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# Pulleys & Idlers

Basics & Grain Application Review





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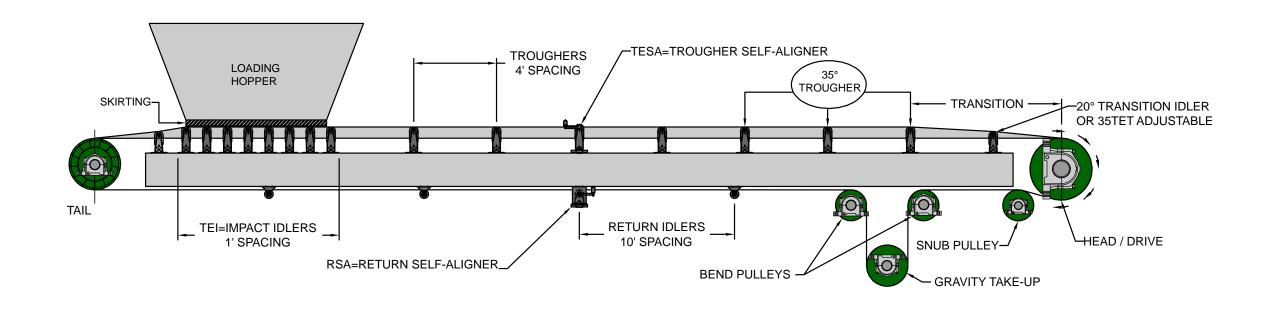


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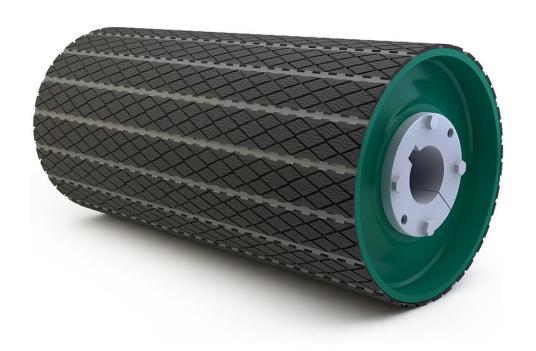
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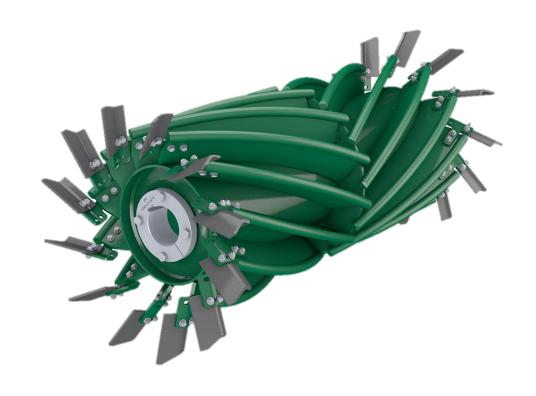


### **Conveyor Legend**

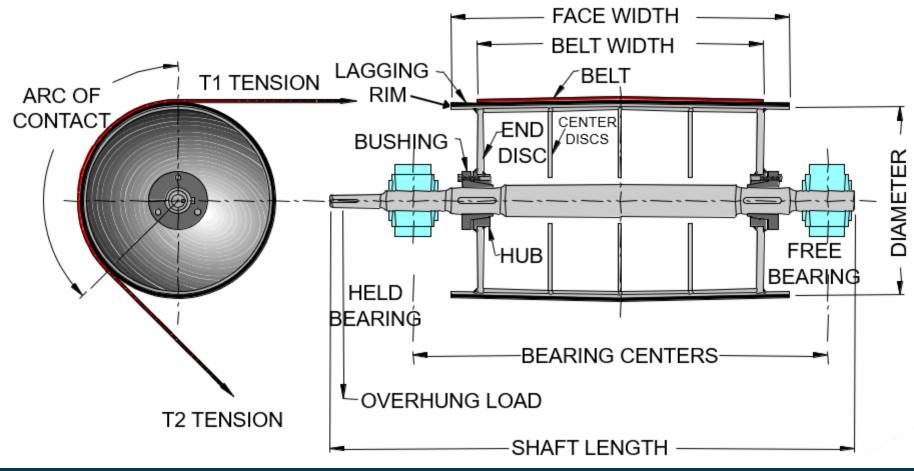


# **Pulleys**





### **Pulley Legend**





### **Pulley Dimensions**

- Pulley outside diameter (OD)
- The OD goes by 2" increments from 12" to 20"
- Then by 6" increments at 24" and above

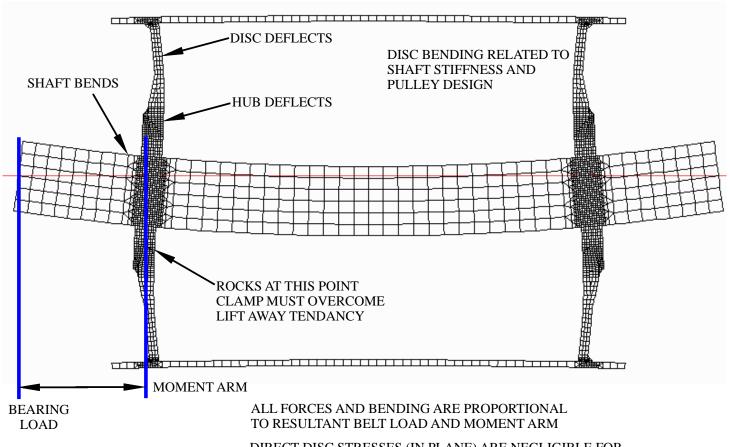


### **Pulley Dimensions**

- The rim surface is known as the face
- Face widths are usually wider than the belt
- Common face widths are: 26, 32, 38, 44, 51, 57, 63
- Wider to allow belt wander
- Does vary from these standards
- Pulley nomenclature = diameter before face width 1638 (16" x 38")



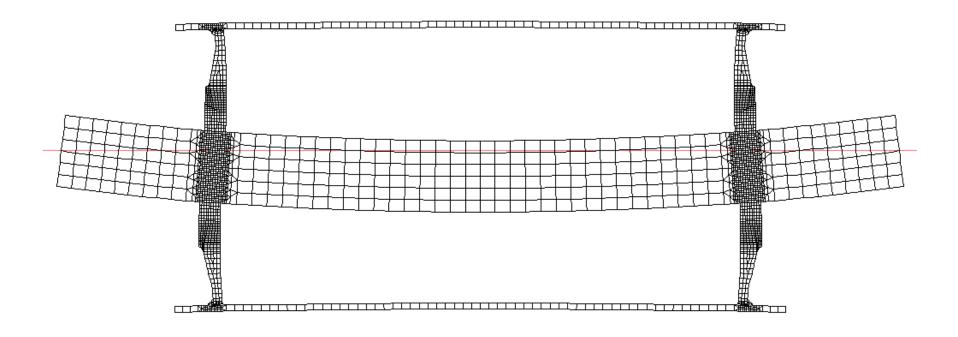
### **Shaft Bending Effects**



DIRECT DISC STRESSES (IN PLANE) ARE NEGLIGIBLE FOR "THICK" DISCS BUT IMPORTANT IN THIN DISCS



### **Shaft Bending Effects**

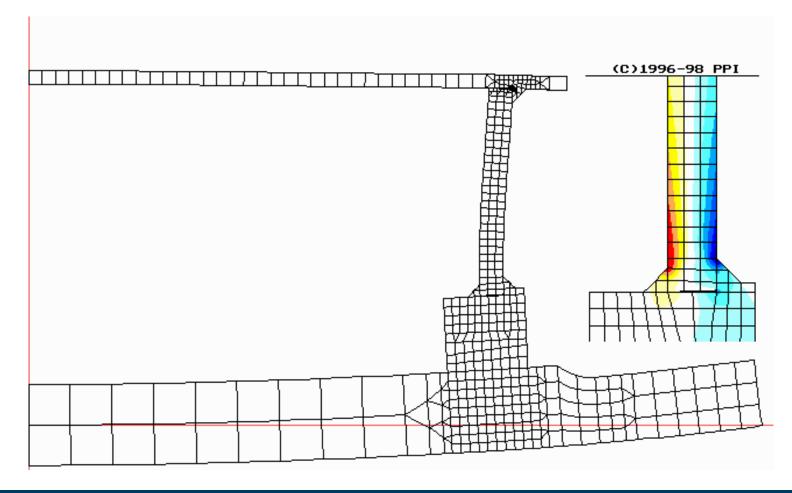


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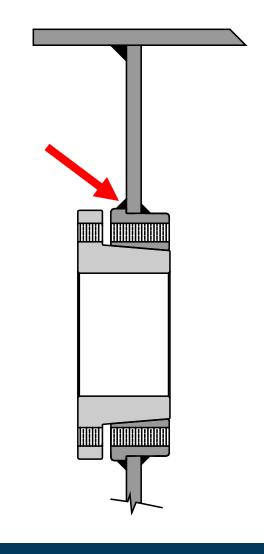
### **Shaft Bending Stress Concentration**





### **End Disc Inspection**

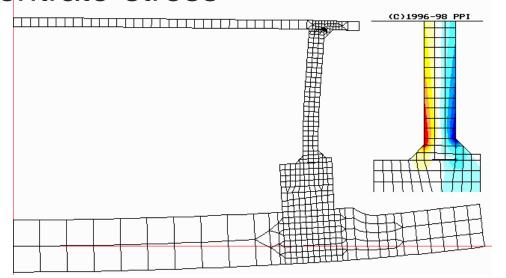
- Shaft deflection puts the most stress into the pulley
- This bending moment concentrate hub/disc connection
- Welded connections will fail next heat affected zone
- Highest concentration of stresses occurs at the weld
  - Radial, axial, & weld stresses increase simultaneously here





### The Problem

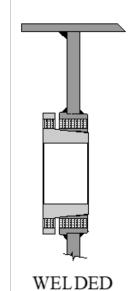
- Estimated 90% of pulley failures
- Sharp edges and weld notches concentrate stress







#### **DISC CONFIGURATIONS**

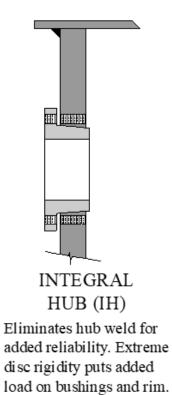


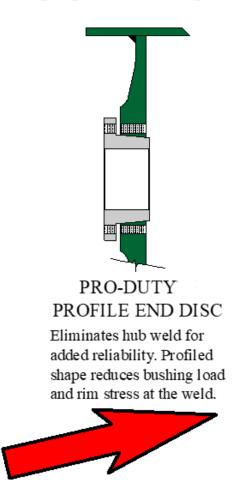
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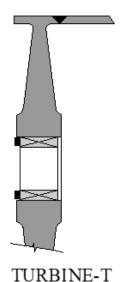
Generally the

most common and cost effective

design.





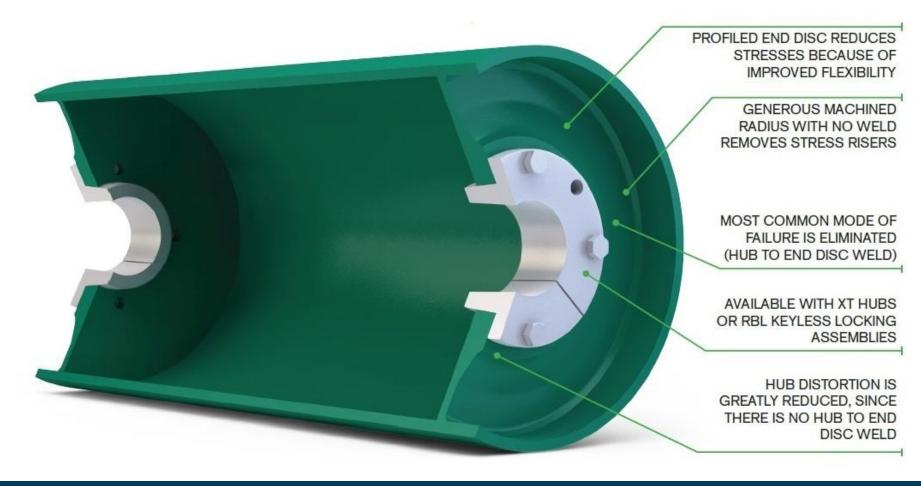


DISC
Ultimate in reliability,
due to welds in areas of
lower stress and weld
inspection is more effective.



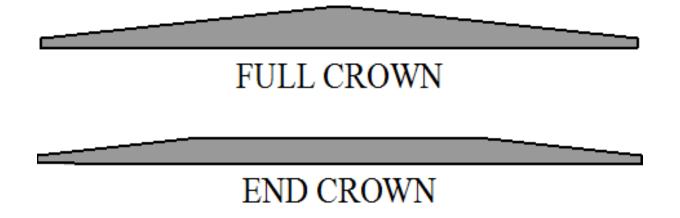


### PRO DUTY® DRUM



### **Pulley Crown**

- Most pulleys are crowned
- Crowning a pulley helps to track the belt
- The diameter of the pulley will increase toward the center
- · Crowns should not be used on steel cable or Kevlar belting

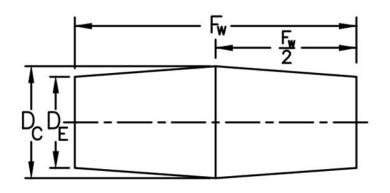




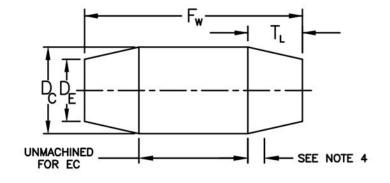
### **Pulley Crown**

- Two types of crowns
  - Machined edge/trap crown at outside 15" (rate of 0.100" per ft taper)
- Drum 1/8" per foot on the diameter
- Wing 1/4" per foot on the diameter
- 24" Face width drum is 1/8" larger in center
- 48" Face width drum is 1/4" larger in center
- 48" Face width wing is 1/2" smaller on ends
- Drum OD is defined at end
- Wing OD is defined at center

#### **FULL CROWN (CF)**

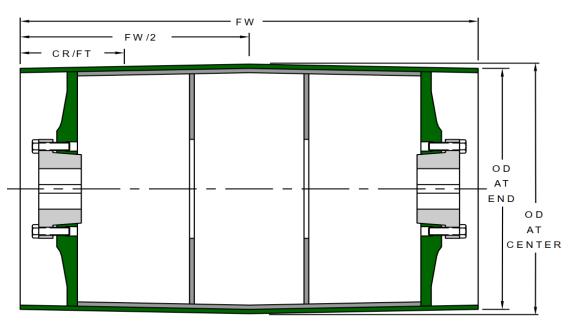


EDGE(EC) OR TRAPEZODIAL(TC) CROWN





### **Pulley Crown Extra Notes**



- Be sure to specify crown details if not the previous standards
  - E.g. crown per foot or total difference
  - Simply specifying 3/8" crown leaves too much to interpretation
- Equations

Full crown

$$C_{Full} = \left[ \left( \frac{FW}{2} \right) / 12 \right] * C_{rate} = \frac{FW * C_{rate}}{24}$$

Edge crown

$$C_{Edge} = \left[ \left( \frac{C_{Length}}{2} \right) / 12 \right] * C_{rate} = \frac{C_{Length} * C_{rate}}{24}$$



### **Basic Design Requirements**

- Length
- Lift
- TPH
- Material conveyed
- Belt width



### **Additional Information**

- Max lump size and drop height
  - Sizes impact area
- Skirting details
  - Adds friction into the system
- Belt feeder?
  - Hopper dimensions become critical
- Idler spacing (typical below)
  - 1' Impact idlers
  - 3' Carry idlers
  - 10' Return idlers



### **Pulley Failure**

#### Consideration:

- Was it sized correctly?
- Were the design loads correct?
- Have the design loads changed?
- HP or speed changes
- Increased tonnage
- Over tensioned screw take ups
- Increased take up weight





### **Conveyor Design**

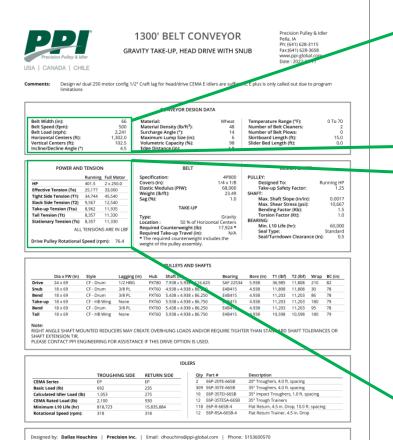
### CONVEYOR DESIGN INFORMATION Customer: City / State: Project: Conveyor: Contact: Engineer: Phone: Date: Please Provide A Sketch Of The Conveyor Profile:

#### PLEASE PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION BELOW Material: Take-Up Type: Weight Of Gravity Take-Up: Material Density: Capacity (TPH): Trough Angle ( 20°,35°,45° ): Belt Speed: Trough Idler Spacing: Return Idler Spacing: Motor HP: Bearing Centers For Each Pulley: Conveyor Length: Conveyor Incline / Lift: Belt Material (Fabric Or Steel): Belt Width: Belt Wrap On Drive Pulley: Comments: Add any additional information that would help with design. (EXAMPLE: tail pulley is a wing, lagging requirements, specific pulley diameters, etc.

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### **Conveyor Design**



|                         | Running | Full Motor |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|--|--|--|
| HP                      | 401.5   | 2 x 250.0  |  |  |  |
| Effective Tension (Te)  | 25,177  | 33,000     |  |  |  |
| Tight Side Tension (T1) | 34,744  | 45,540     |  |  |  |
| Slack Side Tension (T2) | 9,567   | 12,540     |  |  |  |
| Take-up Tension (Ttu)   | 8,962   | 11,935     |  |  |  |
| Tail Tension (Tt)       | 8,357   | 11,330     |  |  |  |
| Stationary Tension (Ts) | 8,357   | 11,330     |  |  |  |
| ALL TENSIONS ARE IN LBF |         |            |  |  |  |

## **Bucket Elevator Design**

|  | Engineer: |      | on Schuring  |
|--|-----------|------|--|
| Customer:                                    |           | Bulk | Conveyor   |
|  | Project:  |      |  |
|  |           |      |  |
|  | INP       | UTS  |  |
| Bucket info                                  |           |      |  |
| Bucket Weight (lbs/bucket)                   | 3.64      |      | Use only if total bucket weight is unknown                               |
| Bucket Spacing (inches)                      | 10        |      | Use only if total bucket weight or capacity and motor horsepower unknown |
| Rows of Buckets                              | 3         |      | Use only if total bucket weight or capacity and motor horsepower unknown |
| Bucket Capacity (cubic inches)               | 273.4     |      | Use only if capacity and motor horsepower unknown                        |
| Percent fill (eg 75 for 75%)                 | 100       |      | Use only if capacity and motor horsepower unknown                        |
| · -  |           |      |  |
| Belt Info                                    |           |      |  |
| Belt Weight (lbs/ft)                         | 2.8       |      | Use only if total belt weight is unknown                                 |
| Belt Speed (ft/min)                          | 603       |      | Always use this value if available                                       |
| One Half the Total Bucket Weight (lb)        | 5000      |      | Use this value if known  |
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|  |           |      |  |
| Drive Info                                   |           |      |  |
| Drive Pulley Diameter including lagging (in) | 49        |      | Use this value only if belt speed is unknown                             |
| Drive Pulley Rotation (rpm)                  |           |      | Use this value only if belt speed is unknown                             |
| Drive Pulley Lagging (Y/N)                   | Y         |      | Always use this value  |
|  |           |      |  |
| Elevation (feet)                             | 260       |      | Use only if motor horsepower or total bucket weight are unknown          |
| Capacity (Tons/hr)                           |           |      | Use only if capacity is known and motor horsepower is not known          |
| Material Density (lbs/cubic foot)            | 55        |      | Use only if capacity or motor horsepower unknown                         |
| Motor Horsepower (hp)                        | 350       |      | Always use this value if it is available                                 |
|  |           |      |  |



### **Bucket Elevators**

|   | OUTPU'   | тѕ   |
|---|----------|--|
| Belt Speed                                | 603      | Belt speed used in calculations. Always used.  |
| Capacity (Tons/hr)                        | N/A      | Capacity used in calculations. Used only if motor horsepower is unknown.                                       |
| Number of buckets on one side of conveyor | N/A      | Number of buckets on one side of the conveyor. Used only if the bucket weight or motor horsepower are unknown. |
| 1/2 weight of belt and buckets            | 11000    | One half the total weight of belt and buckets. Always used.  |
| Material Weight (lbs/foot of belt length) | N/A      | Pounds of material held per foot of belt length. Used only if motor horsepower is unknown.                     |
| Flexure resistance                        | N/A      | Pounds of force required to bend belt around pulleys. Used only if motor horsepower unknown.                   |
| Tension to accelerate material            | N/A      | Pounds of force required to accelerate material. Used only if motor horsepower is unknown.                     |
| Wrap factor                               | 0.8      | Wrap factor based on whether or not there is lagging on the head pulley. Always used.                          |
| Effective Tension                         | 19154.23 | Effective tension across the drive pulley. Always used.  |
| T2  | 15323.38 | T2 on the drive pulley. Always used.   |
| T1  | 34477.61 | T1 on the drive pulley. Always used.   |
| T Tail                                    | 4323.383 | Tension on both sides of the tail pulley. Always used.   |
| Motor Horsepower                          | 350      | Motor horsepower used for calculations. Always valid.  |

### **Pulley Refurbishment Service**

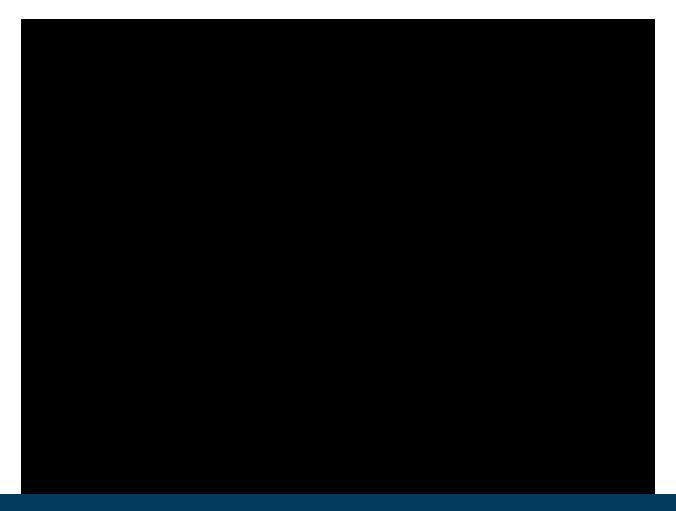
- Inspection of all pulley components
- Recommendations for reusing/new components of pulley
- Strip and relag
- Higher resolution testing available
- More cost effective for larger pulleys

Consider freight, cost benefit of new, and chance of failed integrity

upon review



### Pulley Refurbishment Services





### **Pulley Solutions**

Material buildup on belt and pulleys

- Belt scrapers
- Wing pulleys
- Lagging options
- Belt sprays
- Air knife

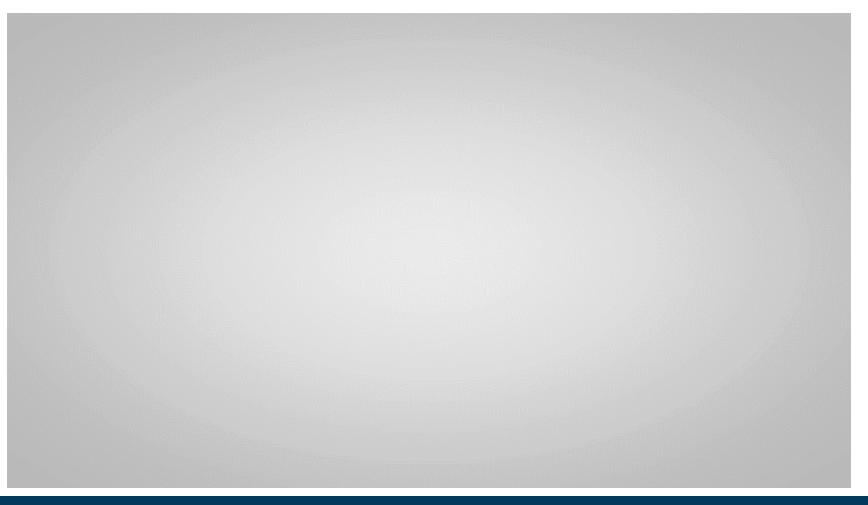




HEAVY DUTY WING (HDW) PULLEY



## Pulley Solutions – Herringbone Wing (HBW)





# Herringbone Wing Pulley (HBW)

- Available in two classes:
- CEMA HBW
  - 3/4" wings
  - No contact bar, wing acts as wear surface
  - Normally used on small diameter <12"</li>
  - Or boot pulleys on bucket elevators
- HBW
  - 3/8" wings
  - 1" cold drawn round contact bar diameters <24"</li>
    - 1-1/4" diameters ≥24"
  - Optional 1" AR400 round bar
    - Optional 1-1/4" AR400 bar on diameters ≥24"





### **Grain Herringbone Wing Pulley**

PPI's Grain Herringbone Wing combines improved wear, quieter operation and gentle grain handling compared to standard wing pulleys

#### FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Bolt-on brackets with rubber flippers gently scoop up grain and circulates it back onto the belt
- Angled wings direct grain to the outside edges of the pulley more efficiently
- Increased number of wings gives more support to thin grain belting
- 3/8" wings standard, 1" AR contact bar extends wear life



## **Grain Herringbone Wing Data Sheet**

#### GRAIN HERRINGBONE WING DATA SHEET

| BELT WIDTH MUST BE LESS THAN FACEWIDTH   | CONVEYOR CHUTE                   |
|--|----------------------------------|
| TYPICAL FW IS BW +1.5" OR 5.5" FOR WIDER BELTS  (RUBBER) FLIPPER OD = PULLEY OD +3.625 OUT TO OUT OF (RUBBER) FLIPPERS = FACE WIDTH + 6.2 OUT TO OUT OF FLIPPER BRACKET = FACE WIDTH + 3.75  GRAIN HBW HAS AR BAR AND EXTRA WINGS BRACKET HAS 1/2" OF ADJUSTMENT IN BOLT HOLES THAT ARE SLOTTED. BRACKETS ARE SHIPPED LOOSE.  FLIPPER OTO  FLIPPER BRACKET OTO  BELT WIDTH  CHUTE WIDTH  CHUTE WIDTH  CHUTE WIDTH  PULLEY DIAMETER (OD) FLIPPER OD |                                  |
| COMPANY NAME   |                                  |
| LOCATION   |                                  |
| CONTACT NAME   |                                  |
| PHONE  | -                                |
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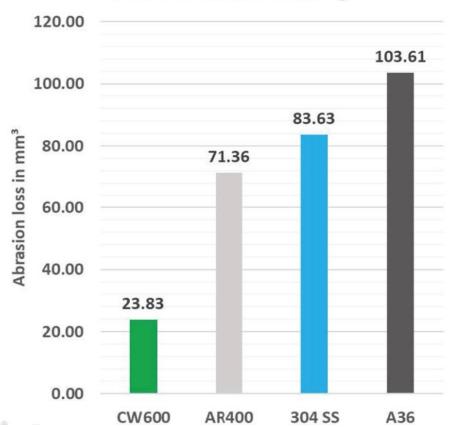
### ContinuWing® Technology

- Provides unmatched wear resistance in abrasive applications
  - Chromium carbide
- Contact bars twisted for optimal belt contact
- Wings formed with crown for belt tracking



# ContinuWing® Technology

#### ASTM G65 Abrasion Testing



# 3-4 times wear life of AR400 round bar harder than AR400

- Not key factor in abrasion resistance Austenite (Gamma Iron)
  - Specific crystal structure to iron/carbon mix and heat treatment
  - Structure increases sliding wear resistance

# **Boot Herringbone Wing® Pulley**

- Long lasting
- Quiet operation
- Gentle on grain
- Sensor ring for use with proximity or heat sensors
- AR contact bar extends wear life



# **PPI Lagging**





# **Lagging Options to Consider**

- Thickness & Compounds
  - Resistances
  - Durometer (Hardness)
  - Economical
- Grooving
  - Diamond
  - Herringbone
  - Chevron
  - Etc.

- Adherence
  - Cold bond
  - Hot Vulcanized
  - Craft-lag
- Ceramic tile options
  - VEC
  - Richwood Combi-Grip
  - Smooth/Rough tiles
  - Tile thickness



# Why is Lagging Used/Important?

- Provides increased friction at belt/drive interface
  - Due to higher friction factor between belt and pulley
  - Rubber to rubber > Rubber to steel
  - Ceramic to rubber > Rubber to rubber

| Pulley/Lagging surface and Belt Surface Coefficient of Friction |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 0.25  | Rubber belt on bare steel pulley                              |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.35  | Rubber belt on rubber lagged                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.50  | Rubber belt on patterned hard surfaces (i.e. Ceramic Lagging) |  |  |  |  |  |

From CEMA Belt Conveyors for Bulk Materials (7th Edition), p.206



# Why is Lagging Used/Important?

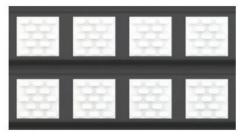
- Wear life
  - Wear of non-structural material of pulley
  - Abrasive/Corrosive environment resistances
  - Relag for continued pulley life
- Material properties
  - MSHA/OSHA safety requirements
    - Flammability/Static resistances
  - Temperature resistance
  - Oil resistance, gas permeation resistance, etc















# Why is Lagging Used/Important?

- Application considerations
  - Environment: moisture, cold, hot, dusty, muddy, etc.
  - Past issues
    - Belt tracking
    - Belt slippage
  - Conveyed product
  - Pulley accessibility



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# **Chemical and Environmental Properties**

| LAGGING COMPOUND |                  |         | CHEMICAL RESISTANCE PROPERTIES |                     |          |          |       |                   |               |
|------------------|------------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------|----------|-------|-------------------|---------------|
| Material         | Shore A Duro ±5  | Color   | Oil & Gas                      | Animal/Veg.<br>Oils | Alcohols | Alkalies | Acids | Oxygen<br>Solvent | REMARKS       |
| SBR              | 45,60,70,80,90   | BLACK   | D                              | С                   | В        | С        | C+    | В                 | Low Cost      |
| NEOPRENE         | 45*,60*,75       | BLACK   | C+                             | В                   | B+       | Α        | В     | D+                | Grain & MSHA  |
| URETHANE         | 45,60,90         | RED     | B+                             | В                   | C+       | D        | D+    | D                 | Low Temp      |
| NITRILE          | 45,60            | BLACK   | B+                             | B+                  | C+       | B+       | В     | D                 | Oil Resistant |
| EPDM             | 60-BLK,70-WHT    | BLK/WHT | D                              | В                   | C+       | B+       | В     | B+                | High Temp     |
| NATURAL          | 60,70-BLK/60-WHT | BLK/WHT | D                              | С                   | В        | С        | C+    | В                 |               |
| NEOPRENE(FDA)    | 60               | WHITE   | C+                             | В                   | B+       | А        | В     | D+                | Food Service  |
| NITRILE(FDA)     | 50,90            | WHITE   | B+                             | B+                  | C+       | B+       | В     | D                 | Food Service  |

A-Excellent, B-Good, C-Fair, D-Poor.

<sup>\*</sup>Requires a stamp for MSHA Approval.

| LAGGING COMPOUND |                  |         | ENVIRONMENTAL RESISTANCE PROPERTIES |       |            |          |       |       |      |
|------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-------|------------|----------|-------|-------|------|
| Material         | Shore A Duro ±5  | Color   | Oxidation                           | Ozone | Weathering | Sunlight | Water | Flame | Heat |
| SBR              | 45,60,70,80,90   | BLACK   | C+                                  | D     | С          | С        | B+    | D     | C+   |
| NEOPRENE         | 45*,60*,75       | BLACK   | B+                                  | В     | В          | B+       | В     | B*    | C+   |
| URETHANE         | 45,60,90         | RED     | B+                                  | Α     | B+         | B+       | В     | D+    | C+   |
| NITRILE          | 45,60            | BLACK   | C+                                  | D     | C+         | D+       | B+    | D     | В    |
| EPDM             | 60-BLK,70-WHT    | BLK/WHT | B+                                  | Α     | А          | Α        | Α     | D     | B+   |
| NATURAL          | 60,70-BLK/60-WHT | BLK/WHT | C+                                  | D     | С          | D+       | Α     | D     | С    |
| NEOPRENE (FDA)   | 60               | WHITE   | B+                                  | В     | В          | B+       | В     | В     | C+   |
| NITRILE (FDA)    | 50,90            | WHITE   | C+                                  | D     | C+         | D+       | B+    | D     | В    |

# **Lagging Grooving**



HERRINGBONE GROOVE LAGGING (HBG) - The style of lagging required is usually influenced by operating conditions. With this style grooving, the points do not meet in the middle. This is normally used in drive pulleys, as water is channeled away from the center of the pulley/belt by the grooves (3/8" minimum thickness).



CHEVRON GROOVE LAGGING (CHE) - Some prefer having the points meet, as done in Chevron. This is normally used in drive pulleys, as water is channeled away from the center of the pulley/belt by the grooves (3/8" minimum thickness).



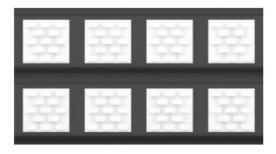
**DIAMOND GROOVE LAGGING (DIA)** - Diamond, sometimes referred to as double herringbone, is primarily, used for reversing conveyor drive pulleys. It is also often used for spare pulleys so that it can be used in either direction (3/8" minimum thickness).



CIRCUMFERENTIAL GROOVE LAGGING (CIR) - Circumferential Groove Lagging is used on non-drive pulleys for wet applications OR for cold temperatures. It allows the lagging to deflect and keeps material from building up on the lagging extending the temperature range of the lagging (3/8" minimum thickness).



# Lagging – Ceramic Tiles & Craft-Lag



**CERAMIC LAGGING** - Ceramic lagging is a premium lagging where the ceramic tiles are molded into a rubber compound which makes for excellent traction, eliminates slippage, and offers excellent abrasion resistance. Available in 3 thicknesses; 5/8, 3/4 and 1". For tensions up to 1500 PIW, PPI recommends 5/8" and 3/4". For tensions over 1500 PIW please contact PPI Engineering Department as 1" thickness may be required.



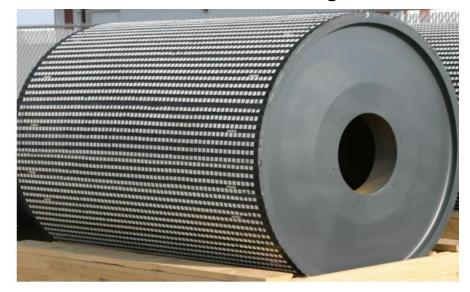
**CRAFT-LAG\* REPLACEABLE LAGGING** - Craft-Lag is bonded to rigid steel backing, which is then formed to a specific diameter. Craft-Lag can be used with or without retainers and is ideal for mining, crushed stone, sand and gravel, cement, agriculture, food processing, coal mining, power plants, feed and grain, and general industry.

# Ceramic Tile Lagging – Partner Ceramic

- Richwood & Flexco premium options available
  - Various tile coverage and sizes (≈15%-50% Options)
  - Dimpled or smooth tiles?
- Ceramic tiles molded into rubber compound
- Hot vulcanized to our pulley structure
- Eliminate slippage by increasing traction
- Abrasion resistant
- Great for high & low tension applications
  - > 1500 PIW possible



15 % Tile Coverage

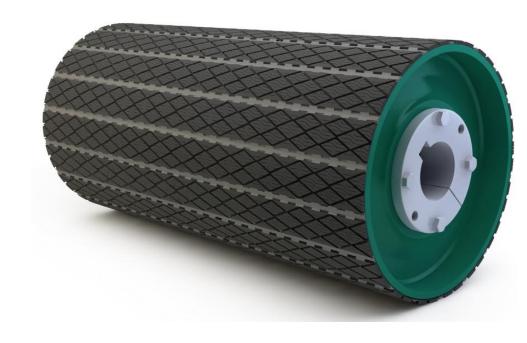


48 % Tile Coverage



# **Craft-Lag**

- Designed for field replacement
- Installed with retainers welded or bolted
- Ideal for less accessible pulleys (Bucket elevator head)
- Hot vulcanized rubber to backing plate
- Precision formed at the factory
- Grooving and spacing creates self cleaning properties
- Available in virtually all our compounds
  - Static conductive & fire retardant
- Ceramic options available

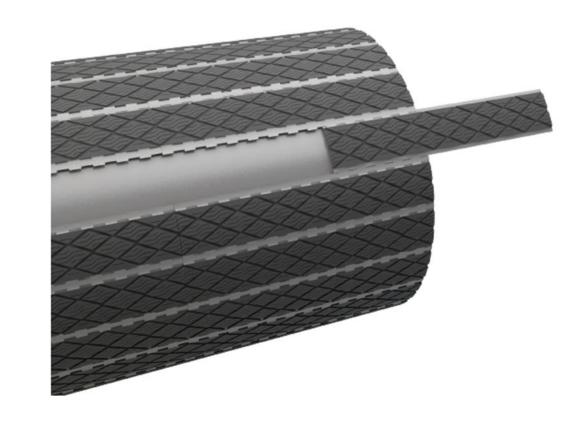




<sup>\*</sup> Interchangeable with Holz brand Lagging

# **EZ Lag**

- Field replaceable lagging
- Perforated backing forms to any pulley DIA > 12"
- Reduces inventory
- Interchangeable w/ Craft-Lag
- Available in 60 durometer
   SBR & Neoprene

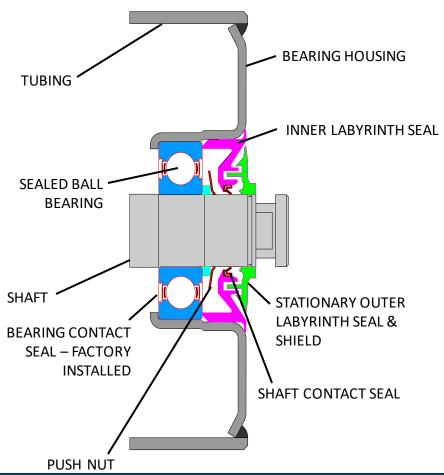


# **Idlers in Grain Applications**



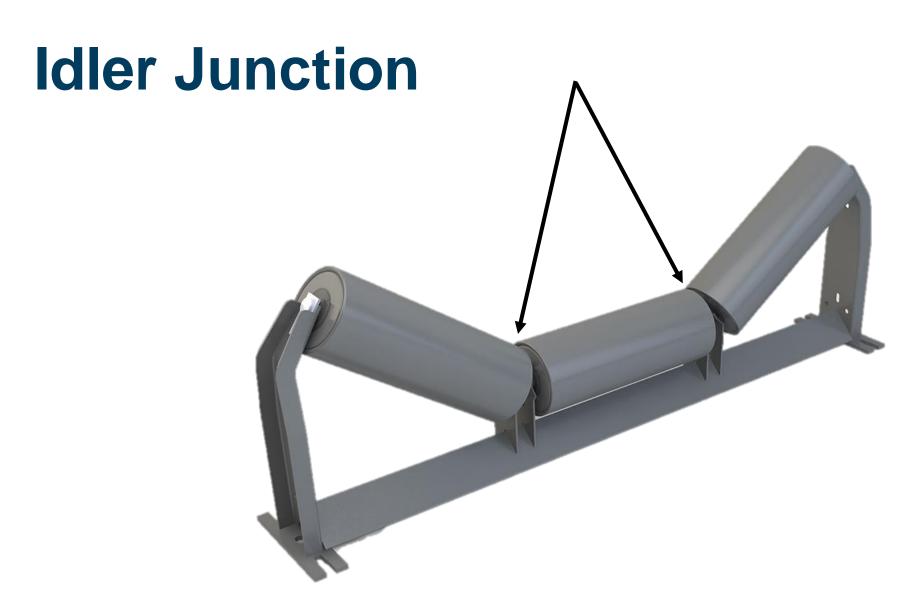


# Regreasable vs. Sealed



- Regreasable idlers
  - Maintenance heavy design
  - Rolls would inevitably wear even if bearings maintained
  - Required a <u>large idler junction</u> to house grease fittings
  - Potential to fill can with grease
- Sealed bearing idlers
  - Reduced maintenance requirements
  - Wear item to be replaced (price ↓)
  - Simple design for manufacturing
  - Reduced idler junction







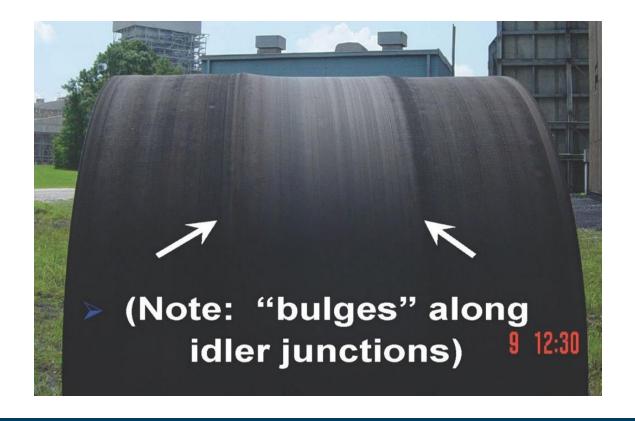
### **Idler Junction Failure**

- Is the belt TOO "Troughable"?
  - Light weight belting known for this is common in the grain industry



### **Idler Junction Failure**

Belt does not support itself over the junction between idlers





#### **Idler Junction Failure**

- Can pull belt plies apart
- belt integrity/strength concerns

Leads to tracking issues



## Inline vs. Offset





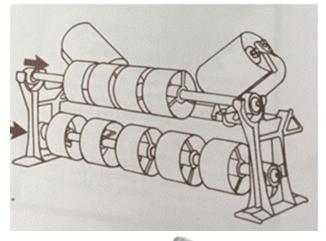
### **Solution: Grain Idlers**

- Designed to preserve lightweight belting
- Offset center roll design to eliminate pinch points
  - i.e. Idler Junction Failure
- Available with CEMA C and D idlers
- Available in wide base
- Steel idlers or rubber discs



### **EHRSAM Grain Idler/Structure**

- Heavy cast iron structure (top)
- Offset design for grain industry
- Built in Enterprise, KS until the late 1970's
  - Bought out and then product support faded
- Currently supported w/ retro rolls and full replacement (bottom)

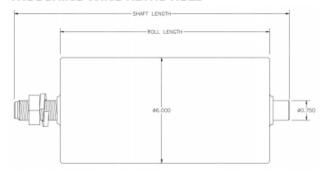




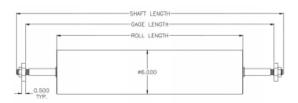


### **Retro Grain Idler**

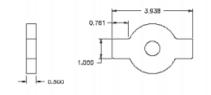
#### TROUGHING WING RETRO ROLL



#### TROUGHING CENTER/RETURN RETRO ROLL WITH WING NUT ADAPTER



#### WING NUT DETAIL - P/N 40349



| PART NUMBER   | ROLL<br>DIAMETER | SHAFT<br>DIAMETER | ROLL<br>LENGTH | SHAFT<br>LENGTH |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| AE794-8.375A* | 6.000            | 0.750             | 8.375          | 11.000          |
| AE738-8.500A  | 6.000            | 0.750             | 8.500          | 11.000          |
| AE595-8.750A  | 6.000            | 0.750             | 8.750          | 11.000          |
| AE257-9.000A  | 6.000            | 0.750             | 9.000          | 11.000          |

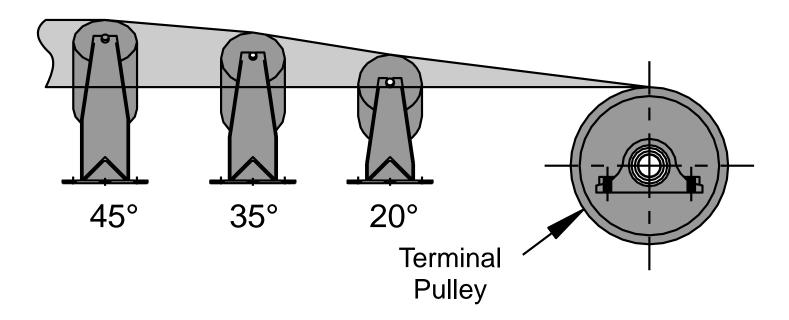
<sup>\*</sup>Standard option

| PART<br>NUMBER | ROLL<br>DIAMETER | SHAFT<br>DIAMETER | ROLL<br>LENGTH | GAUGE<br>LENGTH | SHAFT<br>LENGTH |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| AF245-27.000   | 6.000            | 0.750             | 27.000         | 32.000          | 35.500          |
| 40339-29.000   | 6.000            | 0.750             | 29.000         | 39.563          | 41.000          |
| TB848-30.000   | 6.000            | 0.750             | 30.000         | 37.000          | 39.000          |
| AF042-38.000   | 6.000            | 0.750             | 38.000         | 45.250          | 48.250          |
| 43421-12.000   | 6.000            | 1.000             | 12.000         | 16.000          | 18.500          |
| AF914-14.000   | 6.000            | 1.000             | 14.000         | 32.000          | 34.000          |
| AF914-21.000   | 6.000            | 1.000             | 21.000         | 38.750          | 41.000          |
| TB401-23.500   | 6.000            | 1.000             | 23.500         | 32.750          | 35.500          |
| AF914-28.500   | 6.000            | 1.000             | 28.500         | 46.000          | 48.500          |
| AF939-28.750   | 6.000            | 1.000             | 28.750         | 45.250          | 46.750          |
| 43422-33.000   | 6.000            | 1.000             | 33.000         | 38.625          | 42.000          |
| TB591-36.000   | 6.000            | 1.000             | 36.000         | 44.500          | 47.000          |
| AF823-36.000   | 6.000            | 1.000             | 36.000         | 43.000          | 47.000          |
| TB408-43.000   | 6.000            | 1.000             | 43.000         | 50.750          | 53.250          |
| AE094-51.375   | 6.000            | 1.000             | 51.375         | 57.000          | 59.500          |
|                |                  |                   |                |                 |                 |



#### **Alternate Cause: Belt Transition**

• Transitions are important in conveyors, too little and it causes excessive wear of the belt and the pulley or pulley lagging





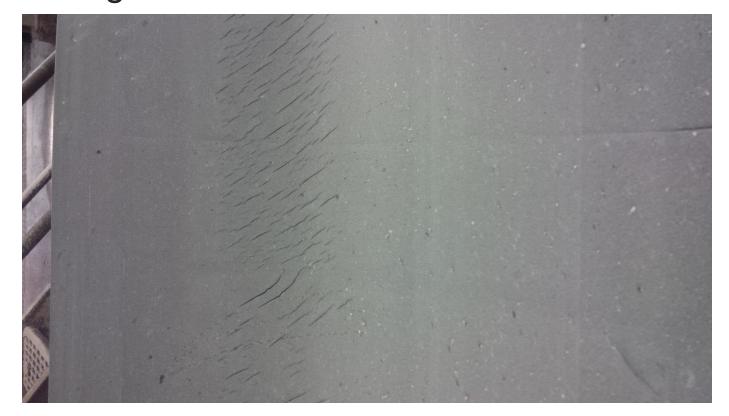
### **Belt Transition**

- When troughers are too close to the pulley, the belt will buckle
- Which puts added stress and wear at the juncture of the troughers, 1/3 of the way across the belt



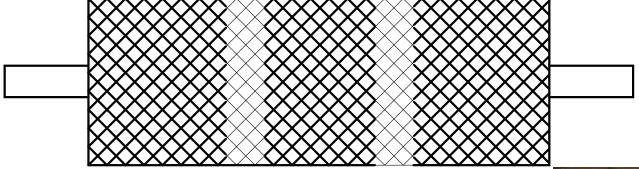
### **Belt Transition**

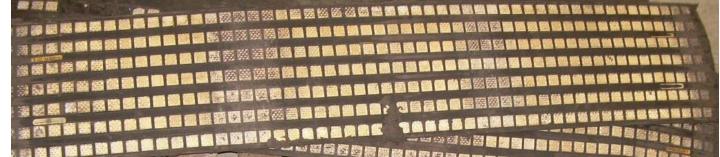
Damage starting to occur due to too short of a transition



#### **Belt Transition**

 Lagging will wear on the pulley, that corresponding to the edge of the center roll (1/3) – even ceramic lagging will wear, and cause corresponding wear on the belt







# **CEMA Transition Distance Recommendations**

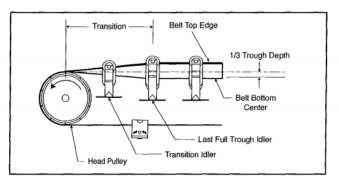


Figure 7.26
One third trough transition from last fully troughed idler to pulley

| ldler<br>Trough | %<br>Rated Belt | Transition Distance = Factor × Belt Width (BW) |                  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|-----------------|--|------------------|--|--|--|
| Angle           | Tension         | Fabric Belts                                   | Steel Cord Belts |  |  |  |
|                 | > 90%           | 1.2  | 2.7              |  |  |  |
| 20°             | 60% to 90%      | 0.9  | 2.1              |  |  |  |
|                 | < 60%           | 0.6  | 1.3              |  |  |  |
|                 | > 90%           | 2.1  | 4.5              |  |  |  |
| 35°             | 60% to 90%      | 1.4  | 3.5              |  |  |  |
|                 | < 60%           | 1.2  | 2.4              |  |  |  |
|                 | > 90%           | 2.6  | 5.3              |  |  |  |
| 45°             | 60% to 90%      | 2.0  | 4.3              |  |  |  |
|                 | < 60%           | 1.6  | 3.1              |  |  |  |

Table 7.27
One third trough minimum transition distance ratios

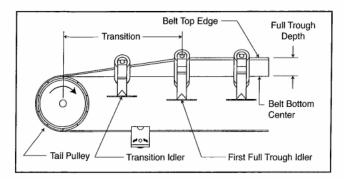


Figure 7.28
Full trough transition from tail pulley to first fully troughed idler

| Idler<br>Trough | % Rated Belt<br>Tension | Recommended Transition Distance = Factor × Belt Width (BW) |                  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--|------------------|--|--|--|
| Angle           |                         | Fabric Belts   | Steel Cord Belts |  |  |  |
|                 | > 90%                   | 1.8  | 4.0              |  |  |  |
| 20°             | 60% to 90%              | 1.6  | 3.2              |  |  |  |
|                 | < 60%                   | 1.2  | 2.8              |  |  |  |
|                 | > 90%                   | 3.2  | 6.8              |  |  |  |
| 35°             | 60% to 90%              | 2.4  | 5.2              |  |  |  |
|                 | < 60%                   | 1.8  | 3.6              |  |  |  |
| 45°             | > 90%                   | 4.0  | 8.0              |  |  |  |
|                 | 60% to 90%              | 3.2  | 6.4              |  |  |  |
|                 | < 60%                   | 2.4  | 4.4              |  |  |  |

Table 7.29
Full trough CEMA recommended minimum transition distance ratios

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