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 Höfler 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.

Höfler 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
Cutting-Edge Technology for Maximum Performance and Efficiency

The profile grinding machines of the RAPID series for small workpiece sizes are designed to handle component diameters of up to 1,250 mm. Depending on individual requirements, they are fitted with an increased stroke range (L/XL variant) and are furthermore available in two different variants. As well as the standard configuration, the machine can be supplied with a small grinding head for holding very small grinding wheel diameters of 300-20 mm (K variant). In all configurations, the machines in the RAPID series can be retooled from external to internal gearings in no time at all using optional internal gear grinding arms.

What's more, the special machine axes arrangement, a thermally stable and almost vibration-free machine bed made of cast polymer, as well as wear-free torque drives in the machine table and the grinding head for 5-axis grinding all contribute to the machine's tried-and-tested precision, consistent quality, and tremendous flexibility. The highly flexible grinding head with integrated 3D probe and helix angle adjustment during the grinding process mean that gears can be modified topologically depending on permissible deviations in single-flank or double-flank grinding, while measurements using the optional test equipment ensure a controlled grinding result even in the grinding process.

- Stable, almost vibration-free single-bed base made of cast polymer
- Precise machine table control via torque motor drive
- Highly dynamic axes allow optimized 5-axis machining of an entire range of modifications in the shortest possible grinding time
- Automatic table drive optimization without the user intervention at each workpiece change
- Controlled grinding result thanks to integrated measurements and automatic corrections in the grinding process (optional)

Schematic diagram of the axes using a RAPID 800 as an example

CNC Axes
X Tool stands
Y Lifting slide
B Machine table
A Helix angle
Z Shift axis
Y2 Dressing axis
C, C1, C5, C6 Regulated grinding wheel and diamond dressing roll drives
The Perfect Machine Configuration for Every Requirement

External Gearings

- Small Grinding Wheels (K Head)
- Large Modules
- External Gearing Checks

Internal Gearings*

- Straight Gearings
- Extreme Helical Tooothing
- Internal Gearing Checks

* optional
Best-fit Grinding: Maximum Precision Ensures Improved Process Efficiency!

Thanks to the Best-fit Grinding system, RAPID machines come equipped with technology that solves the problem of limited performance during the grinding process caused by unequal stock removal ratios when the grinding wheel is fed radially.

- Additional infeed movements occur parallel to the radial infeed without losing time
- Even stock removal across the entire profile height thanks to the optimized 4-axis infeed
- Combination with High-speed Grinding technology possible
- Low thermal differences and uniform stock removal across the entire tooth flank
- Significant reduction in the number of strokes in the cutting process

Result:
Grinding times can be reduced by up to 30% thanks to the stroke-specific optimization of the grinding wheel position.

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 RAPID series are based on established design concepts that are continually under-going 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

Highly Flexible Grinding Head with Torque Motor Swivel Drive

- Genuine 5-axis machining possible
- Maximum rigidity and positioning precision as well as no wear even during the grinding process
- Grinding head position monitoring thanks to integrated measurement system
- Topological modifications depending on requirements in single-flank or double-flank grinding
- Integrated measuring device with 3D probe for checking the most difficult topologies on the grinding machine
Reducing Traversing Paths Thanks to the Grinding Wheel Double-Dressing System

- The double-dressing system is positioned directly on the grinding head and fitted with two diamond dressing rolls
- Reduced traversing paths and dressing times
- Freely dressable profile heights on the grinding wheel
- Highly accurate and low-wear grinding wheel profiling according to different parameters

Spindle Options for Special Requirements (K Variant)

- Double helical gearing with small gap distances
- In cases where toothing gaps are small: pinion shafts and spline gears, for example
- Various grinding wheel adapters for grinding wheel diameters of 300 - 20 mm
- No spindle change required
- Dressable and non-dressable CBN grinding wheels available

Internal Gear Grinding Arms (Optional)

- Various internal gear grinding arms available depending on application and sector
- Easy assembly for quick set-up times
- Grinding of straight and helical gearings or couplings
- Separate dressing unit inside the machine based on the principle of dressing for external gearings
Hob Sharpening

- Costs reduced as specialist machines are no longer required
- Automatic tool centering thanks to measuring probe and grinding wheel
- Freely adjustable process values and dressing parameters minimize the tool surface roughness and increase its quality and service life
- Ideal even for very large hobs
- Profile, tooth flank, and pitch of the sharpened surfaces can be measured

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Precise Machine Table Control via Torque Motor Drive**

- High engine torque of up to 45 rpm reduces alignment and pitch times, and facilitates the external cylindrical grinding of gear wheels
- Automatic table drive adaptation to changing mass moments of inertia, without any user intervention
- Wear-free torque motor ensures high investment security
- Fast, maintenance-free, high-precision

**Reduced Auxiliary Times Thanks to Multi-Wheel Technology (K Variant)**

- Efficient grinding process for different gear geometries thanks to second grinding wheel
- Longer diamond dressing roll service life thanks to fewer profiling steps
- Robust and efficient grinding spindle
- Available for machines with K grinding head
- Combination of different grinding wheel specifications; e.g., for roughing and finishing

**Hob Sharpening**
Numerous Performance Profiles and Custom Options Provide Greater Flexibility During the Grinding Process

**Standard Performance Profiles**
- Grinding and inspecting cylindrical external gearings
- Standard modifications in profile and tooth flank direction
- Easy-to-use operator guidance, various wizards, automatic 3D collision control
- Siemens electronics: Siemens 840 D control system

**Optional Performance Profiles**
- Grinding and inspecting cylindrical internal gearings
- High-speed Grinding (HSG)
- Best-fit Grinding (BFG)
- Grinding with CBN grinding wheels
- Multi-grinding wheel technology
- Eccentric compensation
- Adaptive Dressing Interval (ADI)
- Dresser Contact Control (DCC)
- Dresser Life Control (DLC)
- Grinding and inspecting double helical toothings
- Grinding and inspecting multiple gearings
- Grinding reference collars and thrust collars
- Grinding non pre-toothed workpieces
- Grinding extra-wide profiles
- Grinding special profiles
- Grinding and inspecting asymmetrical involutes
- Bias-Controlled Grinding (BCG)
- Grinding and inspecting topological modifications
- Grinding and inspecting worms
- Grinding and inspecting spline shafts
- Grinding Hirth gearings
- Sharpening hobs

Further options on request
Real Productivity Gains with Gear Production Software

Höfler gear grinding machines don’t just stand apart due to their reliable, advanced hardware. The company’s own Gear Production software guarantees convenient machining of even the most complex topographies 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 for Best-fit Grinding, High-speed Grinding as well as adaptive grinding and dressing, have been developed to enable significant reductions in production times.

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
- Tool wear pre-analysis
- Geometric production simulation with 3D analysis of the simulated flank topography
- Calculation and export of optimized tool profiles

Data Input/Navigation:
- Easy navigation through clearly structured interface areas
- Clear Microsoft® Windows®-like data management
- Intuitive data input via graphical display
- Clear operator guidance thanks to an automatically generated list of process steps
- Easy-to-understand input of even complex flank topographies and profile forms thanks to numerous context-sensitive wizards
- Various technology wizards for a range of tried-and-tested process variants

Automatic Archiving:
- Flank grinding stock and tooth traces for the blank
- Performance indicators for grinding
- Wear indicators for dressing
- Inspection charts of the finished part
Maximum Process Efficiency with Gear Production Software

- 3D analysis of the simulated tooth profile
- Graphical input of additional geometry for collision control
- Measuring on the machine
- Grinding stock analysis
With the machines from the RAPID series and the internal gearing options, Klingelnberg has developed a modular technology platform that gives contract gear manufacturers in particular a leg up on the competition thanks to 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 RAPID series provides levels of precision, reliability, and efficiency that are indispensable for contract gear manufacturers and gearbox manufacturers worldwide.

Optimal Jobbing Performance – a Sure Thing Thanks to Drive Components with Guaranteed Quality

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 great variety of products. A stiff machine design and flexible, cost-effective tool systems are the keys to success for ranking among the market leaders in these sectors.

Cylindrical gears used in airplanes must meet the highest quality standards in terms of pitch and runout (DIN 1-3) and must also execute rotational movements with absolute reliability. Just as important are other geometrical features such as surface finish, tooth root geometry, rotational error, high strength, and low weight. Frequently used in this industry are specialty materials, which place extreme demands on tools and processes.
Mining/Material Handling

Gear components used in production 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 load-bearing capacity are paramount requirements for these gear components.

Agriculture

In tractors, cylindrical and planetary gears are used in manual transmissions and countershaft transmissions as well as planetary gears to transmit power to the enormous drive wheels. Due to ever increasing requirements, these drives must be capable of transmitting increasingly large outputs within limited space. The cylindrical and planetary gears they use must be efficient, smooth-running, and low-maintenance. Reproducible quality in standard production with the fastest possible production times are key requirements in this industry.

Wind Power

Only optimally cut cylindrical gears can be used in wind power applications. This is because only perfectly ground gear geometry provides optimal transmission of force for highly efficient wind power installations while ensuring extremely quiet running behavior. With Klingelnberg solutions, high-precision gearing quality is a matter of course. It increases the service life of individual gearbox components, thereby significantly reducing maintenance costs.

Maritime Propulsion Technology

The cylindrical gears used in shipbuilding must demonstrate excellent 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 of the utmost product quality.
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<td>Ø 650 (800*) mm</td>
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<td>Gear wheel root circle diameter (min.)</td>
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<td>Axial stroke length</td>
<td>650 (1,000/1,500*) mm</td>
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<td>Machine dimensions (L x W x H) incl. all standard components*</td>
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<td>Net weight</td>
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Installation Dimensions

RAPID 650–800 (L/XL): Front View

RAPID 1000–1250 (XL): Front View

RAPID 650–800 (L/XL): Top View

RAPID 1000–1250 (XL): Top View

All dimensions in mm
KLINGELNBERG Service

The Klingelnberg Group is a world leader in the development and manufacture of machines for bevel gear and cylindrical gear production, precision measuring centers for gearing and axially symmetrical components, and the production of customized high-precision drive components. In addition to the headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland, further development and production facilities are located in Hückeswagen and Ettlingen, Germany.

The company also has sales offices and service centers and numerous trade representatives worldwide. On this basis, Klingelnberg offers users a comprehensive range of services for all aspects of toothed 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 are used in the automotive, commercial vehicle, and aviation industries, as well as in shipbuilding, the wind power industry, and the general transmission manufacturing industry. With numerous R&D engineers around the globe and over 200 registered patents, the company consistently demonstrates its capacity for innovation.