

# Operated Rack In and Out Unit Development and Structural Analysis of MAST

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**Abstract**— Due to safety requirement, electrical unit like should be withdrawn from 20 feet away. Also, torque more than 10 N-m is required to withdrawn the unit due to continuous power supply to the electrical unit. Rack-in/Rack-out unit should be easily removed or fitted with the electrical unit which should racked-out or racked-in into the panel. Same remote operated unit can be used to change the LMV (like car/van) vehicle wheels also.

## **Nomenclature used:**

1. RRU –Remote Racking Unit
2. CW & CCW – Clockwise & Counter Clockwise
3. BOM – Bill of Material
4. RS – Requirement Specification

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Due to the safety purpose in industries while rack in and rack out purposes of circuit breaker normally many small and large scale industries by removing circuit breaker manually there is a chance of occurring short circuit so in order to overcome this problem here we are using rack in and rack out by worm gear this helps to do function from 20 feet away Mounting remote racking unit will be made on 2 mounting studs on the secure connect unit door Duty cycle CW-CCW-CW, continuous CW/CCW operation should not be performed twice 100 Lbs-inch is the required torque to operate the secure connect unit shaft Secure connect unit shaft has to be operated 90° CW/CCW within 3 seconds Alignment of Remote operator shaft which needs to engage with 2100 secure connect unit operating shaft needs to match orientation and shaft will rotated 90° CW for connect and 90° CCW for disconnect condition. This will be achieved by rotating operating shaft. So operating shaft should not be rotated beyond 90° , over travel will damage stab assembly So, Limit switch and stopper arrangement will be used and the design of Limit arrangement and stopper should meet the requirement of avoiding the shaft over travel above 90° .

The stepper motor shaft has to be coupled with worm gear shaft using a coupler and hence a step (flat surface) is required on the motor for assembling the coupler with set screw. The cables which will primarily function here are the red, green and white cable These cables must be crimped with a pin type lug/terminal to connect with the 6 pin connector. The cable length required is same as the power cable, 18 inches. "Design of mounting arrangement should have F.O.S 1.5 to keep design is safe and should be capable of handling axial load to avoid accidental release of the unit during operation" The second are single-throated worm gears, in which the worm wheel is throated. The final types are double-throated worm gears, which have both gears throated. This type of gearing can support the highest loading <sup>[1]</sup>. An enveloping (hourglass) worm has one or more teeth and increases in diameter from its middle portion toward both ends<sup>[2]</sup>. Double-enveloping worm gearing comprises enveloping worms mated with fully enveloping worm gears. It is also known as globoid worm gearing <sup>[3]</sup>. A left hand helical gear or left hand worm is one in which the teeth twist counterclockwise as they recede from an observer looking along the axis<sup>[4]</sup>.

## **II. EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS**

### **A. Worm and worm gear**

1:20 gear reduction is required for the application with a smaller size. The selected worm & worm gear is capable of delivering the required torque

### **B. Stepper motor**

Precise control with proper timing at desired torque is required for the application. Excitron stepper motor is controlled with a remote control from a distant location, and the function can preprogrammed in the stepper motor. Even at power failure the controller has the capability of resuming the remaining movement when the power is back. The total motor and controller set up is at better cost.

### **C. DEEP GROOVE BALL BEARING**

The provided proper axial load and radial load balance without vibrations we need to provide a bearing on the other side of the worm shaft. On the stepper motor side already a bearing is present inside the motor.

## **III. METHODOLOGY**

### **A. Material Selection**

Mechanical properties of the materials are required for finite element models. Brass and Steel are used for the finite element analysis. Table 1 describes few material properties used for analysis.

**Table 1: Material properties used for the Analysis**

| Property        | Bronze     | Steel   |
|-----------------|------------|---------|
| Young's Modulus | 96-120 GPa | 200 GPa |
| Poisson's Ratio | 0.34       | 0.30    |

**B. Finite Element Modeling**

Finite Element Modeling involves in pre-processing stage, processing stage and post processing stage. Pre-processing stage involves details of mesh, load & boundary conditions. An appropriate finite element analysis was used to represent necessary structural details to obtain correct structural behaviour of system

**WORM AND WORM GEAR**

**Efficiency calculation**

$$EFFICIENCY = E = \frac{\tan \gamma (1 - f \tan \gamma)}{f + \tan \gamma}$$

Max. Coefficient of friction = 0.05

Worm lead angle =  $4^{\circ}46'$

$\eta = 60\%$  (For safety we take 50%)

Where  $\gamma$  = worm lead angle

$f$  = coefficient of friction

If the motor provides a min. of 7.5 in-lbf torque,

If we required 100 in-lbf as output, with the current worm and worm wheel drive, the output torque will be 150 in-lbf. Suppose if we need 100 in-lbf as output. we will get 7.5 in-lbf torque from stepper motor shaft so the selected gear is 1:20 then 7.5 in-lbf is converted as 150 in-lbf and gear losses is considered and gear loss is 0.75% den  $150 * 0.75$  and we will get 112.5 in-lbf torque so required torque is 100 in-lbf torque

| TORTIONAL STRESS ON THE WORM SHAFT |          |       |                 | FORMULA  | TORTIONAL STRESS ON THE WORM GEAR SHAFT |           |        |                 |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------|-----------------|--|---|-----------|--------|-----------------|
| DIAMETER OF WORM SHAFT             | $d_w$    | 0.475 | in              | $I_p = \frac{\pi d^4}{32}$<br><br>$\tau = \frac{(T * r)}{I_p}$ | AVERAGE DIAMETER OF WORM GEAR SHAFT     | $d_{avg}$ | 0.385  | in              |
| RADIUS OF WORM SHAFT               | $r_w$    | 0.237 | in              |  | RADIUS OF WORM GEAR SHAFT               | $r_g$     | 0.1923 | in              |
| POLAR MOMENT OF INERTIA            | $I_p$    | 0.005 | In <sup>4</sup> |  | POLAR MOMENT OF INERTIA                 | $I_p$     | 0.002  | In <sup>4</sup> |
| SHEAR STRESS IN THE SHAFT          | $\tau_w$ | 832   | psi             |  | OUTPUT TORQUE                           | $T_o$     | 100    | In lbs          |
|                                    |          |       |                 |  | SHEAR STRESS IN THE SHAFT               | $\tau_g$  | 8929   | psi             |

| BENDING STRESS ON THE WORM SHAFT |            |       |                 | FORMULA                      | BENDING STRESS ON THE WORM GEAR SHAFT |            |          |                 |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------|
| DIAMETER OF WORM SHAFT(MIN)      | $d_w$      | 0.475 | in              | $I = \frac{\pi d^4}{64}$     | DIAMETER OF WORM GEAR SHAFT           | $d_g$      | 0.5      | in              |
| RADIUS OF WORM SHAFT             | $r_w$      | 0.237 | in              |                              | RADIUS OF WORM GEAR SHAFT             | $r_g$      | 0.25     | in              |
| MOMENT OF INERTIA                | $I$        | 0.002 | In <sup>4</sup> | $\sigma = \frac{(M * r)}{I}$ | POLAR MOMENT OF INERTIA               | $I$        | 0.003068 | In <sup>4</sup> |
| MAX BENDING MOMENT               | $M$        | 44.54 | In lbs          |                              | MAX BENDING MOMENT                    | $M$        | 207.49   | In lbs          |
| BENDING STRESS IN THE SHAFT      | $\sigma_w$ | 4,234 | psi             |                              | BENDING STRESS IN THE SHAFT           | $\sigma_g$ | 16,908   | psi             |

Worm-worm gear of 1:20 gear ratio is selected and safe



Fig 1: Manually operated to rack in and out

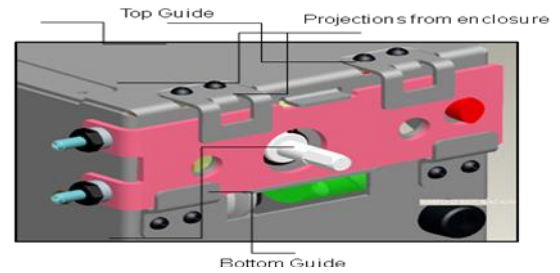


Fig 2: Automatic operation through remote racking

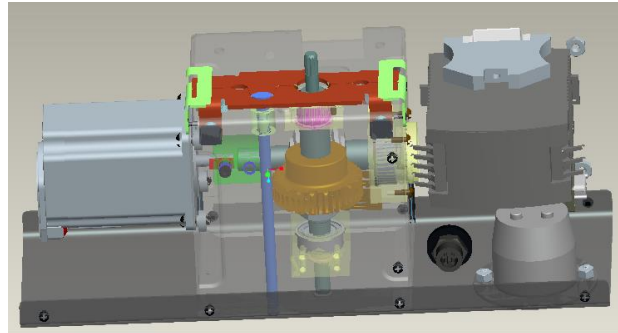


Fig 3: Proposed model for remote racking

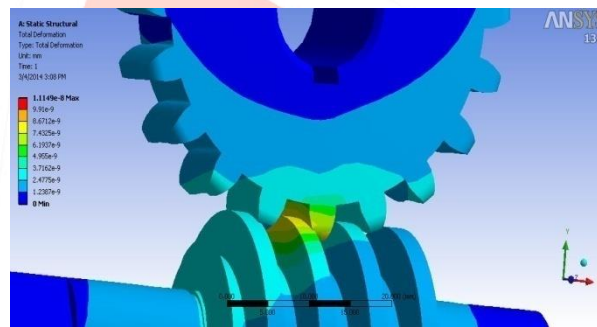


Fig 4: Total deformation

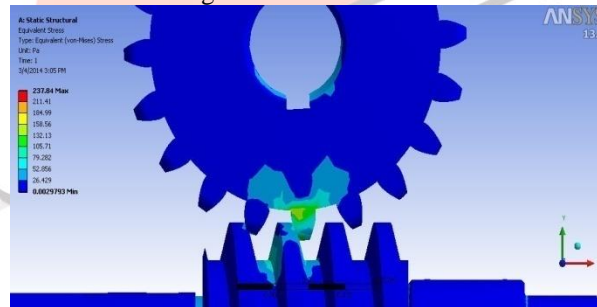


Fig 5: Equivalent stress

#### IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This total setup is drawn in pro E and gear calculations where done .so this setup helps to solve this fire accidents while racking in and out .This setup helps to rack in and out safely from 20 feet long so the operator will be safe at the other end and the maximum deformation and stress is shown in the above figure

#### V. CONCLUSION

- It avoids fire accidents while racking in and out of circuit breaker and increases safety measurements
- It helps car/van etc for lifting vehicle for changing tire purposes
- Secure connect unit shaft has to be remotely operated away from 20 feet

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