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Spur Gear Profile

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Spur Gear Terminology

The *pitch circle is a theoretical* circle upon which all calculations are usually based; its diameter, *d* is the *pitch diameter*. *The pitch circles of a pair of mating gears are tangent to each other*.

The *circular pitch*, *p* is the distance, measured on the pitch circle, from a point on one tooth to a corresponding point on an adjacent tooth.

The *module*, *m* is the ratio of the pitch diameter to the number of teeth. The customary unit of length used is the millimeter. The module is the index of tooth size in SI.

The *diametral pitch*, P_d is the ratio of the number of teeth on the gear to the pitch diameter. Thus, it is the reciprocal of the module. Since diametral pitch is used only with U.S. units, it is expressed as teeth per inch.

The *addendum*, *a* is the radial distance between the top land and the pitch circle.

The *dedendum*, *b* is the radial distance from the bottom land to the pitch circle. The whole depth is the sum of the addendum and the dedendum.

The *clearance circle* is a circle that is tangent to the addendum circle of the mating gear. The *clearance*, *c* is the amount by which the dedendum in a given gear exceeds the addendum of its mating gear.





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Spur Gear Relations for basic calculations

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Diameteral Pitch (teeth per inch), P_d = N/d
Module (mm), m = d/N
Circular Pitch, p = \pi d/N = \pi m = \pi /P_d
Addendum (full depth), a = 1/P_d = 1*m
Dedendum (full depth), b = 1.25/P_d = 1.25*m
Clearance (full depth), c = b-a = 0.25/P_d = 0.25*m
Tooth Thickness, t = p/2 = \pi m/2
Base Circle Radius, r_B = r*cos\phi, where, r is the pitch circle radius and \phi is the pressure angle.
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