

Formulas

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For All Formulas:	D - Large Sheave Diameter d - Small Sheave Diameter L - Belt Length T - Torque	RPM - Revolutions per Minute C - Sheave Center Distance Hp - Horsepower S - Belt Speed (Feet Per Minute)
Precise Belt Length	$L = 2C \cos \theta + \frac{\pi(D+d)}{2} + \frac{\pi\theta(D-d)}{180}$	L - Belt Length $\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{D-d}{2C}\right)$ (Degrees, °)
Approximate Belt Length	$L = 2C + 1.57(D+d) + \frac{(D-d)^2}{4C}$	L - Belt Length
Center Distance	$C = \frac{(b + \sqrt{b^2 - 32(D-d)^2})}{16}$ $C = A + \sqrt{A^2 - B}$	b = 4L - 6.28(D + d) A = (L/4) - .3925(D + d) B = (D - d) ² /8
Span Length	$P = C \left(1 - .125 \left[\frac{D-d}{C}\right]^2\right)$	P - Span Length
Arc of Contact (Degrees, Approximate)	$Arc = 180^\circ - \frac{60(D-d)}{C}$	Arc - Contact Angle (Degrees)
Arc of Contact (Radians)	$Arc = \pi - 2 \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{D-d}{2C}\right)$	Arc - Contact Angle (Radians)
Power (Hp)	$Hp = \frac{T_e S}{33,000}$ $Hp = T (in - lb) \times \frac{RPM}{63,025}$ $Hp = T (ft - lb) \times \frac{RPM}{5,252}$ $Hp = Kw \times 1.341$	T _e - Effective Tension (lbs) Kw - Kilowatt
Torque	$T (in - lb) = \frac{63,025 \times hp}{RPM}$ $T (ft - lb) = \frac{5,252 \times hp}{RPM}$ $T (in - lb) = \frac{T_e \times 2}{d}$	RPM - Revolutions per Minute T _e - Effective Tension (lbs)
Belt Speed	$S = \frac{R \times \pi \times RPM}{6}$ $S = R \times .5236 \times RPM$	R - Pulley Radius (inches)
Effective Tension	$T_e = \frac{2 \times T (in - lb)}{d}$ $T_e = \frac{2 \times T (ft - lb)}{d}$ $T_e = T_1 - T_2$	T _e - Effective Tension T ₁ - Tight Side Tension T ₂ - Slack Side Tension
Tension Ratio	$\frac{T_1}{T_2} = \frac{1}{1 - (.8 \times C_q)} = e^{k\theta}$	T ₁ - Tight Side Tension T ₂ - Slack Side Tension C _q - Arc of Contact Correction Factor k - V-Belt Design Constant (0.5123) e - Base of Natural Logarithm (2.71828) θ - Arc of Contact (°)
Tight Side Tension	$T_1 = \frac{41,250 \times hp}{C_q \times S}$	T ₁ - Tight Side Tension (lbs) C _q - Arc of Contact Correction Factor
Slack Side Tension	$T_2 = \frac{33,000 \times (1.25 - C_q) \times hp}{C_q \times S}$	T ₂ - Slack Side Tension (lbs) C _q - Arc of Contact Correction Factor
Belt Flex Frequency	$f_B = \frac{10^3 \times S \times k}{L}$	f _B - Belt Flex Frequency k - Number of Pulleys