

# Geareducer® model 3400

INSTALLATION - OPERATION - MAINTENANCE

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READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS MANUAL PRIOR TO OPERATING OR SERVICING THIS PRODUCT



## operation and service

### **Corrosion and Dry Start-Up Protection**

Marley Geareducers utilize iron and steel materials, which if not maintained correctly, may degrade. While some external corrosion is acceptable, an internal lubrication film must be maintained at all times to protect the working components against corrosion and potential startup damage. The following information describes methods of operation and preventive measures to ensure suitability for long-term operation.

#### **Status Definitions**

#### Pre-Commission

Duration\* = Up to 4 months after receipt.

\*export shipment status duration is reduced by 1 month

This is the as-shipped condition, which contains a factory rustproofing coating on the interior of the unit as well as a grease coating on the exposed shaft surfaces.

If the cooling tower is not ready for operation at the time of status expiration, steps must be taken to place the Geareducer into *Long-Term Storage or Downtime* status.

#### Operational

This stage is initiated upon the first motor driven sequence. The Geareducer is now considered as being placed into regular service and operation.

#### Idle

Duration = 2 to 4 weeks.

This stage is a suspension in operational status and lasts up to two 2 weeks. The duration may be doubled by completing a *Run Cycle*.

It is not recommended to extend the idle status more than once in any given sequence.

A common application is during a temporary outage

#### Seasonal Shutdown

Duration = Up to 4 months after operational is suspended.

This stage may be considered an extended idle condition.

Requires additional preventive maintenance.

### Long-Term Storage or Downtime

Duration = Indefinite.

Requires long-term preventive measures.

#### Run Cycle

Defined as full speed operation for a minimum of 30 minutes. This recoats all internal components and surfaces with lubricant and also helps to expel some moisture that may have accumulated from daily ambient condition cycling.

As shipped, a Marley Geareducer is protected internally against corrosion with machine enamel on un-machined parts and with rust-proofing oil and grease on machined surfaces. These coatings normally protect the Geareducer against corrosion for the duration of the *Pre-Commission* phase. Adding normal lubricant to the unit will dissolve the rust-proofing oil in the Geareducer sump. Provided it is added via the filler-neck or pumped in through the drain connection, this lubricant will not reduce the overall level of protection however, if the unit is operated for any amount of time, the *Pre-Commission* period is depleted and the unit is now considered to be in *Operational* status.

Check the Geareducer exterior yearly. Touch up with paint as required. Exposed pipe threads are coated to prevent corrosion. Touch up coating as required.

## **Initial Operation**

#### **Priming**

Due to lack of control over facility operational readiness, site ambient conditions or storage practices, etc., it is recommended to supplement lubricant prior to initial operation. The same fill lubricant should be poured or pumped into the port above the interstage shaft. Remove pipe plug in center of Interstage Bearing Cap to expose port. Refer to **Figure 1**. If additional oil is being used, an amount of 1 to 1 1/2 quarts should be used. If the lubricant is being pumped from the sump bulk volume, at least 1 quart **should** be transferred. In either case, this priming step should be performed within 5 days of initial operation. If a delay occurs and the 5 day duration is exceeded, repeat the process. In either case, this priming step should be performed while rotating the gear train by hand and within 5 days of initial operation.

**Warning** – Operating the Geareducer at an oil level other than between the Add and Full levels may damage the unit and possibly mating equipment. This could also escalate to a safety concern for nearby personnel.

The Geareducer must be filled with oil to the Full oil level mark on the Geareducer case before it is placed in operation. If the unit is being taken out of *Long-Term Storage or Downtime*, the oil should be drained down to the Full operating level. If drain-down occurs within 5 days of the initial startup, the above priming sequence may be skipped. See **Changing Geareducer Oil** section for oil filling instructions.

Geareducers supplied with new cooling towers include oil for the initial filling and in some cases, will also ship with an additional amount required to place the unit into *Long-Term Storage or Downtime* status. Normally, oil is not furnished with Geareducers supplied as a spare or on replacement orders. Before operating the mechanical equipment, check to be sure the oil level is at the Full mark at the Geareducer and that the external gauge placard Full mark corresponds with the Full level in the Geareducer. Check oil lines to be sure there are no leaks.

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The Geareducer vent or vent line must be checked for blockage to prevent failure of pinion shaft oil seal—clean when necessary.

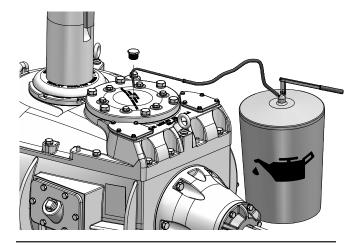


Figure 1 Priming Interstage Shaft

Check all gasketed joints for oil seepage. Tighten cap screws and flange bolting if necessary.

The Geareducer must be installed level and properly aligned with the driveshaft and motor shaft. Refer to the *Driveshaft User Manual*.

It is recommended to operate the Geareducer for no less than 30 minutes in any given run sequence. It is acceptable to ignore this when "bumping" the motor for confirmation of the correct direction of rotation.

### Seasonal Shutdown up to 4 months

At start of shutdown period, perform a *Run Cycle* and change the oil. See section on **Changing Geareducer Oil**.

Every 2 weeks check the oil level and perform a Run Cycle.

Once each month drain any water condensation from the lowest point of the Geareducer and its oil system. Check the oil level and add oil if necessary. Perform a *Run Cycle*.

To put back into operation, drain water condensation from the lowest point of the Geareducer and its oil system and check oil level. Add oil if necessary.

## Long-Term Storage or Downtime Indefinite Duration

If unit has been in an operational state, perform a *Run Cycle* and drain the oil including volume in the oil line, if equipped. If in storage, unit does not need to be operated.

Fabricate and install an overflow reservoir system and fill unit entirely full of oil.

**Maintenance Cycle** If unit is stored outdoors, drain condensate monthly and top off oil as necessary. If unit is stored indoors, but not climate controlled, maintenance cycle may be extended to 3 months. If stored in climate controlled space, cycle may be extended to once per year.

See Marley User Manual Z0238848 "Cooling Tower Downtime Instructions" and Marley Drawing Z0544916 "Marley Geareducer Reservoir System" for further information.

#### **Inspection Of Internal Parts**

Remove the inspection cover plate from the side of the Geareducer case at each oil change. Check inside of Geareducer for cleanliness of case and internal parts. If any sludge is present, flush inside of Geareducer and connecting oil line.

## **Changing Geareducer Oil**

Drain the Geareducer oil by removing the drain plug. See **Figure 2** for location. If equipped with an external dipstick/oil level gauge, remove the drain plug at that location, and drain the entire system.

When using synthetic oil with extended service intervals remove a sample for lab analysis and look for evidence of foreign material, such as water, metal shavings or sludge. If you find unacceptable condensation or sludge, flush the Geareducer with mineral oil before refilling.

After inspection is complete, fill the Geareducer with **18.5 gallons** (70 liters) of oil. See **Figure 2** for location. If the Geareducer is equipped with an external dipstick/oil level gauge an additional 3 to 4 quarts of oil will be required. Be certain that the vent on the Geareducer (and external dipstick/oil level gauge, if present) is not plugged. Verify that the gauge/drain line is full and that there aren't any leaks at the connections.

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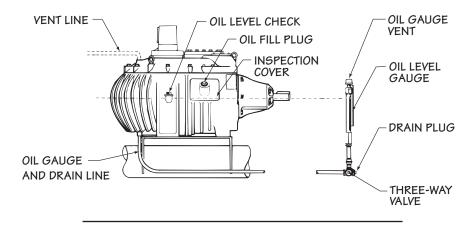


Figure 2 Service Fittings

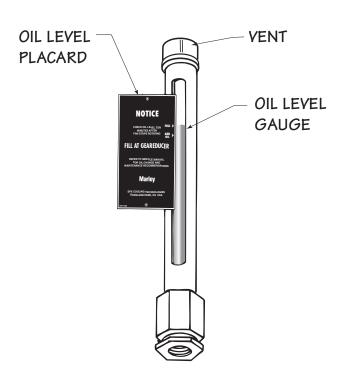


Figure 3 Oil Level Gauge Assembly

Fill the Geareducer and oil line system with oil, using one of the following procedures:

#### Recommended procedure:

- Install oil at the opening at the Geareducer inspection cover until it reaches the level of the Full mark on the Geareducer case and at the oil level gauge. See Figures 2 and 3. Install plug.
- 2. Start the fan drive and run for one minute.
- 3. Stop the fan drive. Allow ten minutes for oil level to stabilize and recheck oil level at the Geareducer.
- 4. If necessary, repeat steps 2 and 3 until stabilized oil level is at the proper level.
- 5. Check gauge placard location. Full mark on the placard must be at the same elevation as the Full mark at the Geareducer.

#### Alternate procedure:

The cooling tower has an external oil gauge and drain line equipped with a three-way valve below the oil level gauge. See **Figure 2**.

- Remove pipe plug. Turn valve control stem clockwise to open drain.
- 2. With Geareducer drained, the three-way valve turned clockwise, and the pipe plug removed, connect fill source (usually a hose to a pump, to the three-way valve).

Pump oil through the hose. Check oil level occasionally by turning the valve control stem counterclockwise and allowing the oil level in the sight glass to stabilize.

Continue filling until full level mark is reached.

3. With the oil level at the full mark turn the valve control stem counterclockwise to close the drain and open the valve to the sight glass. Remove the oil filling line and reinstall pipe plug in the three-way valve.

## scheduled maintenance

**Warning**—Make certain that mechanical equipment is inoperable during periods of maintenance—or during any situation of possible endangerment to personnel. If your electrical system contains a disconnect switch, lock it out until the period of exposure to injury is over.

**Monthly**—Check Geareducer oil level. Shut down the unit and allow 5 minutes for the oil level to stabilize. Add oil if required, noting the addition in your maintenance log. If equipped with an external dipstick/oil level gauge, small quantities of oil can be added at that location.

Semi-annually—If using turbine-type mineral oil, change oil—see Changing Geareducer Oil for instructions. Check that all the assembly bolts and cap screws are tight, that oil plugs and pipe connections are in place and free from leaks, and that the vent on the Geareducer (and external dipstick/oil level gauge, if present) is clear—a clogged vent can lead to oil leaks. Intermittent operation and extended periods of downtime can cause condensation of water in the oil. If using synthetic Marley Gearlube, the oil condition must be inspected every six months—see Changing Geareducer Oil for maximizing service life.

**Annually**—Check mechanical equipment anchor bolts, drive shaft coupling bolts, and coupling set screws. Tighten as required. Check Geareducer exterior yearly and touch up with epoxy paint, if required. Coat all exposed threads at pipe joints to prevent corrosion.

**Every 5 Years**—If using synthetic Marley Gearlube, change oil. To maintain five-year change intervals, use only synthetic Marley Gearlube. It is recommended to monitor the oil condition every six months throughout the five-year period per the instructions in **Changing Geareducer Oil**.

Maintenance Service	Monthly	Semi-annually	Seasonal Startup or Annually
Geareducer Drive:			
Inspect and tighten all fasteners including oil plug		ж	x
Check for and repair oil leaks	x	ж	x
Check oil level	х	R	х
Change oil		R	R
Make sure vent is open		х	х
Check driveshaft or coupling alignment			х
Inspect and tighten driveshaft or coupling fasteners			ж
Check driveshaft or coupling bushing / flex elements for unusual wear			x
Lube Lines (if equipped)			
Check for oil leaks in hoses and fittings	х	R	х

R - Refer to instructions within this manual

Note: It is recommended at least weekly, that the general operation and condition be observed. Pay particular attention to any changes in sound or vibration that may signify a need for closer inspection.

## repair and lubricants

## Repair and Overhaul

If your Geareducer ever needs replacement or repair, SPX Cooling Tech recommends returning the unit to a Marley factory service center. Contact your Marley sales representative to discuss a course of action. The Marley Order Number on your cooling tower will be required if the Geareducer is shipped back to the factory for repair. Obtain a "Customer Return Material" tag from the Marley sales representative in you area. To find your Marley sales representative call 913 664 7400 or check the internet at spxcooling.com.

Major repairs require the use of a fully equipped machine shop. If you decide to repair or overhaul your Geareducer, refer to the **Field Repair** Section and Geareducer **Parts List**.

### **Suggested Lubricants**

The following list of lubricants in **Table 1** is provided as reference only. These products have been recommended by their respective manufacturers as acceptable for use in a Marley spiral bevel and/or helical Geareducer for cooling tower applications. This list is not an attempt to include all the lubricants that may be satisfactory. If lubricants other than those listed are used they must not contain any additives—such as detergents or EP additives—which are adversely affected by moisture and could reduce the service life of the Geareducer. Suitability of lubricants used other than those listed rests with the customer/owner and lubricant supplier.

Manufacturer	Product			
SPX Cooling Tech, LLC	Mineral Turbine ISO 220			
Chevron	Regal R & O 220			
Citgo Petroleum Corp.	Pacemaker 220			
ConocoPhillips	Multipurpose R & O 220			
ExxonMobil Corp.	DTE Oil BB			
ExxonMobil Corp.	Teresstic 220			
Lubrication Engineers Inc.	Monolec 6405			
Shell	Morlina S3 GA 220			
Synthetic Oil*				
SPX Cooling Tech, LLC	Gearlube ISO 220			
Chevron	Clarity 220 Synthetic			
Citgo Petroleum Corp.	Citgear Synthetic HT 220			
ConocoPhillips	Syncon R & O 220			
ExxonMobil Corp.	SHC 630			
Shell	Morlina S4 B220			
*Synthetic oil may be applicable for high temperature service or extended oil life				

Table 1

## parts list 304 305 303 INTERSTAGE WATER SLINGER -BEARING CAP 204 - 206 703 500 LABYRINTH RING 202 500 AIR VENT 412 603 422 20 - DOWEL PIN 302 GEAREDUCER CASE COVER **FAN SHAFT** 5 - INTERSTAGE BEARING 301 RETAINER 111 - HUB RING GEAR 306 101 - SPIRAL BEVEL RING GEAR 107 201 106 201 40 INTERSTAGE SHAFT 421 411 203 INSPECTION COVER 205 101 - PINION SHAFT AND GEAR 102 500 105 702 PINION CAGE 401 104 PINION CAGE 602 CAP GEAREDUCER -402 CASE

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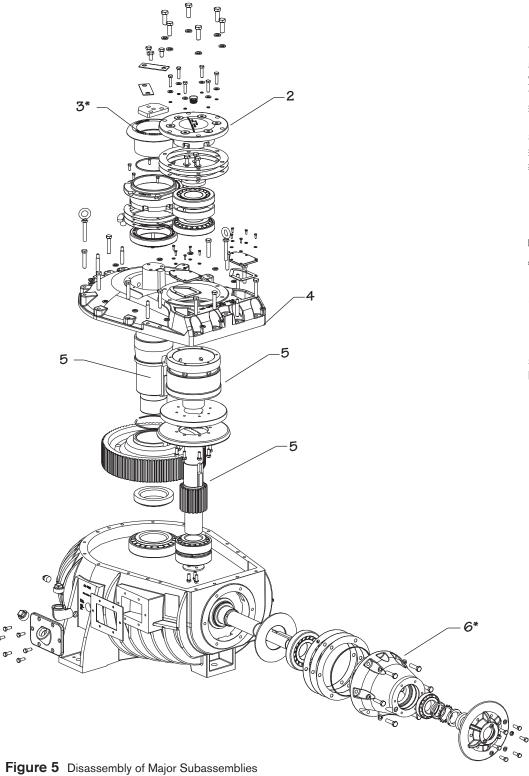
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Figure 4 Exploded Assembly

# parts list

Complete Geareducer Assembly

100	Spira	l Bevel Gear Set		410	Interstage Bearing Set		
	101	101 Set of matched spiral bevel gears including integral pinion shaft with key			<b>411</b> Lower, double row, tapered roller bearing.		
					Matched assembly with cone spacer		
		Gear ratios as follows:			<b>412</b> Upper, double row, tapered roller bearing.		
		2.375 to 1 2.476 to 1 2.5	76 to 1		Matched assembly with cup spacer		
	102	Oil slinger			, , ,		
	103	Locknuts		420	Fan Shaft Bearing Set		
	104	Lockwasher			<b>421</b> Lower tapered roller bearing		
	105	Pinion shaft key			<b>422</b> Upper tapered roller bearing		
	106	Interstage shaft key					
	107	Place Bolts		500	Shim set		
	111	Hub Ring Gear			<b>501-502-503</b> Pinion shaft shims		
					504-505-506 Interstage shaft shims		
200	Helic	al Gear Set			<b>507-508-509</b> Fan shaft shims		
	201	Set of matched helical gears including					
		interstage shaft and special key Gear ratios as follows:		600	Gasket Set		
					602 Inspection cover gasket		
		4.18 to 1 4.70 to 1			603 Oil trough gasket		
	202	2 Top interstage bearing retainer disc			out ough guoiot		
	203	Bottom interstage bearing retainer disc		700	O-Rings Set.		
	204	Place bolts			<b>702</b> Pinion cage O-ring, 9¾" ID x10" OD x 1/8"		
	205	Place bolts			<b>703</b> Water slinger O-ring, 6½" ID x 6¾" OD x 1%		
	206	Washers			Trator omigor of imig, 672 12 x 674 62 x 76		
	207	Retainer Ring		701	Pinion shaft oil seal		
300	Fan S	Shaft Assembly					
	301	Fan shaft					
	302						
		Fan hub retainer					
	304						
	305	'					
	306						
400	Pinio	n Shaft Bearing Set					
		Tail, tapered roller bearing					
		Head, tapered roller bearing					



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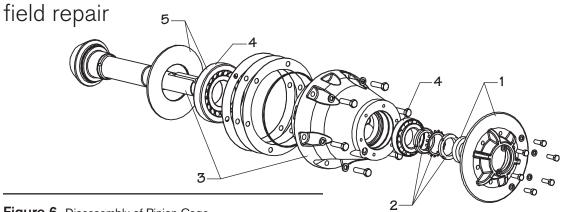


Figure 6 Disassembly of Pinion Cage

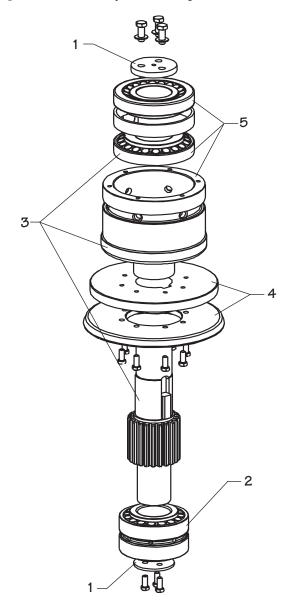


Figure 7 Disassembly of Interstage

## Disassembly of Pinion Cage

## Part numbers and references-refer to Figures 4 and 6.

- 1. Remove pinion cage cap and oil seal (701).
- 2. Remove locknuts (103) and washer (104) from pinion shaft.
- 3. Press pinion shaft with head bearing cone (402) out of pinion cage. This will free cone of tail bearing (401).
- 4. Remove bearing cups from pinion cage.
- 5. If bearing cone on head of pinion shaft is to be replaced, it will be necessary to press off oil slinger (102) and bearing cone at the same time.

## Disassembly of Interstage

### Part numbers and references-refer to Figures 4 and 7.

- Remove top and bottom interstage bearing discs (202 and 203).
- 2. Pull bottom bearing **(411)**, two cones with spacer and one cup from shaft.
- 3. Push shaft out of upper bearing (412) and retainer.
- 4. Remove spiral bevel ring gear from shaft.
- 5. Pull upper bearings from top interstage retainer (5).

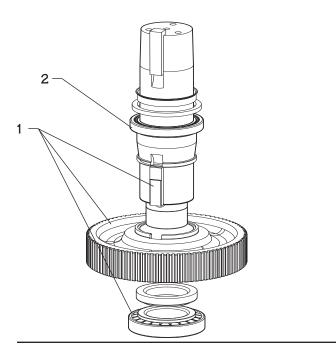


Figure 8 Disassembly of Fan Shaft

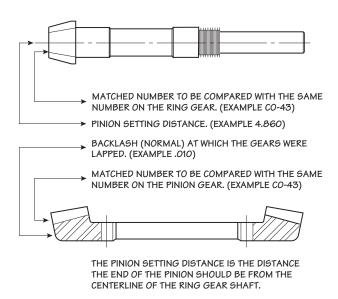


Figure 9 Gear Match Numbers and Setting Data

### Disassembly of Fan Shaft

#### Part numbers and references-refer to Figures 4 and 8.

- 1. Press helical ring gear (201), lower fan shaft spacer (40) and lower cone (421) from shaft. Remove key spacer ring.
- 2. Remove upper bearing cone (422).
- Remove upper fan shaft bearing cup (422) from case cover (not illustrated).
- Remove lower fan shaft bearing cup (421) from case (not illustrated).

## **Assembly of Geareducer**

### **Gear Match Numbers and Setting Data**

Before assembling a new pinion gear in the pinion cage check match numbers on pinion gear and spiral bevel ring gear to be certain that they are a matched set. Gears are lapped in matched sets at the factory and should not be separated. Numbers are etched on both the pinion and ring gear as illustrated in **Figure 9**.

### **Pinion Cage Assembly**

#### Part numbers and references-refer to Figures 4 and 10.

- 1. Press oil slinger (102) onto pinion shaft.
- 2. Install pinion head bearing cone (402) on pinion shaft.
- 3. Press pinion head bearing cup (402) into pinion cage.
- 4. Press pinion tail bearing cup (401) into pinion cage.
- Lower pinion cage over pinion shaft until head bearing cone
   (402) mates with cup.
- 6. Press tail bearing cone (401) onto pinion shaft.
  - a. Lock with lock nuts (103) and lockwasher (104) to provide bearing preload of 10 to 18 in·lb<sub>f</sub> (1130-2034 mN·m) resistance to rotation of pinion shaft.
  - b. Crimp ears of lockwasher (104) to locknuts after obtaining prober preload.
- For Inpro/Seals (701) press the stator into the pinion cage cap.
  - For conventional lip seals (701) install the lip seal in the pinion cage cap.
- 8. Apply a bead of RTV sealer on the face of the pinion cage-interface with the pinion cage cap, encircling all the holes. Fasten the pinion cage cap to the pinion cage. Tighten bolts (23) to 55 in·lb<sub>f</sub> (75 N·m) torque. For Inpro/Seal complete the rotor installation per the instructions included with the seal.

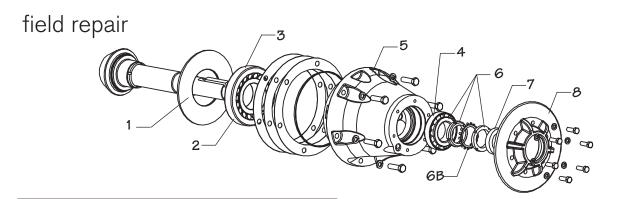


Figure 10 Pinion Cage Assembly

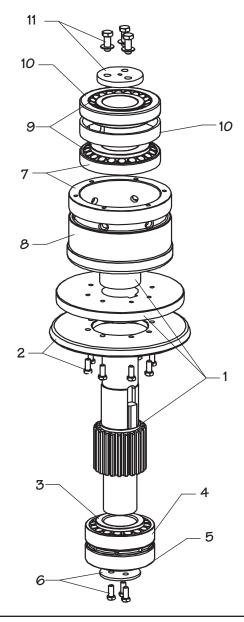


Figure 11 Interstage Assembly

## **Interstage Assembly**

## Part numbers and references-refer to Figures 4 and 11.

- Install key (106) and spiral bevel ring gear hub and spacers on interstage shaft.
- 2. Attach spiral bevel ring gear to ring gear hub with place bolts (107). Tighten to 90 ft·lb $_f$  (122 N·m) torque.
- 3. Press top cone of bottom interstage bearing **(411)** onto interstage shaft.
- Install double cup and spacer of bottom interstage bearing (411).
- 5. Press bottom cone into place.
- 6. Install retainer (203) with bolts (205). Tighten to 55 ft·lb $_f$  (75 N·m) torque.
- 7. Press lower cup of upper interstage bearing into retainer (5).
- 8. Lower retainer (5) over interstage shaft.
- 9. Press upper bearing cones (412) onto shaft.
- 10. Press upper cup (412) and spacer into retainer (5).
- 11. Install disc (202) with place bolts (204) and washers (206). Tighten to 150 ft·lb $_f$  (204 N·m) torque.

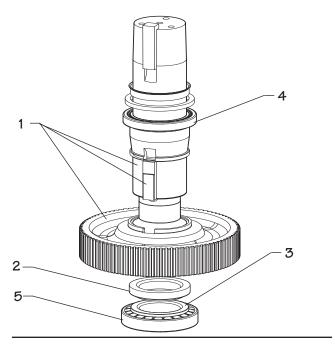


Figure 12 Fan Shaft Assembly

#### Fan Shaft Assembly

#### Part numbers and references-refer to Figures 4 and 12.

- Install the key spacer ring. Install helical gear key and press helical gear (201) on fan shaft.
- 2. Press lower bearing spacer (40) on fan shaft.
- 3. Press bottom bearing cone (421) onto fan shaft.
- 4. Press upper bearing cone (422) on fan shaft
- Install lower fan shaft bearing cup (421) into Geareducer case (not illustrated).

#### **Final Assembly**

#### Part numbers and references-refer to Figure 13.

- 1. Install O-ring (702) onto pinion cage subassembly.
- 2. Bolt pinion cage subassembly to case using proper number of shims to give indicated pinion setting distance which is etched on front face of pinion gear. See **Figure 9**. Tighten to 75 ft·lb $_f$  (102 N·m) torque.
- 3. Lower fan shaft and interstage shaft subassemblies into case

- simultaneously. Engage marked spiral bevel ring gear teeth with marked spiral bevel pinion tooth. The gear and pinion are match-marked when lapped and must be assembled the same way. The ring gear has the end of two teeth marked "X" and the pinion has one tooth so marked— the gears should be engaged with the X-marked pinion tooth between those marked on the ring gear. Match mark location can be checked through the inspection opening.
- Apply a coat of Permatex\* Form-a-Gasket No. 2 to surface of Geareducer case which mates with case cover. Lower case cover subassembly onto case, piloting both shaft subassemblies into their respective bores.
- Install dowel pins (20) to align bearing bores. Fasten case cover to case with cap screws and eye bolts tightening to 75 ft·lb<sub>f</sub> (102 N·m) torque.
- Position top interstage cap shims and install interstage bearing cap with place bolts tightening to 85-90 ft·lb<sub>f</sub> (116-122 N·m) torque.
- Install upper fan shaft bearing cup (422) into Geareducer case cover (not illustrated).
- Adjust shims to give proper backlash—.007—.009" normal (.178—.228mm)—between spiral bevel gears. See Gear Setting Procedure, page 15.
- Fan shaft bearing must be preloaded to .001-.003" (.025-.076mm) in the following manner:
  - a. For cases that have the fan shaft lip seal, press the new lip seal into the labyrinth ring. Install labyrinth ring in case-cover initially with a quantity of shims between cover and labyrinth ring to insure that axial bearing end play exists. Tighten labyrinth ring cap screws to 35 ft·lb<sub>f</sub> (48 N·m) torque.
  - Mount a dial indicator to measure axial movement of fan shaft. Support indicator stand on the cover or interstage cap adjacent to fan shaft and position indicator to read on machined top surface of fan shaft
  - c. Rotate the fan shaft slowly in one direction until all downward movement stops. Rotation is necessary to align the bearing rollers and seat roller ends on cone lip. Record the dial indicator reading or zero the indicator.
  - d. Move shaft in the opposite axial direction by attaching to the shaft with a swivel joint and hoist and lifting on shaft. Lifting force should be 800 lb (363 kg) to sufficiently overcome the weight of the fan shaft assembly. Rotate the shaft slowly in one direction until all axial movement stops. Record the dial indicator reading.

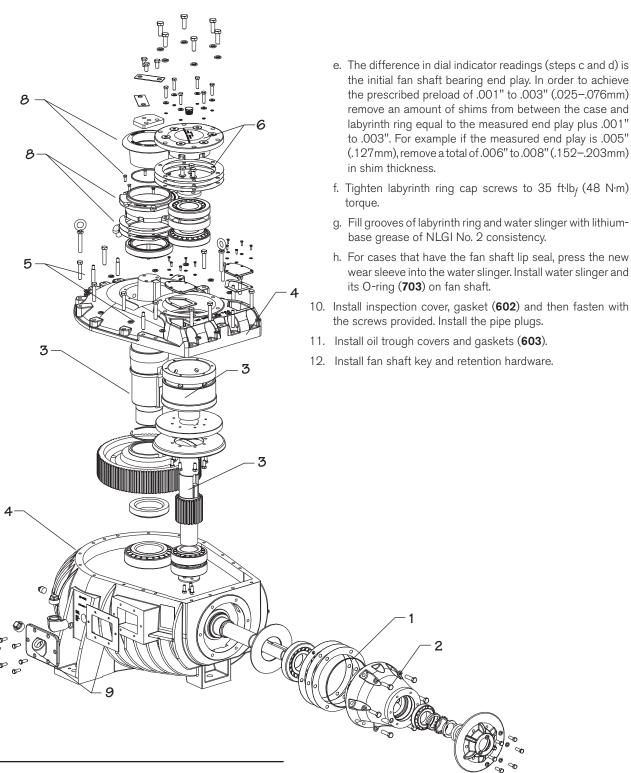


Figure 13 Final Assembly

## **Gear Setting Procedure**

#### Part numbers and references-refer to Figures 4 and 14.

The proper mounting of the gear set is essential to obtain long life and smooth operation of the gears. The pinion cage position adjustment is obtained by shims under the flange of the pinion cage. Shims are placed under the top interstage bearing cap to adjust ring gear position. The gear setting may require several attempts before obtaining the proper backlash and tooth contact pattern.

The gear and pinion are match-marked when lapped and must be assembled the same way. The ring gear has the end of two teeth marked "X" and the pinion has one tooth so marked-the gears should be engaged with the X-marked pinion tooth between those marked on the ring gear. Match marks can be checked through the inspection opening.

With the marked teeth of the gear engaged, check backlash with dial indicator—see Figure 14. The indicator can be installed through the inspection cover opening. Change shims under top interstage bearing cap until backlash is between .007-.009" (.178-.228mm) normal to ring gear tooth.

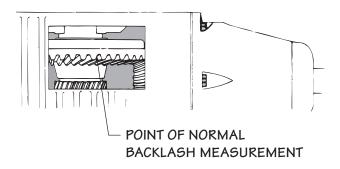


Figure 14 Gear Backlash Measurement

With gears adjusted for proper backlash, blue (Prussian Blue in oil) the gear teeth. Drive the pinion by turning ring gear in both directions for several revolutions. Observe the contact pattern on both gears on both sides of the teeth. The contact pattern should be as shown in Figure 15.

If correct tooth contact pattern is not obtained on first attempt, refer to Figure 15-these illustrations show the two cases of "out-of- position contact" in the extreme. One of the remedies indicated will correct the out-of-position contact-compare the tooth contact pattern with the illustrations in Figure 15 and choose the required remedy.

When proper tooth contact has been obtained, recheck the backlash at marked teeth. If it is within the desired range-.007-.009" (.178-.228mm), check backlash with dial indicator at two additional points 120° apart (with inspection cover removed), and as shown in Figure 14. All backlash readings must be within the specified range. If backlash is not within the limits, adjust ring gear height with shims until it is, checking again as described.

The tooth contact pattern should again be checked to determine if adjusting the backlash has produced any shift. If it has shifted, move the pinion in the opposite direction the gear was moved with respect to the cone center. If the gear mounting distance is reduced, increase pinion setting distance, and vice versa, (see Figure 10) an amount proportional to the number of teeth in the respective members. For example: on a 10 to 1 gear set, if the ring gear was moved .010" (.25mm), the pinion should be moved 0.001" (.025mm). This would be necessary only if the contact pattern had visually shifted due to movement of the ring gear while adjusting backlash.

When setting a used set of gears, follow the method outlined above. However, depending upon the amount of wear, it may be necessary to set the gears up with slightly greater backlash in order to obtain proper contact. Proper tooth contact pattern is the most important factor for correct installation.

Should a condition be encountered where correct contact cannot be obtained as described in this manual, the Geareducer should be returned to Marley in exchange for a factory reconditioned unit.

INCORRECT RING GEAR TOOTH CONTACT PATTERNS

# CORRECT PINION AND RING GEAR TOOTH CONTACT PATTERNS

#### **OUT OF POSITION CONTACT** PINION TOO CLOSE GEAR CENTER ORIGINAL PATTERN AFTER REMEDY: MOVE PINION OUT. **CONCAVE SIDE CONVEX SIDE** BREAK IN **OUT OF POSITION CONTACT** CAUSE: PINION TOO FAR FR RING GEAR GEAR CENTE REMEDY: MOVE PINION IN. CONVEX SIDE ENTERING CONCAVE SIDE LEAVING \*DIRECTION OF ROTATION

Figure 15 Spiral Bevel Gear Tooth Pattern

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