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| SI (Metric) Synchronous Belts and Pulleys                                        |                                         |                                                       |

#### RATIONALE

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**Foreword**—This reaffirmed document has been changed only to reflect the new SAE Technical Standards Board Format.

- 1. Scope**—Synchronous belt drives consist of a toothed belt which mates with grooved pulleys to provide a precise Speed ratio between the driver and driven pulleys. This SAE Standard covers the synchronous belt and pulley sections currently in use in automotive applications such as camshaft, distributor, and other underhood drives that may require synchronization. It also provides for future sections to be added as usage develops. Table 1 lists the sections currently in use.

**TABLE 1—PULLEY GENERATING TOOL RACK FORM DIMENSIONS (MM)**

| Pulley Section | Diameter Range<br>(No. of Grooves) | P <sub>b</sub><br>Pitch<br>± 0.003 | ± 0.25<br>deg | h <sub>g</sub><br>+ 0.05<br>− 0.00 | b <sub>g</sub><br>+ 0.05<br>− 0.00 | r <sub>b</sub><br>± 0.03 | r <sub>t</sub><br>± 0.03 | 2a    |
|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| ST             | 10 and over                        | 9.525                              | 40            | 2.13                               | 3.10                               | 0.86                     | 0.53                     | 0.762 |
| SU             | 14 thru 19                         | 12.700                             | 40            | 2.59                               | 4.24                               | 1.47                     | 1.04                     | 1.372 |
| SU             | over 19                            | 12.700                             | 40            | 2.59                               | 4.24                               | 1.47                     | 1.42                     | 1.372 |
| STA            | 19 and over                        | 9.525                              | 40            | 2.13                               | 3.10                               | 0.86                     | 0.71                     | 1.372 |

- 2. References**—There are no referenced publications specified herein.
- 3. Belt and Pulley Sections**—Synchronous belt and pulley sections are defined primarily by pitch, which is the linear distance between the axes of two consecutive teeth when the belt is loaded to the prescribed measuring force. Figure 1 and Figure 2 illustrate the location of the pitch line. A two- or three-letter designation is used to identify the standard sections. Two-letter designations identify a specific pitch, tooth form, and pitch line location. For example, an ST section has a pitch of 9.525 mm, while an SU section has a pitch of 12.700 mm. Since it is possible to have more than one section with the same pitch, a three-letter designation is used to identify a section that is a variation of a normal two-letter section. For example, an STA section has the same pitch as an ST section (9.525 mm) and the same tooth form as the ST section, but it utilizes the SU section pitch line location because of belt construction. As a result, STA section belts will not mesh properly with ST section pulleys even though the pitch and tooth forms are the same because it has a larger pitch line differential. Therefore, the STA section belt is a unique section and requires special pulleys designed for this particular section. Should another section with the ST (9.525 mm) pitch be standardized, it would have the section designation of STB.

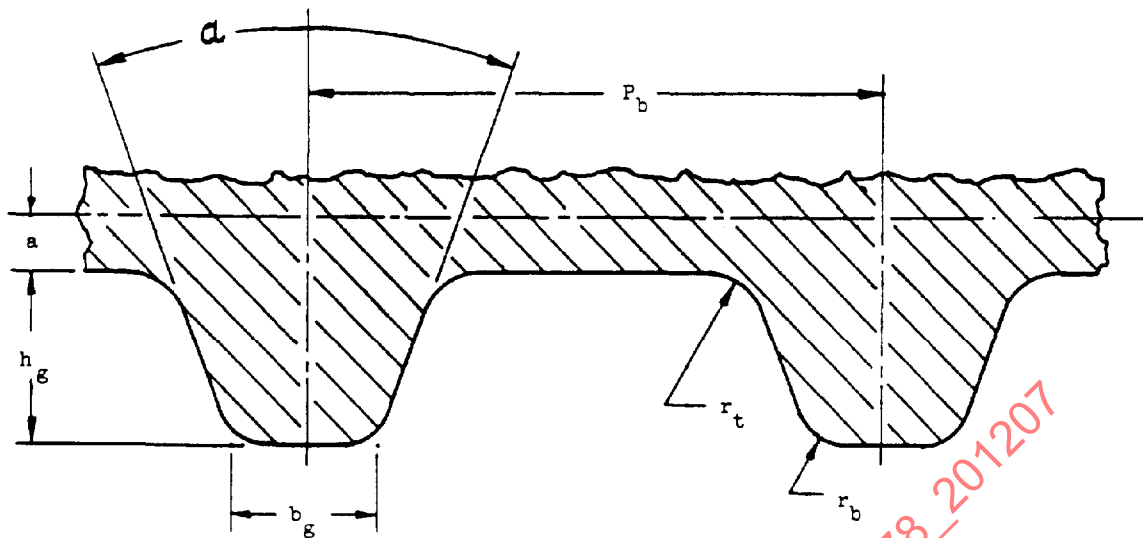


FIGURE 1—PULLEY GENERATING TOOL RACK FORM

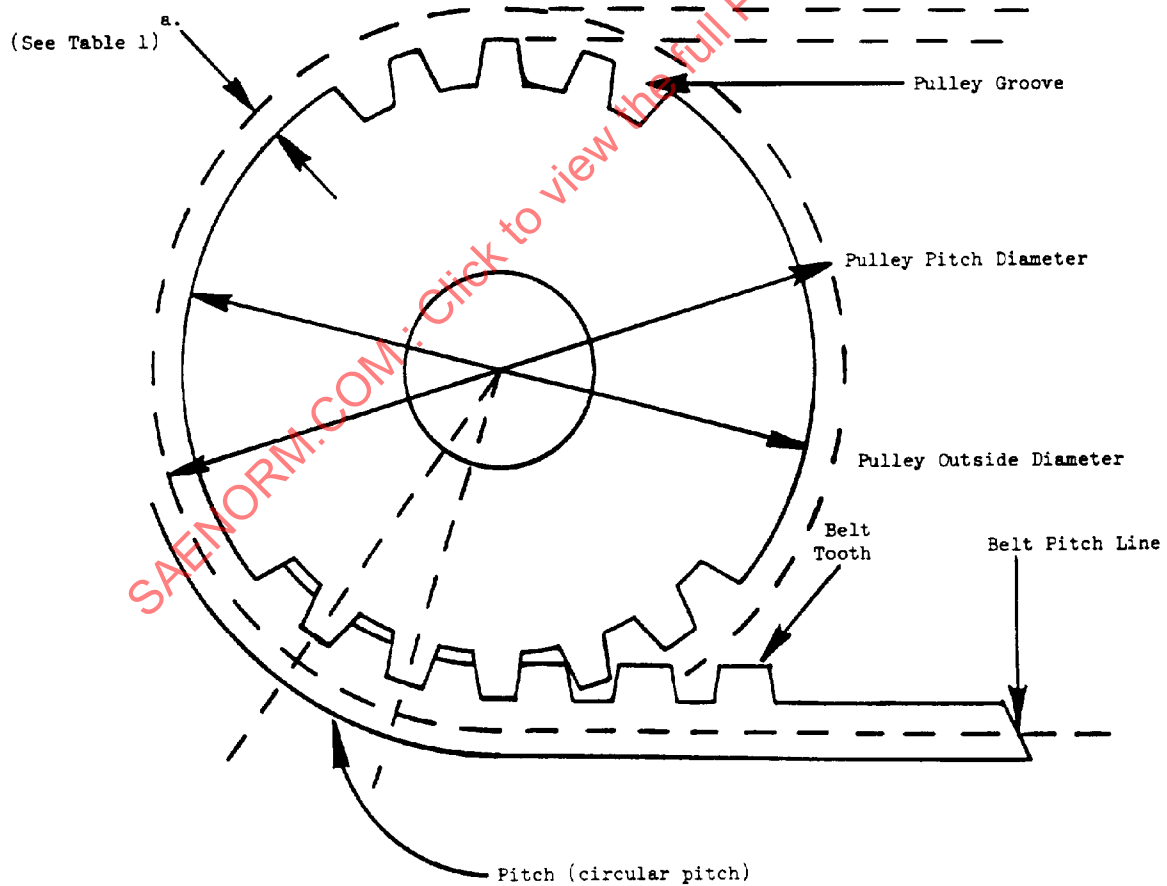


FIGURE 2—PULLEY DIMENSIONS

#### 4. Pulleys

**4.1 Groove Profile**—The groove profile is defined as the profile formed by the generating tool rack form described in Table 1 and Figure 1. The relationship of pitch diameter to outside diameter is illustrated in Figure 2.

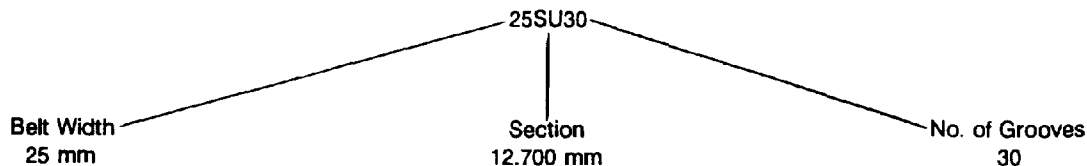
**4.2 Tolerances**—Tolerances on pulleys shall conform to values shown in Table 2 and the accompanying footnotes.

**TABLE 2—PULLEY TOLERANCES (mm)**

| Outside Diameter Range                                               | Pitch to Pitch Tolerance<br>Adjacent Grooves | Pitch to Pitch Tolerance<br>Accumulative Over 90 deg |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Up to 50, incl                                                       | ± 0.03                                       | ± 0.09                                               |
| Over 50 to 100, incl                                                 | ± 0.03                                       | ± 0.11                                               |
| Over 100 to 175, incl                                                | ± 0.03                                       | ± 0.13                                               |
| Over 175 to 300, incl                                                | ± 0.03                                       | ± 0.15                                               |
| <b>Outside Diameter</b>                                              |                                              | <b>Tolerance</b>                                     |
| Up to 50 mm, incl                                                    |                                              | +0.05 mm/–0.00 mm                                    |
| For each additional 25 mm or portion thereof                         |                                              | +0.025 mm/–0.00 mm                                   |
| <b>Outside Diameter Runout<sup>(1)</sup></b>                         |                                              | 0.08 mm (max)                                        |
| Up to 75 mm, incl outside diameter                                   |                                              | 0.01 mm (max)                                        |
| For each additional 25 mm or portion thereof                         |                                              | 0.02 mm per 25 mm of<br>diameter<br>add 0.01 mm      |
| <b>Axial Runout<sup>(1)</sup> (Side Wobble)</b>                      |                                              |                                                      |
| Up to 250 mm, incl outside diameter                                  |                                              |                                                      |
| For each additional 25 mm outside diameter<br>over 25 mm add 0.01 mm |                                              |                                                      |
| <b>Diametrical Taper</b>                                             |                                              |                                                      |
| 0.01 mm per 10 mm of face width                                      |                                              |                                                      |
| <b>Groove Helix</b>                                                  |                                              |                                                      |
| 0.01 mm per 10 mm of face width                                      |                                              |                                                      |

1. Full indicator movement

**4.3 Designation**—Synchronous pulleys are identified by standard pulley numbers. The first digits in the number indicate the belt width the pulley is designed to accommodate. The letters indicate the section, and the numbers following the letters indicate the number of grooves in the pulley. (See Figure 3.)



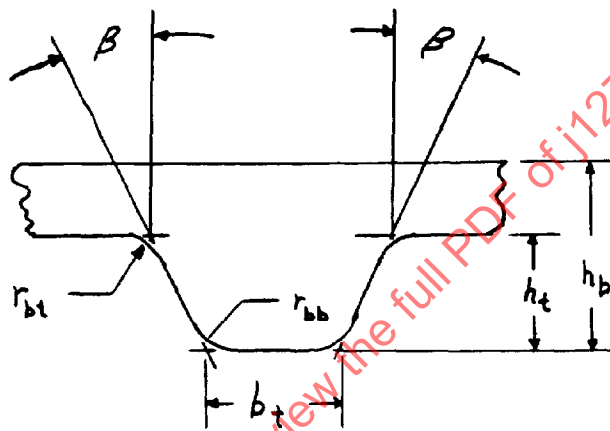
**FIGURE 3—PULLEY DESIGNATION**

## 5. Belts

**5.1 Dimensions**—Nominal dimensions of the synchronous belt sections are shown in Table 3 and Figure 4.

**TABLE 3—NOMINAL BELT DIMENSIONS (MM)**

| Belt Section | Pitch  | $h_b$ | $2\beta$<br>deg | $h_t$ | $b_t$ | $r_{bb}$ | $r_{bt}$ |
|--------------|--------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|----------|----------|
| ST           | 9.525  | 3.6   | 40              | 1.9   | 3.2   | 0.5      | 0.5      |
| SU           | 12.700 | 4.1   | 40              | 2.3   | 4.4   | 1.0      | 1.0      |
| STA          | 9.525  | 4.1   | 40              | 1.9   | 3.2   | 0.5      | 0.5      |



**FIGURE 4—BELT SECTION**

**5.2 Tolerances**—Tolerances on width shall conform to values shown in Table 4.

**TABLE 4—BELT WIDTH TOLERANCES (MM)**

| Belt Width          | Belt Length Range<br>Up to 840, incl | Belt Length Range<br>Over 840 to 1680, incl |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Up to 40, incl      | +0.6/−0.6                            | +0.6/−0.6                                   |
| Over 40 to 50, incl | +0.8/−0.8                            | +1.0/−1.0                                   |

- 5.3 Designation**—Belt sizes shall be identified by standard belt numbers. The first digits in the number indicate the belt width in millimeters. The letters indicate the belt section (pitch) designation, and the numbers following the letters indicate the pitch length in millimeters. For example, the number 25SU1500 indicates a belt 25 mm wide, SU section (pitch) of 12.7 mm, and a pitch length of 1500 mm. (See Figure 5.)

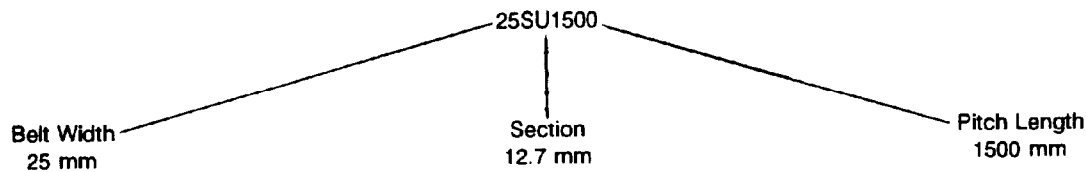


FIGURE 5—BELT DESIGNATION

- 5.4 Length Determination**—The pitch length of a synchronous belt shall be determined by placing the belt on a measuring fixture comprised of two pulleys of equal pitch diameter, a method of applying force and a means of measuring the center distance between the two pulleys. One of the two pulleys is in a fixed location while the other is movable along a graduated scale. The fixture is shown schematically in Figure 6. Measuring pulley dimensions and measuring force are specified in Table 5, Table 6, and Figure 7.

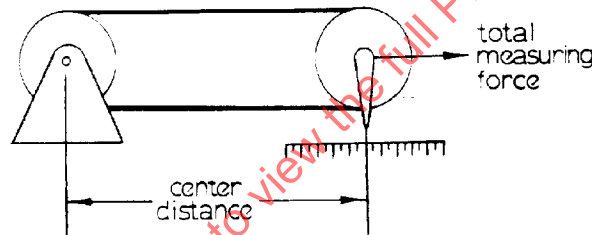


FIGURE 6—DIAGRAM OF FIXTURE FOR DETERMINING BELT PITCH LENGTH

TABLE 5—MEASURING PULLEY DIMENSIONS (MM)

| Belt Section | No. of Grooves | Pitch Circumference | Outside Dia<br>$\pm 0.013$ | Outside Dia Runout FIM <sup>(1)</sup> , max | Axial Runout (Side Wobble) FIM <sup>(1)</sup> max | Min Clearance <sup>(2)</sup> |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ST           | 16             | 152.40              | 47.748                     | 0.013                                       | 0.025                                             | 0.33                         |
| SU           | 20             | 254.00              | 79.479                     | 0.013                                       | 0.025                                             | 0.38                         |
| STA          | 20             | 190.50              | 59.266                     | 0.013                                       | 0.025                                             | 0.33                         |

1. Full indicator movement

2. See Figure 7.