The highly efficient rack and pinion drive with innovative pinion bearing
Drive optimisation for machine tool manufacture

The compact solution for more efficiency

In the past it was normal on rack and pinion drives to fit the pinion directly to a gear unit’s flange shaft.

As a result of this single-sided pinion mounting, the very high tilting moment had to be absorbed by the bearings in the planetary gear unit. With the result that ‘over-dimensional’ gear units with an abundant ‘excess of torque’ were required.

To be able to use smaller gear units with the torque actually required, the highly stiff supporting bearing module with integrated ZTRS pinion was developed.

This practical innovation is the result of an intensive exchange of experience between STOBER and the manufacturer of ATLANTA precision gear racks.

Highly stiff rack and pinion drive with supporting bearing

The cast supporting bearing cover with stiffening ribs as a supporting assembly forms a strong basis for the gear rack pinion. Pinion and cover are bolted to the housing and shaft flange of the PH(A) or PHV(A)/PHQ(A) gear unit series.

The additional supporting bearing brings about a very high drive tilting stiffness and also provides relief for the bearings of the planetary gear unit.

At the same time the cover serves as a protective housing and is used for mounting the optional lubrication device comprising a felt lubrication pinion running in parallel.

High power densities for high dynamic performance, smaller envelope, less costs

Due to this highly stiff design with reduced tilting moment, the tilting moment is no longer the key parameter on defining the drive (motor and gear unit) as in the past. The crucial criterion for defining the rack and pinion drive can now be orientated on the torque or the feed force actually required.

Because of these design enhancements a smaller gear unit, typically one size down, can be used compared to traditional designs with unilateral pinion bearings.

Along with the significantly increased power densities, other positive factors impress:

- Pinion concentricity adjusted to ≤ 0.01 mm (optional).
- Linear backlash reduced to ~ 50%.
- Linear stiffness increased by ~ 100%.
- Optimized adaptation of the mass moment by means of a large variety of gear unit ratios and numbers of pinion teeth.
Highly stiff rack and pinion drives as ready-to-use solutions

With helical geared planetary gear units

The ZTRS drives are based on the precision planetary gear units that are designed for very high requirements on torque as well as on torsional and tilting stiffness. The ratios range from \( i = 4 \) to \( i = 121 \) (up to 3 gear unit stages).

Helical geared rack drives for highest requirements.
Feed force up to 126 kN

Due to the variability of gear unit types, sizes, ratios, number of pinion teeth and gear rack module, perfectly optimized rack and pinion drives for machine tools and automation systems are achieved. STOBER application consultants will be pleased to assist you with optimal design.

Overview rack and pinion drives

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Large or small pinion is no longer a question of mounting options

During the choice of the pinion size, the size of the pitch circle on the gear unit flange shaft no longer needs to be taken into account.
Now pinions with the lowest possible number of teeth can be used as the linear stiffness of the rack and pinion drive increases by up to 100%.

The pinion size affects the linear stiffness

![Diagram showing linear stiffness through small lever arm.]

The complete range for rack and pinion drives

For the ZTRS-PH(A)/PHV(A)/PHQ(A) and ZTR-PH(A)/PHV(A) rack and pinion drives STOBER also supplies straight-cut flanged pinions.

For a limited torque requirement, the ZTR-PH version can be used with pinions with straight or inclined teeth without shaft ends.

Additionally, large-size helical-toothed pinions for bolt mounting without flange are available (ZR rack and pinion drive).
Perfectly matched components

The complete solution from a single source

Due to the close co-operation with the world market leader and manufacturer of ATLANTA precision gear racks, STOBER can offer comprehensive and uncompromisingly configured complete solutions.

ATLANTA series 29

Gearing:
- Right-hand 19°31'42”
- Meshing angle 20°

Module 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 / 8 / 10 / 12
- Quality 5 and 6
- Teeth hardened and ground
- All sides ground

ATLANTA series 48

Gearing:
- Right-hand 19°31'42”
- Meshing angle 20°

Module 5 / 6 / 8 / 10 / 12
- Quality 4
- Teeth hardened and ground
- All sides ground

Precision gear racks for assembly in series: helical geared, Series 29, Module 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 / 8 / 10 / 12

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All precision racks are also available in straight-cut versions.
Adjustment plates and mounting brackets

The attachment options of the adjustment plates or mounting brackets are designed for setting the axial distance or the backlash without problem, particularly for rack and pinion drives.

Service
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Note on the design of axes and drives
For optimum axis design, it makes sense to focus primarily on the gear units or geared motors. A useful aid is the design software SERVOsoft™.

For an overall approach, use the specific expertise of the STOBER application consultants.
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