

# FLEXWAVE

An evolution in strain wave gear technology



NIDEC DRIVE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION



#### Take your robot to the next level with FLEXWAVE

**Nidec Drive Technology Corporation** has a history of supplying the leading robotics and machine tool manufacturers in Japan. Our loyal customers within these industries strongly urged us to develop our own harmonic gear technology and leverage our primary competencies – modularity and flexibility of the core design and highly consistent production in mass volume – to help them become more competitive in the global marketplace. After extensive effort to refine harmonic gear technology and to manufacture at a level that exceeds customer expectations, Nidec Drive Technology has released **FLEXWAVE**.

**FLEXWAVE** is a compact harmonic gear reduction mechanism that achieves zero backlash, as well as exceptional positioning accuracy, torque density and repeatability. **FLEXWAVE** consists of three internal elements – the flexspline, the circular spline and the wave generator. The elasticity properties of the flexspline and the teeth differential between the flexspline and the circular spline result in its unique reduction characteristics.

**FLEXWAVE** comes in various form factors, including component sets, simple contained assemblies and complete gear units. Cup, hat, solid and hollow input shaft configurations give engineers true freedom in design. **FLEXWAVE** is also available in Ultra-Flat and High Torque variations for applications with demanding footprint and performance requirements. Dimensions are interchangeable against industry standards, making it easier to implement in legacy equipment. When compared with other gear technologies, **FLEXWAVE** offers the following advantages:

- > Exceptional Repeatability and Positional Accuracy
- > Zero Backlash
- > High Torque Density
- > High Efficiency Ratings
- > High Reduction Ratios in a Single Stage
- > Lightweight and Compact
- > High Torsional Stiffness
- > Fully Back Drivable

These characteristics enable **FLEXWAVE** to be the superior choice for Robotics, Machine Tool, Medical Equipment, Semiconductor Manufacturing, Satellite Communications and Assembly Automation applications.

#### **WPC SERIES**

#### **Component Sub-assembly**

The core strain wave gear elements without any supplemental components that provide additional bearing support, the structure for containment, and specialized input or output configurations.

#### **Series Features**

- > Simplest and most flexible design option
- > Cost effective at high volumes
- > Allows complete integration into equipment
- > Most compact of all series
- > High torque option available

Frame Sizes	20, 28, 35, 42, 50, 63, 80	
Reduction Ratios	50, 80, 100, 120, 160	
Max. Output Torque	8.3 Nm - 484 Nm	
Form Factors	Cup, Hat, Ultra-Flat	

#### **WPS SERIES**

#### **Simple Contained Assembly**

The core strain wave gear elements, with additional cross roller bearing support is included within this assembly. No housing is provided for containment, requiring the designer to integrate into their equipment substructure.

#### **Series Features**

- > Self-supported output section
- > Versatile to allow for total integration
- > Variety of output mounting options
- > Compact design
- > High torque option available

Frame Sizes	28, 35, 42, 50, 63, 80
Reduction Ratios	50, 80, 100, 120, 160
Max. Output Torque	8.3 Nm - 484 Nm
Form Factors	Hat Hollow Illtra-Flat



#### **WPU SERIES**

#### **Complete Unit Assembly**

The core strain wave gear elements and cross roller bearing completely contained within a substructure. Also included is an output flange to enable a variety of mounting configurations. The Complete Unit Assembly would be partially integrated into machinery.

#### **Series Features**

- > Simplified configuration for installation
- › A stand-alone structurally rigid assembly
- > Self-supported output section
- > Hollow, solid or flange input
- > High torque option available

Frame Sizes	28, 35, 42, 50, 63, 80
Reduction Ratios	50, 80, 100, 120, 160
Max. Torque Output	8.3 Nm - 346 Nm
Form Factors	Cup, Hollow, Input Shaft, Ultra-Flat



## Gearhead

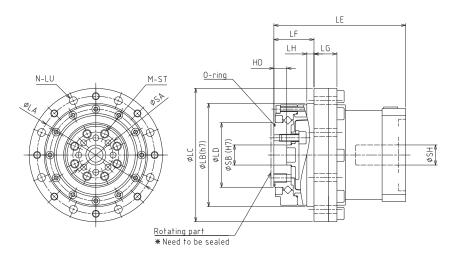
### The Gearhead Type - new series

The WPG series gearheads combine the industry leading accuracy, repeatability and torque-to-weight ratio of our WPU high torque strain wave units with the modularity, installation ease and universal motor mounting of VR planetary products.

The result is a compact, versatile zero backlash gearhead in 5 frame sizes with ratios as high as 160:1 in a single stage.

The WPG can be implemented into a wide range of robotics, machine tool and general automation applications and allows customers with limited experience or intergration capability to deploy an off-the-shelf solution and bring their product to market faster than ever before.







#### **Gearhead Specification**

		*1	*2	*3	*4	*5	*6	
Size	Ratio R	Nominal output torque	Maximum output torque	Emergency stop torque	Nominal input speed	Maximum input speed	Life cycle	
		[Nm]	[Nm]	[Nm]	[r/min]	[r/min]	hours	
	50	7	23	46			10 000	
35	80	10	30	61	3000	8500		
	100	10	36	70				
	50	21	44	91				
42	80	29	56	113	3000	7300		
72	100	31	70	143	3000	7500		
	120	31	70	112				
	50	33	73	127				
	80	44	96	165				
50	100	52	107	191	3000	6500		
	120	52	113	191				
	160	52	120	191				
	50	51	127	242				
	80	82	178	332				
63	100	87	204	369	3000	5600		
	120	87	217	395				
	160	87	229	408				
	50	99	281	497				
	80	153	395	738				
80	100	178	433	841	3000	4800		
	120	178	459	892				
	160	178	484	892				

<sup>\*1</sup> The maximum allowable value at the input rotation speed of 2000 r/min. \*2 The maximum allowable torque when starting and stopping.

#### **Dimension Table**

Size	LA	LB	LC	LD	N	LT	LU	LE*	LF	LG	SA	SB	LH	М	ST	HD	SH from - to
35	65	56	73	31	8	M4	4,5	81,5	27	14	23	11	3,5	6	M4×8	9,5	5-8
42	71	63	79	38	8	M4	4,5	84,5	29	14	27	10	4	6	M5×8	9,5	5 - 14
50	82	72	93	45	8	M5	5,5	87	28	16	32	14	5	8	M6×9	9	5 - 14
63	96	86	107	58	10	M5	5,5	100	36	16	42	20	5	8	M8×10	12	9 - 19
80	125	113	138	78	12	M6	6,5	118	45	20	55	26	5	8	M10×12	15	9 - 19

<sup>\*</sup> Total length of LE depends on motor size.

This product is still in the development stage. Dimensions and specifications are subject to change.

<sup>\*3</sup> The maximum allowable torque when it receives shock.
\*4 The maximum allowable average input speed in the case of

intermittent operation. Continuous operation is not available.

<sup>\*5</sup> The maximum allowable input speed.

<sup>\*6</sup> The life time at the input rotation speed of 2000 r/min and nominal output torque.

#### FLEXWAVE FORM FACTORS AND MOUNTING CONFIGURATIONS



WPC SERIES
Component Sub-assembly
Cup Housing Style



WPC SERIES
Component Sub-assembly
Cup Housing Style, Ultra-flat



WPS SERIES Simple Contained Assembly Hat Housing Style



WPS SERIES Simple Contained Assembly Hat Housing Style, Ultra-flat



WPU SERIES Complete Unit Assembly Cup Housing Style



WPU SERIES Complete Unit Assembly Cup Housing Style, Ultraflat



WPU SERIES Complete Unit Assembly Hat Housing Style, Hollow Shaft



WPU SERIES Complete Unit Assembly Hat Housing Style, Solid Shaft Input





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