



## Problems on propeller shaft



1. An automobile engine develops 28 kW at 1500 rpm and its bottom gear ratio is 3.06. If a propeller shaft of 40 mm outside diameter is to be used, determine the inside diameter of mild steel tube to be used, assuming a safe shear stress of  $55 \times 10^3$  kPa for the M.S.

Given:

$$P = 28 \text{ kW} = 28 \times 10^3 \text{ W}$$

$$N = 1500 \text{ rpm}$$

$$\text{Bottom Gear ratio (G)} = 3.06$$

$$d_o = 40 \text{ mm}$$

$$f_s = 55 \times 10^3 \text{ kPa} = 55 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa (or) } 55 \text{ MPa} \\ = 55 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Find:

$d_i$

Solution:

$$P = \frac{2\pi N T_e}{60}$$

$$28 \times 10^3 = \frac{2 \times \pi \times 1500 \times T_e}{60}$$

$$T_e = 178.25 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m} \quad (\text{or}) \quad 178.25 \times 10^3 \text{ N}\cdot\text{mm}$$



$$\frac{T_t}{I_p} = \frac{f_s}{y}$$

$$T_t = T_e \times G = 178.25 \times 10^3 \times 3.06$$

$$T_t = 545.45 \times 10^3$$

$$I_p = \frac{\pi}{32} (d_o^4 - d_i^4)$$

$$I_p = \frac{\pi}{32} (40^4 - d_i^4)$$

$$y = \frac{d_o}{2} = \frac{40}{2}$$

$$y = 20 \text{ mm}$$

$$\frac{T_t}{I_p} = \frac{f_s}{y}$$

$$\frac{545.45 \times 10^3}{\frac{\pi}{32} (40^4 - d_i^4)} = \frac{55}{20}$$

$$d_i = 27.1 \text{ mm}$$

Result:

$$d_i = 27.1 \text{ mm}$$



d. An automobile engine develops a maximum torque of  $162 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$ . The low gear ratio of transmission is  $2.75$ , while the last axle ratio is  $4.25$ . The effective wheel radius is  $0.325 \text{ m}$  and the coefficient of friction between the tyre and the road surface is  $0.6$ . If the permissible shear stress is  $32373 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$ , determine the maximum shaft diameter, assuming that the load is nearly torsional. What is the maximum load on each wheel.

Given

$$T_e = 162 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m} = 162 \times 10^3 \text{ N}\cdot\text{mm}$$

$$G = 2.75$$

$$G_{\text{Final}} = 4.25$$

[radius of tyre]  $r = 0.325 \text{ m} = 325 \text{ mm}$

$$\mu = 0.6$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_s &= 32373 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa} = 323.73 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} \\ &= 323.73 \text{ N/mm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

To find:

(i)  $d$

(ii) Load on each wheel



Solution

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$$\frac{T_t}{I_p} = \frac{f_s}{y}$$

$$T_t = T_e \times G \times G_r$$

$$= 162 \times 10^3 \times 2.75 \times 4.25$$

$$T_t = 1893.375 \times 10^3 \text{ N. mm}$$

$$I_p = \frac{\pi}{32} d^4$$

$$\frac{T_t}{I_p} = \frac{f_s}{y}$$

$$\frac{1893.375 \times 10^3}{\frac{\pi}{32} \times d^4} = \frac{323.73}{\frac{d}{2}}$$

$$d = 31 \text{ mm}$$

Load on each wheel =  $\frac{\text{tractive effort}}{\mu}$

$$\text{tractive effort} = \frac{T_t}{y} = \frac{1893.375 \times 10^3}{325}$$

$$\text{tractive effort} = 5825.77 \text{ N}$$



$$\text{Load on each wheel} = \frac{5825.77}{0.6}$$

$$\text{Load on each wheel} = 9709.6 \text{ N}$$

Result:

$$d = 31 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{Load on each wheel} = 9709.6 \text{ N}$$

- 3) An engine develops  $29.5 \text{ kW}$  at  $2000 \text{ rpm}$  when the torque developed is maximum. The bottom gear ratio  $3:1$  and the back axle reduction is  $4.5:1$ . The load on each driving axle is  $7307.5 \text{ N}$  when the car is fully loaded. Diameter of road wheel over the tyres is  $0.71 \text{ m}$  and the coefficient of adhesion between tyre and road is  $0.6$ . If permissible stress in the material of the shaft is not allowed to exceed  $22072.5 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$ , find the diameter of the axle shaft.

Given

$$P = 29.5 \text{ kW} = 29.5 \times 10^3 \text{ W}$$

$$G_1 = 3:1 \Rightarrow 3$$

$$G_{\text{back}} = 4.5:1 \Rightarrow 4.5$$



$$N = 2000 \text{ rpm}$$

$$\text{Load on driving axle} = 7857.5 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{diameter of tyre} = 0.71 \text{ m}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{radius of} \\ \text{tyre} \end{array} \right] r = 0.355 \text{ m}$$
$$= 355 \text{ mm}$$

$$\mu = 0.6$$

$$f_{s \text{ max}} = 22072.5 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$$
$$= 220.725 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$$
$$= 220.725 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Find:

(i)  $d$

Solution:

$$\frac{T_e}{I_p} = \frac{f_s}{r}$$

$$P = \frac{2\pi N T_e}{60}$$

$$29.5 \times 10^3 = \frac{2\pi \times 2000 \times T_e}{60}$$

$$T_e = 140.85 \text{ N.m}$$

or

$$T_e = 140.85 \times 10^3 \text{ N.mm}$$



$$T_t = T_e \times G_r \times G_{aule}$$
$$= 140.85 \times 10^3 \times 3 \times 4.5$$

$$T_t = 1901.475 \times 10^3 \text{ N}\cdot\text{mm}$$

$$\frac{T_t}{I_p} = \frac{f_s}{y}$$

$$\frac{1901.475 \times 10^3}{\frac{\pi \times d^4}{32}} = \frac{820.725}{\frac{d}{2}}$$

$$d = 35.3 \text{ mm}$$

friction force on

each wheel

load

Tractive effort

$$= \frac{T_t}{y} = \frac{1901.475 \times 10^3}{355}$$

$$= \underline{5356.26 \text{ N}}$$

The frictional force develops horizontal shear stress on the axle weight develops Vertical shear stress

$$\text{Maximum Vertical stress} = \frac{4}{3} \times \text{Average Shear stress}$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{7397.5}{\frac{\pi \times (35.3)^2}{4}}$$

$$= 10.02 \text{ N/mm}^2$$



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$$\text{Maximum horizontal shear stress} = \frac{4}{3} \times \text{Average shear stress}$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{5356.26}{\frac{\pi}{4} \times 35^2}$$

$$= 7.3 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Since both the stress is less compare to the design stress - so the shaft is quite safe.

Result:

$$d = 35.3 \text{ mm}$$