



**Power  
Transmission  
Solutions  
for  
Metal  
Shredder  
Applications**



 **Ameridrives**<sup>®</sup>  
Power Transmission

*An Altra Industrial Motion Company*





**Ameridrives Power Transmission has over 60 years of staff experience in selecting driveshafts for metal shredding applications.**

**Advantages of Ameridrives shredder shaft assemblies**

- Domestic manufacture and design
- Proven designs and decades of experience in heavy steel rolling and shredding applications
- High torque capacity
- High operating angle capacity
- One piece yoke reduces the number of extra bolted connections and serrations to wear and maintain
- Heat treated alloy steel components
- Nitrided splined travel sections available upon request for improved durability
- Ideal loading across entire bearing surface as a result of FEA analysis insuring balanced deflection between the yoke and cross
- Modular bearing assemblies with inner races allows for repeated reuse of the cross body saving on repair costs (sizes 3440 and greater)
- Domestic factory repair facility

Ameridrives Power Transmission (APT) engineers have worked closely with many shredder manufacturers (OEM's) and recycling yards in the design, installation, and repair of heavy-duty driveshaft assemblies.

Typical application of APT heavy-duty driveshaft assemblies is a direct connection between an electric prime mover and shredder rotor. Electric motor power ranges are 2000-7000 horsepower (1490 – 5220 kW) operating at 500 to 600 rpm. Heavy-duty driveshafts are excellent choices for shredder applications for a number of reasons:

- Driveshafts allow for larger misalignment angles than other types of couplings
- Axial travel section compensates for movement of the shredder rotor and variations within the installation
- Units provide high torque capacity versus rotational diameter
- Universal driveshafts are easier to maintain
- Units provide long service life 7-10 years (when properly selected)

Selection of the heavy-duty cardan shaft is done with consideration of multiple application specifics and customer requirements. B10 life, the expected bearing life between shaft overhauls, is determined via a key bearing life formula applied correctly to each application. Typical life cycle of the bearings is designed for 7-10 years of operation based on the duty cycle. The second key part in proper shaft selection is assuring that the shaft does not see a sudden failure from normal torque loads and/or excessive shock loads. A review of the normal torque expected, adjusted by the proper service factors, assures shaft integrity through the bearing lifespan and beyond. One final aspect of selection is the potential for torsional vibration as a result of system harmonics. System data from the application should be analyzed to assure that the system's natural frequency does not coincide with the rotational speed of the universal joint.

**APT offers a wide variety of shaft options to enhance standard shaft installations**

In some cases overload protection is desired. For example, the shaft installation at B&B Metals, Newton, WI, includes a shear spacer. In this application, if torque exceeds a certain value the coupling shears and the engine/drive system runs free, separate of the shredder rotor. This was done to safeguard the Waukesha natural gas engines and the clutch/belt drive system. Other options include keyless connections, hydraulic fit couplings, special flange connections, and a short coupled (SC) shaft design.

**Fast product availability combined with comprehensive engineering support**

APT components are made in North America which allows us to offer quick service on complete assemblies and spare parts. APT application engineers can work directly with your engineering and design personnel to develop a final design that can be supplied usually within standard lead times. When retrofitting or replacement of existing drivelines is required, domestic production and complete design control allows APT to offer other major manufacturers connection types to insure interchangeability. Repair work is also made easier as factory parts are available in the US. This means less down time if problems do occur.







## Design Features

**Radius Shoulder Trunions**—Shoulder has generous radius at base of cross trunion to reduce stress.

**Double-Lip Seal**—Abrasion resistant multi-lip extruder type seals to insure integrity of the bearing lube reservoir.

**Thrust Bearings**—Each cap has a filled nylon compound thrust washer to prevent steel-on-steel contact of the trunion to minimize friction and prevent galling under heavy loads. Filled nylon bearings automatically adjust themselves to compensate for minor deflections.

**Crowned Rollers**—Eliminate stress concentrations at the ends of the rollers. The reduction in stress contributes significantly to increased bearing (B10) life.

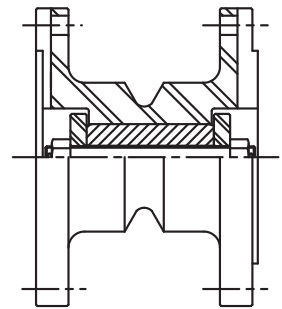
**Zero Clearance Assembly**—Cross and bearing assembled for zero radial clearance for optimum thrust and radial bearing performance and elimination of radial whirl and associated vibrations.

**Contoured Bearing Caps**—Allows longer cross journals for increased torque and bearing capacity.

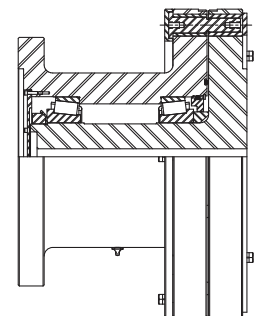


## Custom Design Variations

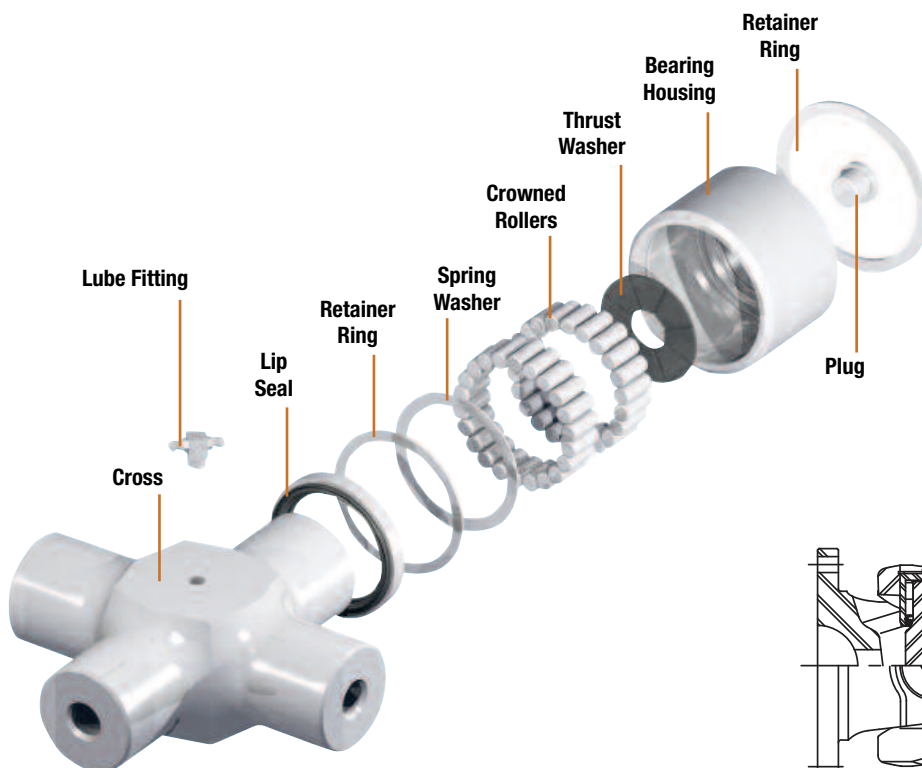
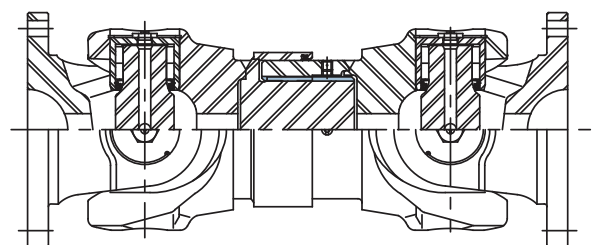
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### Shear Pin Assembly



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