVW (T)	Overload Capacity (T)	Engine specifications				FDR
					Power		Torque		
					(HP)	@rpm	(Nm)	@rpm	
6x4T 6025	Onroad	6s	25	40	210	2200	825	1100-1700	5.83
		zf 9s							5.83
		vecv 9s							5.83
	RMC	6s	25	40	210	2200	825	1100-1700	6.17
		zf 9s							6.17
		vecv 9s							6.17
	Offroad	6s	25	40	210	2200	825	1100-1700	5.83
		zf 9s							5.83
		vecv 9s							5.83
6x4TT	TT	zf 9s	49	63	250	2200	950	1100-1700	5.86
		vecv 9s							5.86
8x4T	Tipper	zf 9s	31	50	250	2200	950	1100-1700	5.86
		vecv 9s							5.86
	RMC	zf 9s	40	40	250	2200	950	1100-1700	5.86
		vecv 9s	40	40	250	2200	950	1100-1700	5.86
V1	Tipper	9s	25	40	280	2200	1050	1100-1700	5.57
V2	Tipper	9s	31	50	280	2200	1050	1100-1700	5.57
V3	TT	9s	49	60	280	2200	1050	1100-1700	5.57
V4	Tipper	9s	25	40	280	2200	1250	1100-1700	5.57
V5	Tipper	9s	31	50	280	2200	1250	1100-1700	5.57
V6	TT	9s	49	60	280	2200	1250	1100-1700	5.57

In the above table, T is a tipper truck, TT is tractor trailer and RMC is ready mix concrete truck. Similarly, 6s is speed transmission and 9s is nine speed transmission. 'zf' and 'vecv' are the transmission manufacturer's name.

Initial calculations for all the vehicles for estimated gear diameters according to performance torque are calculated in the next table.

Table 3.5: Preliminary diameters for all the vehicles

Vehicle		Gear Box	Crown gear diameter (DG) (mm)	Gear face width (FG) (mm)	Group	
6x4T 6025	Onroad	6s	348	53	1	
		zf 9s	348	53		
		vecv 9s	348	53		
	RMC	6s	349	53		
		zf 9s	349	53		
		vecv 9s	349	53		
	Offroad	6s	390	59	2	
		zf 9s	390	59		
		vecv 9s	390	59		
6x4TT	TT	zf 9s	408	62		
		vecv 9s	408	62		
8x4T	Tipper	zf 9s	422	64		
		vecv 9s	422	64		
	RMC	zf 9s	390	59		
		vecv 9s	390	59		
V1	Tipper	9s	390	59		
V2	Tipper	9s	421	63		
V3	TT	9s	400	60		
V4	Tipper	9s	430	65		3
V5	Tipper	9s	430	65		
V6	TT	9s	430	65		

To pursue a modular design, three groups are made to divide the whole range. Now, we will calculate the bending and surface stresses and represent the values in a graph in next step.

3.2.3 Rating of Hypoid gears

Fundamental Bending and contacting stress formulae (Thomas, 1984):

The basic equation for the bending stress in a hypoid gear is

$$s_{tG} = \frac{2T_G K_o}{K_V} \cdot \frac{P_d}{F_G D} \cdot \frac{K_s K_m}{J_G} \quad (3.7)$$

And for the mating hypoid pinion is

$$s_{tP} = \frac{2T_P K_o}{K_V} \cdot \frac{P_d}{F_P D} \cdot \frac{N}{n} \cdot \frac{K_s K_m}{J_P} \quad (3.8)$$

Or

$$s_{tP} = \frac{2T_P K_o}{K_V} \cdot \frac{P_d}{F_G D} \cdot \frac{N}{n} \cdot \frac{K_s K_m}{J'_P} \quad (3.9)$$

The basic equation for the contact stress in a hypoid gear or pinion is

$$s_c = C_p \sqrt{\frac{2T_{Pmx} C_o}{C_V} \cdot \frac{1}{F_G D^2} \cdot \left(\frac{N}{n}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{C_s C_m C_f}{I} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{T_P}{T_{Pmx}}}} \quad (3.10)$$

Where

s_{tG} , s_{tP} = calculated tensile bending stresses at the root of the tooth for pinion and gear respectively,

s_c = calculated contact stress at the point on tooth where its value will be maximum,

C_p = elastic coeff. Of gear and pinion material combination ,

T_P , T_G = transmitted torques of pinion and gear respectively,

T_{Pmx} = maximum transmitted pinion torque,

K_o , C_o = overload factors for strength and durability respectively,

K_V , C_V = dynamic factors for strength and durability respectively,

P_d = gear transverse diametral pitch at outer end of tooth, teeth/in.,

F_P , F_G = face widths of pinion and gear respectively, mm,

D = gear outer pitch diameter, mm,

n , N = numbers of teeth in pinion and gear respectively,

K_s , C_s = size factors for strength and durability respectively,

K_m , C_m = load distribution factors for strength and durability respectively,

- C_f = surface condition factor for durability,
 J_P, J_G = geometry factors for strength of pinion and gear respectively,
 J_P' = modified pinion geometry factor for strength, and
 I = geometry factor for durability.

The basic equation for working bending stress in a hypoid gear or pinion is (Thomas, 1984)

$$s_{wt} = \frac{s_{at}K_L}{K_T K_R} \quad (3.11)$$

The basic equation for working contact stress in a hypoid gear or pinion is (Thomas, 1984)

$$s_{wc} = \frac{s_{ac}C_L C_H}{C_T C_R}$$

- Where (3.12)
- s_{wt}, s_{wc} = working tensile bending stress and working contact stress respectively, N/mm^2 ,
 s_{at}, s_{ac} = allowable tensile bending stress and allowable contact stress respectively, N/mm^2 ,
 K_L, C_L = life factors for strength and durability respectively,
 C_H = hardness ratio factor for durability,
 K_T, C_T = temperature factors for strength and durability respectively, and
 K_R, C_R = factors of safety for strength and durability respectively.

The material used in manufacturing of the gears is case carburised 20MnCr5. Using the same material, calculating factor of safeties for all the vehicles at different crown wheel diameter and analysing our results graphically will allow us to select gear specifications accordingly. Using above formulae and all the constants and other values from the source standards, following graphs can be made.

Calculations for group 1:

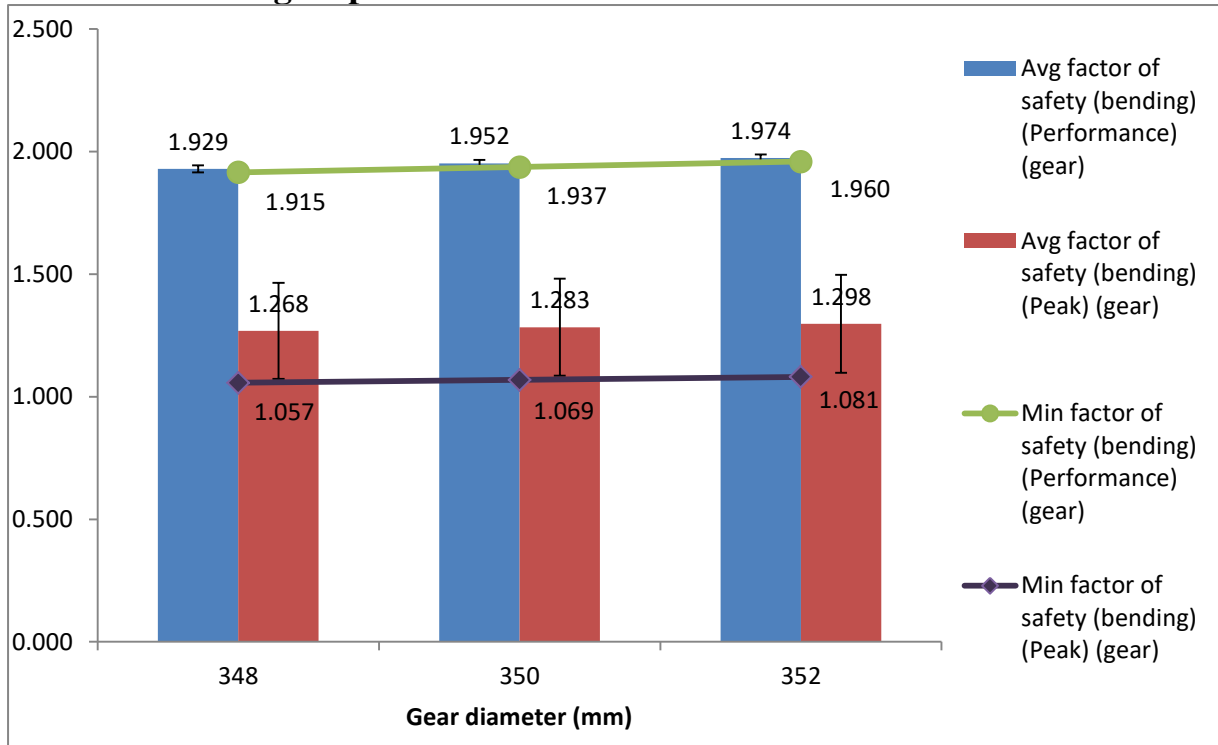


Figure 3.3: Factor of safety diagram for bending

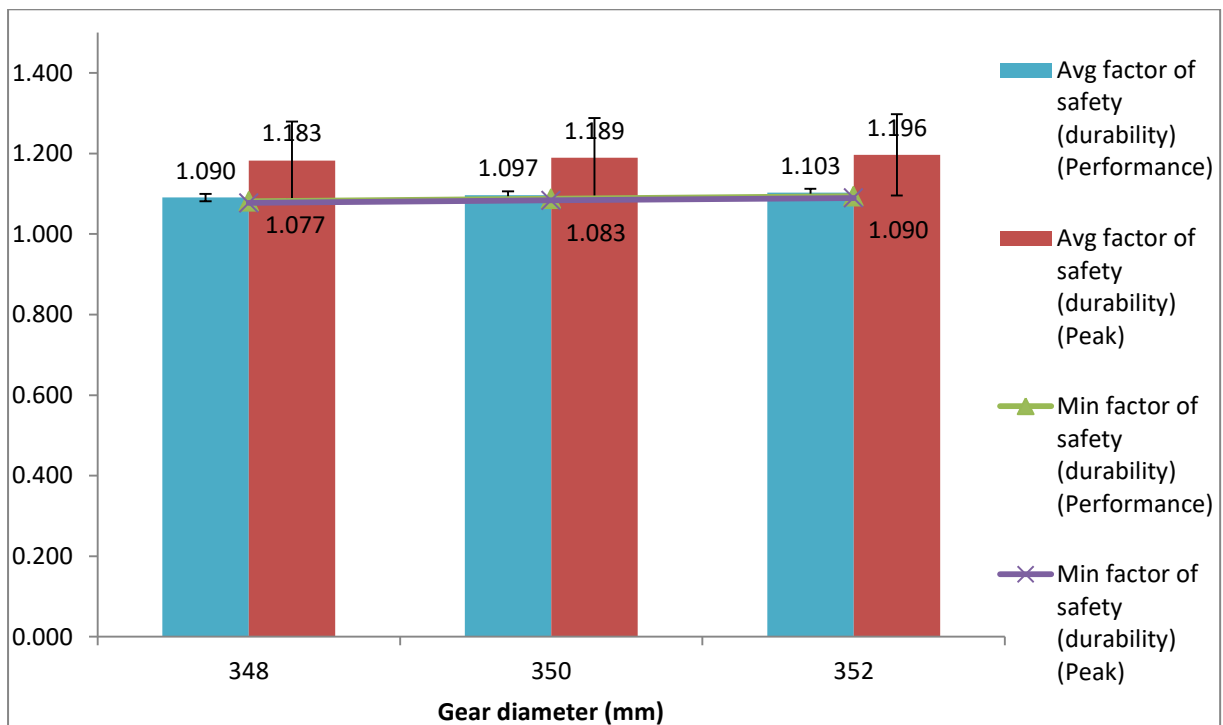


Figure 3.4: Factor of safety diagram for durability

Calculations for group 2:

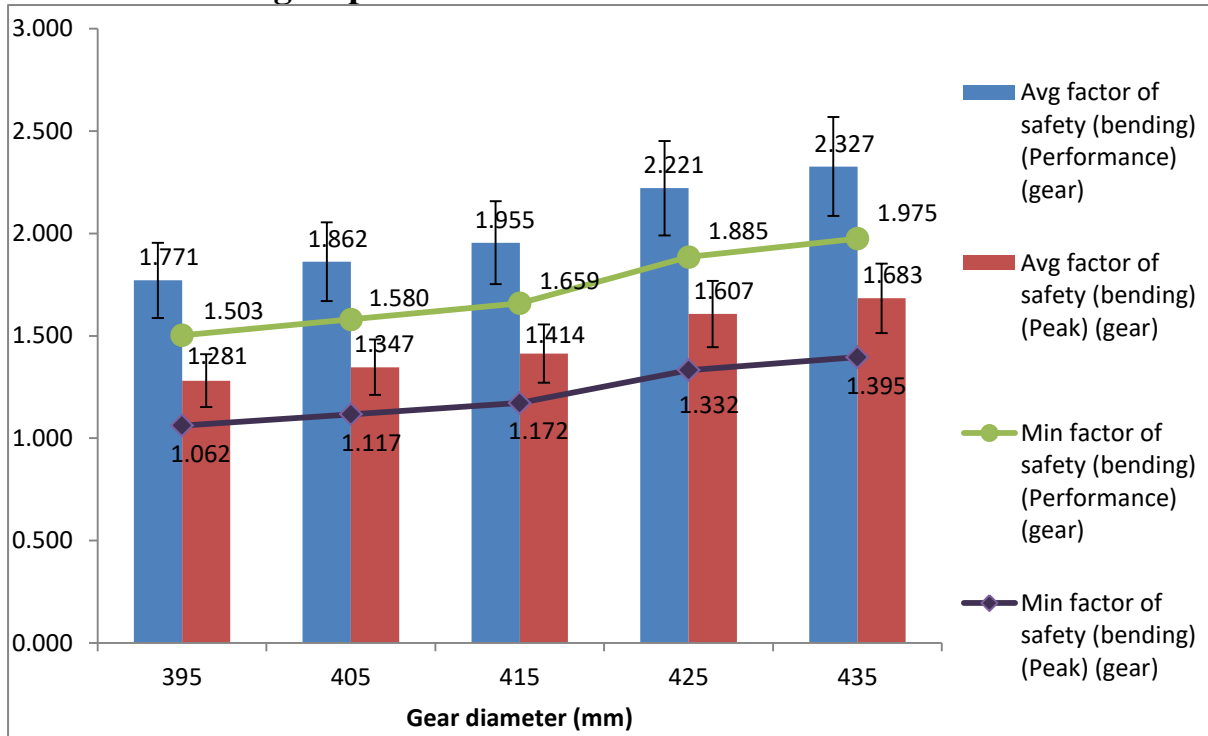


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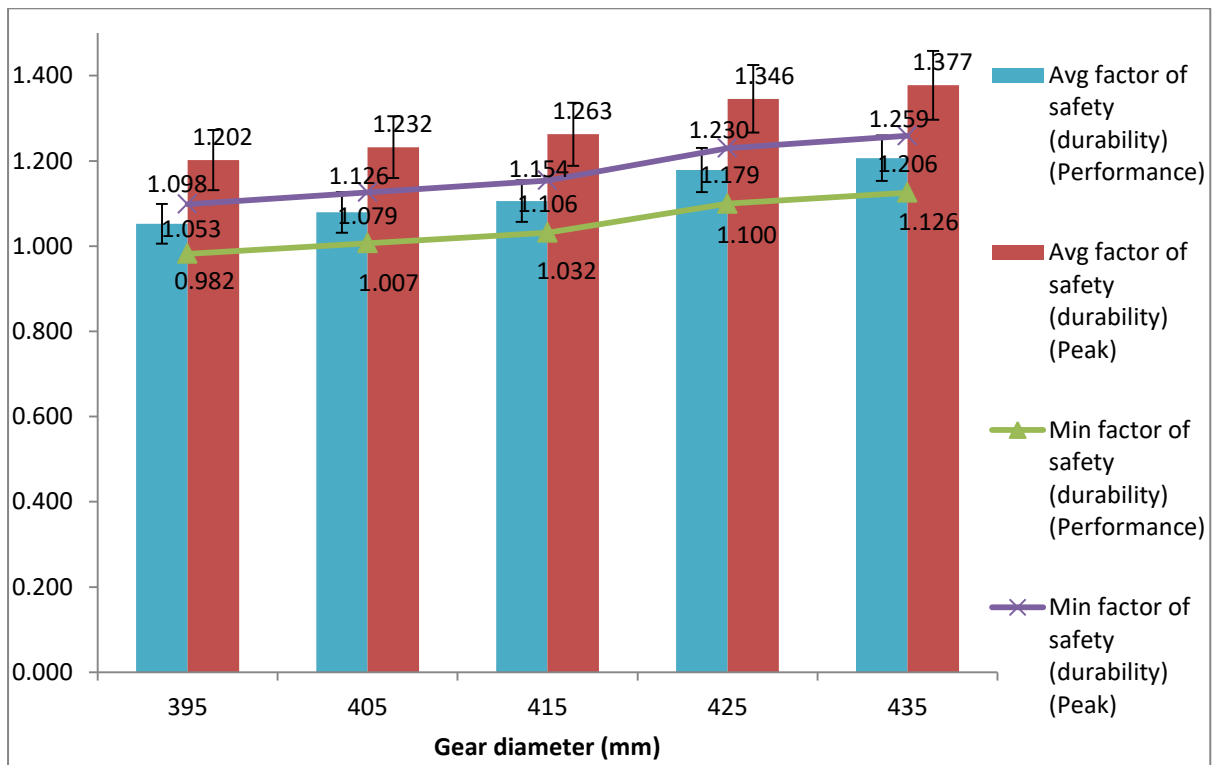


Figure 3.6: Factor of safety diagram for durability

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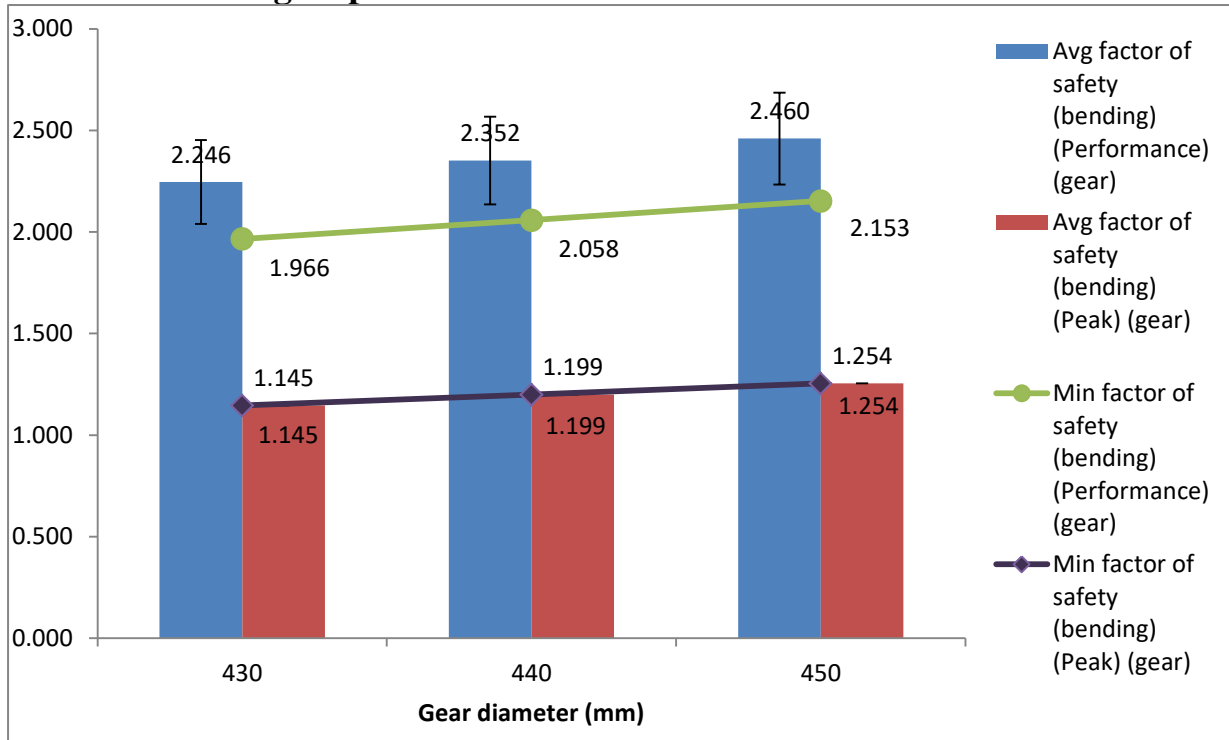


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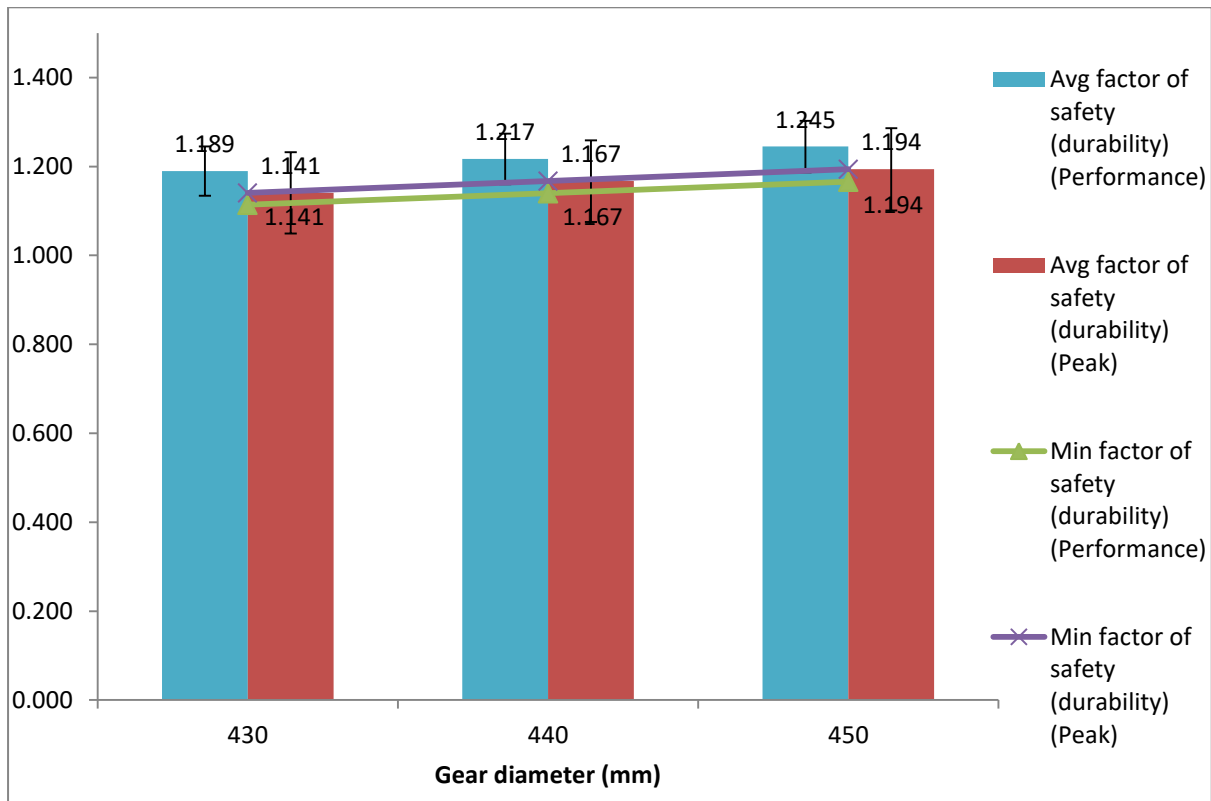


Figure 3.8: Factor of safety diagram for durability

Considering all these above graphs we may conclude following points:

- For group 1, estimated diameters for all the vehicles are coming out to be in same range (348-350 mm), therefore we may select a round off value of **350mm**.
- For group 2, the choice will depend on durability graph. Lowest case of factor of safety is seen in case of durability at performance loads therefore that will be our limiting condition. To be on a little safer side, we will select diameter of **415mm**, therefore, we may select this value. We are going with this minimum value of factor of safety of approximately 1 due to the fact that the vehicle is already designed at overload conditions.
- For group 3, estimated diameters are giving us sufficient values of factors of safety at minimum value, however hypoid gear set of 440 mm Drive head is already under production, so for modular design 440 mm diameter is selected.

All the selected diameters and face width (approximately 15% of diameter (Thomas, 1985)) will be input for Modular sheet, which will put them in final calculations sheet.

3.2.4 Hypoid Gear Specifications

After selecting preliminary gear diameter according to loading conditions, all other dimensions of hypoid gear pair are calculated according to **ANSI-AGMA 2005-D03** but prior to those following parameters must be decided:

- Gear ratio
- Hypoid pinion offset
- Hand of spiral

Minimum number of teeth on pinion maybe selected from following table:

Table 3.6: Suggested minimum numbers of pinion teeth (spiral and hypoid) (ANSI-AGMA 2005-D03)

Approximate ratio	Minimum numbers of pinion teeth
1.00 - 1.50	13
1.50 - 1.75	12
1.75 - 2.00	11
2.00 - 2.50	10
2.50 - 3.00	9
3.00 - 3.50	9
3.50 - 4.00	9
4.00 - 4.50	8
4.50 - 5.00	7
5.00 - 6.00	6
6.00 - 7.50	5
7.50 - 10.0	5

Calculation program for all the parameters of a hypoid gear pair according to ‘Design of bevel gear ANSI-AGMA 2005-D03’ is made in MS Excel. The program includes an iteration process which is done using the macro feature.

All of the calculation sheets can be found attached with the file (**Appendix B**) while formulae used could be found in **Appendix A**. However, sample calculations for the specifications of hypoid gear set for 8x4TT are as follows.

Table 3.7: Calculation sheet for hypoid specifications

Hypoid design formula(ALL ANGLES IN RADIANS)				
Item		Pinion	Both Pinion And Gear	Gear
Pitch diameter		70.853		415.00
No of teeth	n, N	7.000		41.00
Gear ratio	mG		5.857	

Offset	E		44.45	
Pinion Spiral angle selected	ψ_P	47.00		
Cutter radius	rc		152.40	
Pressure angle (rad)	ϕ		0.3927	
Desired pinion spiral angle,	ψ_{oP}	0.82030		
module	met		10.12195	
Tooth taper			standard depth taper	
Shaft angle	Σ		1.57080	
Shaft angle departure from 90 deg.	$\Delta\Sigma$		0.00000	
Approximate gear pitch angle,	Γ_i			1.3687 1
Face width	FG			65.000 00
Gear mean pitch radius	R			175.66 135
Approximate pinion offset angle in pitch plane	ϵ'_{2i}	0.25051		
Approximate hypoid dimension factor	K1		1.23462	
Approximate pinion mean radius	R2P	37.0274 8		
Iterative process				
Initial Assumption				Angles in deg.
Gear offset angle in axial plane	η		0.05380	3.083
Iteration process				
Gear offset angle in axial plane	η		0.0538	3.083
Intermediate pinion offset angle in axial plane	ϵ_2	0.2441		13.987
Intermediate pinion pitch angle	γ_2	0.2126		12.183

Intermediate pinion offset angle in pitch plane	$\epsilon'2$	0.2499			14.316	
intermediate pinion mean spiral angle	$\psi2P$	0.8213			47.054	
increment in hypoid dimension factor	ΔK		-0.0005			
Ratio of pinion mean radius increment to gear mean pitch radius	$\Delta RP/R$		-0.0001			
pinion offset angle in axial plane	$\epsilon1$	0.2441			13.988	
pinion pitch angle	γ	0.2126			12.182	
pinion offset angle in pitch plane	$\epsilon'1$	0.2499			14.317	
Spiral angle	$\psi P,$ ψG	0.8203		0.5704	47.000	32.68 3
Gear pitch angle	Γ			1.3516		77.43 9
mean cone distance	AmG			179.9686		
Pinion mean radius increment	ΔRP	-0.0151				
mean cone distance	AmP	175.395 2				
Mean pinion radius	RP	37.0123				
Limit pressure angle	ϕo		-0.0368			-2.106
Mean tooth curvature						
	ρ		152.4000			
Hypoid radius of curvature	$rc1$		152.3994			
Iteration factor	Δ		0.0000			
			True			
Pressure angle concave	$\phi1,$ $\phi2$	0.3559		0.4295	20.394	24.60 6
Pressure angle convex	$\phi2,$	0.4295		0.3559	24.606	20.39

	$\phi 1$						4
crossing point to mean point along gear axis	ZG		36.9588				
Gear pitch apex beyond crossing point	Z			2.1792			
Outer cone distance	AoG			212.5879			
Gear face width from calculation point to outside	ΔF_o			32.6193			
Equivalent 90 deg. Ratio	m90		4.4883				
Depth factor (table 4)	k1		1.8350				
Mean addendum factor (table 5)	c1		0.1179				
Mean working depth	h		13.2343				
Mean addendum	aP, aG	11.6734		1.5609			
Clearance factor	k2		0.1250				
Mean dedendum	bP, bG	3.2152		13.3277			
Clearance	c		1.6543				
Mean whole depth	hm		14.8886				
Sum of dedendum angles(table 6)	$\Sigma \delta$		0.0918			5.259	
Dedendum angle	δG			0.0739			4.235
Addendum angle	αG			0.0179			1.023
Outer addendum	aoG			2.1435			
Outer dedendum	boG			15.7368			
Gear whole depth	htG			17.8803			
Outer working depth	hk		16.2260				
Root angle	ΓR			1.2777			73.20 4
Face angle	Γo			1.3694			78.46 3
Gear outside diameter	Do			415.9323			
Gear crown to crossing point	Xo			41.9603			
Root apex beyond crossing point	ZR			2.1411			

Face apex beyond crossing point	Z_o			0.4913			
Auxiliary angle for calculating pinion offset angle in root plane	ζ_R	0.0000			0.000		
Auxiliary angle for calculating pinion offset angle in face plane	ζ_o	0.0000			0.000		
Pinion offset angle in root plane	ϵ_R	0.2402			13.765		
Pinion offset angle in face plane	ϵ_o	0.2451			14.041		
Face angle	γ_o	0.2845			16.300		
Root angle	γ_R	0.1953			11.188		
Face apex beyond crossing point	G_o	-2.3087					
Root apex beyond crossing point	G_R	0.1097					
Addendum angle	α_P	0.0719			4.118		
Dedendum angle	δ_P	0.0174			0.994		
Angle between projection of pinion axis into pitch plane and pitch element	λ'	0.0091			0.519		
Gear face width from calculating point to inside	ΔF_i			32.3807			
Pinion face width increment	ΔF_oP	2.6113					
Pinion face width from a calculating point to outside	F_oP	33.5872					
Pinion face width from calculating point to inside	F_iP	33.3414					
Increment along pinion axis from calculating point to	ΔB_o	32.4685					

outside							
Increment along pinion axis from calculating point to inside	ΔB_i	37.1587					
Crown to crossing point	x_o	202.921 1					
Front crown to crossing point	x_i	133.293 9					
Whole depth, pinion	ht_P						
Outside diameter	d_o	117.325 4					
Face width	FP	72.5431					
Mean circular pitch	pm		26.9198				
Mean diametral pitch	P_{dm}		0.1167				
Thickness factor	k_3		0.1349				
Mean pitch diameter	$d_m,$ D_m	74.0247		351.3227			
Pitch diameter	d	89.3329					
Mean normal circular tooth thickness, theoretical without backlash	$t_n,$ T_n	12.1922		6.1672			
Outer normal backlash allowance (from table)	B		0.4100				
Outer gear spiral angle face milling	ψ_{oG}			0.7139			40.90 1
Mean normal chordal tooth thickness	$t_{nc},$ T_{nc}	11.9684		5.9982			
Mean chordal addendum	$ac_p,$ ac_G	12.1641		1.5668			

3.2.5 Hypoid geometry

Complete calculation of hypoid geometry becomes very complex at times. All the above dimensions calculated in above table may be understood with the help of the following diagrams.

Figure 2.10 shows the major angles and quantities involved. Figure 2.10(A) is a side view looking along the pinion axis. Figure 2.10(B) is a front view looking along the gear axis. Figure 2.10(C) is a top view showing the shaft angle between the gear and pinion axes. Figure 2.10(D) is a view of the gear section along the plane making the offset angle, ϵ , in the pinion axial plane. Figure 2.10(E) is a view of the pitch plane; T . Figure 2.10(F) is a view of the pinion section along the plane making the offset angle, η , in the gear axial plane. Figure 2.10(G) is a view of the pitch plane, T . [Annexure D, ANSI-AGMA 2005-D03]

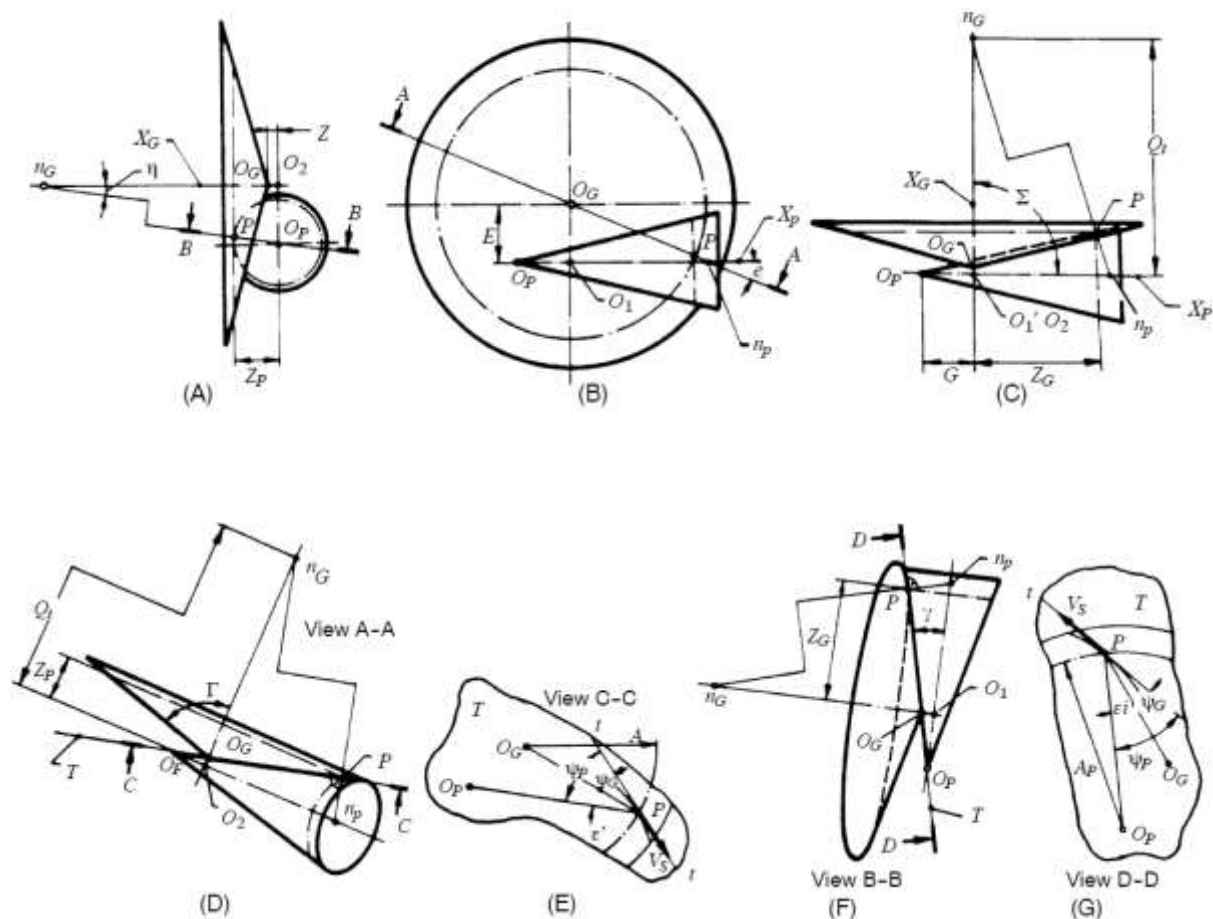
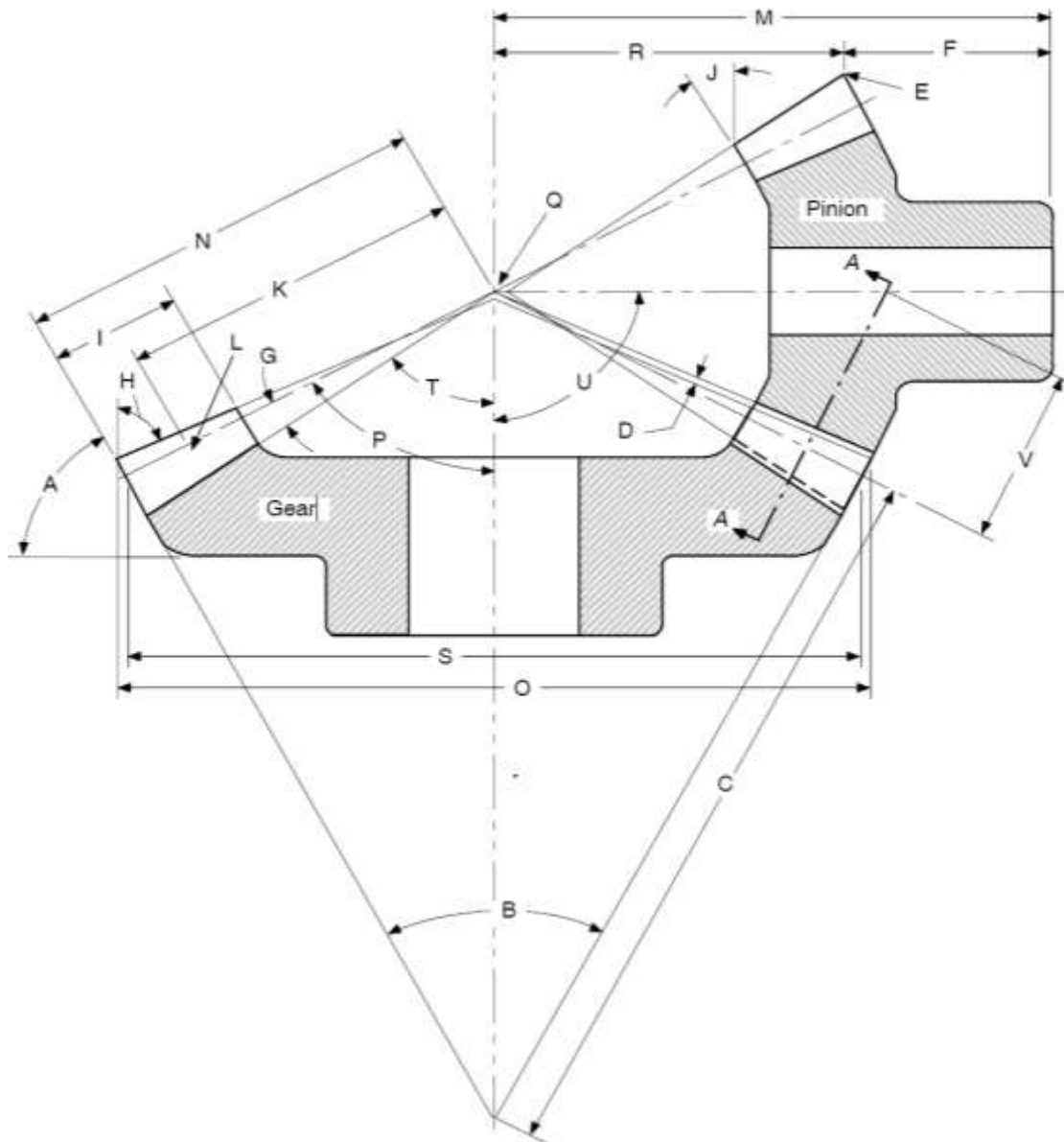


Figure 3.9: Hypoid geometry



A	Back angle	H	Face angle	P	Pitch angle
B	Back cone angle	I	Face width	Q	Pitch cone apex
C	Back cone distance	J	Front angle	R	Pitch cone apex to crown
D	Clearance	K	Mean cone distance	S	Pitch diameter
E	Crown point	L	Midface	T	Root angle
F	Crown to back	M	Mounting distance	U	Shaft angle
G	Dedendum angle	N	Outer cone distance	V	Equivalent pitch radius
		O	Outside diameter		

Figure 3.10: Bevel gear nomenclature - axial plane

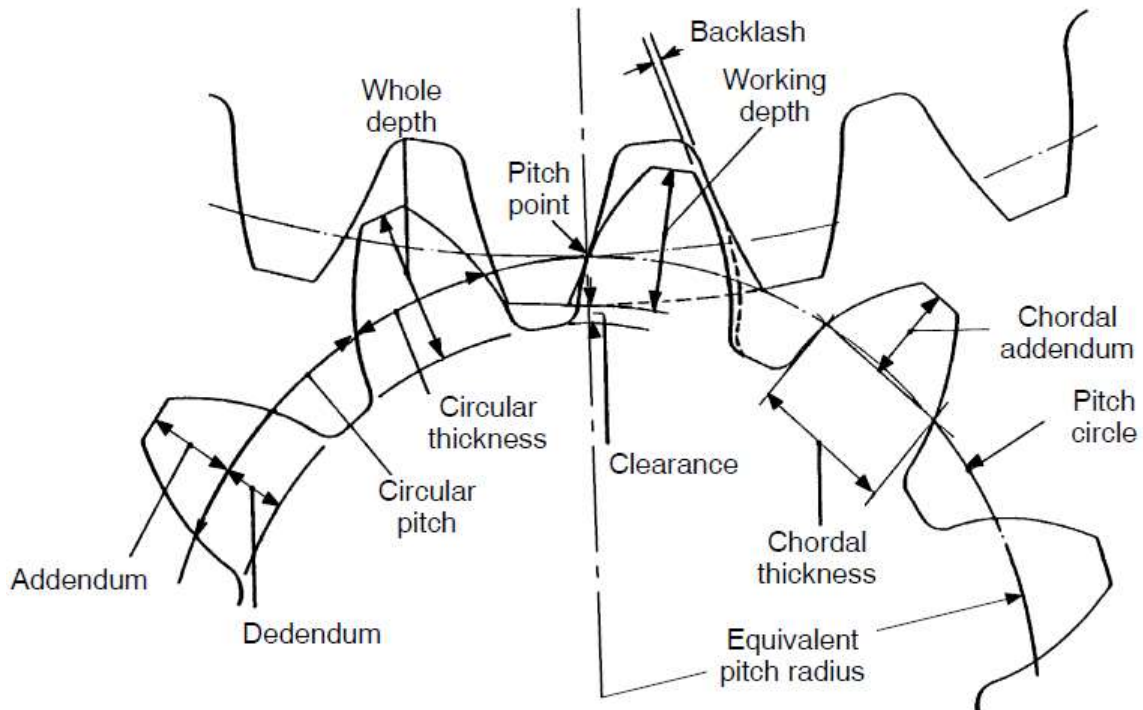


Figure 3.11: Bevel gear nomenclature -- mean section (A-A in figure 11)

3.2.6 Significance of Depth factor, mean addendum factor and clearance factor

Depth factor, k_1

Depth factor plays a significant role in bevel gear geometry as it decides mean working depth of the gear teeth. Normally a depth factor, k_1 , of 2.000 is used to calculate **mean working depth, h** , but it can be varied to suit design and other requirements. A table is provided in ANSI-AGMA 2005-D03 for suggested values for depth factor based on no of teeth in pinion. As the number of teeth on pinion decreases, depth factor also decreases.

Mean addendum factor, c_1

This factor divides the working depth between the pinion and gear addendums. The pinion addendum is longer than the gear addendum, except when the numbers of teeth are equal. Longer addendums are used on the pinion as to avoid undercut. A table is given in ANSI-AGMA 2005-D03 for suggested values for mean addendum factor based on no of teeth in pinion. Other values based on sliding velocity, top land or point width limits, or matching strength between two members, can be used.

Clearance factor, k_2

While the clearance is constant along the entire length of the tooth, the calculation is made at midface. Normally the value of 0.125 is used for the clearance factor, k_2 , but it can be varied to suit the design and other requirements.

Mean working depth, h

The depth calculation is made at midface to assure proper depth of contact at this section of the tooth for any depth wise taper. Working depth can be seen above in figure 3.11.

$$\text{working depth, } h = \frac{2k_1 R \cos \psi_G}{N} \quad (3.13)$$

Where

R = Gear mean pitch radius

N = Number of teeth on the gear³

ψ_G = Spiral angle of the gear

Mean addendum, a_P and a_G

After calculation of mean working depth, mean addendum factor apportions it into pinion and gear addendums with following relations.

$$a_G = c_1 h \quad (3.14)$$

$$a_P = h - a_G = h(1 - c_1) \quad (3.15)$$

Mean dedendum, b_P and b_G

$$b_G = h(1 + k_2 - c_1) \quad (3.16)$$

$$b_P = b_G + a_G - a_P = h(k_2 + c_1) \quad (3.17)$$

Mean whole depth, h_m

Mean whole depth defines the total tooth length of the gear in contrast to the mean working depth which tells us about the tooth length coming in contact with each other.

$$h_m = a_G + b_G = h(1 + k_2) \quad (3.18)$$

3.2.7 Analysis of forces [ANSI-AGMA 2005-D03]

The gear tooth forces are tangential, axial and radial. The axial and radial forces are dependent on the curvature of the loaded tooth face.

In figure 3.12 (A), the forces are due either to a right-hand crown wheel being driven counter clockwise or driving clockwise, or to a left-hand crown wheel being driven clockwise or driving counter clockwise.

In figure 3.13 (A), the forces are due either to a right-hand crown wheel being driven clockwise or driving counter clockwise, or to a left-hand crown wheel being drive counter clockwise or driving clockwise.

In figure 3.12 (B), the forces are due either to a left-hand pinion driving clockwise or being driven counter clockwise, or to a right-hand pinion driving counter clockwise or being driven clockwise.

In figure 3.13(B), the forces are due either to a left-hand pinion driving counter clockwise or being driven clockwise, or to a right-hand pinion driving clockwise or being driven counter clockwise.

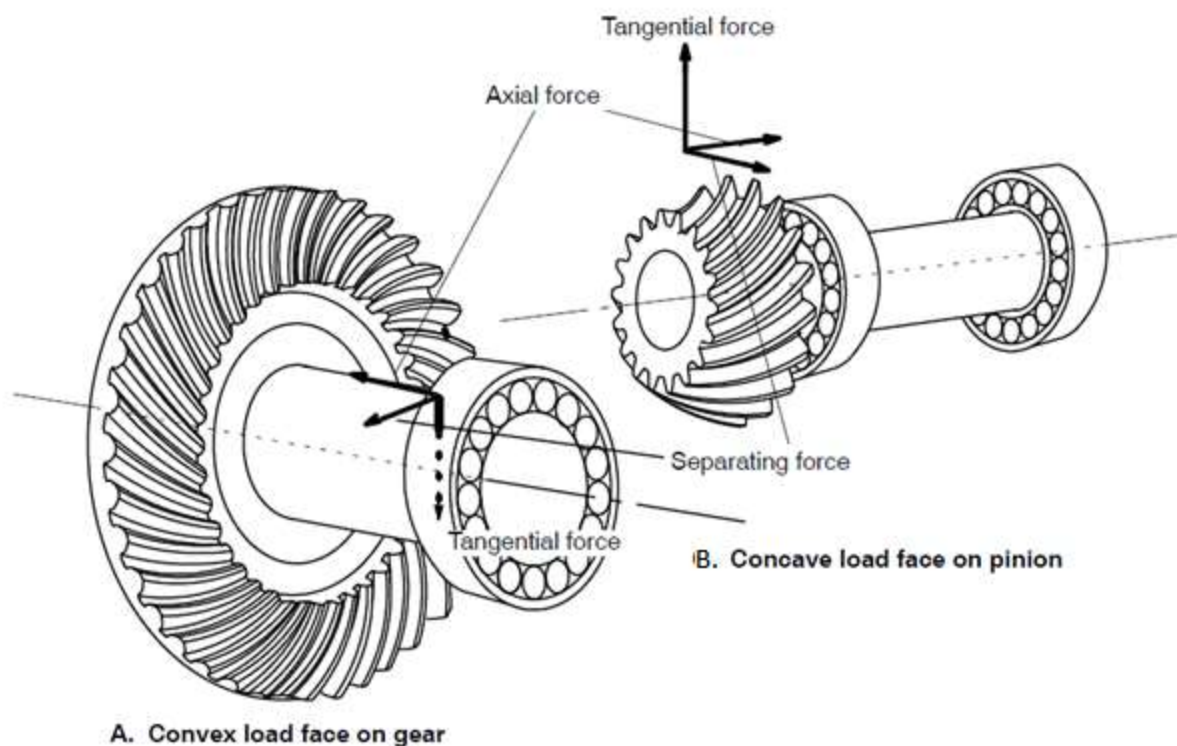


Figure 3.12: Resultant gear tooth forces

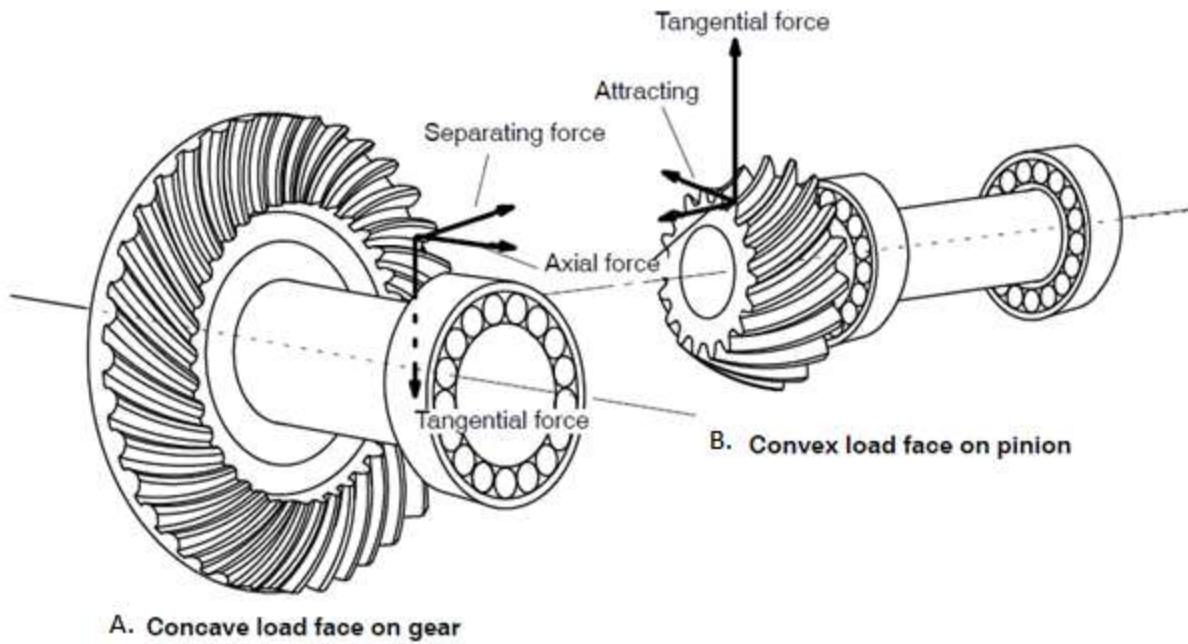


Figure 3.13: Resultant gear tooth forces

Below table is used to determine the load face.

Table 3.8: Relationship between load face and hand of the pinion

Pinion hand of spiral	Rotation of driver	Load face	
		Driver	Driven
Right	Clockwise	Convex	Concave
	Counter clockwise	Concave	Convex
Left	Counter clockwise	Concave	Convex
	Clockwise	Convex	Concave

Tangential

The tangential force on a bevel gear (member with larger number of teeth) is given by:

$$W_{tG} = \frac{2T_G}{D_m} \quad (3.19)$$

Where, W_{tG} = is tangential force at mean diameter on the gear, N;

T_G = is torque transmitted by the gear, Nm.

The tangential force on the mating pinion is given by:

$$W_{tP} = \frac{2T_P}{d_m} \quad (3.20)$$

Where, W_{tP} = is tangential force at mean diameter on the gear, N;

T_P = is torque transmitted by the gear, Nm.

Axial

The values of axial force, W_x , on bevel gears are given in the following formulas. The symbols in the formulas represent the values (e.g., tangential force, spiral angle, pitch angle, and pressure angle) for the gear or pinion member under consideration:

For a concave load face:

$$W_x = \frac{W_t}{\cos \psi} (\tan \phi \sin \gamma + \sin \psi \cos \gamma) \quad (3.21)$$

For a convex load face:

$$W_x = \frac{W_t}{\cos \psi} (\tan \phi \sin \gamma - \sin \psi \cos \gamma) \quad (3.22)$$

Where, W_x = Axial force, N;

W_t = Tangential force, N;

ϕ = Normal pressure angle. This is the pressure angle on the loaded side of the tooth (depending upon direction of rotation);

γ = Pitch angle of pinion or gear on bevel gears.

A positive sign (+) indicates direction of thrust is away from pitch apex.

A negative sign (-) indicates direction of thrust is toward pitch apex.

Radial

The values of radial force, W_r , on bevel gears are given in the following formulas. When using the formulas the tangential force, spiral angle, pitch angle, and pressure angle of the corresponding member must be used:

For a concave load face:

$$W_r = \frac{W_t}{\cos \psi} (\tan \phi \cos \gamma + \sin \psi \sin \gamma) \quad (3.23)$$

For a convex load face:

$$W_r = \frac{W_t}{\cos \psi} (\tan \phi \cos \gamma - \sin \psi \sin \gamma) \quad (3.24)$$

Where; W_r = Radial force, N.

A positive sign (+) indicates direction of force is away from the mating member. This is commonly called the separating force. A negative sign (-) indicates direction of force is toward the mating member. This is commonly called the attracting force.

3.3 Helical Gears

Helical gear in tandem axle is required to transfer the power from the IAD to the pinion of the differential of the first axle. The preliminary design procedure followed to design this helical gear is referred from Venkatesh et al., 2010. The desired torque and power output will be same as of the pinion input; therefore it will be designed at the same conditions. To design a helical gear we have to provide inputs like torque, power, speed, helix angle. Full length involute teeth with normal pressure angle of 20° are considered for this application. After designing the gear pair, ratings of both pitting resistances and bending strength are calculated.

From the calculations of hypoid gear, we could observe that maximum performance and peak torques on pinion for all the 3 groups in chapter 2 are as follow:

Table 3.9: Maximum pinion torque values

	Maximum performance torque (Nm)	Maximum peak torque (Nm)
Group 1	1140	2784
Group 2	2067	4242
Group 3	2067	5050

In our pursuit of achieving a modular design, only one helical gear pair will be designed. Therefore, we will design a helical gear pair for group 3 which will be a safe design for all the groups.

3.3.1 Design Methodology

(Venkatesh et al., 2010):

1. Gear design almost always starts with the selection of material. Proper material selection is very important. The material used is alloy steel 20MnCr5 with case hardened and then tempered.
2. Find out the minimum central distance based on the surface compression stress is:

$$a \geq (i + 1) \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{0.7}{[\sigma_c]}\right)^2 \frac{E [M_t]}{i \cdot \Psi}} \quad (3.25)$$

Where:

- a = Centre distance
- i = Gear ratio
- $[\sigma_c]$ = Design Surface stress or contact
- E = Equivalent Young's modulus
- $[M_t]$ = $M_t \cdot k_d \cdot k$
- M_t = torque transmitted by the pinion
- k_d = Dynamic load factor
- k = Load concentration factor
- Ψ = b/a
- b = Face width

3. Minimum normal module may be determined as:

$$m_n \geq 1.15 \cos \beta * \sqrt[3]{\frac{[M_t]}{y_v [\sigma_b] \Psi_m Z_P}} \quad (3.26)$$

Where:

- Z_P = Assumed no of teeth on pinion
- Ψ_m = b/m_n
- $[\sigma_b]$ = Design bending stress (tensile)
- β = Helix angle, about 8° to 25° for helical, assumed 25°
- y_v = Form factor based on equivalent number of teeth on virtual cylinder, Z_v
- Z_v = $Z/\cos^3 \beta$ for helical gears

Now, pinion dia, $D_P = m_n \frac{Z_P}{\cos \beta}$, gear dia, $D_G = m_n \frac{Z_G}{\cos \beta}$

Centre to centre distance, $a = \frac{D_1+D_2}{2}$ and face width, $b = \Psi \cdot a$

4. To check if our design is valid:

a. based on the contact stresses,

$$\sigma_c = 0.7 * \frac{i+1}{a} * \sqrt{\frac{i+1}{i*b} * E * [M_t]} \quad (3.27)$$

b. based on the bending strength,

$$\sigma_b = 0.7 * \frac{i+1}{a*b*m_n*y_v} * [M_t] \quad (3.28)$$

As the values obtained for bending and contact stresses are less than the values of the material, the design is safe i.e. $\sigma_c \leq [\sigma_c]$ and $\sigma_b \leq [\sigma_b]$.

Since, as the space constraint has to be considered, design can be optimised by varying number of teeth, normal module and further face width by changing Ψ , if needed. Once, these things are optimised, gears' specifications can be calculated using following relationships:

Table 3.10: Standard tooth proportion for helical gears

Tooth addendum, a	$1.00 m_n$
Tooth dedendum, b	$1.25 m_n$
Pinion pitch diameter	$\frac{Z_P m_m}{\cos \Psi}$
Gear pitch diameter	$\frac{Z_G m_m}{\cos \Psi}$
Pinion base diameter	$D_P \cos \phi_t$
Gear base diameter	$D_G \cos \phi_t$
Standard centre distance	$\frac{D_P + D_G}{2}$
Pinion outside diameter	$D_P + 2a$
Gear outside diameter	$D_G + 2a$
Pinion root diameter	$D_P - 2b$
Gear root diameter	$D_G - 2b$

3.3.2 Force Analysis

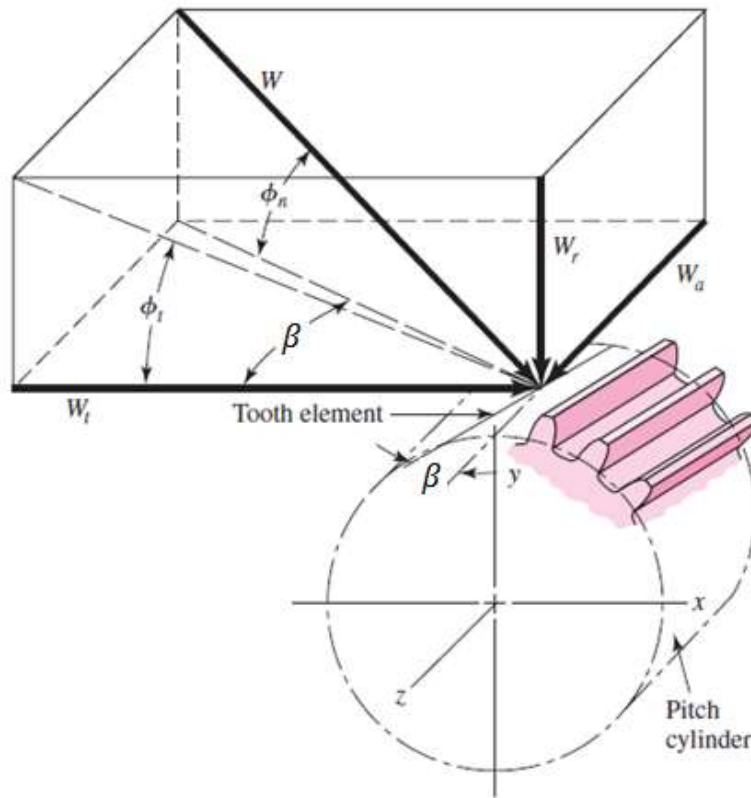


Figure 3.14: Tooth forces on a right hand helical gear

3-D view of the forces acting against a helical gear tooth is represented in figure 3.14. The point of application of the forces is in the pitch plane and in the centre of the gear face. From the figure, the 3 components of the total normal forces on the tooth are:

$$W_r = W * \sin \phi_n \quad (3.29)$$

$$W_t = W * \cos \phi_n * \cos \beta \quad (3.30)$$

$$W_a = W * \cos \phi_n * \sin \beta \quad (3.31)$$

- Where: W = force (total)
 W_r = radial component of the force
 W_t = tangential component of the force
 W_a = axial component of the force
 ϕ_n = Normal pressure angle
 β = Helix angle

As value of W_t is commonly known, other forces may be evaluated as:

Dividing (1) by (2),
$$\frac{W_r}{W_t} = \frac{\tan \phi_n}{\cos \beta} = \tan \phi_t$$

We can observe from the figure, $\tan \phi_n = \tan \phi_t \cos \beta$

So,
$$W_r = W_t \tan \phi_t \quad (3.32)$$

Now, dividing (3) by (2),
$$\frac{W_a}{W_t} = \tan \beta$$

So,
$$W_a = W_t \tan \beta \quad (3.33)$$

Also, rearranging (2),
$$W = \frac{W_t}{\cos \phi_n \cos \beta} \quad (3.34)$$

3.3.3 Lewis and Buckingham equation analysis for dynamic loads

All the equations used to design assume the load to be static. However when the gear is running at high speeds, concept of dynamic loading comes into play. To account for this effect, C_v (dynamic or velocity factor) developed by Barth comes into play. Now velocity factor further depends on pitch line velocity. For velocity ranging between 5-20 m/s, $C_v = \frac{6+v_m}{6}$ where v_m is pitch line velocity in m/s.

Therefore design tangential force including dynamic effect, $F_D = F_t \times C_v$

For safe design, this F_D should be less than beam strength of gear tooth which is given by Lewis equation:

$$F_s = [\sigma_b] * b * \pi * m_n * y_v \quad (3.35)$$

During power transmission through gears, because of inaccuracies of the tooth profile and gear tooth deflection under loads, gear teeth are also subjected to dynamic loading. Buckingham derived a dynamic load equation to use in such situations for finding out the highest load acting on the tooth, which is $F_D = F_t + F_i$, Where F_D = Maximum dynamic load, F_t = Static load produced by the power, F_i = Incremental load due to dynamic action, Incremental load depends on the pitch line velocity, face width, of a gear tooth, gear materials, accuracy of cut and the tangential load and is given by

$$F_D = F_t + \left[\frac{0.164 V_m (c b \cos^2 \beta + F_t) \cos \beta}{0.164 V_m + 1.485 \sqrt{c b \cos^2 \beta + F_t}} \right] \quad (3.36)$$

In this equation, V_m = Pitch line velocity in m/min, b = Face width of the gear tooth in mm, c = Dynamic factor (or) Deformation factor in N/mm. Deformation factor “C”, Value of

depends on tooth form and material of pinion and gear and can be found via a table from design data.

Apart from bending stresses, pitting is another major reason for the failure of gears. This failure happens when the contact stresses amongst the two meshed teeth surpasses the limit value of the material known as surface endurance. To avoid such failures, the dimensions of gear teeth and the material surface properties such as surface hardness should be designated in a way that the durability of the gear teeth are more than the effective load between the meshing teeth.

Based on Hertz theory of contact stresses, Buckingham derived an equation for durability of gear teeth that is:

$$\text{Limiting load for wear (N), } F_w = \frac{b d Q k}{\cos^2 \beta} \quad (3.37)$$

Where,

$$k = [\sigma_c^2] \frac{\sin \alpha_n}{1.4} \left[\frac{1}{E_1} + \frac{1}{E_2} \right]$$

$$Q, \text{ Ratio factor} = \frac{2 i}{i + 1} \text{ where } i = \text{gear ratio}$$

d = pitch circle diameter of pinion (mm)

b = Face width of the pinion (mm)

For gear to be safe, following relations are to be true, $F_s \geq F_D$ and $F_w \geq F_D$.

Design calculations

An excel calculation sheet is generated to for the calculations. Sample calculations are as follows:

Pinion Torque Performance	Mt	2067000	Nmm
Pinion Torque Peak	Mtp	5050000	Nmm
Dynamic load factor	kd	1.3	
Load concentration factor	k	1	
Design Torque	[Mt]	2687100	Nmm
Peak torque	[Mtp]	6565000	Nmm
Gear ratio	i	1	
$\Psi=b/a$	Ψ	0.3	
Young's Modulus (pinion)	E1	2.10E+05	N/mm ²
Young's Modulus (gear)	E2	2.10E+05	N/mm ²
Eq. Young's Mouduls	Eeq.	210000	N/mm²

Design Surface stress	$[\sigma_c]$	1.55E+03	N/mm ²
Minimum centre distance	a	145.3231646	mm

Pressure angle	ϕ_n	20	deg.
Helix angle	β	25	deg.
Assumed no of teeth in pinion	Z1	31	
Virtual no. of teeth	Zv	41.64228569	
Form factor based on Zv	γ_v	0.467	
$\Psi_m = b/m$	Ψ_m	10	
Design Bending stress	$[\sigma_b]$	207	N/mm ²
Min normal module	m_n	4.665002221	mm
Selected module	m_n	5	mm

Checking

Performance

Surface stress	σ_c	1214.09	N/mm ²
Bending stress	σ_b	183.61	N/mm ²

Peak

Surface stress	σ_c	1897.69	N/mm ²
Bending stress	σ_b	448.58	N/mm ²

Gear Specifications

No of teeth Pinion		31	
No of teeth Gear		31	
Addendum		5	mm
Dedendum		6.25	mm
Pinion pitch diameter		171.0236	mm
Gear pitch diameter		171.0236	mm
Pinion base diameter		158.7039	mm
Gear base diameter		158.7039	mm
Standard centre distance		171.0236	mm
Pinion outside diameter		181.0236	mm
Gear outside diameter		181.0236	mm
Pinion root diameter		158.5236	mm

Gear root diameter		158.5236	mm
face width		60	mm

Forces (Performance)

Tangential Load	Wt	31423.73748	N
Radial Load	Wr	12619.66989	N
Axial Load	Wa	14653.12943	N
Resultant Load	W	36897.44635	N

Forces (Peak)

Tangential Load	Wt	76773.04028	N
Radial Load	Wr	30831.80113	N
Axial Load	Wa	35799.85662	N
Resultant Load	W	90146.15582	N

Considering dynamic loading at higher rpms

Form factor for Lewis eq.	Yv	0.393	
Beam strength of helical gear (acc. To Lewis eq.)	Fs	69564.69524	N
power		280	HP
Load at (max power)	Ft	10413.4403	N
RPM of pinion (mean assumed)		2000	RPM
Mean velocity		17.90954715	m/s
Velocity factor	Cv	3.984924525	
Dynamic load	Fd	41496.77363	N
design is safe			

Acc. to Buckingham's dynamic load

Pitch line velocity	Vm	1074.572829	m/min
error in action	e	0.25	mm
Dynamic factor	c	2965	
Buckingham's dynamic load	Fd	40334.43496	N
design is safe			

Wear strength of gear tooth by buckingham

Ratio factor	Q	1	
Load stress factor	k	15.70079516	
Max. Wear strength of gear tooth	Fw	827293.9839	N
design is safe			

3.3.4 Rating of helical gears

Most prominent reasons of failure for gears include pitting resistance (contact stresses) and bending strength. Rating of the helical gears is done by **ANSI/AGMA 2001-D04**, *Fundamental Rating Factors and Calculation Methods for Involute Spur and Helical Gear Teeth* for both pitting resistance and bending strength.

Pitting resistance

Fundamental formula

The contact stress number formula for gear teeth is:

$$\sigma_H = Z_E \sqrt{F_t K_o K_v K_s \frac{K_H Z_R}{d_{w1} b Z_I}} \quad (3.38)$$

where

- σ_H = contact stress number, N/mm²;
- K_o = overload factor;
- K_H = load distribution factor;
- Z_E = elastic coefficient, [N/mm²]^{0.5};
- F_t = transmitted tangential load, N;
- Z_R = surface condition factor for pitting resistance;
- K_v = dynamic factor;
- K_s = size factor;
- b = net face width of the narrowest member, mm;
- Z_I = geometry factor for pitting resistance;
- d_{w1} = operating pitch diameter of pinion, mm;
- $d_{w1} = \frac{2a}{u+1}$ for external gears

where

- a = operating centre distance, mm;
- u = gear ratio

Allowable contact stress number

The relation of calculated contact stress number to allowable contact stress number is:

$$\sigma_H \leq \frac{\sigma_{HP} Z_N Z_w}{S_H Y_\theta Y_Z} \quad (3.39)$$

where

- σ_{HP} = allowable contact stress number, N/mm²;
 Z_W = hardness ratio factor for pitting resistance;
 Z_N = stress cycle factor for pitting resistance;
 Y_θ = temperature factor;
 S_H = safety factor for pitting;
 Y_Z = reliability factor.

Bending strength

Fundamental formula

The fundamental formula for bending stress number in a gear tooth is:

$$\sigma_F = F_t K_o K_v K_s \frac{1}{b m_t} \frac{K_H K_B}{Y_J} \quad (3.40)$$

where

- σ_F = bending stress number, N/mm²;
 K_B = rim thickness factor;
 Y_J = geometry factor for bending;
 m_t = transverse metric module, mm.
 $m_t = \frac{m_n}{\cos \beta}$

where

- m_n = normal metric module, mm;
 β = helix angle at standard pitch diameter.

Allowable bending stress number

The relation of calculated bending stress number to allowable stress number:

$$\sigma_F \leq \frac{\sigma_{FP} Y_N}{S_F Y_\theta Y_Z} \quad (3.41)$$

where

- σ_{FP} = allowable bending stress number, N/mm²;
 Y_θ = temperature factor;
 S_F = safety factor for bending;
 Y_N = stress cycle factor for bending strength;
 Y_Z = reliability factor.

For geometry factors to calculate both values, **AGMA 908-B89**, “Geometry Factors for Determining the Pitting Resistance and Bending Strength of Spur, Helical and Herringbone Gear Teeth” has been used. Figure 4.2 is an extracted table from AGMA 908-B89 that has been used in this case.

I AND J FACTORS FOR:¹

20.0 DEG. PRESSURE ANGLE
 25.0 DEG. HELIX ANGLE
 0.250 TOOL EDGE RADIUS
 EQUAL ADDENDUM ($x_1 = x_2 = 0$)

2.250 WHOLE DEPTH FACTOR
 0.024 TOOTH THINNING FOR BACKLASH
 LOADED AT TIP

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GEAR TEETH	PINION TEETH															
	12		14		17		21		26		35		55		135	
	P	G	P	G	P	G	P	G	P	G	P	G	P	G	P	G
12 I																
J	U	U														
14 I			0.123													
J	U	U	0.40	0.40												
17 I			0.137	0.126												
J	U	U	0.41	0.43	0.43	0.43										
21 I			0.152	0.142			0.130									
J	U	U	0.41	0.45	0.44	0.45	0.46	0.46								
26 I			0.167	0.157			0.146	0.134								
J	U	U	0.42	0.47	0.44	0.47	0.47	0.48	0.49	0.49						
35 I			0.187	0.178			0.168	0.156			0.138					
J	U	U	0.43	0.49	0.45	0.50	0.48	0.50	0.50	0.51	0.52	0.52				
55 I			0.213	0.207			0.199	0.189			0.173		0.144			
J	U	U	0.44	0.52	0.46	0.52	0.49	0.53	0.51	0.54	0.53	0.55	0.56	0.56		
135 I			0.248	0.247			0.244	0.239			0.230		0.210		0.151	
J	U	U	0.45	0.55	0.47	0.56	0.50	0.56	0.52	0.57	0.54	0.58	0.57	0.59	0.61	0.61

¹ The letter "U" indicates a gear tooth combination which produces an undercut tooth form in one or both components and should be avoided. See Section 7 and Fig 7-1.

Figure 3.15: Geometry factors for pitting resistance and bending strength for helical gears with 25 deg. helix angle and 20 deg. pressure angle

Rating calculations extracted from excel sheet are given below at performance torque:

Pitting Resistance			
Elastic coefficient	ZE	190	(N/mm ²) ^{0.5}
Transmitted tangential load	Ft	31423.73	N
overload factor	Ko	1	
dynamic factor	Kv	1.35	
Lead correction factor	KHmc	0.8	
Pinion proportion factor	KHpf	0.04	

*all constants are taken from ANSI/AGMA 2101-D03

*crowning

Pinion proportion modifier	KHpm	1.1	
Mesh alignment factor	KHma	0.15	
Mesh alignment Correction factor	KHe	0.08	
Load distribution factor	KH	1.0448	
size factor	Ks	1	
surface condition factor for pitting resistance	ZR	1	
net face width of narrowest member	b	59.8582521	mm
Normal metric module	mn	5	mm
Transverse Pressure angle	ϕ_t	21.88023267	deg.
geometry factor for pitting resistance	ZI	0.13576	
gear ratio	mG	1	
operating center distance	a	171.0235774	mm
operating pitch diameter of pinion	d	171.0235774	mm
Contact stress number	σ_H	1131.016154	N/mm²
allowable contact stress number	σ_{HP}	1551	
Stress cycle factor for pitting resistance	ZN	1	
hardness ratio factor for pitting resistance	ZW	1	
temperature factor	Y θ	1	
Reliability factor	YZ	1	
Factor of safety	σ_{HP}	1.371333198	

Bending Strength			
rim thickness factor	KB	1	
geometry factor for bending strength	YJ	0.5032	
helix angle at standard pitch diameter	β	25	
tranverse metric module	mt	5.516889595	mm

bending stress number	σ_F	296.3625375	N/mm ²
allowable bending stress number	σ_{FP}	400	N/mm ²
stress cycle factor for bending strength	YN	1	
Factor of safety	SF	1.349698256	

Factors of safety

Table 3.11: Factors of safety for helical gear

	Pitting resistance	Bending Strength
Group 1	1.94	2.72
Group 2	1.45	1.50
Group 3	1.45	1.50

Chapter 4

Results

The main aim was to achieve modular design of tandem axle. Various components being used in assembly of tandem axle are designed for entire range of vehicles being manufactured at VECV. Although modular design of hypoid, differential gears and helical gears is individually concluded in their respective sections, following summary sheet can be used for reference to all the components.

Table 4.1: Results (Modular design)

Vehicle		Gear box	Hypoid gear		Helical gear	
			Crown gear dia (mm)	Gear face width (mm)	Gear dia	Face width
6x4T 6025	Onroad	6s	350	53	171.02	60
		zf 9s	350	53	171.02	60
		vecv 9s	350	53	171.02	60
	RMC	6s	350	53	171.02	60
		zf 9s	350	53	171.02	60
		vecv 9s	350	53	171.02	60
	Offroad	6s	415	60	171.02	60
		zf 9s	415	60	171.02	60
		vecv 9s	415	60	171.02	60
6x4TT	TT	zf 9s	415	60	171.02	60
		vecv 9s	415	60	171.02	60
8x4T	Tipper	zf 9s	415	60	171.02	60
		vecv 9s	415	60	171.02	60
	RMC	zf 9s	415	60	171.02	60
		vecv 9s	415	60	171.02	60
V1	Tipper	9s	415	60	171.02	60
V2	Tipper	9s	415	60	171.02	60
V3	TT	9s	415	60	171.02	60

V4	Tipper	9s	440	65	171.02	60
V5	Tipper	9s	440	65	171.02	60
V6	TT	9s	440	65	171.02	60

All other specifications are already covered in chapter 3. The results are shown in summary sheet so that we can easily analyse our output design. All of the results are also verified and compared with the help of FEA; however, the organisation's data couldn't be taken out of the system. All the calculation sheets for hypoid gears and helical gears both for design and rating are attached with the file. (**Appendix B**)

Chapter 5

Conclusion

The main aim of this project was to develop a modular design of rear tandem axle for heavy duty vehicles. This aim has been accomplished by the modularization of the design of hypoid gear set and helical gear for all the vehicles being manufactured at VECV requiring tandem axle. Calculation sheets for all the gears are made using MS-Excel which includes preliminary design dimensions, ratings of gears for both pitting and bending stresses and final gear specifications. Most prominent causes of gear failure in automotive industry are contact stresses (pitting resistance) and bending strength. All the design parameters, rating formulae and factors are taken from various publications and standards by AGMA. Apart from rating of helical gears using AGMA standards, basic Lewis and Buckingham equations have also been used to check the safety of helical gears.

In case of hypoid gears, complete hypoid geometry design sheet has also been developed which includes a program for an iterative process. Apart from this force analysis is done on both hypoid gear set and helical gears in which tangential, radial and axial forces are calculated.

The modularization approach has helped us to develop common components for a range of vehicles categorized on the basis of application and specifications such as torque and power output.

Future scope of this work may include calculation of reactions at the bearing points using the force analysis done in this study while using CAD data. This will allow us to select the bearings for our assembly..

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Appendix A

Detail formulae to calculate hypoid geometry (Design of bevel gear, ANSI-AGMA 2005-D03)

Item	Pinion	Both pinion and gear	Gear
Pitch diameter (metric)			$D = \frac{N}{P_d}$ $(D = Nm_{et})$
Gear ratio		$m_G = \frac{N}{n}$	
Desired pinion spiral angle	$\psi_{oP} = \psi_P$		
Shaft angle departure from 90°		$\Delta\Sigma = \Sigma - 90$	
Approximate gear pitch angle			$\tan \Gamma_i = \frac{m_G(\cos \Delta\Sigma)}{1.2(1 - m_G \sin \Delta\Sigma)}$
Gear mean pitch radius			$R = \frac{D - F \sin \Gamma_i}{2}$
Approximate pinion offset angle in pitch plane	$\sin \epsilon'_{2i} = \frac{E \sin \Gamma_i}{R}$		
Approximate hypoid dimension factor		$K_1 = \tan \psi_{oP} \sin \epsilon'_{2i} + \cos \epsilon'_{2i}$	
Approximate pinion mean radius	$R_{2P} = \frac{RK_1}{m_G}$		
Start of iteration			
First trial			
Gear offset angle in axial plane			$\tan \eta = \frac{E}{R(\tan \Gamma_i \cos \Delta\Sigma - \sin \Delta\Sigma) + R_{2P}}$
Second trial			
Intermediate pinion offset angle in axial plane	$\sin \epsilon_2 = \frac{E - R_{2P} \sin \eta}{R}$		
Intermediate pinion pitch angle	$\tan \gamma_2 = \frac{\sin \eta}{\tan \epsilon_2 \cos \Delta\Sigma} + \tan \Delta\Sigma \cos \eta$		
Intermediate pinion offset angle in pitch plane	$\sin \epsilon'_2 = \frac{\sin \epsilon_2 \cos \Delta\Sigma}{\cos \gamma_2}$		
Intermediate pinion mean spiral angle	$\tan \psi_{2P} = \frac{K_1 - \cos \epsilon'_2}{\sin \epsilon'_2}$		
Increment in hypoid dimension factor		$\Delta K = \sin \epsilon'_2 (\tan \psi_{oP} - \tan \psi_{2P})$	
Ratio of pinion mean radius increment to gear mean pitch radius		$\frac{\Delta R_P}{R} = \frac{\Delta K}{m_G}$	
Pinion offset angle in axial plane	$\sin \epsilon_1 = \sin \epsilon_2 - \frac{\Delta R_P}{R} \sin \eta$		
Pinion pitch angle	$\tan \gamma = \frac{\sin \eta}{\tan \epsilon_1 \cos \Delta\Sigma} + \tan \Delta\Sigma \cos \eta$		
Pinion offset angle in pitch plane	$\sin \epsilon'_1 = \frac{\sin \epsilon_1 \cos \Delta\Sigma}{\cos \gamma}$		

(continued)

Item		Pinion	Both pinion and gear	Gear
Spiral angle		$\tan \psi_P = \frac{K'_1 + \Delta K - \cos \epsilon'_1}{\sin \epsilon'_1}$		$\psi_G = \psi_P - \epsilon'_1$
Gear pitch angle		$\tan \Gamma = \frac{\sin \epsilon_1}{\tan \eta \cos \Delta \Sigma} + \cos \epsilon_1 \tan \Delta \Sigma$		
Mean cone distance		$A_{mG} = \frac{R}{\sin \Gamma}$		
Pinion mean radius increment		$\Delta R_P = \left(\frac{\Delta R_P}{R} \right) R$		
Mean cone distance		$A_{mP} = \frac{R_{2P} + \Delta R_P}{\sin \gamma}$		
Mean pinion radius		$R_P = A_{mP} \sin \gamma$		
Limit pressure angle		$(-\tan \phi_o) = \frac{\tan \gamma \tan \Gamma}{\cos \epsilon'_1} \left(\frac{A_{mP} \sin \psi_P - A_{mG} \sin \psi_G}{A_{mP} \tan \gamma + A_{mG} \tan \Gamma} \right)$		
Mean tooth curvature	Face Hobbing	$N_c = \frac{N}{\sin \Gamma}$ $\sin v = \frac{A_{mG} N_s}{r_c N_c} \cos \psi_G$ $\lambda = 90^\circ - \psi_G + v$ $S_1 = \sqrt{A_{mG}^2 + r_c^2 - 2A_{mG} r_c \cos \lambda}$ $\cos \eta_1 = \frac{A_{mG} \cos \psi_G}{S_1 N_c} (N_c + N_s)$ $\rho = A_{mG} \cos \psi_G \left[\tan \psi_G + \frac{\tan \eta_1}{1 + \tan v (\tan \psi_G + \tan \eta_1)} \right]$		
	Face Milling	$\rho = r_c$		
Iteration factor	Method 1 Hypoid radius of curvature (Face milling or face hobbing)	Calculate the following $r_{c1} = \frac{\sec \phi_o (\tan \psi_P - \tan \psi_G)}{(-\tan \phi_o) \left(\frac{\tan \psi_P}{A_{mP} \tan \gamma} + \frac{\tan \psi_G}{A_{mG} \tan \Gamma} \right) + \frac{1}{A_{mP} \cos \psi_P} - \frac{1}{A_{mG} \cos \psi_G}}$ $\Delta = \left \frac{\rho}{r_{c1}} - 1 \right $		
	Method 2 (Face hobbing only)	Calculate the following $\Delta = \frac{r_c \cos(\psi_G - v)}{A_{mG} \sin \Gamma - r_c \sin \Gamma \sin(\psi_G - v)} - \frac{n \cos \psi_G \sin \epsilon'_1}{N \cos \psi_P \sin \gamma - n \cos \psi_G \cos \epsilon'_1}$		
Testing for convergence		Change η until $ \Delta \leq 0.001$		
End of iteration				
Pressure angle concave		$\phi_1 = \phi + \phi_o$		$\phi_2 = \phi - \phi_o$
Pressure angle convex		$\phi_2 = \phi - \phi_o$		$\phi_1 = \phi + \phi_o$
Crossing point to mean point along gear axis		$Z_G = A_{mP} \tan \gamma \sin \Gamma - \frac{E \tan \Delta \Sigma}{\tan \epsilon_1}$		
Gear pitch apex beyond crossing point		$Z = \frac{R}{\tan \Gamma} - Z_G$		
Outer cone distance		$A_{oG} = \frac{0.5D}{\sin \Gamma}$		

(continued)

Item	Pinion	Both pinion and gear	Gear
Gear face width from calculation point to outside			$\Delta F_o = A_{oG} - A_{mG}$
Equivalent 90° ratio		$m_{90} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sin \Sigma - \cos \Sigma}{\tan(\Sigma - \Gamma)}\right) \frac{\cos \gamma \cos \eta}{\cos \Gamma}}$	
Depth factor		k_1 (See table 4)	
Mean addendum factor		c_1 (See table 5)	
Mean working depth		$h = \frac{2k_1 R \cos \psi_G}{N}$	
Mean addendum	$a_P = h - a_G$		$a_G = c_1 h$
Clearance factor		k_2 (See 7.5)	
Mean dedendum	$b_P = b_G + a_G - a_P$		$b_G = h(1 + k_2 - c_1)$
Clearance		$c = k_2 h$	
Mean whole depth		$h_m = a_G + b_G$	
Sum of dedendum angles		$\Sigma \delta$ (See table 6)	
Dedendum angle			δ_G (See table 7)
Addendum angle			$\alpha_G = \Sigma \delta - \delta_G$
Outer addendum			$a_{oG} = a_G + \Delta F_o \sin \alpha_G$
Outer dedendum			$b_{oG} = b_G + \Delta F_o \sin \delta_G$
Gear whole depth			$h_{tG} = a_{oG} + b_{oG}$
Outer working depth		$h_k = h_{tG} - c$	
Root angle			$\Gamma_R = \Gamma - \delta_G$
Face angle			$\Gamma_o = \Gamma + \alpha_G$
Gear outside diameter			$D_o = 2a_{oG} \cos \Gamma + D$
Gear crown to crossing point			$X_o = Z_G + \Delta F_o \cos \Gamma - a_{oG} \sin \Gamma$
Root apex beyond crossing point			$Z_R = Z + \frac{A_{mG} \sin \delta_G - b_G}{\sin \Gamma_R}$
Face apex beyond crossing point			$Z_o = Z - \frac{A_{mG} \sin \alpha_G - a_G}{\sin \Gamma_o}$
Auxiliary angle for calculating pinion offset angle in root plane		$\tan \zeta_R = \frac{E \tan \Delta \Sigma \cos \Gamma_R}{A_{mG} \cos \delta_G - Z \cos \Gamma_R}$	
Auxiliary angle for calculating pinion offset angle in face plane		$\tan \zeta_o = \frac{E \tan \Delta \Sigma \cos \Gamma_o}{A_{mG} \cos \alpha_G - Z \cos \Gamma_o}$	
Pinion offset angle plus auxiliary angle in root plane		$\sin(\epsilon_R + \zeta_R) = \frac{E \cos \zeta_R \sin \Gamma_R}{A_{mG} \cos \delta_G - Z \cos \Gamma_R}$	
Pinion offset angle plus auxiliary angle in face plane		$\sin(\epsilon_o + \zeta_o) = \frac{E \cos \zeta_o \sin \Gamma_o}{A_{mG} \cos \alpha_G - Z \cos \Gamma_o}$	
Face angle		$\sin \gamma_o = \sin \Delta \Sigma \sin \Gamma_R + \cos \Delta \Sigma \cos \Gamma_R \cos \epsilon_R$	
Root angle		$\sin \gamma_R = \sin \Delta \Sigma \sin \Gamma_o + \cos \Delta \Sigma \cos \Gamma_o \cos \epsilon_o$	
Face apex beyond crossing point		$G_o = \frac{E \sin \epsilon_R \cos \Gamma_R - Z_R \sin \Gamma_R - c}{\sin \gamma_o}$	

(continued)

Item	Pinion	Both pinion and gear	Gear
Root apex beyond crossing point	$G_R = \frac{E \sin \varepsilon_o \cos \Gamma_o - Z_o \sin \Gamma_o - c}{\sin \gamma_R}$		
Addendum angle	$\alpha_P = \gamma_o - \gamma$		
Dedendum angle	$\delta_P = \gamma - \gamma_R$		
Angle between projection of pinion axis into pitch plane and pitch element	$\tan \lambda' = \frac{\sin \varepsilon'_1 \cos \Gamma}{m_G \cos \gamma + \cos \Gamma \cos \varepsilon'_1}$		
Gear face width from calculating point to inside	$\Delta F_i = F_G - \Delta F_o$		
Pinion face width increment	$\Delta F_{oP} = h \sin \varepsilon_R \left(1 - \frac{1}{m_G}\right)$		
Pinion face width from a calculating point to outside	$F_{oP} = \frac{\Delta F_o \cos \lambda'}{\cos(\varepsilon'_1 - \lambda')}$		
Pinion face width from calculating point to inside	$F_{iP} = \frac{\Delta F_i \cos \lambda'}{\cos(\varepsilon'_1 - \lambda')}$		
Increment along pinion axis from calculating point to outside	$\Delta B_o = \frac{F_{oP} \cos \gamma_o}{\cos \alpha_P} + \Delta F_{oP} - (b_G - c) \sin \gamma$		
Increment along pinion axis from calculating point to inside	$\Delta B_i = \frac{F_{iP} \cos \gamma_o}{\cos \alpha_P} + \Delta F_{oP} + (b_G - c) \sin \gamma$		
Crown to crossing point	$x_o = \frac{E}{\tan \varepsilon_1 \cos \Delta \Sigma} - R_P \tan \gamma + \Delta B_o$		
Front crown to crossing point	$x_i = \frac{E}{\tan \varepsilon_1 \cos \Delta \Sigma} - R_P \tan \gamma - \Delta B_i$		
Whole depth, pinion	$h_{iP} = \frac{(x_o + G_o) \sin(\gamma_o - \gamma_R)}{\cos \gamma_o} - \sin \gamma_R (G_R - G_o)$		
Outside diameter	$d_o = 2 \tan \gamma_o (x_o + G_o)$		
Face width	$F_P = \frac{x_o - x_i}{\cos \gamma_o}$		
Mean circular pitch	$p_m = \frac{\pi}{P_d} \left(\frac{A_{mG}}{A_{oG}} \right)$		
Mean diametral pitch	$P_{dm} = P_d \frac{A_{oG}}{A_{mG}}$		
Thickness factor	k_3 (See figure 21)		
Mean pitch diameter	$d_m = 2A_{mP} \sin \gamma$		$D_m = 2A_{mG} \sin \Gamma$
Pitch diameter	$d = 2(A_{mP} + 0.5F_P) \sin \gamma$		
Mean normal circular tooth thickness, theoretical without backlash	$t_n = p_m \cos \psi - T_n$	$T_n = 0.5p_m \cos \psi_G - (a_P - a_G) \tan \phi - \frac{k_3 \cos \psi_G}{P_{dm}}$	
Outer normal backlash allowance	B (See table 8)		
Outer gear spiral angle face milling	$\sin \psi_{oG} = \frac{2A_{mG} r_c \sin \psi_G - A_{mG}^2 + A_{oG}^2}{2A_{oG} r_c}$		

(continued)

Item	Pinion	Both pinion and gear	Gear
Outer gear spiral angle face hobbing			$Q = \frac{S_1}{1 + \frac{N_s}{N_c}}$ $\cos \eta_o = \frac{A_{oG}^2 + S_1^2 - r_c^2}{2A_{oG} S_1}$ $\tan \psi_{oG} = \frac{A_{oG} - Q \cos \eta_o}{Q \sin \eta_o}$
Mean normal chordal tooth thickness	$t_{nc} = t_n - \left(\frac{t_n^3}{6d_m^2} \right) - 0.5B \left\{ \frac{\frac{A_{mG}}{A_{oG}}}{\cos \phi \frac{\cos \psi_G}{\cos \psi_{oG}}} \right\}$	$T_{nc} = T_n - \left(\frac{T_n^3}{6D_m^2} \right) - 0.5B \left\{ \frac{\frac{A_{mG}}{A_{oG}}}{\cos \phi \frac{\cos \psi_G}{\cos \psi_{oG}}} \right\}$	
Mean chordal addendum	$a_{cP} = a_P + \frac{0.25t_n^2 \cos \gamma}{d_m}$		$a_{cG} = a_G + \frac{0.25T_n^2 \cos \Gamma}{D_m}$

Appendix B

To view Excel calculation sheets for hypoid and helical gears, visit:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B9NZkFun9Ua6UGV0WDVaT3FPWWs?usp=sharing>