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conveyor and processing belts

Calculation methods – conveyor belts



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). 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."

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Terminology

Key to the abbreviations

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D	Ab	ĥ
Drum and roller width	b	mm
Bolt width	b h-	mm
Calculation factors	D0	_
Drum and roller diameter	d	mm
Drive drum diameter	d	mm
Rolling resistance of support rollers	f	-
Tensile force	F	Ν
Maximum belt pull (on the drive drum)	F ₁	N
Minimum belt pull (on the drive drum)	F ₂	Ν
Force of the tensioning weight	F _R	N
Effective pull	Fu	Ν
Tensioning drum weight	F _{TR}	Ν
Steady state shaft load on the drive drum	F _{WA}	N
Initial value of the shaft load	F _{Winitial}	N
Relaxed shaft load on the return drum	F _{WU}	N
Acceleration due to gravity (9.81m/s ²)	g	m/s ²
Difference in the drum radii (crowning)	h	mm
Conveying height	hT	m
Relaxed belt pull at 1% elongation per unit of width	k _{1%}	N/mm
Support roller pitch on upper side	lo	mm
Transition length	ls	mm
Support roller pitch on return side	l _u	mm
Geometrical belt length	Lg	mm
Length of conveyor	lŢ	m
conveyed (total load)	m	ka
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 _β	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	PA	kW
Production tolerance	IOI	%
Friction coefficient when running over roller	μ _R	-
Friction coefficient when rupping over table support	μst	-
Balt valacity	μτ	_ m/s
Volume flow for bulk goods conveying	v V	m ³ /h
Total take-up range	×	mm
Belt sag	Vp	mm
Drum deflection	y b Vtr	mm
Margin for take-up range	7	mm
Machine's angle of inclination	a	0
Arc of contact on the drive drum (or snub roller)	β	0
Opening angle on the tensioning drum	Ŷ	0
Belt elongation (pre-tensioning with weight)	ΔL	mm
Permitted angle of inclination for unit goods	δ	0
Elongation at fitting	3	%
Maximum belt elongation	ε _{max}	%
Drive efficiency	η	-
Bulk density of goods conveyed	ρ	kg/m³

Unit goods conveying systems



Friction coefficients μ_S for various coatings (guidelines)

	0, A0, E0,	NOVO	U1, V1, VH	UH, V2H,	ТХО
	T, U0, P			U2H, V5H,	(Amp Miser)
				V10H	
μ _T (table)	0.33	0.33	0.5	0.5	0.18
μ_T (galvanised slider beds)	-	-	-	-	0.24
μ _R (roller)	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.033	-
µ _{ST} (accumulated)	0.33	0.33	0.5	0.5	-

Please note:

dry wet

The friction coefficients stated are based on experience with older friction surfaces that have been subjected to standard wear and tear and soiling. These friction coefficients are about 1.5 times higher than those for new surfaces.

Maximum belt pull F ₁	E – E. C	[N]]		
	$r_1 - r_0 \cdot c_1$	נואן	$F_1 = \frac{P_M \cdot \eta \cdot C_1 \cdot 1000}{v}$	[N]

If effective pull $F_{\mbox{\scriptsize U}}$ can be calculated

If the effective pull $F_{\rm U}$ cannot be calculated, $F_{\rm 1}$ can be established from the motor power installed $P_{\rm M}.$

Siegling Transilon						
Underside coating	V3, V5,	U2, A5, E3		V1, U1,	UH, U2H, V	2H, V5H
Arc of contact β	180°	210°	240°	180°	210°	240°
Smooth steel drum						
dry	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.8	1.6	1.5
wet	3.7	3.2	2.9	5.0	4.0	3.0
Lagged drum						
dry	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.4
wet	1.8	1.6	1.5	3.7	3.2	2.9
Siegling Transilon						
Underside coating	0, U0, N	OVO, EO, A	0, T, P	TX0 (Ar	npMiser)	
Arc of contact β	180°	210°	240°	180°	210°	240°
Smooth steel drum						
dry	2.1	1.9	1.7	3.3	2.9	2.6
wet	not recommended		not	recommen	ded	
Lagged drum						

1.4

1.9

1.3

1.7

2.0

1.8

not recommended

1.7

1.5

2.1

(applies to the drive drums)

Factor C₁

 $\frac{F_1}{b_0} \leq C_2 \quad \left[\frac{N}{mm}\right] \qquad \ \ \text{if the value } \frac{F_1}{b_0} \ \text{is larger than } C_2,$

a stronger belt type (with a higher $k_{1\%}$ value) must be used.

 C_2 indicates the max. permitted belt pull per unit width for the belt type:

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

You can find details on the maximum elongations in the product data sheets. If these are not available, the following can be assumed (but not guaranteed):

Tension member	Polyester	Aramide
Туре	Polyester (key letter "E")	(key letter "AE")
Examples of	E 2/1, E 3/1, E 4/2, E 6/1, NOVO, E 8/2, E 10/M, E 12/2,	AE 48/H, AE 80/3, AE 100/3,
type classes	E 15/2, E 15/M, E 18/3, E 20/M, E 30/3, E 44/3	AE 140/H, AE 140/3
ε _{max} in %	2.0	0.8

Note: If belts have been perforated, b_0 must be reduced by the total width of the holes at a typical cross section. In the case of extreme temperatures, the C₂ factors change. Please enquire.

Siegling Transilon V3, V5, U2, V1, U1, UH 0, U0, NOVO, A5, E3 Underside coating Т, Р Smooth steel drum 25 30 40 dry wet 50 Not recommended Not recommended Lagged drum 25 30 25 dry 40 30 40 wet

 $P_{M} = \frac{P_{A}}{n}$ [kW] = the next largest, standard motor is selected

Factor C₂ Checking the Transilon type selected

Minimum diameter of the drive drums d_A

Mechanical capacity calculated on the drive drum P_A

(applies to the drive drums)

Mechanical capacity required P_M

[kW]

Factor C₃

[mm]



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

Take-up range for screwoperated 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 ϵ of the belt, resulting from the belt load. To establish ϵ , 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

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 ϵ for head drives

The minimum elongation at fitting for head drives is:





(tensioning) than usual, or might require a safety margin, such as for example the impact of temperature, stop-and-go operation. 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.







F2

Fat

F_{w6}

Guidelines for elongation at fitting ϵ for tail drives

The minimum elongation at fitting for return side drives is:

$$\epsilon = \frac{F_{U}/2 + 2 \cdot F_{2} + F_{U}}{2 \cdot k_{1\%} \cdot b_{0}}$$
 [%]

Guidelines for elongation at fitting ε for return-side drives

The minimum elongation at fitting for operating head drives is:

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

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

Return side drive in steady state

F_{WU1}=2

F₂

Guidelines for steady state shaft load

Typical drive drum $\beta = 180^{\circ}$	
$F_{WA} = F_1 + F_2$	[N]

Typical end drum $\beta = 180^{\circ}$	
$F_{W3} = 2 \cdot F_2$	[N]
Typical snub roller $\beta = 60^{\circ}$	
$F_{W6} = \nabla 2 \cdot F_2 \cdot \sin(\beta/2)$	[N]
Typical drive druml $\beta \neq 180^{\circ}$	
$F_{WA} = \sqrt{F_1^2 + F_2^2 - 2 \cdot F_1 \cdot F_2 \cdot \cos \beta}$	[N]



1/3 I_T

 \oplus

Fu ↓F2

 $WU_2=2 \cdot F_1$

Fu [†]F₂

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 ΔL , the production tolerance Tol, the safety margin for tensioning Z and the belt selected.

$$F_{R} = 2 \cdot F_{2} - F_{TR}$$
[N]
Example for establishing the tension weight FR [N] at 180° arc of contract (F_{TR} = tensioning drum weight [N]).
$$F_{R} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot F_{2} - F_{TR}$$

$$F_{R} = 2 \cdot F_{2} \cdot \cos \frac{\gamma}{2} - F_{TR} \qquad [N]$$

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



Establishing belt elongation ΔL

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 ΔL has to be absorbed by the take-up system. For head drives ΔL is calculated as

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

[mm]

Bulk goods conveying systems

δ (approx.°)
16
18
18 – 20
14
15
12
23
18
22 – 24
12 – 15
15 – 18

Bulk goods	δ (approx.°)
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

Longitudinal angle of inclination δ

Guidelines for the longitudinal angle of inclination δ permissible in various bulk goods. The machinery's actual angle of inclination α 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 density of some bulk goods ρ_s

Goods conveyed Bulk density ρ_{S} [10³ kg/m³] Goods conveyed Bulk density ρ_{S} [10³ kg/m³]

0.7
1.5 – 1.9
0.7 – 0.85
0.6 – 1.2
0.4 - 0.6
0.35
0.2
0.85
1.0 - 1.4
0.9 – 1.2
0.75
1.2 – 1.3
2.1
0.95 – 1.0

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

b ₀	mm	400	500	650	800	1000	1200	1400
Angle of surcharge 0°		25	32	42	52	66	80	94
Angle of surcharge 10°		40	57	88	123	181	248	326

Volume flow V for belts lying flat

The table shows the hourly volume flow (m^3/h) at a belt velocity of v = 1 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.





Volume flow V for troughed conveyor belts

in m³/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
Troughed angle 20°								
Angle of surcharge 0°		21	36	67	105	173	253	355
Angle of surcharge 10°		36	60	110	172	281	412	572
Troughed angle 30°								
Angle of surcharge 0°		30	51	95	149	246	360	504
Angle of surcharge 10°		44	74	135	211	345	505	703



Factor C₆

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 α.

Factor C₄

Additional effective pull, for example from scrapers and cleaning devices, is taken into account by including the factor C₄.

Rolling resistance for support rollers f

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

Ι _Τ [m]	25	50	75	100	150	200
C ₄	2	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.3

f = 0.025 for roller bearings

f = 0.050 for slide bearings

Establishing the mass of goods conveyed m



[kg]



- I₀ = 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 centre. Horizontal conveying, skid plate support, return drive systems as shown on the sketch, drive via the top face of the belt, drive drum with lagging, screw-operated tensioning system, 14 support rollers. Proposed belt type: Siegling Transilon E8/2 U0/V5H MT black (900026) with $k_{1\%} = 8$ 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 $L_g = 105000 \text{ mm}$ Belt width Total load Arc of contact v = ca. 0.8 m/s Mass rollers

 $I_T = 50 \text{ m}$ $b_0 = 600 \text{ mm}$ m = 1200 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]	$F_U = \mu_T \cdot g \ (m + \frac{m_B}{2}) + \mu_R \cdot g \ (\frac{m_B}{2} + m_R)$					
	$F_U = 0.33 \cdot 9.81 (1200 + \frac{157.5}{2}) + 0.033 \cdot 9.81 (\frac{157.5}{2} + 570)$ $F_U ≈ 4340 \text{ N}$					
Maximum belt pull F ₁ [N]	$F_{U} = 4350 \text{ N}$ $C_{1} = 1.6$	$F_1 = F_U \cdot C_1$				
		$F_1 = 4350 \cdot 1.6$				
		$F_1 \approx 6960 \text{ N}$				
Checking the belt type selected	$F_1 = 6960 \text{ N}$ $b_0 = 600 \text{ mm}$ $b_0 = 8 \text{ N/mm}$	$\frac{F_1}{b_0} \le C_2$				
	K _{1%} — O IV/IIIII	$\frac{6960}{600} \le 2.8 \text{ N/mm}$				

11,6 N/mm ≤ 16 N/mm

The belt type has been chosen correctly.

$F_U = 4340 \text{ N}$ $C_3 = 25$ $\beta = 180^\circ$ $b_0 = 600 \text{ mm}$	$d_{A} = \frac{F_{U} \cdot C_{3} \cdot 180^{\circ}}{b_{0} \cdot \beta}$ $d_{A} = \frac{4340 \cdot 25 \cdot 180^{\circ}}{600 \cdot 180^{\circ}}$ $d_{A} = 181 \text{ mm}$	[mm] [mm]	Minimum drive drum diameter
F _U = 4350 N	d _A dimensioned at 200 mm		
v = 0.8 m/s	$P_{A} = \frac{F_{U} \cdot V}{1000}$ $P_{A} = \frac{4350 \cdot 0.8}{1000}$ $P_{A} \approx 3.5 \text{ kW}$	[kW]	Power P _A on the drive drum
$P_A = 3.5 \text{ kW}$ $\eta = 0.8 \text{ (assumed)}$	$P_{\rm M} = \frac{P_{\rm A}}{\eta}$	[kW]	Motor power required P _M
	$P_{\rm M} = \frac{1}{0.8}$ $P_{\rm M} \approx 4.4 \text{ kW}$ $P_{\rm M}$ at 5.5 kW or higher	[KVV]	
$\begin{array}{ll} F_U &= 4350 \ N \\ C_1 &= 1.6 \\ K &= 0.62 \\ k_{1\%} &= 8 \ N/mm \ for \ E8/2 \ U0/V5H \ black \\ b_0 &= 600 \ mm \end{array}$	$\varepsilon = \frac{F_{U} (C_{1} - K)}{k_{1\%} \cdot b_{0}}$ $\varepsilon = \frac{4350 (1.6 - 0.62)}{8 \cdot 600}$ $\varepsilon \approx 0.9 \%$	[%]	Minimum elongation at fitting for return drive





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

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° arc of contact).

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



 $F_W = 2 \cdot F$ $F_W \!=\! 2\cdot 0.9\cdot 8\cdot 600$ $F_W \approx 8640 \text{ N}$

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

 $F_W = [N]$

Shaft load at rest

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

= 8640 N F_{W1} at rest F_{W1} steady state = 5220 N

Note:

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

Take-up range

 $\frac{2 \cdot 0.2 \cdot 105000}{100} + \frac{0.9 \cdot 105000}{100} + 200$ X = --X = 210 + 473 + 200









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