

SYNCHRONOUS Drive Failure Analysis

This chart is designed to more accurately identify and troubleshoot synchronous drive problems and failures.

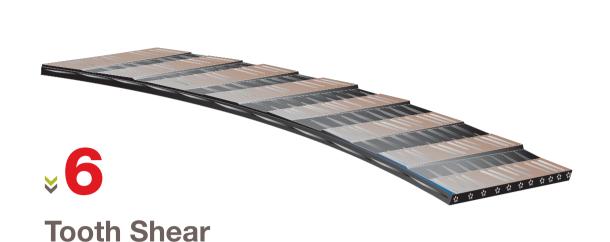


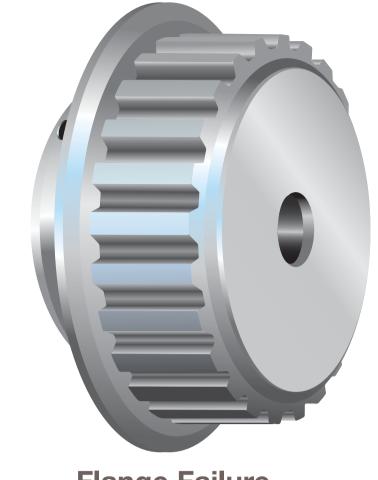
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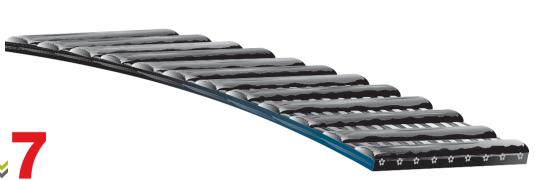


Tensile Break





Flange Failure Flanges can be forced off by belts due to drive misalignment or improper flange attachment. Realign the drive and replace the sprocket.



Land Area Worn

8[&] **Unusually Loud Drive**

Worn Sprockets Sprocket grooves wear due to length of service, misalignment, debris, drive overloading, or improper belt tensioning. If a ridge can be detected between the worn and unworn areas of the groove, the sprocket should be replaced.

Symptom Probable Cause Corrective Action (1) Redesign to manufacturer's recommendations. **Delamination** (1) Excessive shockload. (2) Redesign drive to manufacturer's recommendations. (2) Less than 6 teeth in mesh. (3) Extreme sprocket run-out. (3) Replace sprocket. (4) Replace sprocket. (4) Worn sprockets. (5) Use inside idler. (5) Backside idler. (6) Use proper belt/sprocket combination. (6) Incorrect sprocket groove profile. (7) Realign drive. (7) Misaligned drive. (8) Retension to manufacturer's recommendations. (8) Belt undertensioned. Tracking (1) Misaligned drive. (1) Realign drive. (2) Redesign drive or realign existing drive. (2) Centre distance exceeds 8X small sprocket diameter. **Excessive Belt** (1) Misaligned belt drive. (1) Realign drive. (2) Damage due to belt mishandling. (2) Follow proper handling instructions. **Edge Wear** (3) Repair flange or replace sprocket. (3) Flange damage. (4) Belt too wide for sprocket. (4) Use proper belt width for sprocket. (5) Rough flange surface finish. (5) Replace or repair flange. (6) Improper belt tracking. (6) Realign drive. (7) Belt rubbing against guard or (7) Remove obstruction or realign drive. drive structure. **Excessive** (1) Belt tension too low or too high. (1) Retension to manufacturer's recommendations. (2) Belt running partly off unflanged **Tooth Wear** (2) Realign drive. sprocket. (3) Misaligned drive. (3) Realign drive. (4) Incorrect belt/sprocket match. (4) Use proper belt/sprocket combination. (5) Worn, rough, or damaged sprocket. (5) Replace sprocket. (6) Belt rubbing against drive bracketry. (6) Remove obstruction or alter belt path.

	Symptom	Probable Cause	Corrective Action
5	Tensile Break	 (1) Crimp failure-improper belt handling and storage prior to installation. (2) Excessive shockload. (3) Sub-minimal diameter. (4) Debris or foreign object in drive. (5) Extreme sprocket run-out. (6) Too low or too high belt tension. 	 Follow proper handling and storage procedures. Redesign drive to manufacturer's recommendations. Redesign drive to use larger sprockets. Protect drive. Replace sprockets. Retension to manufacturer's recommendations.
6	Tooth Shear	 (1) Excessive shockload. (2) Less than 6 teeth in mesh. (3) Extreme sprocket run-out. (4) Worn sprockets. (5) Backside idler. (6) Incorrect sprocket groove profile. (7) Misaligned drive. (8) Belt undertensioned. 	 (1) Redesign drive to manufacturer's recommendations. (2) Redesign drive to manufacturer's recommendations. (3) Replace sprocket. (4) Replace sprocket. (5) Use inside idler. (6) Use proper belt/sprocket combination. (7) Realign drive. (8) Retension to manufacturer's recommendations.
7	Land Area Worn	(1) Excessive tension.(2) Excessive sprocket wear.(3) Debris in sprockets.	(1) Retension to manufacturer's recommendations.(2) Replace sprocket.(3) Eliminate and guard against debris.
8	Unusually Loud Drive	(1) Incorrect belt/sprocket match.(2) Incorrect tension.(3) Worn sprockets.(4) Debris in sprockets.	(1) Use proper belt/sprocket match.(2) Retension to manufacturer's recommendations.(3) Replace sprockets.(4) Eliminate and guard against debris.

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(7) Redesign drive to manufacturer's recommendations.

or other obstruction.

(7) Excessive load.

