



Plate clutch

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Single plate clutch

Multiplate clutch.

$$T = \mu W R n$$

Mean radius "R"

$$R = \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{r_2^3 - r_1^3}{r_2^2 - r_1^2} \right) \rightarrow \text{Under uniform pressure}$$

$$R = \frac{r_1 + r_2}{2} \rightarrow \text{Under uniform wear}$$

Weight "W"

$$W = 2\pi c [r_2 - r_1] \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{where, } c = P_{\max} \times r_1 \end{array} \right\} \text{When maximum Pressure is given}$$

$$W = P \pi [r_2^2 - r_1^2] \rightarrow \text{When uniform Pressure (or) Average pressure given}$$



Number of plates n for multiplate clutch

$$n = n_1 + n_2 - 1$$

Number of friction surface for single plate clutch

$$n = 2$$

n_1 → number of plates on driving shaft

n_2 → number of plates on driven shaft

Problem

- 1) Determine the maximum, minimum pressure and average pressure in a plate clutch, when the axial force is 4 kN. The inside radius of the contact surface is 50 mm and outside radius is 100 mm. Assume uniform wear.



Given data:

$$r_1 = 50 \text{ mm}$$

$$r_2 = 100 \text{ mm}$$

$$W = 4 \text{ kN} = 4 \times 10^3$$

To find:

(i) P_{\max}

(ii) P_{\min}

(iii) P_{av}

Solution

$$P_{\max} = \frac{C}{r_1}$$

$$W = 2\pi C [r_2 - r_1]$$

$$4 \times 10^3 = 2 \times \pi \times C [100 - 50]$$

$$C = 12.73$$

$$P_{\max} = \frac{12.73}{50}$$

$$P_{\max} = 0.2546 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$P_{\min} = \frac{C}{r_2} = \frac{12.73}{100}$$

$$P_{\min} = 0.1273 \text{ N/mm}^2$$



$$P_{av} = \frac{W}{\pi [r_2^2 - r_1^2]} = \frac{4000}{\pi [100^2 - 50^2]}$$

$$P_{av} = 0.169 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Result:

$$P_{max} = 0.2546 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$P_{min} = 0.1273 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$P_{av} = 0.169 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

- 2) A plate clutch having single driving plate with contact surfaces on each side is required to transmit 110 kW at 1250 rpm. The outer diameter of contact surface is to be 300 mm. The coefficient of friction is 0.4. (a) Assuming a uniform pressure of 0.17 N/mm^2 . Determine the inner diameter of friction surface. (b) Assuming same dimensions and same total axial thrust. Determine the maximum torque that can be transmitted and the maximum intensity of pressure when the uniform wear condition have been reached.



Given

$$P = 110 \text{ kW} = 110 \times 10^3 \text{ W}$$

$$N = 1250 \text{ rpm}$$

$$d_2 = 300 \text{ mm} \Rightarrow r_2 = 150 \text{ mm}$$

$$\mu = 0.4$$

$$P = 0.17 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Single plate clutch, so, $n = 2$

To find:

(i) d_1

(ii) T_{max} , P_{max}

Solution:

(i) considering uniform pressure

we know that,

$$T = \mu W R n$$

$$P = \frac{2\pi NT}{60} \Rightarrow 110 \times 10^3 = \frac{2 \times \pi \times 1250 \times T}{60}$$

$$T = 840.34 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$$

(Or.)

$$T = 840.34 \times 10^3 \text{ N}\cdot\text{mm}$$



$$R = \frac{2}{3} \left[\frac{r_2^3 - r_1^3}{r_2^2 - r_1^2} \right] \quad (\text{for uniform pressure})$$

$$R = \frac{2}{3} \left[\frac{150^3 - r_1^3}{150^2 - r_1^2} \right]$$

$$W = P\pi (r_2^2 - r_1^2) \rightarrow (\text{when uniform pressure gives})$$

$$W = 0.17 \times \pi (150^2 - r_1^2)$$

$$T = \mu W R n$$

$$840.34 \times 10^3 = 0.4 \times 0.17 \times \pi (150^2 - r_1^2)$$

$$\times \frac{2}{3} \left[\frac{150^3 - r_1^3}{150^2 - r_1^2} \right] \times 2$$

$$r_1 = 75.2 \text{ mm}$$

$$d_1 = 2 r_1 = 75.2 \times 2$$

$$d_1 = 150.4 \text{ mm}$$

(ii) Considering uniform wear [As given in question, the dimensions are considered from above condition]

$$T = \mu W R n$$

$$R = \frac{r_1 + r_2}{2} = \frac{75.2 + 150}{2}$$

$$R = 112.6 \text{ mm}$$



$$W = P \pi (r_2^2 - r_1^2)$$

$$= 0.17 \times \pi (150^2 - 75.2^2)$$

$$W = 8996.4 \text{ N}$$

$$T = \mu W R n$$

$$= 0.4 \times 8996.4 \times 112.6 \times 2$$

$$T_{\text{max}} = 810.4 \times 10^3 \text{ N-mm}$$

Wkb, for maximum pressure ...

$$W = 2 \pi C (r_2 - r_1)$$

$$8996.4 = 2 \times \pi \times C (150 - 75.2)$$

$$C = 19.14$$

$$P_{\text{max}} = \frac{C}{r_1} = \frac{19.14}{75.2} = 0.2545 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$P_{\text{max}} = 0.2545 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Result:

(i) $d_1 = 150.4 \text{ mm}$

(ii) $T_{\text{max}} = 810.4 \times 10^3 \text{ N-mm}$

(iii) $P_{\text{max}} = 0.2545 \text{ N/mm}^2$



3. An automobile power unit gives a maximum torque of $13.56 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$. The clutch is of a single plate drive having effective clutch lining of both sides of plate disc. Coefficient of friction is 0.3 and the maximum axial pressure is $8.29 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$ and external radius of friction surface is 1.25 times of internal radius. Calculate dimensions of clutch plate and the total axial pressure that must be exerted by the clutch spring.

Given:

$$T = 13.56 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m} \text{ (or) } 13.56 \times 10^3 \text{ N}\cdot\text{mm}$$

Since it is single plate so, $n = 2$

$$\mu = 0.3$$

$$P_{\text{max}} = 8.29 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$$

$$= 0.0829 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$$

$$= 0.0829 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$r_2 = 1.25 r_1$$

To find:

(i) r_1, r_2

(ii) W



Solution:

$$T = \mu W R n$$

$$R = \frac{r_1 + r_2}{2} = \frac{r_1 + 1.25r_1}{2}$$

$$R = 1.125 r_1$$

$$W = 2\pi C (r_2 - r_1)$$

$$C = P_{\max} \times r_1$$

$$C = 0.0829 \times r_1$$

$$W = 2 \times \pi \times 0.0829 \times r_1 (1.25r_1 - r_1)$$

$$W = 0.13 r_1^2$$

$$T = \mu W R n$$

$$13.56 \times 10^3 = 0.3 \times 0.13 r_1^2 \times 1.125 r_1 \times 2$$

$$r_1 = 53.66 \text{ mm}$$

$$r_2 = 1.25 \times 53.66$$

$$r_2 = 67.07 \text{ mm}$$



$$W = 0.13 r_1^2$$
$$= 0.13 \times 53.66^2$$

$$W = 374.3 \text{ N}$$

Result:

$$r_1 = 53.66 \text{ mm}$$

$$r_2 = 67.07 \text{ mm}$$

$$W = 374.3 \text{ N}$$

4. A motor car develops 5.96 kW @ 2100 rpm. Find the suitable size of clutch plate having friction lining riveted on both sides to transmit power under the following condition
- Intensity of pressure on the surface not to exceed $6.87 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$
 - Slip torque and losses due to wear and etc is 35% of engine torque
 - Coefficient of friction on contact surface is 0.3
 - Inside diameter of the friction plate is 0.55 times the outside diameter.



Given :

$$P = 5.96 \text{ kW} = 5.96 \times 10^3 \text{ W}$$

$$N = 2100 \text{ rpm}$$

$$P_{\text{max}} = 6.87 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa} = 0.0687 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} \\ = 0.0687 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$T = 1.35 \times T_e \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Because, the losses are} \\ \text{considered as given in (b) point} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\mu = 0.3$$

T is 100% Engine Torque + 35% loss. So, considering both $100 + 35 = 135\% \Rightarrow 1.35$

$$d_1 = 0.55 d_2 \Rightarrow r_1 = 0.55 r_2$$

To find:

(i) r_1, r_2

Single plate clutch so, $n = 2$

Solution

$$T = \mu W R n$$

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

$$5.96 \times 10^3 = \frac{2 \times \pi \times 2100 \times T_e}{60}$$

$$T_e = 27.1 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$$

(or)

$$T_e = 27.1 \times 10^3 \text{ N}\cdot\text{mm}$$

$$T = 1.35 \times T_e$$

$$= 1.35 \times 27.1 \times 10^3$$

$$T = 36.585 \times 10^3 \text{ N}\cdot\text{mm}$$



$$W = 2\pi C (r_2 - r_1)$$

$$C = P_{\max} \times r_1$$

$$= 0.0687 \times r_1$$

$$= 0.0687 \times 0.55r_2$$

$$C = 0.037785 r_2$$

$$W = 2 \times \pi \times 0.037785 r_2 \times (r_2 - 0.55r_2)$$

$$W = 0.1068 r_2^2$$

$$R = \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{r_2^3 - r_1^3}{r_2^2 - r_1^2} \right) = \frac{2}{3} \left[\frac{r_2^3 - (0.55r_2)^3}{r_2^2 - (0.55r_2)^2} \right]$$

$$R = \frac{2}{3} \left[\frac{0.833625 r_2^3}{0.6975 r_2^2} \right]$$

$$R = 0.7967742 r_2$$

$$T = \mu WRn$$

$$36.585 \times 10^3 = 0.3 \times 0.1068 r_2^2 \times 0.7967742 r_2 \times 2$$

$$r_2 = 89.4 \text{ mm} \Rightarrow d_2 = 178.8 \text{ mm}$$

$$r_1 = 0.55 \times 89.4$$

$$r_1 = 49.2 \text{ mm} \quad d_1 = 98.4 \text{ mm}$$

Result:

(i) $r_1 = 49.2 \text{ mm}$ (or) $d_1 = 98.4 \text{ mm}$

(ii) $r_2 = 89.4 \text{ mm}$ (or) $d_2 = 178.8 \text{ mm}$