

# Keeping Things Moving

**Over the past month, everything about our world has changed. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought most aspects of our lives to a grinding halt.** We can't go out to eat. We can't travel. We can't even go to church. A lot of businesses are struggling.

But at the same time, there are a lot of people who are busier than ever. In some cases, frighteningly so.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of those on the front lines of this unprecedented battle. Healthcare workers are literally risking their lives to save as many others as possible, and they're doing so without the resources they need. It goes without saying that those people deserve our support and our thanks. But I'd also like to recognize all of the grocery store clerks and gas station attendants, the truck drivers and the mail carriers, the fast food workers and trash collectors, none of whom have the option of working from home, but all of whom are essential for the rest of us to maintain some minimal level of normalcy. None of the rest of us could survive for long without their efforts.

Lastly, I'd like to thank all of you.

Most of you who read this magazine work for manufacturing operations that have been deemed essential businesses. We've talked with many of you who are keeping your doors open and operating through the crisis. In some cases, you've even indicated that you've added shifts to keep up with demand.

More than a few of you have told us you're directly helping fight this battle by providing specialized components necessary for the production of ventilators, test kits, hospital beds and other emergency medical supplies. Others continue to do what they've always done, providing the gears and gear drives necessary for transportation, energy production, paper production, steel mills, and so on.

Gears and gear drives are necessary for the production of almost everything.

So thank you, gear manufacturers, for helping to keep our country running while much of the world hunkers down. I'm proud to know as many of you as I do, and I'm proud to be affiliated with this vital industry.

For our part, *Gear Technology's* staff will keep providing you with the best possible information on gear design, manufacturing, inspection, heat treating and use. Although all of the magazine staff members are working from home, we're still working, and we're here for you.



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Feel free to reach out to me personally – or to any member of the AGMA Media staff – if you need information about anything. We have the ability to communicate very quickly – via our e-mail newsletters or social media – to the gear manufacturing community around the world. If you're facing new challenges, we can help you find solutions. Also, please read the comments from Matt Croson, President of the AGMA, regarding all the things the association is doing to help its members and the industry during this time of crisis (page 10).

My thoughts and best wishes are with you all.

P.S. If you happen to be working from home during these tough times (and even if you're not!), now is a great time to renew your subscription to *Gear Technology*. Did you know that you can specify delivery to your home address and/or choose the electronic-only delivery method? The Michael Goldstein Gear Technology Library, found at [www.geartech-nology.com](http://www.geartech-nology.com), continues to be the best resource for top-quality technical content related to gears. You can access it any time, free of charge and without any restrictions, from anywhere in the world.