

VIEWPOINT

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Dear Editor:

Your new journal is a most attractive, informative publication. I'm certain that you and the rest of the GEAR TECHNOLOGY publication staff labored long and hard to produce such an excellent, professionally-rendered product.

Your journal is also unique; there is none other like it in print. It appears that you have set out to serve an important, previously neglected area of technology. This action is commendable, and will be a definite service to gear designers, manufacturers, and users.

Please accept my congratulations on this new endeavor.

Ken G. Merkel, Ph.D., Editor
The Journal of Engineering Technology

The first two issues of your very fine journal deal extensively with basics. I have found the ordinary gear-man other than an engineer does not comprehend what is simple to the engineer.

The "Gear Ratio" article (second issue) was particularly interesting; I have made a program for that, but had thought it was impossible for the computer to find the factors. Now I know how to achieve the "impossible". Thank you for that. Best of success with your ambitious endeavor.

Robert P. Ellenberger, Engr.
Federal Gear, Inc.

In our country, the lack of reference sources and results-of-research information make keeping up to date in our job an extremely difficult enterprise. This publication will fill a sorely needed gap.

Alexander H. Danon G.
General Manager
Pedro Meusnier
Juarez, Mexico

Your Oct./Nov. issue article on Austempered Ductile Iron by Dale Breen was reviewed with great interest. We are currently involved in a test program with one of our customers on gears made from this material. The content of the article was quite helpful. Keep up the good work.

B. A. Schaler
Allison Gas Turbine Operations

During a recent business trip to our Rockford, Illinois headquarters to discuss Gear Manufacturing and Design Problems, I had an opportunity to scan your magazine and was very much impressed.

Here in our Denver, Colorado facility, we are the primary manufacturing source for most of the individual parts that are used in the Aerospace products that Sundstrand supplies to customers worldwide. These products include electrical generating units, commonly known as Constand Speed Drives, auxillary power units, wing actuators, rudder speed brakes for Space shuttle, and the list goes on and on. All of these products use gears, and almost all of our gears are precision ground. Suffice it to say, we in Denver, are very much involved in Gears.

Peter F. Palko, Section Mgr.
Sundstrand Aviation Operations

Your magazine GEAR TECHNOLOGY is a timely asset to me. We are just starting to hob our own gears in house. We have little actual gear cutting experience and any information we can get our hands on is a great help.

Keep up the fine articles especially the "Back to Basics" Series.

Alan R. Ayotee
Process Engineer

I would like to compliment you on your Journal. There has been a need for a publication of this kind for a long time. I have passed the number on to my colleague concerned with the CAD of Gears, and I am sure he will greatly appreciate the publication.

Professor S. A. Tobias
University of Birmingham, England

As a Manager of Special Projects leading company development in certain areas including non standard gearing, I have found your Gear Technology Journal Vol. 1 No. 3 to be an excellent reference source.

I would like to receive it regularly.

Also, if possible, I would like to receive Vol. 1, No. 1 and Vol. 1, No. 2.

Valentin G. Barba
Special Projects Manager
Plessey Dynamics Corp.

Editors note: This letter is typical of many that we have been receiving. Because of the extra time and expense involved in sending individual back issues, we must advise that there is a charge for back issues, \$7.00 for the United States, \$15.00 for Foreign Subscribers. There is also only a limited number of these issues available. If you wish to purchase any back issue, mail your check and indicate the issue you are requesting to:

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