EXAMPLE 14-5

A 17-tooth 20° normal pitch-angle helical pinion with a right-hand helix angle of 30° rotates at 1800 rev/min when transmitting 4 hp to a 52-tooth helical gear. The normal diametral pitch is 10 teeth/in, the face width is 1.5 in, and the set has a quality number of 6. The gears are straddle-mounted with bearings immediately adjacent. The pinion and gear are made from a through-hardened steel with surface and core hardnesses of 240 Brinell on the pinion an surface and core hardnesses of 200 Brinell on the gear. The transmission is smooth, connecting an electric motor and a centrifugal pump. Assume a pinion life of 108 cycles and a reliability of 0.9 and use upper curves in Figs. 14–14 and 14–15.

- (a) Find the factors of safety of the gears in bending.
- (b) Find the factors of safety of the gears in wear.
- (c) By examining the factors of safety identify the threat to each gear and to the mesh.

Solution

All of the parameters in this example are the same as in Ex. 14–4 with the exception that we are using helical gears. Thus, several terms will be the same as Ex. 14–4. The reader should verify that the following terms remain unchanged: $K_o = 1$, $Y_P = 0.303$, $Y_G = 0.412$, $m_G = 3.059$, $(K_s)_P = 1.043$, $(K_s)_G = 1.052$, $(Y_N)_P = 0.977$, $(Y_N)_G = 0.996$, $K_R = 0.85$, $K_T = 1$, $C_f = 1$, $C_P = 2300 \sqrt{\text{psi}}$, $(S_t)_P = 31350 \text{ psi}$, $(S_t)_G = 28260 \text{ psi}$, $(S_c)_P = 106380 \text{ psi}$, $(S_c)_G = 93500 \text{ psi}$, $(Z_N)_P = 0.948$, $(Z_N)_G = 0.973$, and $C_H = 1.005$

For helical gears, the transverse diametral pitch, given by Eq. (13-18), is

$$P_t = P_n \cos \psi = 10 \cos 30^\circ = 8.660 \text{ teeth/in}$$

Thus, the pitch diameters are $d_P = N_P/P_t = 17/8.660 = 1.963$ in and $d_G = 52/8.660 = 6.005$ in. The pitch-line velocity and transmitted force are

$$V = \frac{\pi d_P n_P}{12} = \frac{\pi (1.963)1800}{12} = 925 \text{ ft/min}$$

$$W^{t} = \frac{33\,000H}{V} = \frac{33\,000(4)}{925} = 142.7 \text{ lbf}$$

As in Ex. 14–4, for the dynamic factor, B=0.8255 and A=59.77. Thus, Eq. (14–27) gives

$$K_v = \left(\frac{59.77 + \sqrt{925}}{59.77}\right)^{0.8255} = 1.404$$

The geometry factor I for helical gears requires a little work. First, the transverse pressure

angle is given by Eq. (13-19)

$$\underline{\phi_t} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\tan \phi_n}{\cos \psi} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\tan 20^\circ}{\cos 30^\circ} \right) = 22.80^\circ$$

The radii of the pinion and gear are $r_P = 1.963/2 = 0.9815$ in and $r_G = 6.004/2 = 3.002$ in, respectively. The addendum is $a = 1/P_n = 1/10 = 0.1$, and the base-circle radii of the pinion and gear are given by Eq. (13-6) with $\phi = \phi_t$:

$$(r_b)_P = r_P \cos \phi_t = 0.9815 \cos 22.80^\circ = 0.9048 \text{ in}$$

 $(r_b)_G = 3.002 \cos 22.80^\circ = 2.767 \text{ in}$

From Eq. (14-25), the surface strength geometry factor

$$Z = \sqrt{(0.9815 + 0.1)^2 - 0.9048^2} + \sqrt{(3.004 + 0.1)^2 - 2.769^2}$$
$$- (0.9815 + 3.004) \sin 22.80^\circ$$
$$= 0.5924 + 1.4027 - 1.5444 = 0.4507 \text{ in}$$

Since the first two terms are less than 1.544 4, the equation for Z stands. From Eq. (14-24) the normal circular pitch p_N is

$$p_N = p_n \cos \phi_n = \frac{\pi}{P_n} \cos 20^\circ = \frac{\pi}{10} \cos 20^\circ = 0.2952 \text{ in}$$

From Eq. (14-21), the load sharing ratio

$$m_N = \frac{p_N}{0.95Z} = \frac{0.2952}{0.95(0.4507)} = 0.6895$$

Substituting in Eq. (14-23), the geometry factor I is

$$I = \frac{\sin 22.80^{\circ} \cos 22.80^{\circ}}{2(0.6895)} \frac{3.06}{3.06 + 1} = 0.195$$

From Fig. 14–7, geometry factors $J_P' = 0.45$ and $J_G' = 0.54$. Also from Fig. 14–8 the *J*-factor multipliers are 0.94 and 0.98, correcting J_P' and J_G' to

$$J_P = 0.45(0.94) = 0.423$$

 $J_G = 0.54(0.98) = 0.529$

The load-distribution factor K_m is estimated from Eq. (14–32):

$$C_{pf} = \frac{1.5}{10(1.963)} - 0.0375 + 0.0125(1.5) = 0.0577$$

with $C_{mc} = 1$, $C_{pm} = 1$, $C_{ma} = 0.15$ from Fig. 14–11, and $C_e = 1$. Therefore, from Eq. (14–30),

$$K_m = 1 + (1)[0.0577(1) + 0.15(1)] = 1.208$$

(a) **Pinion tooth bending.** Substituting the appropriate terms into Eq. (14–15) using P_t gives

$$(\sigma)_P = \left(W^t K_o K_v K_s \frac{P_t}{F} \frac{K_m K_B}{J}\right)_P = 142.7(1)1.404(1.043) \frac{8.66}{1.5} \frac{1.208(1)}{0.423}$$

$$= 3445 \text{ psi}$$

Substituting the appropriate terms for the pinion into Eq. (14-41) gives

$$(S_F)_P = \left(\frac{S_t Y_N / (K_T K_R)}{\sigma}\right)_P = \frac{31350(0.977) / [1(0.85)]}{3445} = 10.5$$

Gear tooth bending. Substituting the appropriate terms for the gear into Eq. (14-15) gives

$$(\sigma)_G = 142.7(1)1.404(1.052) \frac{8.66}{1.5} \frac{1.208(1)}{0.529} = 2779 \text{ psi}$$

Substituting the appropriate terms for the gear into Eq. (14-41) gives

Answer

$$(S_F)_G = \frac{28260(0.996)/[1(0.85)]}{2779} = 11.9$$

(b) Pinion tooth wear. Substituting the appropriate terms for the pinion into Eq. (14-16) gives

$$(\sigma_c)_P = C_p \left(W^t K_o K_v K_s \frac{K_m}{d_P F} \frac{C_f}{I} \right)_P^{1/2}$$

= 2300 $\left[142.7(1)1.404(1.043) \frac{1.208}{1.963(1.5)} \frac{1}{0.195} \right]^{1/2} = 48230 \text{ psi}$

Substituting the appropriate terms for the pinion into Eq. (14-42) gives

Answer

$$(S_H)_P = \left(\frac{S_c Z_N / (K_T K_R)}{\sigma_c}\right)_P = \frac{106400(0.948) / [1(0.85)]}{48230} = 2.46$$

Gear tooth wear. The only term in Eq. (14-16) that changes for the gear is K_s . Thus,

$$(\sigma_c)_G = \left[\frac{(K_s)_G}{(K_s)_P}\right]^{1/2} (\sigma_c)_P = \left(\frac{1.052}{1.043}\right)^{1/2} 48\,230 = 48\,440 \text{ psi}$$

Substituting the appropriate terms for the gear into Eq. (14–42) with $C_H = 1.005$ gives

Answer

$$(S_H)_G = \frac{93\,500(0.973)1.005/[1(0.85)]}{48\,440} = 2.22$$

(c) For the pinion we compare S_F with S_H^2 , or 10.5 with $2.46^2 = 6.05$, so the threat in the pinion is from wear. For the gear we compare S_F with S_H^2 , or 11.9 with $2.22^2 = 4.93$, so the threat is also from wear in the gear. For the meshing gearset wear controls.