

Engineering AGMA Service Factors



Speed Reducers

Before an enclosed speed reducer or increaser can be selected for any application, an equivalent unit power rating (service factor = 1.0) must be determined. This is done by multiplying the specified power by the service factor. Since the service factor represents the normal relationship between the gear unit rating and the required application power, it is suggested that the service factor be applied to the nameplate rating of the prime mover or driven machine rating, as applicable.

NORD GEAR and the user must agree upon which power, prime mover rating or driven machine requirements, should dictate the selection of the gear drive. It is necessary that the gear drive selected have a rated unit capacity equal to or in excess of this "equivalent unit power rating".

All service factors listed are 1.0 or greater. Service factors less than 1.0 can be used in some applications when specified by the user and agreed to by NORD GEAR.

The REDUCER SERVICE FACTOR table should be used with caution, since much higher values have occurred in some applications. Values as high as ten have been used. On some applications up to six times nominal torque can occur, such as: Turbine/Generator drives, Heavy Plate and Billet rolling mills.

It has been developed from the experience of manufacturers and users of gear drives for use in common applications. It is suggested that service factors for special applications be agreed upon by the user and NORD GEAR when variations of the values in the table may be required.

Service factors shown are for reducers driven by motors (electric or hydraulic) and turbines (steam or gas) according to AGMA 6010. When the driver is a single cylinder or multi-cylinder engine, the service factors from the table must be modified for the appropriate type of prime mover.

As an example, if the application is a centrifugal blower, the service factor from the REDUCER SERVICE FACTOR table is 1.25 for a motor or turbine. The CONVERSION TABLE changes this value to 1.75 for a single cylinder engine and 1.50 for a multi-cylinder engine.

CAUTION: Any user of enclosed gear drives should make sure that the latest available information affecting the selection of a gear drive is used. When better load intensity data is available on the driving or driven equipment, this should be considered when a service factor is selected.

Conversion Table

Electric Motor, Steam & Gas Turbines, Hydraulics	Single-Cylinder Engines	Multi-Cylinder Engines
1.00	1.50	1.25
1.25	1.75	1.50
1.50	2.0	1.75
1.75	2.25	2.00
2.00	2.50	2.25
2.25	2.75	2.50
2.50	3.00	2.75
2.75	3.25	3.00
3.00	3.50	3.25

Application	Load Duration		
	Up to 3 hrs per day	3-10 hrs per day	Over 10 hrs per day
AGITATORS (mixers)			
Pure Liquids	1.00	1.00	1.25
Liquids and Solids	1.00	1.25	1.50
Liquids – Variable Density	1.00	1.25	1.50
BLOWERS			
Centrifugal	1.00	1.25	1.50
Lobe	1.00	1.25	1.50
Vane	1.00	1.00	1.25
BREWING AND DISTILLING			
Bottling Machinery	1.00	1.00	1.25
Brew Kettles – Continuous Duty	1.00	1.00	1.25
Cookers – Continuous Duty	1.00	1.00	1.25
Mash Tubs – Continuous Duty	1.00	1.00	1.25
Scale Hopper – Frequent Starts	1.00	1.25	1.50
CAN FILLING MACHINES	1.00	1.00	1.25
CAR DUMPERS	1.25	1.50	1.75
CAR PULLERS	1.00	1.25	1.50
CLARIFIERS	1.00	1.00	1.25
CLASSIFIERS	1.00	1.25	1.50
CLAY WORKING MACHINERY			
Brick Press	1.25	1.50	1.75
Briquette Machine	1.25	1.50	1.75
Pug Mill	1.00	1.25	1.50
COMPACTORS	1.50	1.75	2.00
COMPRESSORS			
Centrifugal	1.00	1.00	1.25
Lobe	1.00	1.25	1.50
Reciprocating, Multi-Cylinder	1.00	1.25	1.50
Reciprocating, Single-Cylinder	1.25	1.50	1.75
CONVEYORS – GENERAL PURPOSE			
Uniformly loaded or fed	1.00	1.00	1.25
Not uniformly fed	1.00	1.25	1.50
Reciprocating or shaker	1.25	1.50	1.75
CRANES			
Dry dock			
Main hoist	1.25	1.50	1.75
Auxilliary hoist	1.25	1.50	1.75
Boom hoist	1.25	1.50	1.75
Slewing drive	1.25	1.50	1.75
Traction drive	1.50	1.50	1.50
Industrial Duty			
Main hoist	1.00	1.25	1.50
CRUSHER			
Stone or ore	1.50	1.75	2.00



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	Up to 3 hrs per day	3-10 hrs per day	Over 10 hrs per day
DREDGES			
Cable reels	1.00	1.25	1.50
Conveyors	1.00	1.25	1.50
Cutter Head Dives	1.25	1.50	1.75
Pumps	1.00	1.25	1.50
Screen Drives	1.25	1.50	1.75
Stackers	1.00	1.25	1.50
Winches	1.00	1.25	1.50
ELEVATORS			
Bucket	1.00	1.25	1.50
Centrifugal Discharge	1.00	1.00	1.25
Gravity Discharge	1.00	1.00	1.25
EXTRUDERS			
General	1.25	1.25	1.25
Plastics			
Variable Speed Drive	1.50	1.50	1.50
Fixed Speed Drive	1.75	1.75	1.75
Rubber			
Continuous Screw Operation	1.50	1.50	1.50
Intermittent Screw Operation	1.75	1.75	1.75
FANS			
Centrifugal	1.00	1.00	1.25
Forced Draft	1.25	1.25	1.25
Induced Draft	1.00	1.25	1.50
Industrial & Mine	1.00	1.25	1.50
FEEDERS			
Apron	1.00	1.25	1.50
Belt	1.00	1.25	1.50
Disc	1.00	1.00	1.25
Reciprocating	1.25	1.50	1.75
Screw	1.00	1.25	1.50
FOOD INDUSTRY			
Cereal Cooker	1.00	1.00	1.25
Dough Mixer	1.00	1.25	1.50
Meat Grinders	1.00	1.25	1.50
Slicers	1.00	1.25	1.50
GENERATORS AND EXCITERS	1.00	1.00	1.25
HAMMER MILLS	1.50	1.50	1.75
HOISTS			
Heavy Duty	1.25	1.50	1.75
Medium Duty	1.00	1.25	1.50
Skip Hoist	1.00	1.25	1.50
LAUNDRY TUMBLERS	1.00	1.25	1.50
LAUNDRY WASHERS	1.25	1.25	1.50

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LUMBER INDUSTRY			
Barkers	1.25	1.25	1.50
Spindle Feed	1.50	1.50	1.50
Main Drive	1.25	1.25	1.50
Conveyors			
Burner	1.25	1.25	1.50
Main or Heavy Duty	1.50	1.50	1.50
Main log	1.50	1.50	1.75
Re-saw, Merry-Go-Round	1.25	1.25	1.50
Slab	1.50	1.50	1.75
Transfer	1.25	1.25	1.50
Chains			
Floor	1.50	1.50	1.50
Green	1.50	1.50	1.50
Cut-Off Saws			
Chain	1.50	1.50	1.50
Drag	1.50	1.50	1.50
Debarking Drums	1.50	1.50	1.75
Feeds			
Edger	1.25	1.25	1.50
Gang	1.50	1.50	1.50
Trimmer	1.25	1.25	1.50
Long Deck	1.50	1.50	1.50
Log Hauls – Incline – Well Type	1.50	1.50	1.50
Log Turning Devices	1.50	1.50	1.50
Planer Feed	1.25	1.25	1.50
Planer Tilting Hoists	1.50	1.50	1.50
Rolls – live-off brg. – Roll Cases	1.50	1.50	1.50
Sorting Table	1.25	1.50	1.50
Tipple Hoist	1.25	1.25	1.50
Transfers			
Chain	1.50	1.50	1.50
Causeway	1.50	1.50	1.50
Tray Drives	1.25	1.25	1.50
METAL MILLS			
Draw Bench Carriage & Main Drive	1.00	1.25	1.50
Runout Table			
Non-reversing			
Group Drives	1.00	1.25	1.50
Individual Drives	1.50	1.50	1.75
Reversing	1.50	1.50	1.75
Slab Pushers	1.25	1.25	1.50
Shears	1.50	1.50	1.75
Wire drawing	1.00	1.25	1.50
Wire Winding Machine	1.00	1.25	1.50

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METAL STRIP PROCESSING MACHINERY				PAPER MILLS (cont)			
Bridles	1.25	1.25	1.50	Presses – Felt & Suction	1.25	1.25	1.25
Coilers and uncoilers	1.00	1.00	1.25	Pulper	1.50	1.50	1.75
Edge Trimmers	1.00	1.25	1.50	Pumps – Vacuum	1.50	1.50	1.50
Flatteners	1.00	1.25	1.50	Reel (Surface Type)	1.25	1.25	1.50
Loopers (accumulators)	1.00	1.00	1.00	Screens			
Pinch rolls	1.00	1.25	1.50	Chip	1.50	1.50	1.50
Scrap choppers	1.00	1.25	1.50	Rotary	1.50	1.50	1.50
Shears	1.50	1.50	1.75	Vibrating	1.75	1.75	1.75
Slitters	1.00	1.25	1.50	Size Press	1.25	1.25	1.25
MILLS, ROTARY TYPE				Supercalendar ³⁾	1.25	1.25	1.25
Ball & Rod				Thickener (AC Motor)	1.50	1.50	1.50
Spur Ring Gear	1.50	1.50	1.75	Thickener (DC Motor)	1.25	1.25	1.25
Helical Ring Gear	1.50	1.50	1.50	Washer (AC Motor)	1.50	1.50	1.50
Direct Connected	1.50	1.50	1.75	Washer (DC Motor)	1.25	1.25	1.25
Cement Kilns	1.50	1.50	1.50	Wind and Unwind Stand	1.00	1.00	1.00
Dryers & Coolers	1.50	1.50	1.50	Winders (Surface Type)	1.25	1.25	1.25
MIXERS CONCRETE	1.00	1.25	1.50	Yankee Dryers ²⁾	1.25	1.25	1.25
PAPER MILLS¹⁾				PLASTICS INDUSTRY –			
Agitator (Mixer)	1.50	1.50	1.50	PRIMARY PROCESSING			
Agitator for Pure liquors	1.25	1.25	1.25	Intensive Internal Mixers			
Barking Drums	1.75	1.75	1.75	Batch Mixers	1.75	1.75	1.75
Barkers – Mechanical	1.75	1.75	1.75	Continuous Mixers	1.50	1.50	1.50
Beater	1.50	1.50	1.50	Batch Drop Mill – 2 smooth rolls			
Breaker Stack	1.25	1.25	1.25	Continuous Feed, Holding & Biend Mill	1.25	1.25	1.25
Calender ²⁾	1.25	1.25	1.25	Calendars	1.50	1.50	1.50
Chipper	1.75	1.75	1.75	PLASTICS INDUSTRY –			
Chip Feeder	1.50	1.50	1.50	SECONDARY PROCESSING			
Coating Rolls	1.25	1.25	1.25	Blow Molders	1.50	1.50	1.50
Conveyors				Coating	1.25	1.25	1.25
Chip, Bark, Chemical	1.25	1.25	1.25	Film	1.25	1.25	1.25
log (including Slab)	1.75	1.75	1.75	Pipe	1.25	1.25	1.25
Couch Rolls	1.25	1.25	1.25	Pre-Plasticizers	1.50	1.50	1.50
Cutter	1.75	1.75	1.75	Rods	1.25	1.25	1.25
Cylinder Molds	1.25	1.25	1.25	Sheet	1.25	1.25	1.25
Dryers ²⁾				Tubing	1.25	1.25	1.50
Paper Machine	1.25	1.25	1.25	PULLERS – BARGE HAUL	1.00	1.50	1.75
Conveyor Type	1.25	1.25	1.25	PUMPS			
Embosser	1.25	1.25	1.25	Centrifugal	1.00	1.00	1.25
Extruder	1.50	1.50	1.50	Proportioning	1.00	1.25	1.50
Fourdrinier Rolls (Includes Lump				Reciprocating			
Breaker, Dandy Roll, Wire Turning				Single Acting, 3 or more cylinders	1.00	1.25	1.50
and Return Rolls)	1.25	1.25	1.25	Double Acting, 2 or more cylinders	1.00	1.25	1.50
Jordan	1.25	1.25	1.25	Rotary			
Kiln Drive	1.50	1.50	1.50	Gear Type	1.00	1.00	1.50
Mt. Hope Roll	1.25	1.25	1.25	Lobe	1.00	1.00	1.25
Paper Rolls	1.25	1.25	1.25	Vane	1.00	1.00	1.25



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RUBBER INDUSTRY			
Intensive Internal Mixers			
Batch Mixers	1.50	1.75	1.75
Continuous Mixers	1.25	1.50	1.50
Mixing Mill			
2 smooth rolls	1.50	1.50	1.50
1 or 2 corrugated rolls	1.75	1.75	1.75
Batch Drop Mill – 2 smooth rolls	1.50	1.50	1.50
Cracker Warmer – 2 roll, 1 corrugated roll	1.75	1.75	1.75
Cracker – 2 corrugated rolls	1.75	1.75	1.75
Holding, Feed & Blend Mill – 2 rolls	1.25	1.25	1.25
Refiner – 2 rolls	1.50	1.50	1.50
Calendars	1.50	1.50	1.50
SAND MILLER	1.00	1.25	1.50
SEWAGE DISPOSAL EQUIPMENT			
Bar Screens	1.00	1.00	1.25
Chemical Feeders		1.00	1.25
Dewatering Screens	1.00	1.25	1.50
Scum Breakers	1.00	1.25	1.50
Slow or Rapid Mixers	1.00	1.25	1.50
Sludge Collectors	1.00	1.00	1.25
Thickener	1.00	1.25	1.50
Vacuum Filters	1.00	1.25	1.50
SCREENS			
Air Washing	1.00	1.00	1.25
Rotary – Stone or Gravel	1.00	1.25	1.50
Traveling Water Intake I	1.00	1.00	1.25
SCREW CONVEYORS			
Uniformly loaded or Fed			
Heavy Duty			
SUGAR INDUSTRY			
Beet Slicer	1.50	1.50	1.75
Cane Knives	1.50	1.50	1.50
Crushers	1.50	1.50	1.50
Mills (low speed end)	1.50	1.50	1.50

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TEXTILE INDUSTRY			
Batchers	1.00	1.25	1.50
Calendars	1.00	1.25	1.50
Cards	1.00	1.25	1.50
Dry Cans	1.00	1.25	1.50
Dyeing Machinery	1.00	1.25	1.50
Looms	1.00	1.25	1.50
Mangles	1.00	1.25	1.50
Nappers	1.00	1.25	1.50
Pads	1.00	1.25	1.50
Siashers	1.00	1.25	1.50
Soapers	1.00	1.25	1.50
Spinners	1.00	1.25	1.50
Tenter Frames	1.00	1.25	1.50
Washers	1.00	1.25	1.50
Winders	1.00	1.25	1.50

Notes to REDUCER SERVICE FACTOR table:

- 1) Service factors for paper mill applications are applied to the nameplate rating of the electric motor at the motor rated based speed.
- 2) Anti-friction bearings only. Use 1.5 for sleeve bearings.
- 3) A service factor of 1.0 may be applied at base speed of a super calender operating over-speed range of part range constant horsepower, part range constant torque where the constant horsepower speed range is greater than 1.5 to 1. A service factor of 1.25 is applicable to super calenders operating over the entire speed range at constant torque or where the constant horsepower speed range is less than 1.5 to 1. Explanatory notes.