

Inertia and the Use of Inertia Figures to Aid Selection

Example Gearbox

3:1 ratio, 90% efficient, 0.52kg cm² (0.000052kg m²) reflected inertia at input

So, if acceleration = 10 Rads/sec²

Input torque needed = inertia (in kg m²) x acceleration (in radians per second)

Input torque needed = 0.000052 kg m² x 10 Rads/sec = 0.00052Nm

Also, if inertia of load 0.0062 kg m² (62 kg cm²) at output of unit
Reflected inertia at input will go upto 0.00817 kg m² (81.7kg cm²)
Torque now will need to be 0.0817Nm.

Using the calculations below :-

$$J_T = J_M + \frac{J_L}{R^2 n}$$

J_T (kg m²) x acceleration at input (radians per second) = acceleration torque needed Nm

J_T = total reflected inertia at input of gearbox unit (kg m²)

J_M = reflected inertia of gearbox (kg m²)

J_L = inertia of load at gearbox output (kg m²)

R = ratio :1

n = efficiency %

1 radian (rad) = 57.5928°

1 kg m² = 10,000 kg cm²

1 kg m² = 1,000,000,000 g mm²

1 m² = 1,000,000 mm²

1 m² = 10,000 cm²

1.0 x 10⁻² = 0.01

1.0 x 10⁻³ = 0.001

1.0 x 10⁻⁴ = 0.0001

1.0 x 10⁻⁵ = 0.00001

1.0 x 10⁻⁶ = 0.000001

1.0 x 10⁻⁷ = 0.0000001