

How often have you put your elbow on the water cooler, sipped from your paper cup and wondered: How's my work in this gear shop affected by my astrological traits? Like the Addendum team, we're sure you've asked yourself this question on many occasions. But you may not have had the time to investigate your zodiac sign to find the answers.

However, we've taken the time to do that for you, as part of *Gear Technology's* ongoing mission to benefit the gear industry.

The Addendum team conducted extensive research, we looked on a Website, to learn the traits of people born under each sign and how those traits help or hinder their work.

During our research, we even learned that people may be well or ill suited for certain shop positions based on their astrological traits.

When you read about your sign, if you find you're not in your right job, we recommend you ask your boss for an immediate transfer. He'll understand; it's for the good of the company.

Our research results follow, starting with March 21, often the spring equinox, which is the beginning of the zodiacal year.

The Signs

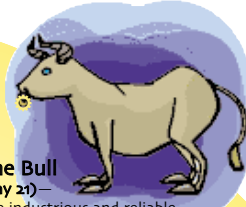
According to Gear Heads



Pisces the Fishes
(February 20–March 20)—
A hallmark of the Piscean personality is kindness. They're often best at dealing with a gear shop's fluids because they were born under the sign of the fish. So a Pisces may work well in a shop's nitral etch department. Submerging gears in a fluid—even a mild acid—may seem right to them.



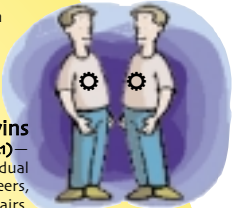
Aries the Ram
(March 21–April 20)—People born under the sign of the ram are enthusiastic and full of energy; they make good impressions as young job applicants. But they can be impatient and impulsive, so they may be bad choices for long projects, like carburizing operations—as one Aries we know proved with an unfortunate furnace incident. Thankfully, hair grows back.



Taurus the Bull
(April 21–May 21)—
Taureans are industrious and reliable. Good craftsmen, they enjoy art and may see gear manufacturing as an art. This attitude explains why one of our Taurian friends operates his gear generator while wearing all black: pants, turtleneck sweater, beret.



Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 21–February 19)—
Aquarians commonly are friendly and inventive. Born under the water bearer sign, they often are best at buying their gear shop's lubricants and cutting fluids. But they tend to view dry hobbing with great suspicion.



Gemini the Twins
(May 22–June 21)—
Geminis often have complex, dual natured personalities. As gear engineers, they tend to believe in matched pairs, so they think bevel gear lapping is the greatest process of them all. But their desire for perfect agreement between mates can annoy their spouses.



Capricorn the Goat
(December 23–January 20)—
Bosses like Capricorns; they tend to be calm and disciplined, with great respect for authority. Surprisingly, they also tend to have an interest in the occult. This trait surprised us when we saw a Capricorn co-worker rubbing chicken bones on bar stock. But he explained: "So the gears come out good."



Cancer the Crab (June 22–July 22)—
Purposeful and shrewd, but moody and uncompromising, sometimes describe Cancerians. Also, they often have a talent for mimicry—which should be used carefully at work. A friend used his talent before he saw his boss on the other side of his gear cutting machine. Anybody need a good machine operator?



Sagittarius the Archer
(November 23–December 22)—
Sagittarians may sometimes be superficial, but they're also honest, philosophical and optimistic. This last trait can be a problem, as they can be too optimistic and therefore prone to statements like: "It's not an economic slowdown; it's just a very long coffee break."

Libra the Balance
(September 24–October 23)—
Sociable and idealistic are typical traits of Libras. Another possible trait is a dislike of coarse, dirty work. On the shop floor, they may be most comfortable in the gear inspection department—like one of our friends. As a Libra, he's also indecisive and changeable, though he says he's just "recalibrating my opinions."



Leo the Lion (July 23–August 21)—
Self-confident and powerfully intelligent are among the best traits of people born under the sign of the lion. But they can be very stubborn about upholding out-of-date practices. We know a Leo who insists to us: "There's still a huge market for wooden gears."



Scorpio the Scorpion
(October 24–November 22)—Scorpios are sometimes critically perceptive with analytical capacities, making them good at investigating gear failures. They also tend to be intense and passionate, but not well-spoken. That's why we smile at a failure analyst we know, when he says: "I love failures."



Virgo the Virgin (August 22–September 23)—
Virgos tend to be intellectual. They're logical, methodical, studious and teachable. They're also practical with their hands and good technicians. So they often can learn to expertly operate every machine in a gear shop: think utility infilder.