



**Technical Terms  
of  
Micro-Drives Gearboxes  
as  
Published on the Datasheet**

All values at 22°C.

All ratings and data are for nominal values, except where specifically noted.

**1 Housing material**

The material used in the construction of the gearbox housing.

**2 Geartrain material**

The material used in the fabrication of the gears.

**3 Recommended max. input speed – continuous operation [rpm]**

The maximum input speed recommended for continuous operation in order to have a life of 500 hours minimum, assuming the Maximum Recommended Output Torque is not exceeded.

**4 Backlash, at no-load [degrees]**

The number of angular degrees, once the gear train is fully wound up in a clockwise output shaft rotational direction, that the input shaft divided by the gear ratio must rotate in the opposite direction to effect rotation of the output shaft in a counterclockwise direction.

**4 Bearings on output shaft**

The bearings used for the output shaft of the gearbox.

**6 Shaft load, max. – radial [N]**

The shaft load at a specified distance from the mounting surface.

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The ratings indicates that a lifetime of 500 hours for other components in the gearbox will not be affected by this shaft load.

**7 Shaft press fit force [N]**

The maximum press fitting force recommended to avoid damage to the gearbox.

**8 Shaft play (on bearing output) – radial [mm]**

The shaft play on the bearings, measured at the bearing exit.

**9 Shaft play (on bearing output) – axial [mm]**

The shaft play on the bearings, measured at the bearing exit.

**10 Operating temperature range [°C]**

Indicates the min and max gearbox operating temperature recommended.

**11 Weight [g]**

The average weight of the basic gearbox type and ratio.

**12 Reduction Ratio**

The number of revolutions of the input stage to effect 1 complete revolution of the out put shaft.

**13 efficiency [%]**

The ratio of a change in output power for a change in input power to the gearbox.

Note that efficiency does not address input friction torque.

This efficiency is a calculated value typically assuming a 10% loss per gear stage.

**14 Direction of Rotation**

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The direction of rotation of the output shaft in relation to the direction of rotation of the input stage.

= means that the input and output stage rotate in the same direction.

≠ means that the output stage rotates in a direction opposite the input stage direction.

Gearboxes can be run in either direction.

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