

## Annex 1

### Conventions

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Input data

Results

### Input data

#### AGMA

$$z := 45$$

$$T := 30000$$

$$d := 285$$

$$b_1 := 25$$

$$K_m := 1$$

Number of teeth in spline

Applied torque, Nm

Diameter at half working depth, mm

Spline effective length, mm

Load distribution factor,

#### Dudley

$$N := z$$

$$D := d$$

$$F := b_1$$

$$t_c := \frac{d}{2 \cdot N}$$

### Calculation of shear stress

AGMA 6123-C16  
Eq. 39 re-written for shear stress, Nm

$$s_{sa} := \frac{T \cdot 8000 \cdot K_m}{\pi \cdot d^2 \cdot b_f}$$

$$s_{sa} = 37.621$$

Dudley  
Eq 4 from paper "When splines need stress control", Nm

$$S_c := \frac{4 \cdot T \cdot K_m \cdot 1000}{D \cdot N \cdot F \cdot t_c}$$

$$S_c = 118.19$$

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#### 10.4.3 Shear capacity

Shear capacity of the coupling teeth is based on the shear area at the mid height of the teeth, diameter at that point, effective face width of the teeth, and allowable shear stress of the core material of the teeth, see Dudley [8], [9], and Drago [10].

The allowable torque of the external teeth for alloy steel spline couplings is:

$$T_a = \frac{\pi d^2 b s_{sA}}{8000 K_m} \quad (39)$$

where

$T_a$  is allowable torque, Nm;

$d$  is diameter at half the working depth of external spline, mm;

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$b'$  is effective spline length, mm;

$s_{sA}$  is allowable shear stress for alloy steel, N/mm<sup>2</sup>;  
 $= 34.5 + 6.9 (H_C)$

$H_C$  is core hardness, Rockwell C;

$K_m$  is load distribution factor  
 $= 1$  for aligned  
 $= 1 + f_e/0.004$  for misaligned, uncrowned  
 $= 2$  for misaligned, crowned

$f_e$  is misalignment angle, radians.

NOTE: The equation assumes the load is carried on half of the teeth.

Splines may fail in one of these five ways:



(A) shaft of externally toothed member breaks underneath spline teeth

(B) teeth of spline shear off on pitch line



(C) teeth break at roots in a cantilever type failure similar to that of gear teeth

**WHEN  
SPLINES  
NEED  
STRESS CONTROL**

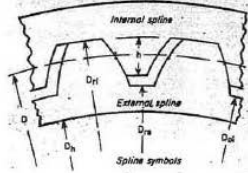
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(D) contacting surface of spline teeth wear away by fretting corrosion



(E) shell of the internally toothed member ruptures



### SPLINE SYMBOLS

- $A$  height of crown
- $B$  misalignment of spline, in./in.
- $D$  pitch dia, in.
- $D_b$  bore dia of shaft, in.
- $D_o$  outside dia of internally toothed part, in.
- $D_m$  major dia of internally toothed part, in.
- $D_r$  root dia, also minor dia of external toothed member, in.
- $F$  full face width, in.
- $F_e$  effective face width, in. (may be less than  $F$ ; see Editor's Note)
- $h$  radial height of the tooth in contact, in.
- $K_a$  application factor
- $K_m$  load distribution factor
- $L_f$  life factor limited by fatigue
- $L_w$  life factor limited by wear
- $n$  rpm
- $N$  number of spline teeth
- $S_c$  compressive stress, psi
- $S'_c$  allowable compressive stress, psi
- $S_s$  shear stress, psi
- $S'_s$  allowable shear stress, psi
- $S_t$  total stress, psi
- $t_c$  chordal thickness at pitch line, in. (approximately equal to  $D/2N$ )
- $t_w$  wall thickness, in.
- $T$  torque, in.-lb = 63,000 hp/n
- $\phi$  pressure angle, deg

induced shear stresses are:

$$S_s = \frac{4TK_m}{DNF_s^2} \quad (4)$$

In a spline, contrasted with a gear, tooth failure cannot stop the drive until all teeth are broken on both members. The constant 4 in the above equation assumes that, because of spacing errors, only half the teeth carry the load. With poor manufacturing accuracies, it is best to increase the factor to 6. Values for load distribution factor  $K_m$ , given in Table IV, are based on the amount of misalignment;  $K_m$  is 1.0 for a fixed spline (misalignment in a fixed spline is zero).

After calculating tooth shear stress, Eq (3) can again be used—to relate the calculated stresses with the allowable stresses.