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1.0 General

This section provides the basis for uniformity in engineering gears drawings and their technical data for gears with intersecting axes (bevel gears), and nonparallel, nonintersecting axes (hypoid gears). It also discusses the method of specifying matched sets on a gear drawing.

2.0 Purpose

It is the purpose of this section to provide formats, nomenclature, and definitions. The minimum data for the various gear types are defined. Where additional data are required, methods for specifying these data are shown. Slight deviations for critical applications are allowed, provided general formats are maintained.

- **2.1 Examples -** Various types of gears are illustrated by sample drawings.
- **2.2 Dimensioning and Notes** Illustrations show only those dimensions which control the gear teeth and their relation to the specified mounting. All other dimensions and specifications shall conform to recommended drafting practice. Dimensional values show the number of decimal places recommended in each instance.

Where required to assure calculations, such as for pin measurement or master gears, accurate to the fourth place to the right of the decimal point, it is necessary to specify the base diameter, pitch diameter, helix angle, and non-whole number diametral pitch to eight or seven significant places.

2.2.1 Angular Dimensions - All angular dimensions shall be expressed in degrees and decimal portions thereof. (Where desired, the angle may be given in degrees, minutes and seconds.)

3.0 Applicable Documents

The following reference documents contain additional information and should be used when applicable.

ASME Y14.38	Abbreviations and Acronyms
ASME Y14.1	Decimal Inch. Drawing Sheet Sizes and Format
ASME Y14.1M	Metric Drawing Sheet Sizes and Format
ASME Y14.2M	Line Conventions and Lettering
ASME Y14.3M	Multiview and Sectional View Drawings
ASME Y14.5M	Dimensioning and Tolerancing
ASME Y14.36M	Surface Texture Symbols
AGMA 112.04	Gear Nomenclature - Terms, Definitions, Symbols, and Abbreviations

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4.0 Gear Drawing Practices

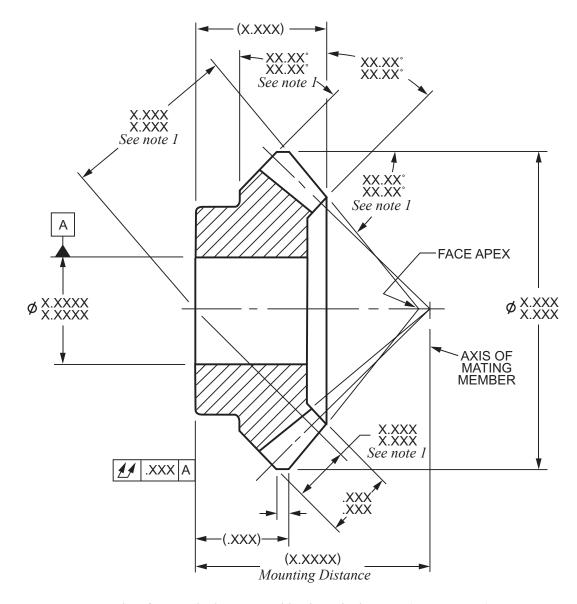
- **4.1 Arrangement -** The gear drawing shall clearly illustrate the general configuration. The method of manufacture, the quantities involved and the desired inspection method may influence the method of dimensioning. Illustrations of various gear configurations are provided for guidance only and are not mandatory.
- **4.1.1 Gear Data** Gear data shall be grouped as illustrated and shall be presented in the order shown. The location of the gear data on the drawing is optional.
- **4.1.2 Specifying a Diameter** For external gears only, the major diameter is specified as the outside diameter and the minor diameter is specified as the root diameter. For internal gears the major diameter is specified as the root diameter and the minor diameter is specified as the inside diameter. This is in keeping with present usage in some segments of the gear industry.
- **4.2 Manufacturing Method** The drawing shall clearly depict the product without reference to a manufacturing or inspection method. This rule may be disregarded only where special situations are involved which do not lend themselves to exact specifications and tool inspection information is necessary for control.
- **4.3 Drawing Title** For identification purposes, the title should include the word pinion or gear as applicable.

4.4 Straight Bevel Gear Teeth

4.4.1 Straight bevel gear and pinion teeth are drawn as shown in Figure 1. The mounting distance shown on the drawing is an assembly dimension and is specified as a reference dimension.



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Note 1: When face angle distance and back angle distance (See Figure 9) are used for dimensioning the gear blank, the face angle and the back angle should be given as reference dimensions on the drawing without a tolerance.

Figure 1. Straight Bevel Gear/Pinion

4.4.2 Gear data not included in Figure 1 are tabulated on the drawing as shown in Figure 2. The drawing must also show material and heat treatment specifications.

NUMBER OF TEETH	XX
DIAMETRAL PITCH (See note 1)	(XX.XXX)
PRESSURE ANGLE	(XX.XX°)
PITCH DIAMETER	(X.XXXX)

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ADDENDUM	(.XXX) (See note 2)
WORKING DEPTH	(.XXX) (See note 2)
WHOLE DEPTH	.XXXXXX (See note 2)
THEORETICAL OUTSIDE DIAMETER	(X.XXX) (See note 2)
THEORETICAL CROWN TO BACK	(X.XXX) (See note 2)
PITCH ANGLE	(XX.XX°) (See note 2)

ROOT ANGLE (XX.XX°)

CIRCULAR THICKNESS (.XXXX) (See note 2)
MEAN MEASURING ADDENDUM .XXX (See note 2)

MEAN MEASURING THICKNESS .XXX-.XXX (See note 2)
NORMAL BACKLASH WITH MATE .XXX-.XXX (See note 2)

BACKLASH VARIATION TOLERANCE (See note 3) .XXXX SHAFT ANGLE (XX.XX°)

FILLET RADIUS .XXX-.XXX (See note 2)

RUNOUT TOLERANCE (See note 3) .XXXX
PITCH TOLERANCE (See note 3) .XXXX
INDEX TOLERANCE (See note 3) .XXXX

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AGMA QUALITY CLASS XX

TOOTH FORM CONIFLEX® OR REVACYCLE®

DRIVING MEMBER PINION OR GEAR DIRECTION OF ROTATION CW AND/OR CCW

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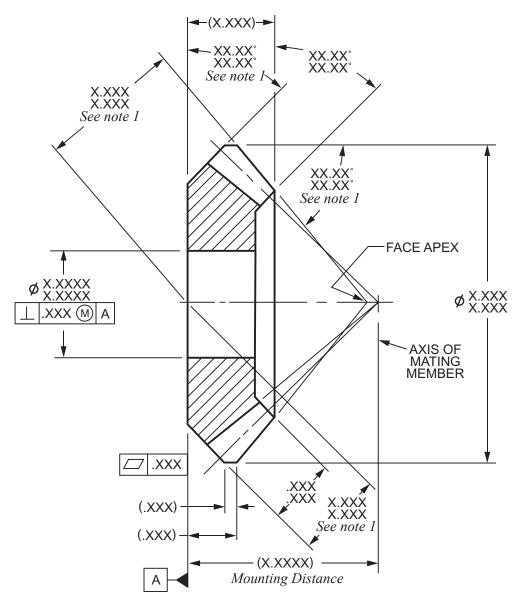
NUMBER OF TEETH IN MATE XX

- Notes 1. For metric drawings, specify module in place of diametral pitch.
 - 2. For metric drawings, reduce by one the number of decimal places to the right.
 - 3. See 5.18.3, 5.23 5.26 for when to specify these values on the gear drawing.

Figure 2. Data Specifications For Straight Bevel Gears

4.5 Spiral Bevel Gear Teeth

4.5.1 Spiral bevel gear and pinion teeth are drawn as shown in Figure 3.



Note 1: When face angle distance and back angle distance (See Figure 9) are used for dimensioning the gear blank, the face angle and the back angle should be given as reference dimensions on the drawing without a tolerance.

Figure 3. Spiral Bevel Gear/Pinion

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4.5.2 Gear data not illustrated in Figure 3 are tabulated on the drawing as shown in Figure 4. The drawing must also show material and heat treatment specifications.

NUMBER OF TEETH XX

DIAMETRAL PITCH (See note 1) (XX.XXX)

NORMAL PRESSURE ANGLE (XX.XX°)

MEAN SPIRAL ANGLE (XX.XX°)

PITCH DIAMETER (X.XXXX)

ADDENDUM (.XXX) (See note 2)
WORKING DEPTH (.XXX) (See note 2)
WHOLE DEPTH (.XXX) (See note 2)
THEORETICAL OUTSIDE DIAMETER (X.XXX) (See note 2)
THEORETICAL CROWN TO BACK (X.XXX) (See note 2)

PITCH ANGLE (XX.XX°)
ROOT ANGLE (XX.XX°)

CIRCULAR THICKNESS (.XXXX) (See note 2)
MEAN MEASURING ADDENDUM .XXX (See note 2)

MEAN MEASURING THICKNESS

MEAN MEASURING DEPTH

NORMAL BACKLASH WITH MATE

.XXX-.XXX (See note 2)

.XXX-.XXX (See note 2)

BACKLASH VARIATION TOLERANCE (See note 3) .XXXX (See note 2)

SHAFT ANGLE (XX.XX°)

FILLET RADIUS .XXX-.XXX (See note 2)

RUNOUT TOLERANCE (See note 3)

PITCH TOLERANCE (See note 3)

.XXXX

INDEX TOLERANCE (See note 3)

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MFG SUMMARY NUMBER XXXXXX

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PART NUMBER OF MATE

XXXXXXXXXXX

NUMBER OF TEETH IN MATE

XX

V AND H CHECK IN THOUSANDTHS OF AN INCH (OR HUNDREDTHS OF A MILLIMETER) FOR FINISHED GEARS (See note 4).

Gear Convex	Toe	Heel	Total
V	XX	XX	XX
Н	XX	XX	XX
Gear Concave	Toe	Heel	Total
V	XX	XX	XX
Н	XX	XX	XX

- Notes 1. For metric drawings, specify module in place of diametral pitch.
 - 2. For metric drawings, reduce by one the number of decimal places to the right.
 - 3. See 5.18.3, 5.23 5.26 when to specify these values on the gear drawing.
 - 4. May be specify on matched set drawing. (See Figure 8)

Figure 4. Data Specifications For Straight Bevel Gears

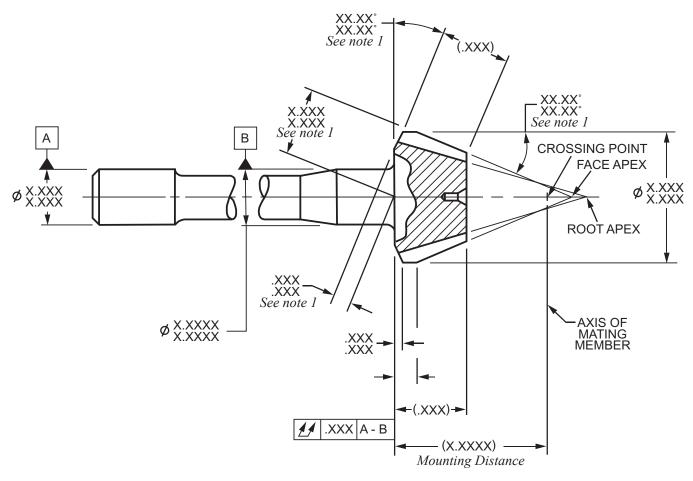
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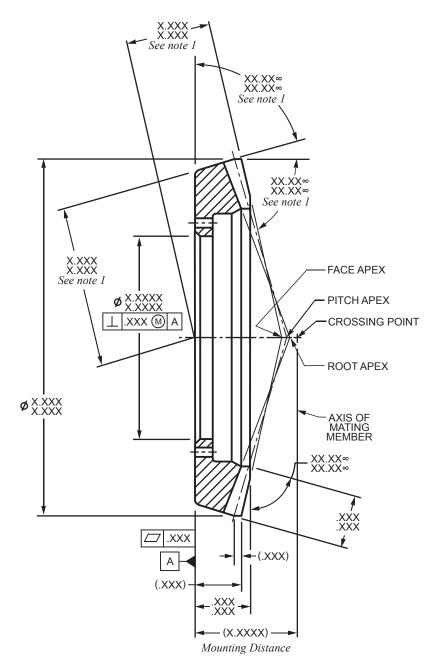
4.6 Hypoid Gear Teeth

4.6.1 Hypoid pinion and gear teeth are drawn as shown in Figures 5 and 6, respectively.



Note 1: When face angle distance and back angle distance (See Figure 9) are used for dimensioning the gear blank, the face angle and the back angle should be given as reference dimensions on the drawing without a tolerance.

Figure 5. Hypoid Pinion



Note 1: When face angle distance and back angle distance (See Figure 9) are used for dimensioning the gear blank, the face angle and the back angle should be given as reference dimensions on the drawing without a tolerance.

Figure 6. Hypoid Gear

4.6.2 Gear data not included in Figures 5 and 6 are tabulated on the drawing as shown in Figure 7. The drawing must also show material and heat treatment specifications. Distances from the pitch apex for the gear member only, face apex, and root apex to the crossing point (centerline of the mating member) are included as reference

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dimensions. Values are positive when the apex is beyond the crossing point and negative when the apex lies between the gear and crossing point. The pitch diameter and pitch angle are specified on the gear member only.

NUMBER OF TEETH	XX
DIAMETRAL PITCH (See note 1)	(XX.XXX)
NORMAL PRESSURE ANGLE – GEAR CONVEX	$(XX.XX^{\circ})$
NORMAL PRESSURE ANGLE – GEAR CONCAVE	$(XX.XX^{\circ})$
MEAN SPIRAL ANGLE	$(XX.XX^{\circ})$
HAND OF SPIRAL	LH OR RH
PINION OFFSET	$(XX.XX^{\circ})$
DIRECTION OF OFFSET	AC OR BC
PITCH DIAMETER (GEAR ONLY)	(X.XXXX)
ADDENDUM (GEAR ONLY)	(.XXX) (See note 2)
WORKING DEPTH	(.XXX) (See note 2)
WHOLE DEPTH	(.XXX) (See note 2)
THEORETICAL OUTSIDE DIAMETER	(X.XXX) (See note 2)
THEORETICAL CROWN TO BACK	(X.XXX) (See note 2)
PITCH ANGLE (GEAR ONLY)	(XX.XX°)
ROOT ANGLE	(XX.XX°)
FACE APEX TO CROSSING POINT	(.XXX) (See note 2)
PITCH APEX TO CROSSING POINT (GEAR ONLY)	(.XXX) (See note 2)
ROOT APEX TO CROSSING POINT	(.XXX) (See note 2)
MEAN MEASURING ADDENDUM	.XXX (See note 2)
MEAN MEASURING THICKNESS	.XXXXXX (See note 2)
MEAN MEASURING DEPTH	.XXXXXX (See note 2)
NORMAL BACKLASH WITH MATE	.XXXXXX (See note 2)
BACKLASH VARIATION TOLERANCE (See note 3)	.XXXX (See note 2)
SHAFT ANGLE	(XX.XX°)
FILLET RADIUS	.XXXXXX (See note 2)
RUNOUT TOLERANCE (See note 3)	.XXXX
PITCH TOLERANCE (See note 3)	.XXXX
INDEX TOLERANCE (See note 3)	.XXXX

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DRIVING MEMBER PINION OR GEAR DIRECTION OF ROTATION CW AND/OR CCW

MFG SUMMARY NUMBER XXXXXX

PART NUMBER OF MATE XXXXXXXX-X

NUMBER OF TEETH IN MATE XX

V AND H CHECK IN THOUSANDTHS OF AN INCH (OR HUNDREDTHS OF A MILLIMETER) FOR FINISHED GEARS (See note 4).

Gear Convex	Toe	Heel	Total
V	XX	XX	XX
Н	XX	XX	XX
Gear Concave	Toe	Heel	Total
V	XX	XX	XX
Н	XX	XX	XX

Notes 1. For metric drawings, specify module in place of diametral pitch.

- 2. For metric drawings, reduce by one the number of decimal places to the right.
- 3. See 5.18.3, 5.23 5.26 when to specify these values on the gear drawing.
- 4. May be specify on matched set drawing. (See Figure 8)

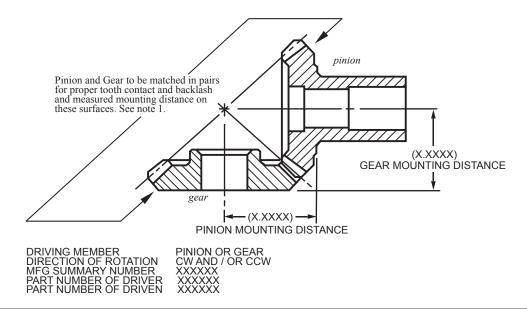
Figure 7 – Data Specifications For Hypoid Gears

4.7 Matched Sets

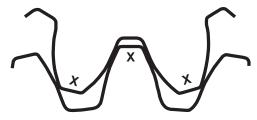
- 4.7.1 Bevel and hypoid gears are frequently maintained as a matched set in assembly. See Figure 8.
- **4.7.2** Gear sets that have a common factor, should have a specific marking on mating teeth to assure reassembly of the gears as originally matched. See Figure 8.
- 4.7.3 Matched set drawings shall contain the following note:

THIS GEAR IS PART OF A MATCHED SET WITH MATE NO. XXXXXX. EACH MATCHED SET IS TO BE MAINTAINED AS A SET AFTER IDENTITY IS DETERMINED. MARKED TEETH (NON-HUNTING) MUST BE ASSEMBLED AS SHOWN.





V AND H CHECK IN THOUSANDTHS OF AN INCH (OR HUNDREDTHS OF A MILLIMETER) FOR FINISHED GEAR SET								
GEAR CONVEX	TOE	HEEL	TOTAL		GEAR CONCAVE	TOE	HEEL	TOTAL
V	XX	XX	XX		V	XX	XX	XX
Н	XX	XX	XX		Н	XX	XX	XX



MARKED TEETH MUST BE ASSEMBLED AS SHOWN

NOTES:

- 1. On even or multiple ratios, a pair of meshing teeth should be etched iXî when in mesh in order that they may be assembled in the same running position as when manufactured. See paragraph 4.8.2.
- 2. For metric drawings, the number of places to the right of the decimal point should be reduced by one.

Figure 8. Data Specifications for Bevel gear Matched Set

5.0 Gear Tooth Nomenclature

The following nomenclature is general terms used on the gear drawing. A more complete explanation of terms, definitions and illustrations is given in American Standard for Gear Nomenclature, ANSI/AGMA 112.05, published by the American Gear Manufacturers Association.

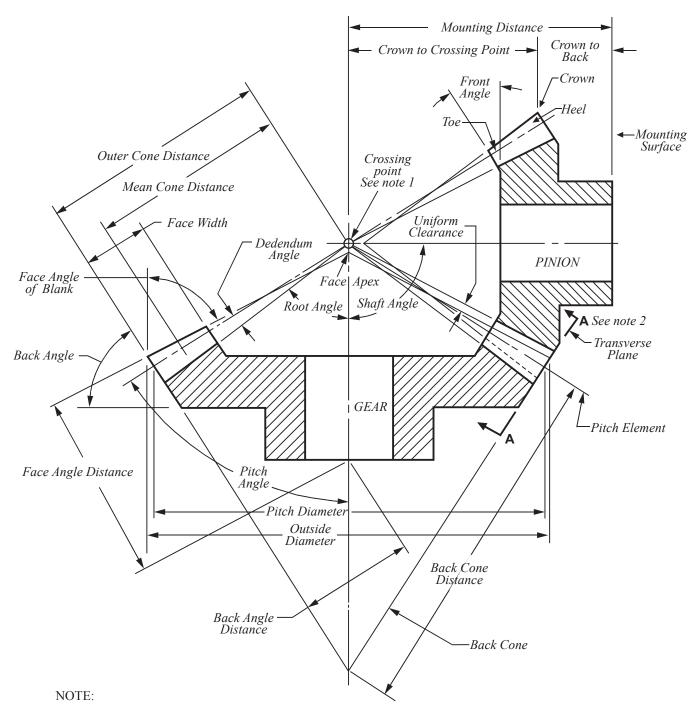


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5.1 Axial Plane - A plane that contains the gear axis. Figure 9 is an illustration of the axial plane of a bevel gear. Figure 10 (lower view) is an illustration of the axial plane of a hypoid gear.

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- 1. The pitch apex and the root apex may or may not coincide depending on individual gear design.
- 2. See Figure 10 for developed view of A-A.

Figure 9. Bevel Gear Nomenclature - Axial Plane

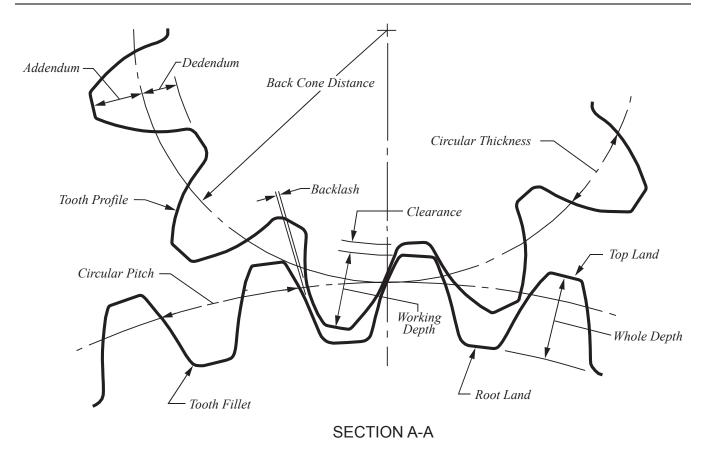


Figure 10. Bevel Gear Nomenclature – Transverse Plane at Outside Diameter

- **5.2 Pitch Plane** A plane tangent to the gear pitch surface. For bevel gears, the pitch plane is tangent to the pitch cone.
- **5.3 Transverse Plane** A plane perpendicular to both the axial plane and the pitch plane. Figure 11 illustrates the gear nomenclature in the transverse plane of a bevel gear.
- **5.4 Normal Plane** A plane perpendicular to the pitch plane and containing a line normal to the tooth surface at the pitch point. On bevel gears, it usually refers to the plane that passes through the mean point (the section at the center of the face width). Figure 12 illustrates the gear nomenclature in the normal plane of a bevel gear.
- **5.5 Tangent Plane** A plane tangent to the tooth surface at a point of contact. As used in the standard, the tangent plane is taken at the mean point.
- **5.6 Mean Point** The point on the intersection of the tooth surface with the pitch surface at the middle of the theoretical face width of a bevel or hypoid gear. See Figures 9 and 13.

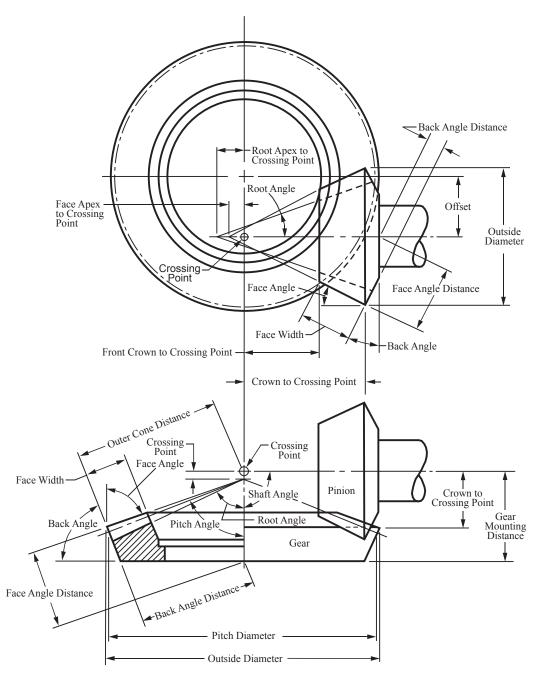


Figure 11. Hypoid Gear Nomenclature - Axial Plane

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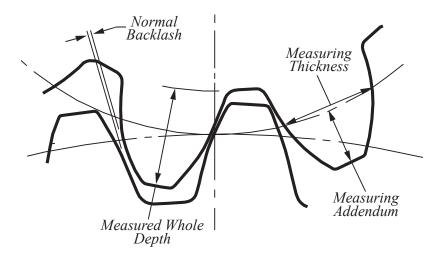


Figure 12. Bevel Gear Nomenclature – Normal Plane at the Mean Point

5.7 Tooth Trace - The curve of intersection between the pitch surface and tooth surface. See Figure 13.

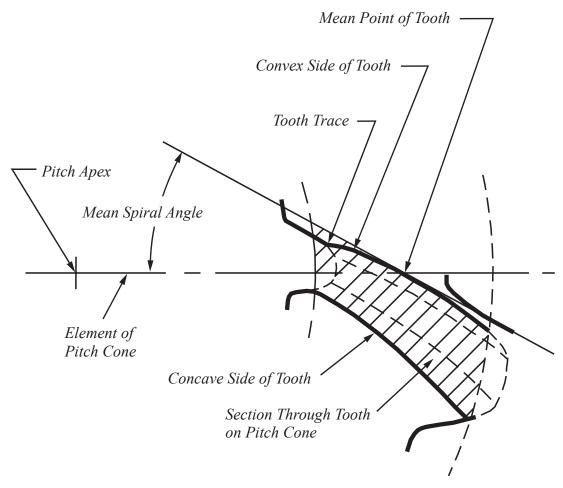


Figure 13. Mean Spiral Angle

- **5.8 Diametral Pitch** The ratio of the number of teeth to the pitch diameter in inches. Unless otherwise specified, the transverse diametral pitch (specified in the transverse plane) is implied. For hypoid gears, it is the transverse diametral pitch of the gear member.
- **5.9 Module (Metric)** The ratio of the pitch diameter in millimeters to the number of teeth. Unless otherwise specified, the transverse module (specified in the transverse plane) is implied. For hypoid gears, it is the transverse module of the gear member.
- **5.10 Pressure Angle** The angle at the pitch point between a line normal to the tooth profile and the pitch plane. See Figure 14. Unless otherwise specified for bevel and hypoid gears, the normal pressure angle (measured in the normal plane at the mean point) is implied. The normal pressure angle is that angle in the normal plane at the pitch point between the tangent plane and a radial line to the gear center. On most types of gears the pressure angles on both sides of the gear tooth profile are equal. An exception to this is in designs of gears with buttress

teeth, such as hypoids. Hypoid gear teeth, because of their asymmetric relationship, do not naturally have equal pressure angles on their two sides. With spiral bevel gears, the designer may deliberately unbalance the pressure angles to produce a buttressed tooth. On spiral bevel and hypoid gears, the teeth are cut with lengthwise curvature. One tooth surface is concave; the other is convex. These two terms are used to identify the two sides of the gear teeth. See Figure 13.

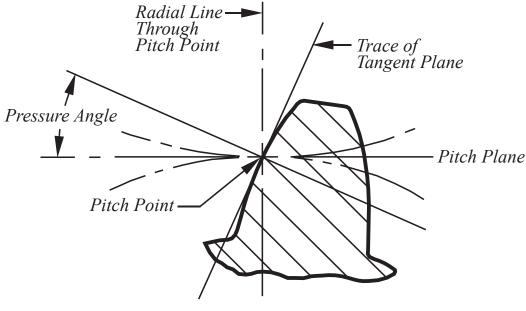
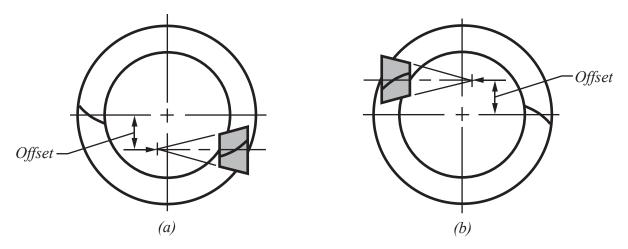
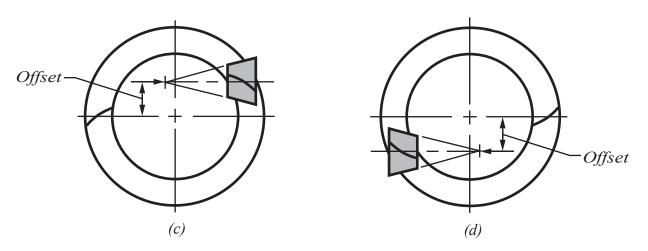


Figure 14. Pressure Angle

- **5.11 Spiral Angle** The angle between the tooth trace and an element of the pitch cone. See Figure 13. The spiral angle is at the mean point, unless otherwise specified. On hypoid gears, the spiral angles on gear and mating pinion are unequal.
- **5.12 Hand of Spiral** The direction of inclination of the teeth as viewed by an observer looking at the face of the gear. A left-hand spiral is one in which the outer half of the teeth are inclined in a counterclockwise direction. A right-hand spiral is one in which the outer half of the teeth are inclined in a clockwise direction. See Figure 15. With the exception of a few relatively rare hypoid gear designs, a gear and mating pinion have opposite hands of spiral.



Offset Below Center LH Pinion RH Gear



Offset Above Center RH Pinion LH Gear

Figure 15. Hand of Spiral and Pinion Offset

- **5.13 Hypoid Pinion Offset** The perpendicular distance between the axes of a hypoid gear set. Hypoid gears and pinions, shown in Figure 15(a) and (b), are referred to as having a pinion offset "below center," while those shown in Figure 15(c) and (d) have a pinion offset "above center." The direction of pinion offset is determined by viewing the face of the gear with the pinion at the right.
- **5.14 Direction of Rotation** The direction of rotation is determined by viewing the gear or pinion from its back. The direction of rotation of gear and mating pinion are either clockwise or counterclockwise and always opposite to each other.
- **5.15 Tooth Form** The shape of the tooth profile. Since bevel and hypoid gears are manufactured with a variety of tooth forms, it is essential to specify the desired form on the gear drawing.



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- **5.15.1 Generated** A tooth form where both members have tooth profiles produced with a relative motion between the cutting tool and the work in addition to the cutting action.
- **5.15.2** Non-Generated A tooth form where the gear tooth profile is produced without a generating motion between the cutting tool and the work. The mating pinion must be generated.
- **5.15.3 CONIFLEX®** A trade name applied to generated straight bevel gears whose teeth have lengthwise crowning.
- **5.15.4 REVACYCLE®** A trade name applied to straight bevel gears produced with circular arc tooth profiles.
- **5.15.5 FORMATE®** A trade name applied to non-generated spiral and hypoid gears in which the tooth profiles are straight. The mating pinions are generated to be conjugate to the gears.
- **5.15.6 HELIXFORM**® A trade name applied to non-generated spiral bevel and hypoid gears in which the tooth surfaces are heicoidal in form.
- **5.15.7 ZEROL®** A trade name applied to spiral bevel gears with zero spiral angle at some point along the tooth length.
- **5.16 Depthwise Tooth Taper** The difference in tooth depth at the inner and outer ends of the teeth. Standard depthwise tooth taper refers to gears in which the tooth depth is proptienal to the distance from the pitch apex. Zero depthwise taper refers to teeth with constant depth. Frequently conical gears are designed with "tilted root lines". This generally refers to a depthwise tooth taper which is deeper at the outer end of the tooth and shallower at the inner end of the tooth than that resulting from standard taper. Tilting the root lines is done to improve the point width of the cutting tools.
- **5.17 Clearance** The space between the top land of the tooth of one gear and the root land of the mating gear. See Figures 11 and 12.
- **5.18 Backlash** The space between mating tooth surfaces. For purposes of measurement and calculation, backlash is the amount by which the width of a tooth space exceeds the thickness of an engaging tooth. Numerical values of backlash on bevel and hypoid gears are measured at the tightest point of mesh on the pitch circle at the outer end of the tooth with gears assembled at their specified mounting distances. See Figure 12. Unless otherwise specified, the term backlash denotes normal backlash; that is, backlash measured in a direction perpendicular to the tooth surface.
- **5.18.1 Backlash Tolerance** The allowable variation in the backlash measured at the tightest point of mesh among all pairs of gears of a given population as a result of tooth size variation. Backlash tolerance is used as a control of tooth size in production and is specified on the drawing.



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- **5.18.2** Backlash Variation The difference in backlash between the tightest and loosest points of mesh in one pair of gears as a result of runout, index variation, and profile variation.
- **5.18.3 Backlash Variation Tolerance** The allowable variation in backlash in a single pair of gears. Backlash variation tolerance is only specified if backlash variation is critical.
- **5.19 Circular Thickness** The length of arc between the two sides of a gear tooth on the pitch circle. It is the transverse circular thickness at the outer ends of the teeth. See Figure 11.
- **5.20 Measuring Addendum** The height from the top of the tooth to the chord subtending the circular-thickness arc in the normal plane. The mean measuring addendum is the value at the center of the tooth length.
- **5.21 Measuring Thickness** The length of the chord subtending a circular-thickness arc in the normal plane. The mean measuring thickness is the value used at the center of the tooth length.
- **5.22 Mean Measuring Depth** The depth of the tooth at the center of the tooth length.
- **5.23 Runout Tolerance** The total allowable variation of the distance between a surface of revolution and an indicated surface measured perpendicular to the surface of revolution. Unless otherwise specified, it refers to radial runout of the gear teeth; that is, in a direction perpendicular to the axis of gear rotation. This value is specified on the drawing when AGMA quality class numbers are not available.
- **5.24 Pitch Tolerance** The difference between the pitch and the measured distance between any two adjacent teeth. This value is specified on the drawing for gears requiring high accuracy.
- **5.25 Index Tolerance** The displacement of any tooth from its theoretical angular or linear position relative to a datum tooth. This value is specified on the drawing for gears used for accurate positioning, such as index drives.
- **5.26** Composite Tolerance Tooth-to-tooth composite tolerance and total composite tolerance may be specified in place of runout tolerance and pitch tolerance for gears of 20 diametral pitch and finer. These values are specified on the drawing when AGMA quality class numbers are not available.
- **5.27 Tooth Surface Texture** The texture of the finish on the working tooth surface of a gear tooth; expressed either as an arithmetical average deviation (AA) or an arithmetical mean deviation (Ra).
- **5.28 AGMA Quality Class -** The classification number established by the American Gear Manufacturers Association to designate the quality requirements of a gear. See AGMA 390.03 AGMA Gear Handbook, Volume 1, Gear Classification, Materials and Measuring Methods For Unassembled Gears.
- **5.29** V and H Check A check used for production control of the tooth contact pattern on gears after sample gears have been established which are known to function properly. The V and H check gives the relative vertical (V) and horizontal (H) displacements on a testing machine to position the tooth contact pattern at both the inner



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(toe) and outer (heel) end of the tooth while maintaining the contact pattern in the middle of the tooth profile. For control purposes, the tooth contact pattern should duplicate the pattern on the sample pair of gears when similarly positioned in the testing machine. These data are optional on a gear drawing and specified when a satisfactory development has been achieved. See Figures 4 and 7.

- **5.30 Face Angle Distance** The perpendicular distance from the intersection of the gear axis with the locating surface at the back of a bevel or hypoid gear to the face cone element. See Figures 9 and 10.
- **5.31 Back Angle Distance** The perpendicular distance from the intersection of the gear axis with the locating surface at the back of a bevel or hypoid gear to the back cone element. See Figures 9 and 10.