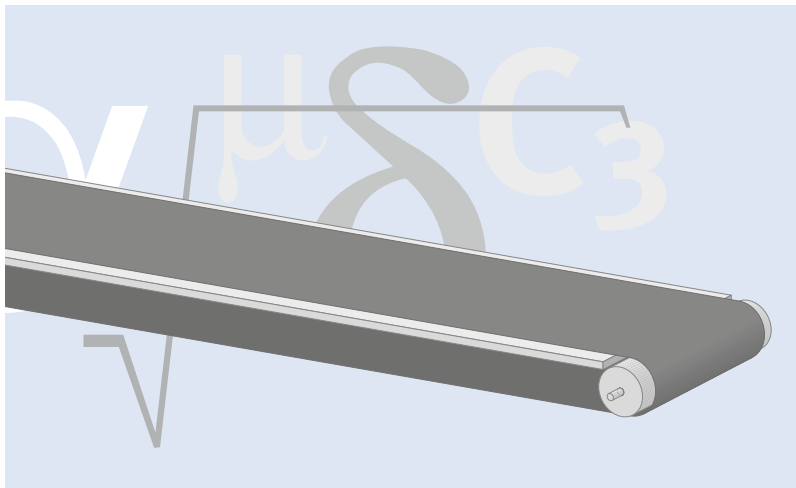


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conveyor belts

# CALCULATION METHODS – CONVEYOR BELTS



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# INTRODUCTION

This brochure contains advanced equations, figures and recommendations, based on our longstanding experience. Results calculated can however differ from our calculation program B\_Rex (free to download from the Internet at [www.forbo-siegling.com](http://www.forbo-siegling.com)).

These variations are due to the very different approaches taken: while B\_Rex is based on empirical measurements and requires a detailed description of the machinery, the calculation methods shown here are based on general, simple physical equations, supplemented by certain factors that include a safety margin.

In the majority of cases, the safety margin in calculations in this brochure will be greater than in the corresponding B\_Rex calculation.

Further information on machine design can be found in our brochure, ref. no. 305 "Recommendations for machine design."

# TERMINOLOGY

## Key to the abbreviations

Designation	Abbreviation	Unit
Drum and roller width	b	mm
Belt width	$b_0$	mm
Calculation factors	$C_{..}$	–
Drum and roller diameter	d	mm
Drive drum diameter	$d_A$	mm
Rolling resistance of support rollers	f	–
Tensile force	F	N
Maximum belt pull (on the drive drum)	$F_1$	N
Minimum belt pull (on the drive drum)	$F_2$	N
Force of the tensioning weight	$F_R$	N
Effective pull	$F_U$	N
Tensioning drum weight	$F_{TR}$	N
Steady state shaft load on the drive drum	$F_{WA}$	N
Initial value of the shaft load	$F_{W\text{ initial}}$	N
Relaxed shaft load on the return drum	$F_{WU}$	N
Acceleration due to gravity (9.81m/s <sup>2</sup> )	g	m/s <sup>2</sup>
Difference in the drum radii (crowning)	h	mm
Conveying height	$h_T$	m
Relaxed belt pull at 1% elongation per unit of width	$k_{1\%}$	N/mm
Support roller pitch on upper side	$l_0$	mm
Transition length	$l_S$	mm
Support roller pitch on return side	$l_u$	mm
Geometrical belt length	$L_g$	mm
Length of conveyor	$l_T$	m
Mass of the goods conveyed over the entire length conveyed (total load)	m	kg
Mass of the goods conveyed on the top side (total load)	$m_1$	kg
Mass of the goods conveyed on the return side (total load)	$m_2$	kg
Mass of the belt	$m_B$	kg
Mass of the goods conveyed per m length conveyed on the upper face (line load)	$m'_0$	kg/m
Mass of all rotating drums, except for drive drum	$m_R$	kg
Mass of the goods conveyed per m length conveyed on the return side (line load)	$m'_u$	kg/m
Mechanical motor power	$P_M$	kW
Mechanical power calculated on the drive drum	$P_A$	kW
Production tolerance	Tol	%
Friction coefficient when running over roller	$\mu_R$	–
Friction coefficient for accumulated conveying	$\mu_{ST}$	–
Friction coefficient when running over table support	$\mu_T$	–
Belt velocity	v	m/s
Volume flow for bulk goods conveying	$\dot{V}$	m <sup>3</sup> /h
Total take-up range	X	mm
Belt sag	$y_B$	mm
Drum deflection	$y_{Tr}$	mm
Margin for take-up range	Z	mm
Machine's angle of inclination	$\alpha$	°
Arc of contact on the drive drum (or snub roller)	$\beta$	°
Opening angle on the tensioning drum	$\gamma$	°
Belt elongation (pre-tensioning with weight)	$\Delta L$	mm
Permitted angle of inclination for unit goods	$\delta$	°
Elongation at fitting	$\varepsilon$	%
Maximum belt elongation	$\varepsilon_{\text{max}}$	%
Drive efficiency	$\eta$	–
Bulk density of goods conveyed	$\rho_S$	kg/m <sup>3</sup>

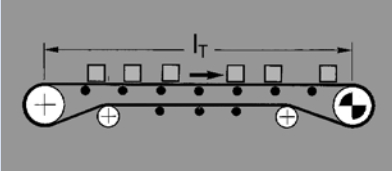


# UNIT GOODS CONVEYING SYSTEMS

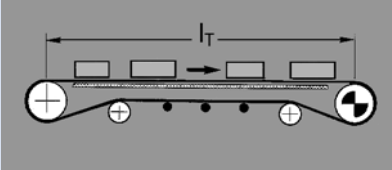
Load examples to establish the maximum effective pull  $F_u$  [N]

$m = l_T \cdot \text{Weight of conveyed goods per metre}$

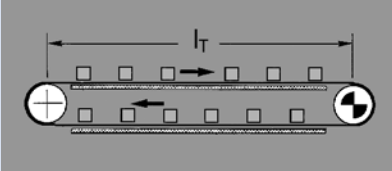
$F_U = \mu_R \cdot g \cdot (m + m_B + m_R)$  [N]



$F_U = \mu_T \cdot g \cdot (m + \frac{m_B}{2}) + \mu_R \cdot g \cdot (\frac{m_B}{2} + m_R)$  [N]

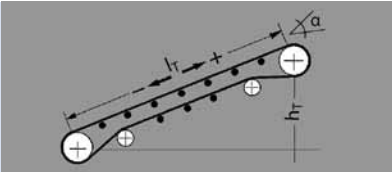


$F_U = \mu_T \cdot g \cdot (m_1 + m_2 + m_B)$  [N]



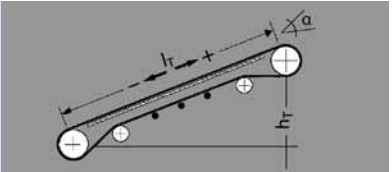
Direction conveyed upward:  
 $F_U = \mu_R \cdot g (m + m_B + m_R) + g \cdot m \cdot \sin \alpha$  [N]

Direction conveyed downward:  
 $F_U = \mu_R \cdot g (m + m_B + m_R) - g \cdot m \cdot \sin \alpha$  [N]

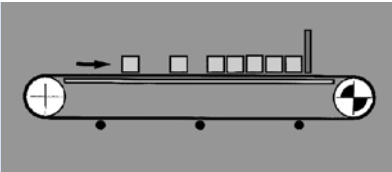


Direction conveyed upward:  
 $F_U = \mu_T \cdot g (m + \frac{m_B}{2}) + \mu_R \cdot g (\frac{m_B}{2} + m_R) + g \cdot m \cdot \sin \alpha$  [N]

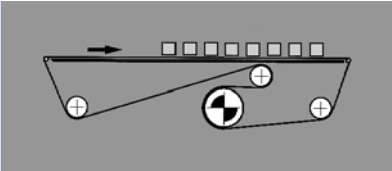
Direction conveyed downward:  
 $F_U = \mu_T \cdot g (m + \frac{m_B}{2}) + \mu_R \cdot g (\frac{m_B}{2} + m_R) - g \cdot m \cdot \sin \alpha$  [N]



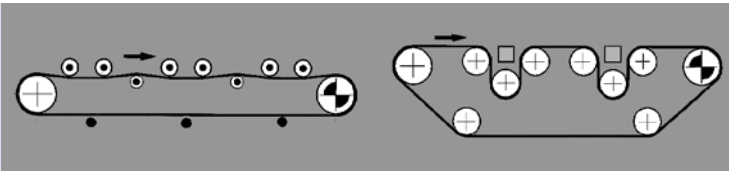
$F_U = \mu_T \cdot g (m + \frac{m_B}{2}) + \mu_R \cdot g (\frac{m_B}{2} + m_R) + \mu_{ST} \cdot g \cdot m$  [N]



$F_U = \text{please enquire}$  [N]



$F_U = \text{please enquire}$  [N]



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## Friction coefficients $\mu_s$ for various coatings (guidelines)

Example:	PVC-impregnated underside (FS) PVK125 CxFS-NA black FR	Brushed underside (B) PVC120 LT CTxB-NA black	Thinly coated underside (F) PVC120 OFR CxF-NA white	RFL-impregnated underside (BB) PHR2-90MF LixBB-NA black FR	Thickly coated underside (C) PVC200 OFR-OSHA CxC white
$\mu_T$ (table)	0.35	0.35	0.8	0.45	not recommended
$\mu_R$ (roller)	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.05
$\mu_{ST}$ (accumulated)	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.9

## Maximum belt pull $F_1$

$$F_1 = F_U \cdot C_1 \quad [N]$$

$$F_1 = \frac{P_M \cdot \eta \cdot C_1 \cdot 1000}{v} \quad [N]$$

If effective pull  $F_U$  can be calculated

If the effective pull  $F_U$  cannot be calculated,  $F_1$  can be established from the motor power installed  $P_M$ .

## Factor $C_1$ (applies to the drive drums)

Siegling Transtex Underside coating	Brushed (B) or impregnated (FS, BB)				
	180°	210°	240°	270°	300
Arc of contact $\beta$					
Smooth steel drum	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5
Lagged drum	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3
Siegling Transtex Underside coating	Thin (F) or thick coating (C)				
	180°	210°	240°	270°	300
Arc of contact $\beta$					
Smooth steel drum	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3
Lagged drum	not recommended				

## Minimum diameter of the drive drums $d_A$

$$d_A = \frac{F_U \cdot C_3 \cdot 180}{b_0 \cdot \beta} \quad [mm]$$

**Factor C<sub>2</sub>**  
**Checking the Transtex type selected**

Note: If belts have been perforated, b<sub>0</sub> must be reduced by the total width of the holes at a typical cross section. In the case of extreme temperatures, the C<sub>2</sub> factors change. Please enquire.

$$\frac{F_1}{b_0} \leq C_2 \quad \left[ \frac{N}{mm} \right]$$

if the value  $\frac{F_1}{b_0}$  is larger than C<sub>2</sub>,

a stronger belt type (with a higher k<sub>1%</sub> value) must be used.

C<sub>2</sub> indicates the max. permitted belt pull per unit width for the belt type:

$$C_2 = \varepsilon_{max} \cdot k_{1\%}$$

The product data sheets list details on the relaxed k<sub>1%</sub> value. If example calculations and rough estimates without a data sheet are required, the following assumptions can be made (but not guaranteed):

Siegling Transtex PVC		Siegling Transtex PVK		Siegling Transtex PHR		Siegling Transtex PU	
Type class	k <sub>1%</sub> in N/mm	Type class	k <sub>1%</sub> in N/mm	Type class	k <sub>1%</sub> in N/mm	Type class	k <sub>1%</sub> in N/mm
PVC 120	8	PVK 100	11	PHR2-90	5	PU2-150	8
PVC 150	8.5	PVK 125	12	PHR2-160	11	PU120	11
PVC 200	11	PVK 150	12	PHR3-135	8	PU150	11
PVC 350	17	PVK 200	15	PHR3-200	19	PU200	15
PVC 450	24			PHR3-265	25		

You can find details on the maximum elongations in the product data sheets. If example calculations and rough estimates without a data sheet are required, the following assumptions can be made (but not guaranteed):

	Siegling Transtex PVC, PVK, PU	Siegling Transtex PHR, PU2
ε <sub>max</sub> in %	2.0	2.0

**Factor C<sub>3</sub>**  
**(applies to the drive drums)**

Siegling Transtex Underside coating	PVC-impregnated underside (FS)	Brushed underside (B)	Thinly coated underside (F)	RFL-impregnated underside (BB)	Thickly coated underside (C)
<b>Smooth steel drum</b>					
dry	40	40	30	40	25
wet	not recommended	not recommended	not recommended	not recommended	50
<b>Lagged drum</b>					
dry	30	30	25	30	25
wet	40	40	40	40	30

**Mechanical capacity calculated on the drive drum P<sub>A</sub>**

$$P_A = \frac{F_U \cdot v}{1000}$$

[kW]

**Mechanical capacity required P<sub>M</sub>**

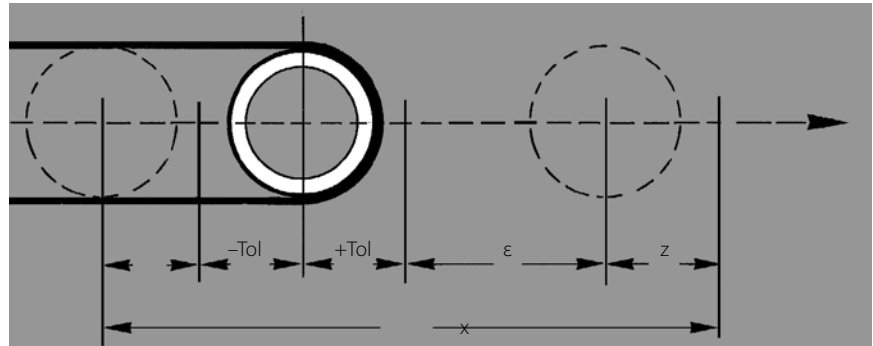
$$P_M = \frac{P_A}{\eta} \text{ [kW] = the next largest, standard motor is selected}$$

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## Take-up range for screw-operated take-up systems

The following factors must be taken into account when establishing the take-up range:

1. The approximate magnitude of elongation at fitting  $\epsilon$  of the belt, resulting from the belt load. To establish  $\epsilon$ , see pages 7 and 8.
2. The production tolerances (Tol) of the belt as regards the length.
3. Any external influences that might necessitate greater elongation (tensioning) than usual, or might require a safety margin Z, such as for example the impact of temperature, stop-and-go operation.

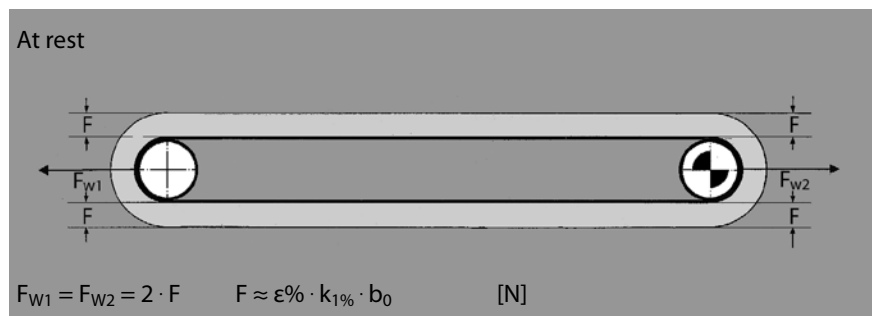


4. Fitting the belt is easy by moving the tension drum inwards by value Z.

Generally, depending on the load, elongation at fitting, ranging from approx. 0.2% to 1%, is sufficient, so that normally a take-up range X of approx. 1% of the belt length is adequate.

## Guidelines for shaft load at rest with tensile force F

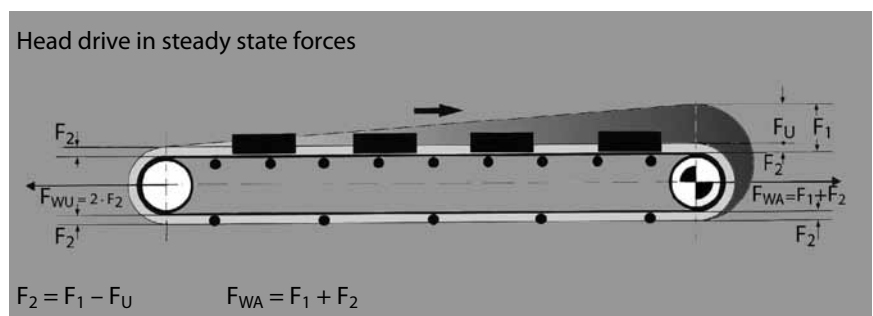
When you are estimating the shaft loads, please assess the different levels of belt pull when the conveyor is at rest and in a steady state.



## Guidelines for elongation at fitting $\epsilon$ for head drives

The minimum elongation at fitting for head drives is:

$$\epsilon \approx \frac{F_U/2 + 2 \cdot F_2}{2 \cdot k_{1\%} \cdot b_0} \quad [\%]$$



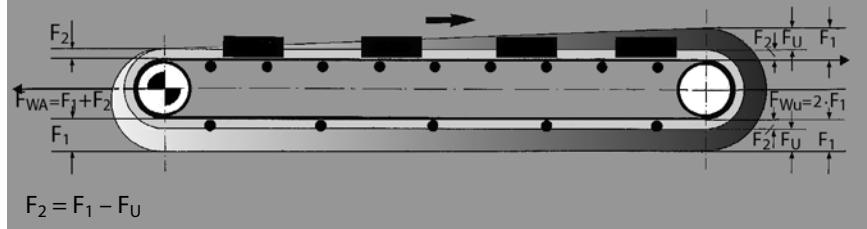


## Guidelines for elongation at fitting $\epsilon$ for tail drives

The minimum elongation at fitting for return side drives is:

$$\epsilon = \frac{F_U/2 + 2 \cdot F_2 + F_U}{2 \cdot k_{1\%} \cdot b_0} \quad [\%]$$

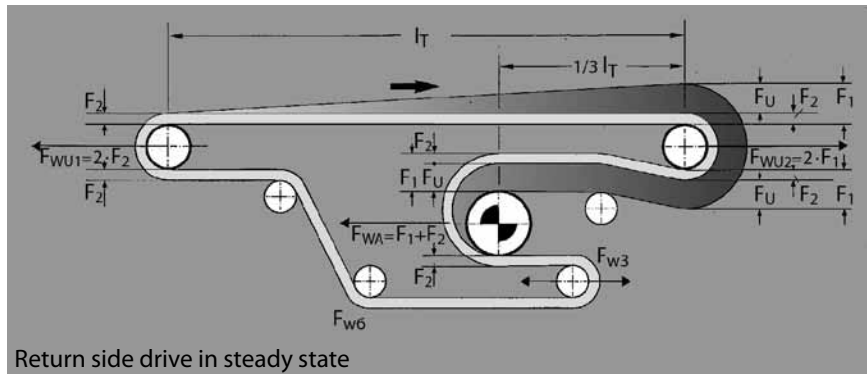
Tail drive in steady state forces



## Guidelines for elongation at fitting $\epsilon$ for return-side drives

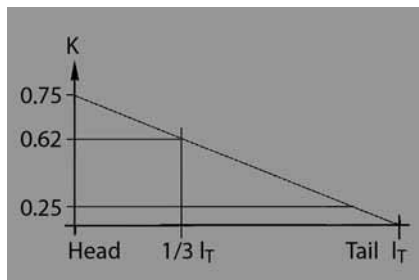
The minimum elongation at fitting for operating head drives is:

$$\epsilon = \frac{F_U (C_1 - K)}{k_{1\%} \cdot b_0} \quad [\%]$$



Return side drive in steady state

- K for head drives = 0.75
- K for return-side drives = 0.62
- K for tail drives = 0.25



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## Guidelines for steady state shaft load

Typical drive drum  $\beta = 180^\circ$

$$F_{WA} = F_1 + F_2 \quad [N]$$

Typical end drum  $\beta = 180^\circ$

$$F_{W3} = 2 \cdot F_2 \quad [N]$$

Typical snub roller  $\beta = 60^\circ$

$$F_{W6} = \sqrt{2 \cdot F_2 \cdot \sin(\beta/2)} \quad [N]$$

Typical drive drum  $\beta \neq 180^\circ$

$$F_{WA} = \sqrt{F_1^2 + F_2^2 - 2 \cdot F_1 \cdot F_2 \cdot \cos \beta} \quad [N]$$

## Shaft load when tensioning belts

Tension members made of synthetic materials display significant relaxation behaviour. As a result, the relaxed  $k_{1\%}$  value is taken as a basis for calculating belts in line with ISO 21181. It describes the probable long-term force-elongation properties of the belt material that has been subjected to stress due to deflection and load change. This produces the calculation force  $F_W$ .

This implies that higher belt forces  $F_{Winitial}$  will occur when tensioning the belt. They will have to be taken into account when dimensioning the drum and its components (bearings). The following value can be assumed as a reference:

$$F_{Winitial} = F_W \cdot 1.5$$

In critical cases, we recommend you contact application engineers at Forbo Siegling.

# DIMENSIONING FORCE-DEPENDENT TAKE-UP SYSTEMS

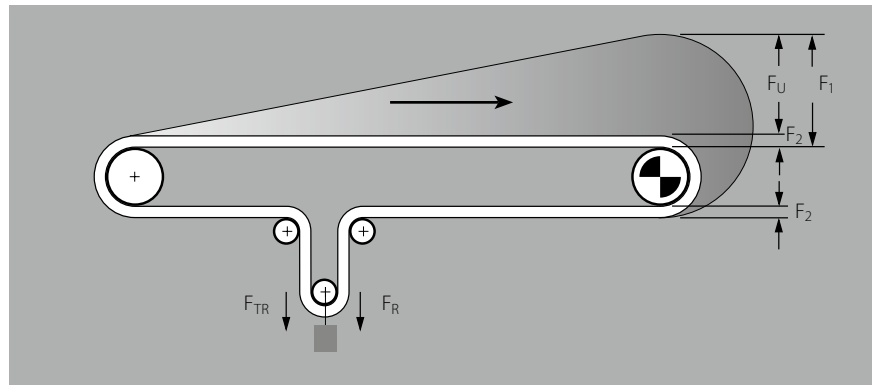
## Establishing $F_R$

In weight-loaded take-up systems, the tension weight must generate the minimum belt pull  $F_2$  to achieve perfect grip of the belt on the drive drum (spring, pneumatic and hydraulic take-up systems work on a similar principle).

The tension weight must be able to move freely. The take-up system must be installed behind the drive section. Reverse operation is not possible. The take-up range depends on the effective pull, the tensile force  $F_2$  required, elongation of the belt  $\Delta L$ , the production tolerance Tol, the safety margin for tensioning Z and the belt selected.

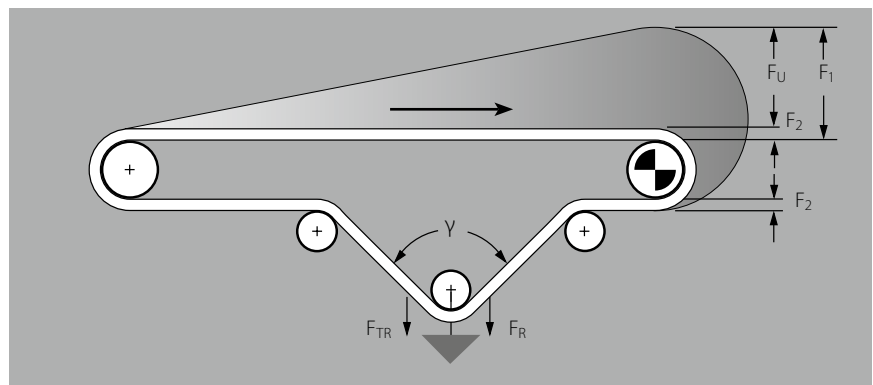
$$F_R = 2 \cdot F_2 - F_{TR} \quad [N]$$

Example for establishing the tension weight  $F_R$  [N] at 180° arc of contract ( $F_{TR}$  = tensioning drum weight [N]).



$$F_R = 2 \cdot F_2 \cdot \cos \frac{\gamma}{2} - F_{TR} \quad [N]$$

Example for establishing the tension weight  $F_R$  [N] at an angle  $\gamma$  according to the drawing ( $F_{TR}$  = tensioning drum weight [N]).



## Establishing belt elongation $\Delta L$

In force-driven take-up systems, the overall elongation of the belt changes, according to the level of the effective pull. The change in belt elongation  $\Delta L$  has to be absorbed by the take-up system. For head drives  $\Delta L$  is calculated as

$$\Delta L = \frac{F_U/4 + F_{TR} + F_R}{k_{1\%} \cdot b_0} \cdot L_g \quad [mm]$$

# BULK GOODS CONVEYING SYSTEMS

## Longitudinal angle of inclination $\delta$

Guidelines for the longitudinal angle of inclination  $\delta$  permissible in various bulk goods. The machinery's actual angle of inclination  $\alpha$  must be less than  $\delta$ .

These values depend on the particle shape, size and mechanical properties of the goods conveyed, regardless of any conveyor belt coating.

Bulk goods	$\delta$ (approx.°)
Ash, dry	16
Ash, wet	18
Soil, moist	18 – 20
Grain, except oats	14
Lime, lumps	15
Potatoes	12
Gypsum, pulverised	23
Gypsum, broken	18
Wood, chips	22 – 24
Artificial fertilizer	12 – 15

Bulk goods	$\delta$ (approx.°)
Flour	15 – 18
Salt, fine	15 – 18
Salt, rock	18 – 20
Loam, wet	18 – 20
Sand, dry, wet	16 – 22
Peat	16
Sugar, refined	20
Sugar, raw	15
Cement	15 – 20

## Bulk density of some bulk goods $\rho_S$

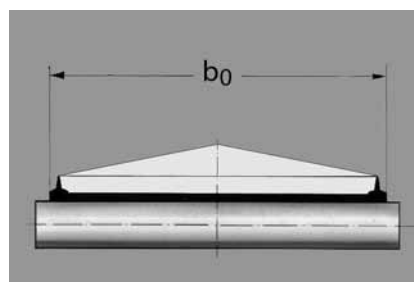
Goods conveyed	Bulk density $\rho_S$ [ $10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ]
Ash, cold, dry	0.7
Soil, moist	1.5 – 1.9
Grain (except oats)	0.7 – 0.85
Wood, hard	0.6 – 1.2
Wood, soft	0.4 – 0.6
Wood, chips	0.35
Charcoal	0.2
Pulses	0.85
Lime, lumps	1.0 – 1.4
Artificial fertilizer	0.9 – 1.2
Potatoes	0.75
Salt, fine	1.2 – 1.3
Salt, rock	2.1
Gypsum, pulverised	0.95 – 1.0

Goods conveyed	Bulk density $\rho_S$ [ $10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ]
Gypsum, broken	1.35
Flour	0.5 – 0.6
Clinker	1.2 – 1.5
Loam, dry	1.5 – 1.6
Loam, wet	1.8 – 2.0
Sand, dry	1.3 – 1.4
Sand, wet	1.4 – 1.9
Soap, flakes	0.15 – 0.35
Slurry	1.0
Peat	0.4 – 0.6
Sugar, refined	0.8 – 0.9
Sugar, raw	0.9 – 1.1
Sugarcane	0.2 – 0.3

## Volume flow $\dot{V}$ for belts lying flat

The table shows the hourly volume flow ( $\text{m}^3/\text{h}$ ) at a belt velocity of  $v = 1 \text{ m/s}$ . Conveyor belt lying flat and horizontal. The belt is equipped with 20 mm high longitudinal profiles T20 on the belt edges of the top face.

$b_0$ [mm]	400	500	650	800	1000	1200	1400
Angle of surcharge $0^\circ$	25	32	42	52	66	80	94
Angle of surcharge $10^\circ$	40	57	88	123	181	248	326



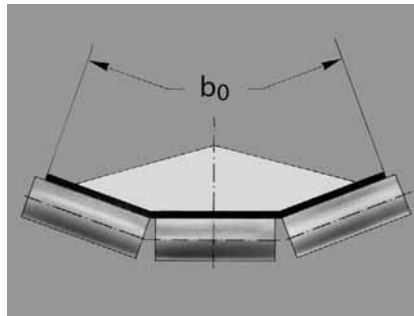
## Volume flow $\dot{V}$ for troughed conveyor belts

in  $\text{m}^3/\text{h}$  at a belt velocity of 1 m/s.

Note:

Under real world conditions, the theoretical values for volume flow are hardly ever reached as they only apply to horizontal belts with perfectly even loads. Uneven loads and the properties of the goods conveyed can decrease the amount by approx. 30%.

$b_0$ [mm]	400	500	650	800	1000	1200	1400
<b>Troughed angle 20°</b>							
Angle of surcharge 0°	21	36	67	105	173	253	355
Angle of surcharge 10°	36	60	110	172	281	412	572
<b>Troughed angle 30°</b>							
Angle of surcharge 0°	30	51	95	149	246	360	504
Angle of surcharge 10°	44	74	135	211	345	505	703



### Factor $C_6$

In inclined conveying, the theoretical quantity of goods conveyed is slightly less. It is calculated by applying the factor  $C_6$  which depends on the conveying angle  $\alpha$ .

Conveying angle $\alpha$ [°]	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
Factor $C_6$	1.0	0.99	0.98	0.97	0.95	0.93	0.91	0.89	0.85	0.81	0.76

### Factor $C_4$

Additional effective pull, for example from scrapers and cleaning devices, is taken into account by including the factor  $C_4$ .

$l_T$ [m]	25	50	75	100	150	200
Factor $C_4$	2	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.3

# BULK GOODS CONVEYING SYSTEMS

## Rolling resistance for support rollers $f$

$f = 0.025$  for roller bearings  
 $f = 0.050$  for slide bearings

## Establishing the mass of goods conveyed $m$

$$m = \frac{V \cdot \delta_s \cdot l_T \cdot 3.6}{v} \quad [\text{kg}]$$

## Establishing the effective pull $F_U$

$$F_U = g \cdot C_4 \cdot f \cdot (m + m_B + m_R) \pm g \cdot m \cdot \sin \alpha \quad [\text{N}]$$

(-) downward  
 (+) upward

Calculation as for unit goods

## Support roller pitches

The support roller pitch depends on the belt pull and the masses. The following equation is used to calculate it:

If maximum sag of 1% is permitted, (i.e.  $y_B = 0.01 l_0$ )

Recommendation  $l_0 \text{ max} \leq 2b_0$   
 $l_u \approx 2 - 3 l_0 \text{ max}$

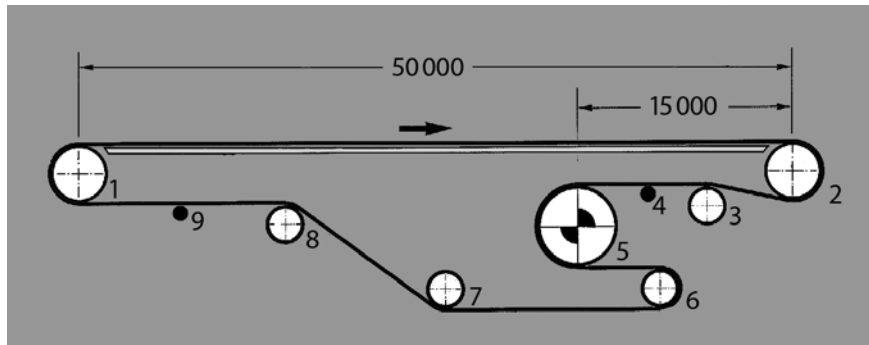
$$l_0 = \sqrt{\frac{y_B \cdot 800 \cdot F}{m'_0 + m'_B}} \quad [\text{mm}]$$

$$l_0 = \frac{8 \cdot F}{m'_0 + m'_B} \quad [\text{mm}]$$

- $l_0$  = Support roller pitch on upper side in mm
- $y_B$  = Maximum conveyor belt sag in mm
- $F$  = Belt pull in the place concerned in N
- $m'_0 + m'_B$  = Weight of goods conveyed and belt in kg/m

# CALCULATION EXAMPLE FOR UNIT GOODS CONVEYING

In a goods sorting system, conveyor belts are loaded with goods and sent to the distribution center. Horizontal conveying, skid plate support, return drive systems as shown on the sketch, drive via the top face of the belt, smooth drive drum, screw-operated tensioning system, 14 support rollers. Proposed belt type: Siegling Transtex PVC200 P CxB-NA black (908028) with  $k_{1\%} = 11 \text{ N/mm}$ .



End drums 1, 2, 6  
 Snub rollers 3, 7, 8  
 Drive drum 5  
 Support rollers 4, 9, and various tension drums 6.

Length of conveyor  
 Geometrical belt length  
 Belt width  
 Total load  
 Arc of contact  
 $v = \text{ca. } 0.8 \text{ m/s}$   
 Mass rollers

$l_T = 50 \text{ m}$   
 $L_g = 105000 \text{ mm}$   
 $b_0 = 1000 \text{ mm}$   
 $m = 2000 \text{ kg}$   
 $\beta = 180^\circ$   
 $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$   
 $m_R = 570 \text{ kg}$   
 (all drums except for 5)

## Effective pull $F_U$ [N]

$$F_U = \mu_T \cdot g \cdot \left(m + \frac{m_B}{2}\right) + \mu_R \cdot g \cdot \left(\frac{m_B}{2} + m_R\right)$$

$$F_U = 0.33 \cdot 9.81 \cdot \left(1200 + \frac{1575}{2}\right) + 0.033 \cdot 9.81 \cdot \left(\frac{1575}{2} + 570\right)$$

$$F_U \approx 4340 \text{ N}$$

$$m = 2000 \text{ kg}$$

$$\mu_R = 0.04$$

$$\mu_T = 0.35$$

$$m_B = 672 \text{ kg (from } 6.4 \text{ kg/m}^2 \cdot 105 \text{ m} \cdot 1 \text{ m)}$$

## Maximum belt pull $F_1$ [N]

$$F_U = 8376 \text{ N}$$

$$C_1 = 1.6$$

$$F_1 = F_U \cdot C_1$$

$$F_1 = 8376 \cdot 1.6$$

$$F_1 \approx 13402 \text{ N}$$

## Checking the belt type selected

$$F_1 = 13402 \text{ N}$$

$$b_0 = 1000 \text{ mm}$$

$$k_{1\%} = 11 \text{ N/mm}$$

$$\epsilon_{\max} = 2 \%$$

$$\frac{F_1}{b_0} \leq C_2$$

$$\frac{13402}{1000} \leq 2 \cdot 11 \text{ N/mm}$$

$$13.4 \text{ N/mm} \leq 22 \text{ N/mm}$$

The belt type has been chosen correctly.

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## Minimum drive drum diameter

$$\begin{aligned} F_U &= 8376 \text{ N} \\ C_3 &= 25 \\ \beta &= 180^\circ \\ b_0 &= 1000 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

$$d_A = \frac{F_U \cdot C_3 \cdot 180^\circ}{b_0 \cdot \beta} \quad [\text{mm}]$$

$$d_A = \frac{8376 \cdot 25 \cdot 180^\circ}{1000 \cdot 180^\circ} \quad [\text{mm}]$$

$$d_A = 209 \text{ mm}$$

$d_A$  dimensioned at 250 mm

## Power $P_A$ on the drive drum

$$\begin{aligned} F_U &= 8376 \text{ N} \\ v &= 0.8 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

$$P_A = \frac{F_U \cdot v}{1000} \quad [\text{kW}]$$

$$P_A = \frac{8376 \cdot 0.8}{1000}$$

$$P_A \approx 6.7 \text{ kW}$$

## Motor power required $P_M$

$$\begin{aligned} P_A &= 6.7 \text{ kW} \\ \eta &= 0.8 \text{ (assumed)} \end{aligned}$$

$$P_M = \frac{P_A}{\eta} \quad [\text{kW}]$$

$$P_M = \frac{6.7}{0.8} \quad [\text{kW}]$$

$$P_M \approx 8.4 \text{ kW}$$

$P_M$  at 9.0 kW or higher

## Minimum elongation at fitting for return drive

$$\begin{aligned} F_U &= 8376 \text{ N} \\ C_1 &= 1.6 \\ K &= 0.62 \\ k_{1\%} &= 11 \text{ N/mm for Siegling Transtex} \\ &\quad \text{PVC200 P CxB-NA black (908028)} \\ b_0 &= 1000 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{F_U (C_1 - K)}{k_{1\%} \cdot b_0} \quad [\%]$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{8376 (1.6 - 0.62)}{9 \cdot 1000} \quad [\%]$$

$$\varepsilon \approx 0.9 \%$$



**Shaft load in steady state drum drum 2 (return drum)**

Simplified calculation assuming  $\beta = 180^\circ$

$$F_1 = 13402 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{W2} = 2 \cdot F_1$$

$$F_{W2} = 2 \cdot 13402 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{W2} \approx 26804 \text{ N}$$

**Shaft load in steady state drum drum 1 (return drum)**

$$F_2 = F_1 - F_U$$

$$F_2 = 13402 - 8376$$

$$F_2 = 5026 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{W1} = 2 \cdot F_2$$

$$F_{W1} = 2 \cdot 5026 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{W1} \approx 10052 \text{ N}$$

**Shaft load in steady state drum drum 5 (Drive drum)**

$$F_1 = 13402 \text{ N}$$

$$F_2 = F_1 - F_U$$

$$F_2 = 13402 - 8376$$

$$F_2 = 5026 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{W5} = F_1 + F_2$$

$$F_{W5} = 13402 + 5026$$

$$F_{W5} \approx 18428 \text{ N}$$

**Shaft load in steady drum 3 (snub roller)**

Governed by minimum belt pull  $F_2$ ,  $F_{W3}$  is calculated using the equation on page 10.

**Shaft load at rest**

At rest, tensile forces are defined on the top and underside by elongation at fitting  $\epsilon$ . The tensile force  $F$  is calculated according to:

$$F = \epsilon [\%] \cdot k_{1\%} \cdot D_0 \quad [\text{N}]$$

To compare rest and steady state modes, please observe the different shaft loads in drum 1.

$$F_{W1} \text{ at rest} = 10800 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{W1} \text{ steady state} = 10052 \text{ N}$$

Note:  
When designing machinery, both modes must be taken into account.

Example for a drum with  $\beta = 180^\circ$   
Arc of contact  
(In our example, this force is exerted equally on drums 1, 5 and 6 because of the  $180^\circ$  arc of contact).

$$F_W = 2 \cdot F$$

$$F_W = 2 \cdot 0.6 \cdot 9 \cdot 1000$$

$$F_W \approx 10800 \text{ N}$$

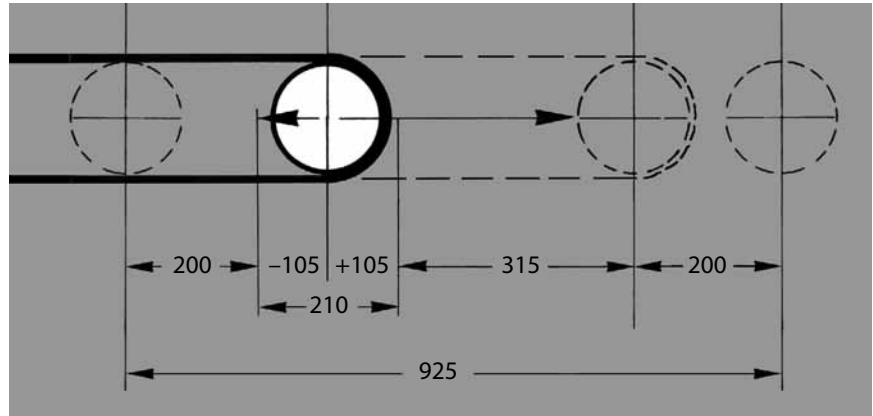
When  $\beta \neq 180^\circ$  the following applies when determining  $F_W$  ( $F_1 = F_2$  can be assumed at rest).

$$F_W = \sqrt{F_1^2 + F_2^2 - 2 \cdot F_1 \cdot F_2 \cdot \cos \beta}$$

$$F_W = [\text{N}]$$

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Take-up range



Tol =  $\pm 0.2\%$   
 $\epsilon$  =  $0.6\%$   
 $L_g$  = 105000 mm  
 $Z$  = 200 mm

$$X = \frac{\frac{2 \cdot \text{Tol} \cdot L_g}{100} + \frac{\epsilon \cdot L_g}{100}}{2} + 2 \cdot Z \quad [\text{mm}]$$

$$X = \frac{\frac{2 \cdot 0.2 \cdot 105000}{100} + \frac{0.6 \cdot 105000}{100}}{2} + 400 \quad [\text{mm}]$$

$$X = 210 + 315 + 400 \quad [\text{mm}]$$

$$X \approx 925 \text{ mm}$$



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