# 4.2 Method of measurement with Over balls or Rollers

For spur gear, putting Over balls or Rollers to Spacewidth. External gear is measured by outside dimension of Over ball or Rollers. Internal gear is measured by inner dimension of Over balls or Rollers. Use method of Over balls or Rollers for Helical gear. Measurement for Internal gear, this method has advantages over others.



Fig. 2 Method of Over balls or Rollers

\*Note for gear with small and odd number of teeth and large helix angle. We recommend using method of Over balls or Rollers due to unstable pins causing inaccurate measurement

# **Diameter for Over balls or Rollers**

Refer to Fig. 3 to find diameter of Over balls or Rollers. Obtain the nearest available diameter from the graph as standard for Over balls or Rollers to measure the gear.



Fig. 3 Graph to find suitable diameter of Over balls or Rollers (for module  $m_n=1.0$ ) Increase proportionately by module used. Number of teeth of Helical gear is Virtual number of teeth of Spur gear.

# Dimensions of Over balls or Rollers for Spurgear.

For even number of teeth, calculation is by following formula

$$d_m = \frac{zm\cos\alpha}{\cos\phi} + d_p$$

For odd number of teeth, calculation is by following formula

 $d_m = \frac{zm\cos\alpha}{\cos\phi}\cos\frac{90^\circ}{z} + d_p$ 

For inv $\phi$ , calculation is by following formula

$$\operatorname{inv}\phi = \frac{d_p}{zm\cos\alpha} - \left(\frac{\pi}{2z} - \operatorname{inv}\alpha\right) + \frac{2x\tan\alpha}{z}$$

Hereby

- *d<sub>m</sub>* : Over balls or Rollers dimension(mm)
- z : Number of teeth
- *x* : Rack shift coefficient
- $\phi$  : Pressure angle (°) at pin centre
- *d<sub>p</sub>*: Diameter of Practical Over balls or Rollers (mm)
- *m* : Module (mm)
- $\alpha$  : Reference pressure angle(°)



Fig. 4 Dimension of Over balls or Rollers for Spur gear

#### Example 1, even number of teeth

When module m=2.0, Number of teeth z=30, Reference pressure angle  $\alpha$ =20° and Rack shift coefficient x= 0.15. Calculations of Over balls or Rollers dimensions is as follows,

#### 1 Over balls or Rollers dimension $d_p$

Refer to Fig. 3,  $d_p$ =1.73 multiply by module 2.0 = 3.46(mm)

Use nearest available pin size  $d_p$ =3.5(mm) instead of 3.46(mm)

② Pressure angle \u03c6 at contact point between flank and Over balls or Rollers

$$\operatorname{inv}\phi = \frac{3.5}{30 \cdot 2 \cdot \cos 20^\circ} - \left(\frac{\pi}{2 \cdot 30} - \operatorname{inv} 20^\circ\right) + \frac{2 \cdot 0.15 \cdot \tan 20^\circ}{30}$$

= 0.0282613 (inv20° = 0.0149044)

 $\phi = 24.5388^{\circ}$  (See page 164 to 167 for Involute function charts)

**③** Over balls or Rollers dimension *dm* 

 $d_m = \frac{30 \cdot 2 \cdot \cos 20^\circ}{\cos 24.5388^\circ} + 3.5 = 65.48 \text{ (mm)}$ 

#### Example 2, odd number of teeth

Follow example 1 for calculation method, Number of teeth is changed to 29 (Other data remains the same)

① Over balls or Rollers dimension  $d_p$   $d_p=3.5(mm)$ 

#### 2 Pressure angle (°) at pin centre

$$inv\phi = \frac{3.5}{29 \cdot 2 \cdot \cos 20^{\circ}} - \left(\frac{\pi}{2 \cdot 29} - inv20^{\circ}\right) + \frac{2 \cdot 0.15 \cdot tan20^{\circ}}{29}$$
$$= 0.0287218$$
$$\phi = 24.6645^{\circ} (24^{\circ}39'52'')$$

(3) Over balls or Rollers dimension  $d_m$ 

$$d_m = \frac{29 \cdot 2 \cdot \cos 20^\circ}{\cos 24.6645^\circ} \cdot \cos \frac{90^\circ}{29} + 3.5 = 63.39 \text{ (mm)}$$

# Dimension of Over balls or Rollers for Internal gear

Calculation for even number of teeth is by following formula

$$d_m = \frac{zm\cos\alpha}{\cos\phi} - d_p$$

Calculation for odd number of teeth is by following formula

$$d_m = \frac{zm\cos\alpha}{\cos\phi}\cos\frac{90^\circ}{z} - d_p$$

For inv $\phi$ , calculation is by following formula

$$\operatorname{inv}\phi = \left(\frac{\pi}{2z} + \operatorname{inv}\alpha\right) + \frac{2x\tan\alpha}{z} - \frac{d_p}{zm\cos\alpha}$$



Fig. 5 Over balls or Rollers dimension for Internal gear

### Example 1, even number of teeth

When module m=1.0, Number of teeth z=80, Reference pressure angle $\alpha = 20^{\circ}$  and Rack shift coefficient x=0.12. Calculations for dimensions of Over balls or Rollers is as follows,

#### 1 Over balls or Rollers diameter dp

Refer to Fig. 3,  $d_p$ =1.68 multiply by module 1.0 = 1.68 (mm)

Use nearest available pin size  $d_p=1.70$  (mm) instead of 1.68(mm)

#### 2 Pressure angle (°) at pin centre

$$inv\phi = \left(\frac{\pi}{2 \cdot 80} + inv20^{\circ}\right) - \frac{1.7}{80 \cdot 1 \cdot \cos 20^{\circ}} + \frac{2 \cdot 0.12 \cdot \tan 20^{\circ}}{80} = 0.0130174 \\ \phi = 19.145^{\circ} (19^{\circ}8'42'')$$

# (3) Over balls or Rollers dimension $d_m$

 $d_m = \frac{80 \cdot 1 \cdot \cos 20^\circ}{\cos 19.145^\circ} - 1.7 = 77.88 \text{ (mm)}$ 

### Example 2, odd number of teeth

Number of teeth for calculation example 1 is changed to 81 (other data remains the same).

- ① Over balls or Rollers dimension  $d_p \ d_p=1.7(\text{mm})$
- (2) Pressure angle (°) at pin centre

$$inv\phi = \left(\frac{\pi}{2 \cdot 81} + inv20^{\circ}\right) - \frac{1.7}{80 \cdot 1 \cdot \cos 20^{\circ}} + \frac{2 \cdot 0.12 \cdot \tan 20^{\circ}}{81}$$
$$= 0.0130407 \\\phi = 19.156^{\circ} (19^{\circ}9'22'')$$

**③** Over balls or Rollers dimension *dm* 

$$d_m = \frac{81 \cdot 1 \cdot \cos 20^\circ}{\cos 19.156^\circ} \cdot \cos \frac{90^\circ}{81} - 1.7 = 78.86 \text{ (mm)}$$

# **Over balls or Rollers for Straight tooth rack**

$$d_m = h'' + \frac{d_p}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sin \alpha} \right) - \frac{\pi m}{4 \tan \alpha}$$

Hereby

*h*": Datum line (mm) is from Rack base to Reference line <sup>(1)</sup>.

Helical rack is the same as straight rack at normal section. The above formula can be used. For calculation of Pressure angle $\alpha$  and module m, use  $\alpha_n$  and  $m_n$  at normal section.

## Example,

When module m=3.0, Reference pressure angle  $\alpha=20^{\circ}$  and Datum line h "=32. Calculations of Over balls or Rollers dimensions is as follows,

### **①** Over balls or Rollers diameter $d_p$

Refer to Fig. 3,  $d_p$ =1.68 multiply by module 3.0 = 5.04 (mm)

Use nearest available pin size  $d_p=5.0$  (mm) instead of 5.04(mm)

(2) Over balls or Rollers dimension *dm* 

$$d_m = 32 + \frac{5}{2} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sin 20^\circ}\right) - \frac{\pi \cdot 3}{4\tan 20^\circ}$$
  
= 35.34 (mm)



Fig. 6 Over balls or Rollers dimension for Straight rack

Note: (1) Adopted the old Standard term.

# Over balls or Rollers dimension for Helical gear

Calculation for even number of teeth is by following formula

$$d_m = \frac{z \, m_t \cos \alpha_t}{\cos \phi} + d_p$$

Calculation for odd number of teeth is by following formula

$$d_m = \frac{z m_t \cos \alpha_t}{\cos \phi} \cos \frac{90^\circ}{z} + d_t$$

For inv  $\phi$ , calculation is by following formula

$$\operatorname{inv}\phi = \frac{d_p}{z \, m_n \cos \alpha_n} - \left(\frac{\pi}{2z} - \operatorname{inv} \alpha_t\right) + \frac{2 \, x_n \tan \alpha_n}{z}$$

Hereby

- *m<sub>n</sub>* : Normal module (mm)
- $\alpha_n$  : Normal pressure angle(°)
- *x<sub>n</sub>* : Normal rack shift coefficient
- *mt* : Transverse module
- $\alpha_t$  : Transverse pressure angle(°)



Fig. 7 Over balls or Rollers dimension for Helical gear (shown in axis section)

#### Example 1, even number of teeth

When module m=2.0, Number of teeth z=36, helix angle  $\beta=15^{\circ}$ , Normal pressure angle $\alpha_n = 20^{\circ}$  and Normal rack shift coefficient  $\mathbf{x}_n = 0.05$ . Calculations of Over balls or Rollers dimensions is as follows,

#### 1 (1)Virtual Number of teeth of Spur gear zv

$$z_v = \frac{z}{\cos^3\beta} = \frac{36}{\cos^3 15^\circ} = 39.94 = 40$$

Note: (1) Adopted the old Standard term.

## **Over balls or Rollers diameter** *d*<sub>p</sub>

Refer to Fig. 3,  $d_p$ =1.7 multiply by module 2.0 = 3.4 (mm)

Use nearest available pin size  $d_p$ =3.5(mm) instead of 3.4(mm)

3 Transverse module *m*<sup>t</sup>

$$m_t = \frac{m_n}{\cos\beta} = \frac{2}{\cos 15^\circ} = 2.07055 \text{ (mm)}$$

(4) Transverse pressure angle  $\alpha_t$ 

$$\alpha_t = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\tan \alpha_n}{\cos \beta} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\tan 20^\circ}{\cos 15^\circ} \right)$$
$$= 20.646896^\circ (20^\circ 38' 48'')$$

#### **(5)** Pressure angle (°) at pin centre

$$inv\phi = \frac{3.5}{36 \cdot 2 \cdot \cos 20^{\circ}} - \left(\frac{\pi}{2 \cdot 36} - inv20.646896^{\circ}\right) + \frac{2 \cdot 0.05 \cdot tan 20^{\circ}}{36}$$
  
= 0.025562 (inv20.646896^{\circ} = 0.0164533)  
 $\phi = 23.77^{\circ}$   
(23°46'12" See page 164 to 167 for Involute function charts)

#### **6** Over balls or Rollers dimension *d<sub>m</sub>*

$$d_m = \frac{36 \cdot 2.07055 \cdot 20.646896^\circ}{\cos 23.77^\circ} + 3.5 = 79.72 \text{ (mm)}$$

#### Example 2, odd number of teeth

Number of teeth for calculation example 1 is changed to 35 (other data remains the same).

#### (1) <sup>(1)</sup>Virtual Number of teeth of Spur gear zv

$$z_{\nu} = \frac{z}{\cos^3\beta} = \frac{35}{\cos^3 15^\circ} = 38.84 = 39$$

### (2) Over balls or Rollers diameter $d_p$

Refer to Fig. 3,  $d_p=1.7$  multiply by module 2.0 = 3.4 (mm) Use nearest available pin size  $d_p=3.5$ (mm) instead of 3.4(mm)

#### 3 Transverse module *m*<sup>t</sup>

m = 2.07055 (mm)Calculations is the same as above in even number of teeth part ③

#### (4) Transverse pressure angle $\alpha_t$

 $\alpha_t = 20.646896^{\circ} (20^{\circ}38'48'')$ 

Calculations is the same as Example 1, even number of teeth part 4

#### **(5)** Pressure angle at pin centre (°)

$$inv\phi = \frac{3.5}{35 \cdot 2 \cdot \cos 20^{\circ}} - \left(\frac{\pi}{2 \cdot 35} - inv20.646896^{\circ}\right) + \frac{2 \cdot 0.05 \cdot tan20^{\circ}}{35}$$
$$= 0.025822 \ (inv20.646896^{\circ} = 0.0164533) \\ \phi = 23.8465^{\circ}$$

(23°50'47" See page 164 to 167 for Involute function charts)

#### 6 Over balls or Rollers dimension *dm*

$$d_m = \frac{35 \cdot 2.07055 \cdot \cos 20.646896}{\cos 23.8465^{\circ}} \cdot \cos \frac{90^{\circ}}{35}$$
$$+3.5 = 77.57 \text{ (mm)}$$

# Over balls or Rollers dimension for Worm gear

To obtain Over balls or Rollers dimension for Worm gear, introduce following methods,

- 1) Substituted three wire method from thread screw used for measurement.
- 2) Use same calculation method of Rack for Worm gear.
- 3) Use same calculation method of Helical gear for Worm gear. However, only formula 3) is introduced.

$$d_{m} = d(1+A) + d_{p} + Ae^{2}d\left\{\frac{1}{2(1+A)} + \frac{3}{8}e^{2}\right\} - A^{2}e^{4}d$$

$$A = \frac{1}{d\sin\gamma_{b}}\left(d_{p} - \frac{p_{x}}{2}\cos\gamma_{b}\right) \qquad e = \frac{z p_{x}}{\pi d}\cot\gamma_{b}$$

$$p_{x} = \frac{\pi m_{n}}{\cos\gamma} \qquad \gamma_{b} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\tan\gamma}{\cos\alpha_{t}}\right)$$

$$\alpha_{t} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\tan\alpha_{n}}{\sin\gamma}\right)$$

Hereby

- *d* : Pitch diameter of Worm gear (mm)
- *z* : Number of thread of Worm gear
- $p_x$  : Axial pitch of Worm gear (mm)
- $\gamma$  : Reference cylinder lead angle (°)
- $\gamma_b$  : Base cylinder lead angle (°)



Fig. 8 Over balls or Rollers dimension of Worm gear

# Example

When module  $m_n$ =2.0, Number of thread z=1, Pitch diameter of Worm gear d = 31, Normal pressure angle  $\alpha_n$ =20° and Reference cylinder lead angle  $\gamma$ = 3°42′(3.7 °). Calculations of Over balls or Rollers dimensions of Worm gear is as follows.

## **①** Over balls or Rollers diameter $d_p$

Refer to Number of teeth(10 to  $\infty$ ) in Fig. 3,  $d_p$ =1.68 and multiply by module 2.0 = 3.36 (mm) Use nearest available pin size  $d_p$ =3.4 (mm) instead of 3.36(mm)

# (2) Transverse pressure angle $\alpha_t$

$$\alpha_t = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\tan 20^\circ}{\sin 3.7^\circ} \right) = 79.9459^\circ$$

### **③** Base cylinder lead angle $\gamma_b$

$$\alpha_t = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\tan \alpha_n}{\cos \beta}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\tan 20^\circ}{\cos 15^\circ}\right)$$

$$p_x = \frac{\pi \cdot 2}{\cos 3.7^\circ} = 6.2963$$

(5) A

$$A = \frac{1}{31\sin 20.3256^{\circ}} \left( 3.4 - \frac{6.2963}{2}\cos 20.3256^{\circ} \right)$$
$$= 0.04159$$

6 e

$$e = \frac{1 \cdot 6.2963}{\pi \cdot 31} \cot 20.3256^{\circ}$$
$$= 0.17453$$

# Over balls or Rollers dimension

 $d_m = 35.71 \text{ (mm)}$  (Substitution method omitted)