Innovative Cylindrical Gear Machining for Flexible Requirements

All around the world, manufacturers of gears and gearboxes ensure their leading edge in gear machining with innovative, advanced technology by Klingelnberg.

The Höfl er Cylindrical Gear Technology division does more than just allow users to manufacture cylindrical gears economically and with high precision. All machines have been perfectly designed to work as a system family, enabling pre-machining and finishing of even the most complex gears. And high research and development standards, a global service network, and an in-house application engineering service ensure a leadership position – now and in the years to come – thanks to our decades-long expertise and high innovation capacity.

Klingelnberg offers the most advanced technology and the most efficient machines for each and every step in the cylindrical gear process chain: process design, cutting, measuring, deburring, grinding and quality control. A key factor in the successful completion of each work step is the Gear Production software, providing optimal process control and extreme ease-of-operation to guarantee maximum efficiency in the daily production routine.

Höfl er cylindrical gear machines are developed with real-world applications in mind and satisfy a whole host of different industry requirements. Customers include contract gear manufacturers and gearbox manufacturers from the aviation, automotive, mining, construction, industrial gearbox, and wind power industries, among others.
Exceptional Concepts for Every Step in the Gearing Process
A Technological Advantage through Power and Reliability

The cutting machines of the HF series for small to average-sized workpieces up to a diameter of 2,000 mm have become firmly established in the market due to their stable and solid construction. The machine series is completely suitable for environmentally friendly dry cutting and can also be provided with wet cutter equipment if desired.

All cutting machines of the HF series have ideal damping properties between the moving housings or slides and the machine bed. The generously dimensioned, precision-ground and pretensioned sliding guides in a V design on all NC axes reliably intercept stimulations from the cyclical cutting forces so that the HF series can be equipped with large tools that have multiple cutting edges and are thus very effective. This allows very short cutting times with large chip sections.

The machine tables with robust and high-precision bearings, developed and assembled in-house, are driven by a powerful, wear-free torque motor that ensures a quiet and precise synchronism. At the same time, they insure with a fast and very precise positioning movement as well as an automatic inertia compensation every time the workpiece type is changed. This produces even cutting results, low tool wear and reproducible measuring results.

- Environmentally friendly dry cutting as a machine standard
- Solid construction with double V guides on all NC axes
- Very short cutting times with large chip sections, in conjunction with effective tool systems
- Machine table drive with wear-free, powerful torque motor
- Automatic table drive optimization without the user intervening at each workpiece change
- Very short set-up times and cutting technology for economical processes
- Even cutting results, low tool wear and reproducible measuring results

CNC Axes
A  Cutting head swivel angle
B  Cutting spindle axis
C  Rotary table axis
X  Cutting slide axis
Y  Tangential shift axis
Z  Axial stroke axis

Schematic axis diagram using an HF 1000 as an example
The Perfect Machine Configuration for Every Requirement

Profile Cutting  
Hobbing  
Multi-Wheel Cutting  
Integrated Measurement

External Gearing  
Internal Gearing*  
Herringbone Gearing  
Deburring

* optional
Efficient and Time-Saving Production of Gears Through the Innovative Use of Different Tool Concepts

The example of an HF 2000 with integrated five-axis machining system for double helical or herringbone gears illustrates the enormous time savings.

Processing steps:
1. Rough cutting with a standardized disk type gashing tool to remove as much material as possible
2. Secondary roughing process with a cylindrical standard hob or finger mill to produce the tooth form over the entire gear width
3. Machining of the tooth root with a ball end mill
4. Machining of the final tooth geometry of the double helical gear with a standard carbide milling cutter using a finger mill process

Result:
All machining steps are produced on a combined gashing hobbing and milling machine in one part loading, with only a single data input is required to complete the entire part. As a result of these combined intelligent methods, the machining time is reduced by more than 50% in relation to existing and conventional methods.

High-tech can be so easy!

“Simplified with Passion” – true to this motto, Klingelnberg is driven to provide simple, unconventional solutions to high-tech challenges. A team of engineers and technical experts makes it possible – continually striving to ensure the highest technological standards in application-matched machine concepts while maintaining ease of use.

Case in point: The grinding machines of the HF series are based on established design concepts that are continually undergoing further development. Klingelnberg’s success factors include:

- High productivity with the lowest possible per-piece costs and maximum process safety
- Comprehensive service with a broad service network
- Outstanding technical expertise, which Klingelnberg passes on to its customers in professional seminars

HIGHLIGHTS

Höfler cylindrical gear hobbing machine HF 1250 for external gears with a diameter of up to 1,250 mm

Dry Cutting as an Environmentally Friendly Standard

- Optimum chip clearance through vertical chip flow directly into the chip conveyor
- Cooling lubricant savings
- High cutting speeds with carbide tool machining in comparison to conventional tools
- Low tool wear and high investment security
- Improvement of occupational safety and environmental protection in comparison to wet cutting
Chamfering of Gearings ("Facer") for Very High Quality Assurance (Optional)

- Creation of freely definable, high-quality chamfers
- Machine-integrated unit
- Cost reduction per component due to minimal set-up and adjustment work
- Use of cost-effective and universal tools
- Fully automatic process sequence without teaching, since Gear Production already knows the complete gear geometry
- Ideal for single part production

State-of-the-Art Technologies with Finger Mill for Herringbone Gears (Optional)

- For double helical components with small or no gaps between the gearings
- Machine-integrated operating unit
- Ideal for workpieces with taper problems
- Slot cutting with low taper possible
- Different process and tool combinations for maximum productivity and flexibility while simultaneously conserving the finish tools

Wet and Dry Cutting for Maximum Flexibility

- Use of the best method for the respective individual application case
- Increased flexibility of the machine
- Fast change-over of the machine
- Use of all tool types possible
- Complete utilization of the machine stability with environmentally friendly dry method
Integrated Deburring Device for Safe Production

- Height-adjustable hydraulic deburring device
- Large deburring disk with manual adjustment possibility for removing the taper burr
- Considerable time savings through a mode of operation that runs parallel to machining

Internal Cutting Heads for Maximum Flexibility (Optional)

- Expansion of the range of applications for internal gearings
- Different internal cutting arms depending on the required power and workpiece size
- Generously over designed gear drive for heavy use
- Very high stability

Capto® Seat of the Cutting Spindle for a Secure and Optimum Force Transmission

- Torsionally stiff and proven Capto® C10 spindle seat
- Ideal dimensionally stable force transmission
- Optimum maintenance of the radial and axial tool position even with high torques or strong heat
- Hydraulic tool clamping for safe, fast and convenient changing of the cutting spindle
Numerous Performance Profiles and Custom Options Provide Greater Flexibility in the Cutting Process

Standard Performance Profiles

- Form cutting
- Various pitch strategies
- Multiple gearing
- Radial/axial cutting
- Centering software
- 1, 2 and 3-cut cycle
- Process display (whole, section)
- Restart wizard
- Enter and exit generation
- Various shift strategies, synchronous shifting
- Dimensional adjustment, flank dimension, ball dimension
- Conical cutting/ball-shaped cutting
- Digressive/progressive feed
- Recess milling

Optional Performance Profiles

- Diagonal cutting
- Tangential cutting of worm wheels
- Fly cutting of worm wheels
- Cutting of double helical toothing
- Chamfer cut
- “Facer” chamfering unit
- Finger milling
- Internal cutting
- Measuring

Further options on request
Real Productivity Gains with Gear Production Software

Höfler cylindrical gear cutting machines do not just stand apart due to their reliable, advanced hardware. The company’s own Gear Production software also guarantees convenient machining and ensures maximum efficiency in daily use.

Only Gear Production delivers concentrated knowledge of state-of-the-art machining strategies and process sequences right to the user’s hands.

And with its numerous options, Gear Production plays an active role in achieving productivity gains. Software modules with individual components, diagonal cutting, herringbone gearing machining and “Facer” were developed that, together with the extremely powerful hardware, can considerably reduce production times without dispensing with individual flexibility.

Pre-analysis/Job Engineering:
- Exact process time calculation with original machine data
- 3D analysis of the planned process steps with respect to working range and possible interference contours
- Pre-analysis of the tool wear
- Optimum utilization of the tool areas

Data Input/Navigation:
- Easy navigation through clearly structured interface areas
- Clear data management similar to Microsoft® Windows®
- Intuitive data input via graphical display
- Clear operator guidance with an automatically generated list of process steps
- Various technology wizards for a range of tried-and-tested process variants

Automatic Archiving:
- Inspection charts of the finished part
Maximum Process Efficiency with Gear Production Software

3D display of the Gear Production internal machine model

Input of workpiece data

Graphic representation of the measuring result
Optimal Jobbing Performance – A Sure Thing Thanks to Drive Components with Guaranteed Quality

With the cylindrical gear cutting machines from the HF series and the internal gearing options, Klingelnberg has developed a modular technology platform that gives contract gear manufacturers in particular a leg up against the competition with maximum process efficiency and unparalleled production quality.

Like no other company, Klingelnberg stands for intelligent solution concepts for just about every requirement. Thanks to a unique interplay between technology and software, machining jobs are made significantly easier – allowing for high productivity in mass production while also providing tremendous flexibility in small-batch applications.

With its one-of-a-kind machine concept, the HF series provides levels of stability, reliability, and efficiency that are indispensable for contract gear manufacturers and gearbox manufacturers worldwide.

The industrial gear unit sector comprises many different applications, all of which place great demands on the reliability of gear wheels. The cylindrical gears for these sectors are often produced by companies specializing in small batch sizes and a variety of products. A rigid machine design as well as flexible, cost-effective tool systems are the key to our success as one of the market leaders in these sectors.

Gear components used in material handling technology must withstand extremely challenging environmental conditions and service conditions. When used in belt drives, such as those used in coal production, strong temperature fluctuations and vibrations are the order of the day. Moreover, the cylindrical gears used in these gearboxes are subjected to intermittent, abrupt loads. Robustness and adequate load-bearing capacity are thus paramount requirements for these gear components.
Oil Industry

Robust toothed gear drives are required in different areas of the oil production industry. These include platform hoist gears, which have toothed gears with very large modules and small numbers of teeth. The machine designs of Klingelnberg help to provide the necessary stability, reliability and economic efficiency that are essential for the production of these gearing components.

Railroad Gears

Due to their frequently changing, extreme loads, railroad gears require special tooth trace modifications. These can already be prefabricated for the most part on the HF machines during roughing. This considerably shortens the finish cutting process, increases the quality of the finish cutting and simultaneously reduces the per-piece costs. Nearly all kinds of tooth trace modifications can be modeled by the actively coupled axis movements of the HF machines.

Wind Power

Wind power applications contain a wide variety of gear drives for various tasks: part-turn actuators for adjusting the machine housing, drives for adjusting the rotor blades, gearboxes for adjusting the rotor speed to the generator speed. In order to be able to manufacture this variety of toothed gears in a highly productive way, the market requires machines that can optimally utilize the potential of modern carbide tools.

Maritime Propulsion Technology

The cylindrical gears used in shipbuilding must demonstrate great reliability and durability even under the most extreme external conditions. The wide range of component diameters requires extensive expertise for controlling the production process. Klingelnberg’s many years of experience and its certification by all major classification societies are the customer’s guarantee for utmost product quality.
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Space Requirements and Installation Dimensions

HF 1600: Front View

HF 1600: Top View

Available at an extra charge

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KLINGELNBERG Service

The Klingelnberg Group is a world leader in the development and manufacture of machines for bevel gear and cylindrical gear production, measuring centers for gearing and axially symmetrical components, as well as customized high-precision gear components. Alongside its headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland, development and production facilities are located in Hueckeswagen and Ettlingen, Germany.

The company also maintains a presence with Sales and Service offices and numerous marketing agents around the globe. On this basis, Klingelnberg offers users a comprehensive range of services for all aspects of gear design, manufacturing, and quality inspection. The spectrum includes technical consulting, on-site machine acceptance, operator and software training as well as maintenance contracts.

KLINGELNBERG Solutions

Klingelnberg solutions can be found in the automotive, commercial vehicle and aviation industries, as well as in shipbuilding, the wind power industry and the general gearbox manufacturing industry. With numerous R&D engineers around the globe and over 100 patent grants, the company consistently demonstrates its capacity for innovation.