

Customized gear drives for high-volume series  
based on a modular system

# Planetary Gears IMS.techline



Gear Technology. Worldwide.

**IMS:GEAR**

Planetary gears from IMS.techline are the solution for high-volume production runs. Well over 10,000 configuration options as well as tool-saving adapter components for motor connection and output end deliver an immense wealth of possible combinations for virtually every field of application.



## Philosophy

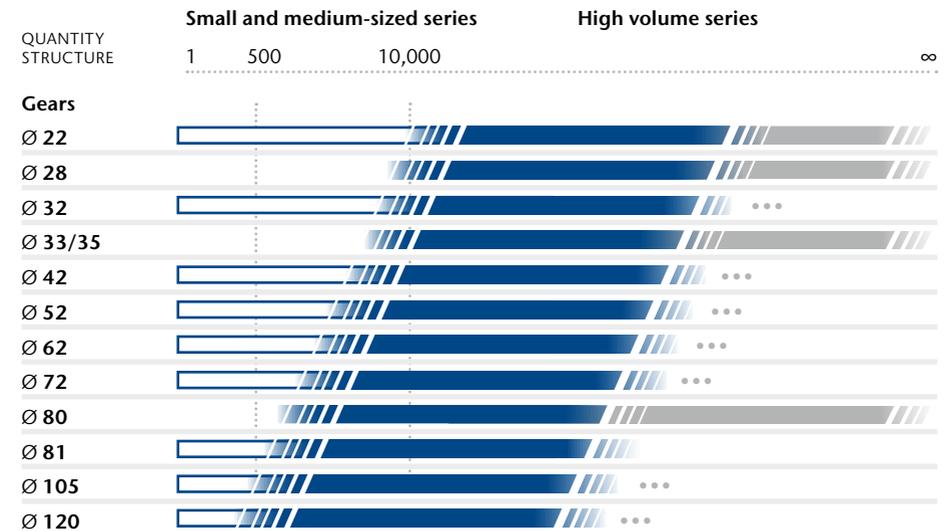
**OPEN TO ADAPTATIONS** For high-volume production runs, IMS.techline offers an immense wealth of possible combinations from its modular design system for metal and plastic components, suitable for a vast array of fields of application.

As well as adaptations for the motor and output end, examples being motor pinions, flanges or output shafts, IMS.techline can offer a varied range of reduction gears, diameter variants and material combinations involving the use of metal and plastic that extend to more than 10,000 possible combinations.

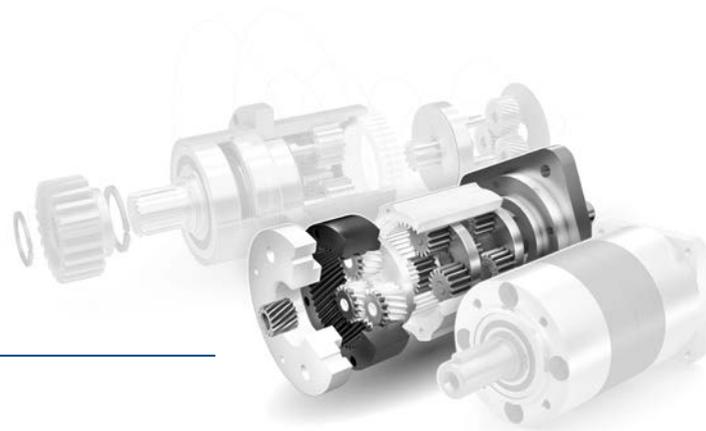
As well as the product-related performance capabilities of IMS.techline, we can if so desired provide a comprehensive and individual package of service and consultancy support that is tailored to suit individual customer needs.

## Always the optimum

	IMS.baseline	IMS.techline	IMS.SDline
MODIFICATION OPTIONS: — / ✓			
Motor-/output end	✓	✓	✓
Geardrive diameter	—	✓	✓
Material mix	—	✓	✓
Reduction ratio	—	✓	✓
Geometry of toothed parts	—	—	✓
Material of toothed parts	—	—	✓
Tooth shape	—	—	—



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# Interaction

## Fast and uncomplicated - into high-volume production

IMS.SDline

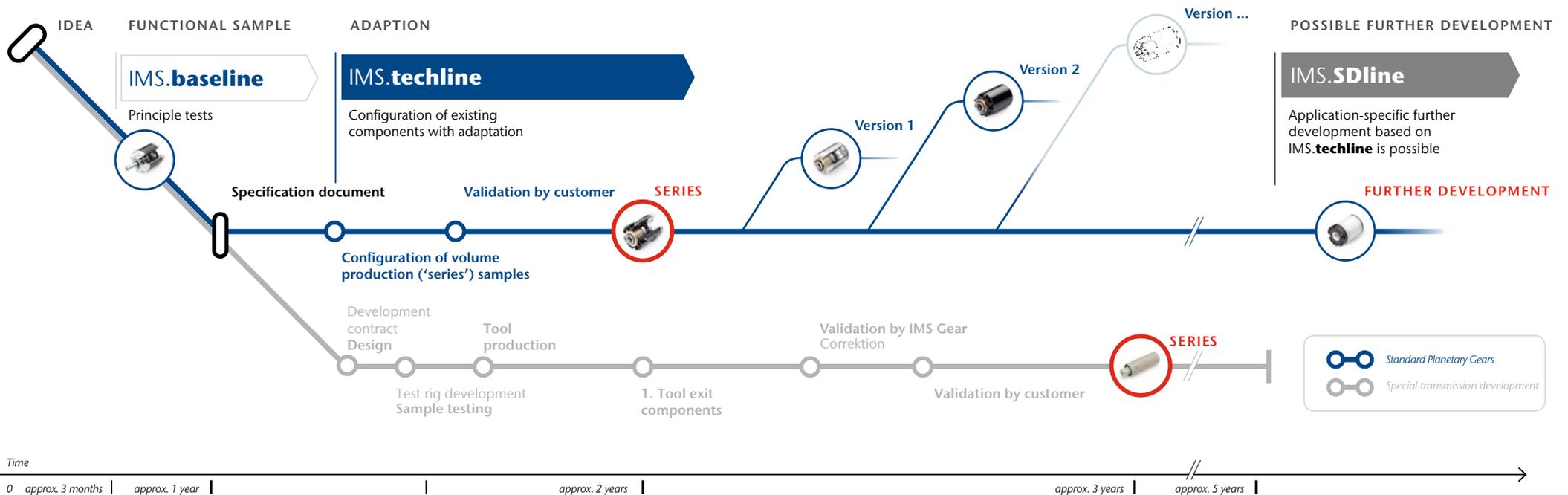
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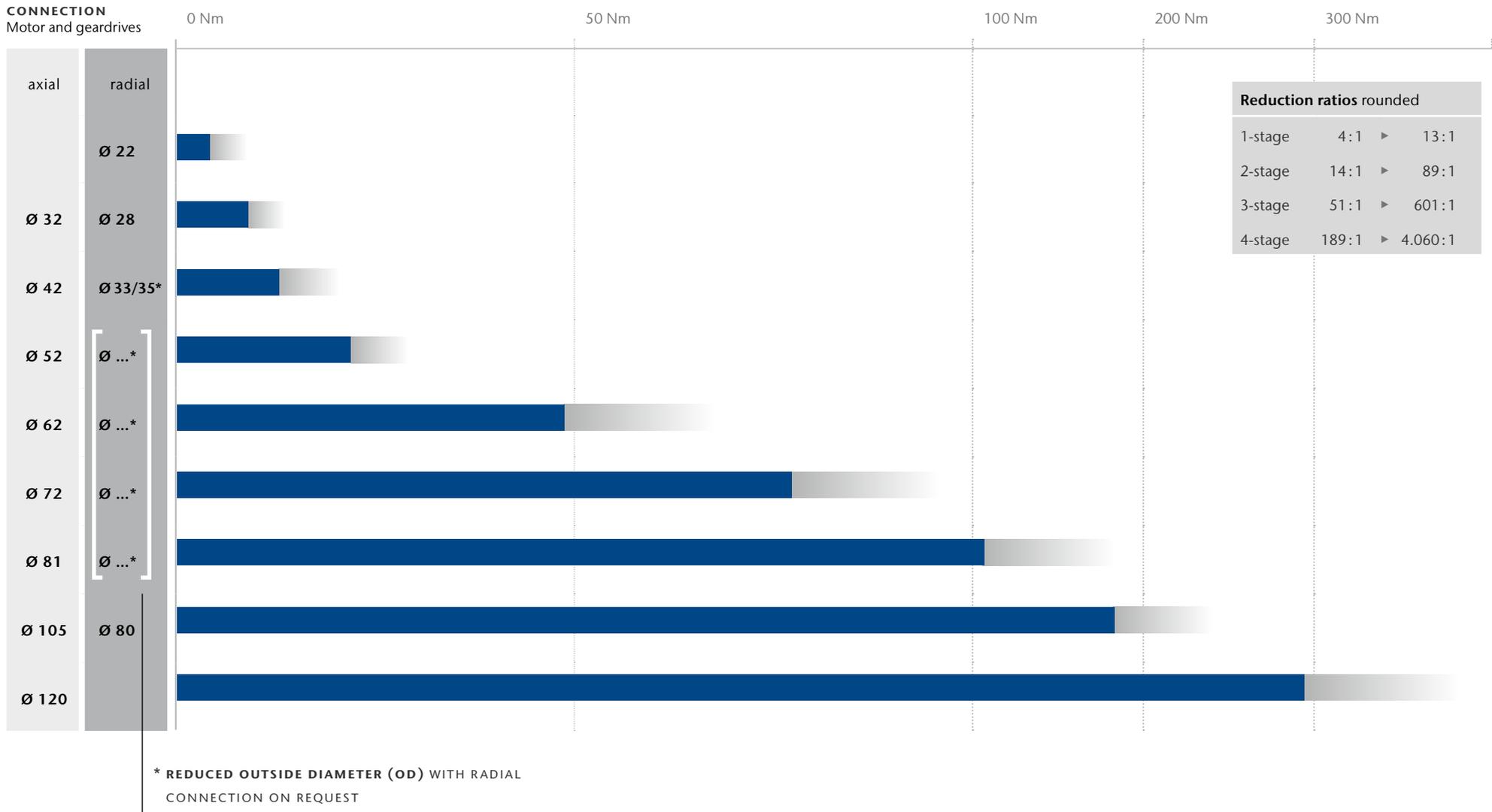
**BASED ON EACH CUSTOMER SPECIFICATION**, IMS Gear can tailor an appropriate high-volume production solution from its modular design system for planetary gears.

taking the fast lane to high-volume production. In contrast to a custom solution, there are no development costs in the configuration of IMS.techline, and this approach involves only a fraction of the tool costs otherwise incurred. Additionally it is not necessary to predetermine special technical specifications early in the process, which grants greater flexibility for further changes or developments.

Validation takes place on the customer's premises in the context of each specific application. That assures full functional compliance and saves time and money. There is then nothing to prevent our customers from



# Maximum modularity in diameter, reduction ratio, output torque and material mix



# Modular diversity

## Components and combinations

*The output end can be adapted to suit your application.*

<b>Output shaft</b>	Customer-specific adjustments/designs are possible (material, design, hardness).	
<b>Mounting flange</b>	Customer-specific adjustments/designs are possible (aluminum, plastic, pressure die-casting).	
<b>Bearing</b>	Ball, sinter or direct mounting	
<b>Grease lubrication</b>	A choice of several grades of grease (e.g. also for food applications)	
<b>Gear stages</b>	Up to four stages available (also metal-plastic combinations)	
<b>Number of gear teeth</b>	A versatile range of reduction ratios can be obtained by employing different numbers of teeth in each gear stage.	Z 14
<b>Variations</b>	Optional variations involving plastic, metal or material-mix version	POM
<b>Motor flange</b>	Individual adaptations/design to suit the motor of your choice.	
<b>Motor pinion/ bearing-mounted input shaft</b>	Various build designs: Short pinion, bush + pinion, pot pinion, splined shaft	

*IMS Gear Planetary Gears can be flange-mounted to all motors worldwide.*

# Examples of configurations

## PM 35 LN

Ø-reduction from 42 to 35 mm

Radial pinning



**Technical features**

- 2-stage
- 45:1
- approx. 7,5 Nm\*
- Material mix

## PK 33 LN

Ø-reduction from 42 to 33 mm

Radial welded gear housing



Modified output flange fitting into a tube

**Technical features**

- 3-stage
- 150:1
- approx. 4 Nm\*
- Material mix

## PK 22

Radial welded gear housing



Modified output side with hollow shaft

**Technical features**

- 2-stage
- 22:1
- approx. 0,9 Nm\*
- Material mix

## PM 72 LN

Specific motor shaft



Special modified output flange and shaft

**Technical features**

- 1-stage
- 9:1
- approx. 8 Nm\*
- Metal

\* The acceptable output torque for IMS.techline gear drives is depending on the configuration and life time expectations.

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Optimized drive solutions from  
the modular design range for planetary gears

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## Modular solutions

**PLANETARY GEARS ARE RENOWNED FOR THEIR HIGH EFFICIENCY RATING.** Compared to other designs of gear heads, their compact design offers a high power-to-weight ratio and a high torque transmission rating and requires minimal installation space. These factors make planetary gears the preferred fit in the design of energy-efficient drive solutions.

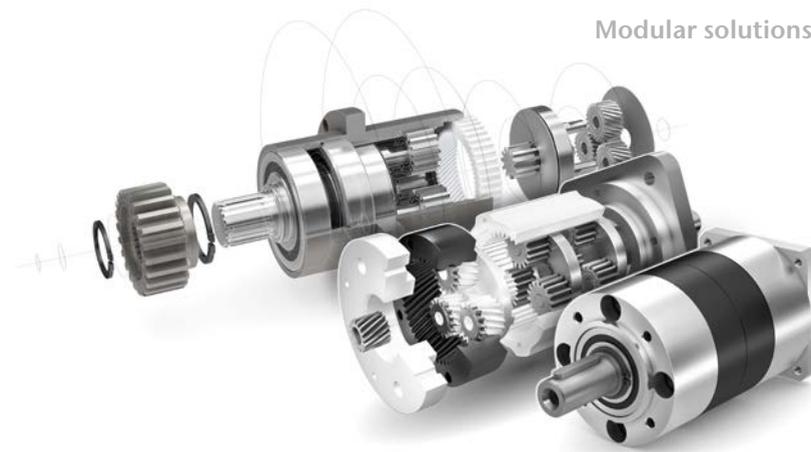
With its modular design concept for planetary gears, IMS Gear combines the benefits of standardization - fast availability of tried-and-tested technology and an attractive price-performance ratio even in a volume production context - with outstanding scope for individual customization.

Even the entry-level system, IMS.baseline, offers more than 1,300 possible variants in terms of motor and output end connection options. Prompt delivery assures rapid access to small to medium-sized quantities. For high-volume production applications, IMS.techline is preferred, since it offers well over 10,000 configuration options. As well

as adaptations for the motor and output end, examples being motor pinions, flanges or output components, IMS.techline can offer a broad range of reduction ratios, diameter variants and material combinations involving the use of metal and plastic. These features increase again the individualization to a certain extent by still favourable start of production possibilities.

IMS.SDline constitutes the ultimate option in terms of module-based individualization and optimization. It makes it possible to offer design changes to gear components while at the same time retaining the same tooth profile, explaining why it constitutes the optimum solution for entire fields of application.

This applies to all three product lines: Planetary gear solutions based on a modular design concept have much shorter lead times than bespoke or 'special' gear heads, meaning that they can get to market much faster.



**WITH ITS MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE,** IMS Gear is able to provide the market with a continuous stream of innovations relating to planetary gears, including:

- The tandem gear
- Planetary gear bearing designed to optimize service life
- Laser-welded plastic gear housings
- Various sizes combined in a single gear drive configuration
- Solid plastic planet carrier
- Plastic motor pinion
- ...

Despite having well over 10,000 configuration variants, at some point even the modular design system encounters its limits. For example with design requirements for hollow shaft gear, whole-number reduction ratios and with wishes from Production for sintered gears or grinded gear profiles.

Mind you, are you quite certain that you need these features? Talk to us: We are sure to inspire you by proposing a possible solution that you were not expecting to hear. In the majority of applications, our modular design system for planetary gears can provide viable approaches and reliable solutions.

# Our know-how for your project

**TO ENABLE US TO OFFER YOU OPTIMUM QUALITY**, fast availability and the very latest of cutting edge technology, we are committed to having a vertically integrated scope of in-house operations - extending from development through to logistics. That lays the global foundations for optimized process right across the value-added chain and beyond, and assures maximum flexibility.

Thanks to our central Development Center in Donaueschingen we are able to provide our know-how and expertise to all of our production locations right around the world.

 SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT	 VOLUME PRODUCTION OF PLASTIC
 DESIGN	 VOLUME PRODUCTION OF METAL
 SAMPLE AND SMALL SERIES PRODUCTION	 HEAT TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY
 TEST LAB	 ASSEMBLY
 PROCESS PLANNING	 LOGISTICS
 MOLD MAKING	

# Our skills set

# Your benefits

## Material mix

- Solid metal
- Solid plastic
- Metal-plastic mix

- + Noise optimization
- + Optimum price-performance ratio
- + Weight optimization

## Motor connection

- Flange-mounting to all motors worldwide
- Design rating by IMS Gear

- + Optimum interface configuration
- + Free choice of motor

## Quality philosophy

- Production facilities devised to suit market needs around the globe
- Standardized quality level

- + Production lines based on standardization
- + Suitable for duplication globally

## Information management

- All locations networked
- Standardized systems

- + Standardized global information flow
- + Information available everywhere and at all times

## Internationalism

- Sales and production in:
  - Europe
  - Americas
  - Asia

- + Closeness to customers
- + On-site service
- + Low exposure to exchange rate risk
- + Low transportation costs
- + High level of deadline flexibility

## Volume scenario

- Small and medium volumes with IMS.**baseline**
- High-volume production runs with IMS.**techline**
- Specifically optimized solutions for Interbranch applications with IMS.**SDline**

- + Optimum gear drive solutions for any volume scenario

## Specialization

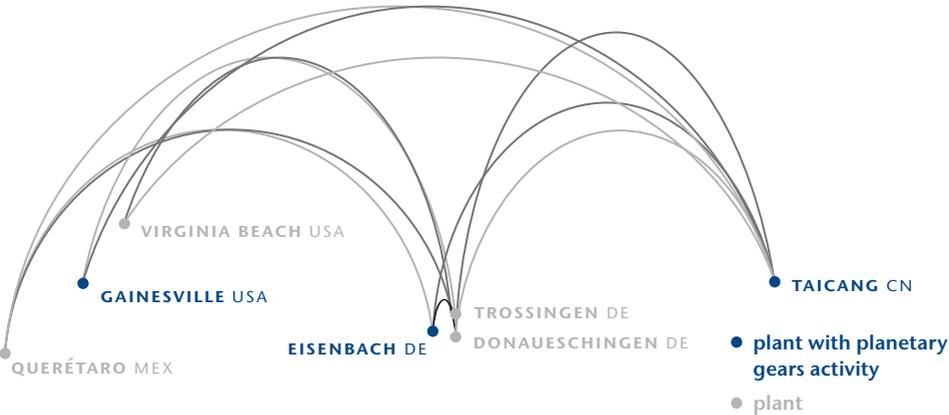
- Specializing in planetary gears
- No integrated system provider
- Exclusive focus on planetary gear development

- + Independence from motor manufacturers
- + Insider in the planetary gear technology sector
- + New developments can be adapted rapidly
- + Consistent further development of the modular system concept

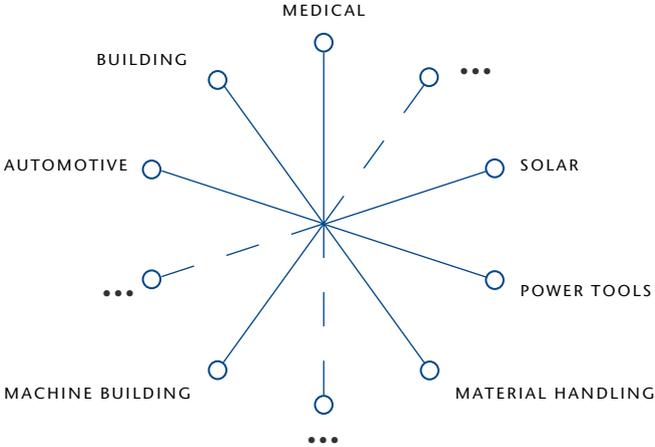
TOTAL OF PROPERTIES OF  
IMS GEAR PLANETARY GEARS

MORE THAN 150 YEARS OF TRANSMISSION EXPERIENCE, OF WHICH 40 YEARS INVOLVED WITH PLANETARY GEARS

# Internationalism

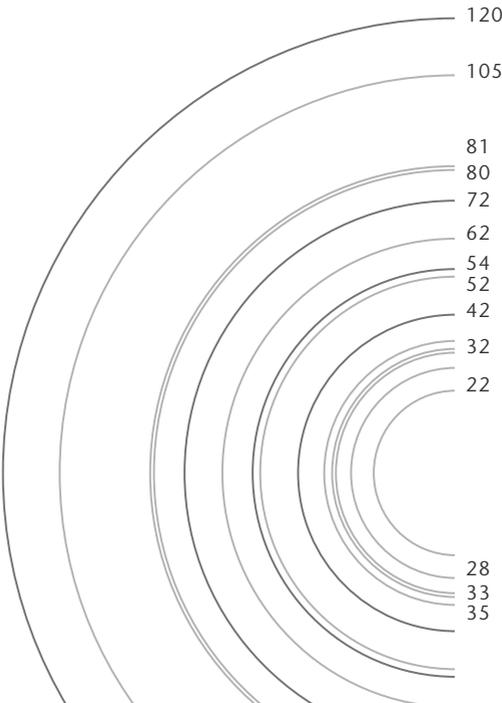


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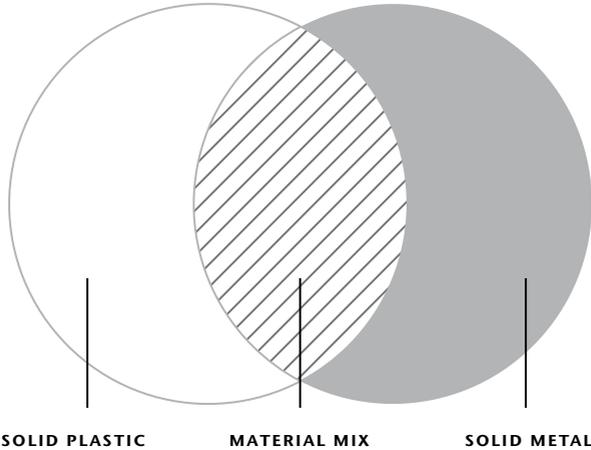


# Gear head diameter

in mm



# Material



## Like the Solar System

**OPERATING METHOD:** Planetary gears function as their name implies: At their center is a 'sun gear' driven by the motor. This transmits its rotational movement to three satellite-like 'planet gears' that comprise one gear stage. They are arranged on the bearing bolts of a planetary carrier.

The last planet carrier is rigidly mounted to the output shaft, enabling it to transmit power to the output end. The outside circumference of the planet gears rotate inside an internally splined transmission housing, known as the ring gear or 'annulus'.

**PROPERTIES:** The input and output are arranged coaxially, and the shafts rotate synchronously. Planetary gears are suitable for clockwise as well as counter-clockwise rotation, for alternating, continuous as well as intermittent operation, and are characterized by their high efficiency rating.

Compared to other designs of transmission, their compact design delivers a great power-to-weight ratio - in other words high torque transmission levels from a remarkably small installation space.

## What you really need to know about our gear drives

### DRIVING TORQUE

Output torque is the most important parameter when choosing a planetary gear head. Gear reduction reduces the relatively high rotational speed of the motor (rpm), delivering a lower rotational speed at the output end. This increases the output torque in an inverse ratio.

### CONNECTING FLANGE

This is where the flexibility of the PLG manufacturer comes into its own. All IMS Gear planetary gear heads can be adapted to fit all (!) motors. Individual solutions are possible at the input and output ends.

### LOAD ON OUTPUT

As different manufacturers use different measuring methods, great care must be taken when seeking to make a comparison. We would be pleased to calculate the maximum axial and radial load for your specific application under consideration of all parameters. Higher loads can be achieved through design measures.

### OPERATIONAL DYNAMICS

High levels of operational dynamics, achieved through low inertia torques, smooth running and low levels of mechanical wear. IMS Gear Planetary Gears uses plastic instead of metal for its planetary gears wherever appropriate and technically feasible. This delivers low inertia torques. Smooth running is something we achieve when required through the use of high-quality needle bearings, or through the low friction coefficients achievable between plastic and metal. We achieve low levels of mechanical wear through our specialist design of gearing and through the use of plastic gears. The material mix characteristics of IMS Gear assures superlative operational dynamics.

*Also refer to ball bearings*

### OPERATING FACTOR $c_B$

The mentioned operating factor  $c_B = 1,0$  does refer to a constant direction of rotation, no shock load and a daily operating time of 3 hours.

**OPERATING TEMPERATURE**

The operating temperature depends on the material and lubrication. Our pure metal versions with standard lubrication range between  $-30^{\circ}$  and  $+120^{\circ}$  C, the PK-series made of plastic between  $-15^{\circ}$  und  $+65^{\circ}$  C.

**SEALING MEASURES**

The types of protection are defined in acc. with DIN EN 60529. IMS.baseline gear drives fulfill the following protection categories:

- Gear drives with sintered bearings: IP00
- Gear drives with ball bearings (2RS): IP53

Upon request you can obtain output and motor gaskets that enable you to leverage higher protection classes.

**INSTALLATION POSITION**

Due to grease lubrication the planetary gear drives of IMS Gear can be installed in any desired position. In vertically arranged outputs, additional sealing measures can be provided upon request.

**GEAR BACKLASH**

Gear backlash depends on a large number of factors: Type of load, number of gear ratios, bearing, version or combination of materials. When seeking to compare different manufacturers, always remember that here, too, there are no standardized measuring methods.

**BALL BEARINGS**

In standard versions, the outer race of the ball bearing is designed as a rigid interference fit, while the inner race on the output shaft is designed as a loose interference fit (i.e. one capable of rotation). If required, other designs can also be provided.

**SERVICE LIFE**

Depending on environmental conditions and the operating data of the drive system, the service life of a PLG ranges between 200 and 15,000 hours. The great variety of application options precludes any generally applicable forecast of service life.

**SCOPE OF DELIVERY**

IMS Gear Planetary Gears can supply you with gears completely assembled and tested with any motor of your choice, or singly with a motor pinion for self-assembly.

**LUBRICATION**

Our PLG's are lubricated with grease and therefore maintenance-free during their service life. Depending on requirements profile, we select the optimum lubricant from more than ten options.

**LOW-NOISE TRANSMISSIONS**

To obtain optimum acoustic performance, increased demands on concentricity and axial run-out of the motor end plate, flange and shaft need to be met. Axial forces act on the motor shaft due to helical gearing. Sufficient dimensioning of the motor shaft bearings should be taken into account here. To counteract the grease-promoting effect of helical gears, radial shaft sealing rings or sealed motor bearings can be used.

**OVERLOAD TORQUE**

Maximum overload torque (impact loading) is the short-term overloading of the permitted output torque, i.e. when starting the motor. In case of plastic PLG's the max. overload torque equals the permitted output torque. In case of metal-plastic combinations or full metal versions, the max. overload torque can even amount to 1.5 times of the permitted output torque.

**GEAR REDUCTIONS**

By changing the number of teeth of the sun wheel and the planetary wheels, a number of reductions are possible in one stage.

IMS Gear Planetary Gears combines reduction ratios in up to four gear stages. This allows the realization of a huge variety of different gear specifications.

**HEAT TREATMENT**

Structural conversion during hardening of the individual metal parts acts positively on the strength and wear behavior of the gears. IMS Gear has its own heat treatment shop. As the entire metal manufacturing is inhouse, we can choose from various steels for hardening.

**EFFICIENCY**

The gear efficiency rating only takes account of the rolling motion of the gear, whereas the gear head efficiency rating takes account of all the losses of the entire bearing. We also always quote the transmission efficiency rating at this point. By necessity this is lower than the gear efficiency rating. As there are no standardized measuring methods, a comparison of efficiency levels of different manufacturers always requires special attention. In case of any specific requirements, please talk to us.



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