# Not All Belts Fit the Same Sprocket: Belt/Sprocket Interchange Guide



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# **Foreword**

This brochure can assist you in determining the proper belt/sprocket combinations for original drive designs as well as replacement for existing drive components. Knowing which synchronous belt is compatible with which synchronous sprocket is critical for optimum drive performance.

When system compatibility recommendations are followed, both the life of the belt and sprockets are maximized. In addition, safety issues may arise when high performance synchronous belt ratings are used to design new drives and sprockets are used that are not compatible or recommended.

- A PowerGrip® GT®2 belt should only be used in an HTD® sprocket as a replacement for an
  existing HTD® belt. For new designs, PowerGrip® GT®2 belts should only be used with
  PowerGrip® GT®2 Sprockets.
- A Poly Chain® GT®2 belt should only be used in a Poly Chain® GT® sprocket as a replacement for an
  existing Poly Chain® GT® belt. For new designs, Poly Chain® GT®2 belts should only be used with
  Poly Chain® GT®2 Sprockets.

# **Explanation of Recommendations**

Recommended—Original Design: This combination is designed to be used together.

Note: For new drive designs, belts should only be used with the intended sprockets (see warnings).

Published belt ratings apply only to belts used with the sprockets they were intended for. Using a belt with other sprockets for a new design, even if the belt appears to fit, may reduce the belt life and may cause damage to the bushing and/or sprocket.

**Replacement Only:** This combination is recommended only for replacement and widths should be adjusted as indicated. **Replacement combinations should not be used in new designs (see warnings).** 

**Not Recommended:** This combination is not recommended due to potentially reduced service life of either the belt, the sprockets, or both. Also, a combination may not be recommended if another product line from the same manufacturer is more appropriate.

**No Compatibility:** This combination is not compatible, either because the belt does not wrap the sprockets well or because the belt tooth is too large to fit the sprocket grooves.

#### **NOTES**

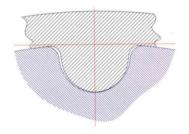
- 1. Sprocket groove drawings are all based upon 38-40 grooves. Ideal form with no variation from manufacturing tolerance was assumed.
- 2. Belt tooth drawings represent ideal form with no manufacturing variation.

# **HTD® Sprockets**

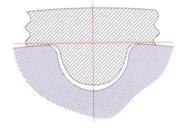
#### **WARNING:**

When Designing **New Applications** with PowerGrip® GT®2 Design Ratings: DO NOT USE HTD® SPROCKET SYSTEMS. HTD® SPROCKETS/BUSHINGS MAY NOT HANDLE THE INCREASED TORQUE LOADS AND DAMAGE TO THE SPROCKET AND/OR BUSHING MAY OCCUR.

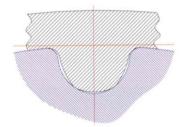
#### 5M/8M/14M HTD® Belts



#### 5M PowerGrip® GT®2 Belts



8M PowerGrip® GT®2 Belts



#### Recommended – Original Design

- Large robust belt tooth design
- Significant backlash

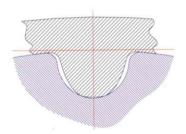
#### **Not Recommended**

- Reduced performance
- The sprocket/bushing capacity may be too low for new designs

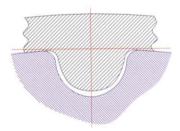
#### Replacement Only

- Quieter operation/increased backlash
- The sprocket/bushing capacity may be too low for new designs
- When replacing HTD® belts the belt width may be reduced one size

#### 14M PowerGrip® GT®2 Belts



#### 5M Poly Chain® GT® Belts



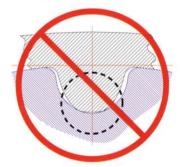
#### Replacement Only

- · Quieter operation/increased backlash
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- When replacing HTD® belts the belt width may be reduced one size

- Reduced performance
- The sprocket/ bushing capacity may be too low for new designs

# HTD® Sprockets (continued)

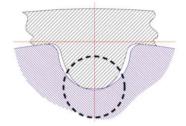
#### 8M Poly Chain® GT®2 Belts



#### No Compatibility

- The belt will not fully wrap the sprocket
- The belt tooth is deeper than the sprocket groove

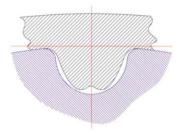
#### 14M Poly Chain® GT®2 Belts



#### **Not Recommended**

- · Increased noise and belt wear
- The belt tooth is deeper than the sprocket groove
- The sprocket/ bushing capacity may be too low for new designs

#### 5M RPP+Plus® Belts



- The sprocket/ bushing capacity may be too low for new designs
- Increased backlash

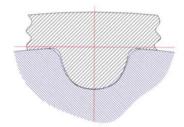


# PowerGrip® GT®2 Sprockets

#### **WARNING:**

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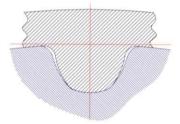
### 5M PowerGrip® GT®2 Belts



# Recommended – Original Design

- Excellent pitch fit
- Very low backlash

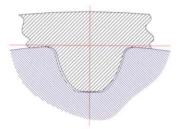
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# Recommended – Original Design

- Excellent pitch fit
- Very low backlash

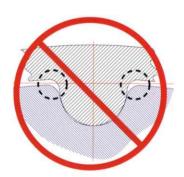
#### 14M PowerGrip® GT®2 Belts



# Recommended – Original Design

- Excellent pitch fit
- Very low backlash

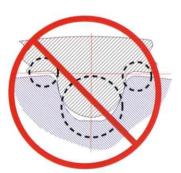
#### 5M/8M HTD® Belts



#### No Compatibility

• The belt tooth is too large to fully seat in the sprocket groove

#### 14M HTD® Belts

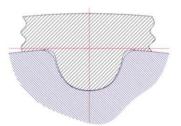


#### No Compatibility

• The belt tooth is too large to fully seat in the sprocket groove

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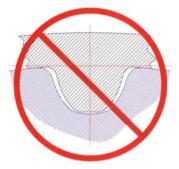
### 5M Poly Chain® GT® Belts



# Recommended - Original Design

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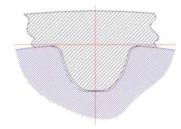
### 8M Poly Chain® GT®2 Belts



#### No Compatibility

 The belt will not fully wrap the sprocket

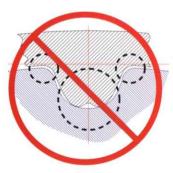
#### 14M Poly Chain® GT®2 Belts



#### **Not Recommended**

- The sprocket/ bushing capacity may be too low for new designs
- Belt widths do not match sprocket widths

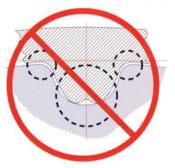
#### 5M RPP+Plus® Belts



#### No Compatibility

- Reduced performance
- The belt tooth is too large to fully seat in the sprocket groove

#### 8M RPP+Plus®/ WhiteHawk Pd™ Belts

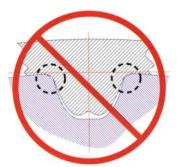


#### No Compatibility

- Reduced performance
- The belt tooth is too large to fully seat in the sprocket groove

# PowerGrip® GT®2 Sprockets (continued)

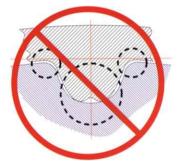
#### 14M RPP+Plus<sup>®</sup>/ WhiteHawk Pd™ Belts



#### No Compatibility

- Reduced performance
- The belt tooth is too wide to fully seat in the sprocket groove

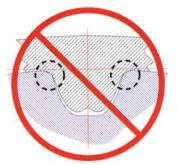
#### 8M Panther®/QT Powerchain®/ BlackHawk Pd™ Belts



#### No Compatibility

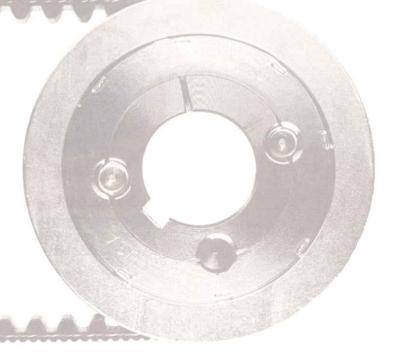
- Reduced performance
- The belt tooth is too large to fully seat in the sprocket groove
- Belt widths do not match sprocket widths
- The sprocket capacity may be too low for new designs

#### 14M Panther®/QT Powerchain®/ BlackHawk Pd™ Belts



#### No Compatibility

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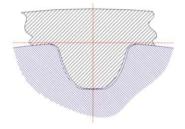


# Poly Chain® GT®2 Sprockets

#### WARNING:

When Designing **New Applications** with Poly Chain® GT®2 Design Ratings: DO NOT USE POLY CHAIN® GT® SPROCKET SYSTEMS. POLY CHAIN® GT® SPROCKETS/BUSHINGS MAY NOT HANDLE THE INCREASED TORQUE LOADS AND DAMAGE TO THE SPROCKET AND/OR BUSHING MAY OCCUR.

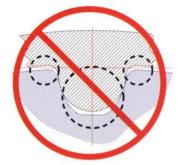
#### 8M/14M Poly Chain® GT®2 Belts



# Recommended - Original Design

 Thirty percent increase in belt capacity over Poly Chain® GT® belts

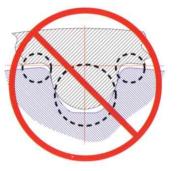
#### 8M HTD® Belts



#### No Compatibility

- The belt will not fully wrap the sprocket
- The belt tooth is too large to fully seat in the sprocket groove

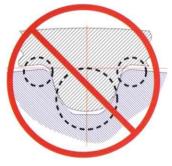
#### 14M HTD® Belts



#### No Compatibility

 The belt tooth is too large to fully seat in the sprocket groove

#### 8M PowerGrip® GT®2 Belts



#### No Compatibility

- The belt will not fully wrap the sprocket
- The belt tooth is too large to fully seat in the sprocket groove

#### 14M PowerGrip® GT®2 Belts



#### **Not Recommended**

- Greatly reduced performance (if drive originally designed with Poly Chain® GT®2)
- Belt widths do not match sprocket widths
- Excellent pitch fit

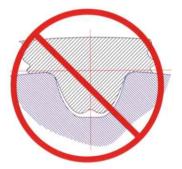
#### Note:

Poly Chain® GT®2 belts may be used to replace Poly Chain® GT® belts on GT® sprockets. In most cases, the width can be reduced when replacing a GT® belt with a GT®2 belt. Contact Gates Product Application Help line at 303-744-5800 for more information.



# Poly Chain® GT®2 Sprockets (continued)

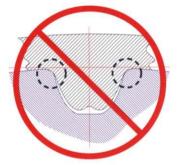
#### 8M RPP+Plus®/ WhiteHawk Pd™ Belts



#### No Compatibility

 The belt will not fully wrap the sprocket

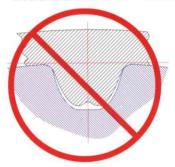
#### 14M RPP+Plus®/ WhiteHawk Pd™ Belts



#### No Compatibility

- The belt tooth is too wide to fully seat in the sprocket groove
- Greatly reduced performance
- Belt widths do not match sprocket widths

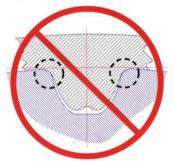
#### 8M Panther®/QT Powerchain®/ BlackHawk Pd™ Belts



#### No Compatibility

- The belt will not fully wrap the sprocket
- Belt widths do not match sprocket widths

#### 14M Panther®/QT Powerchain®/ BlackHawk Pd™ Belts



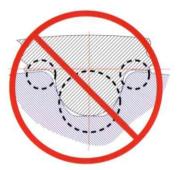
#### No Compatibility

- The belt tooth is too wide to fully seat in the sprocket groove
- Greatly reduced performance
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# RPP®/RPP+Plus® Sprockets

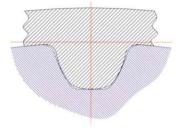
#### 5M HTD® Belts



#### No Compatibility

 The belt tooth is too large to fully seat in the sprocket groove

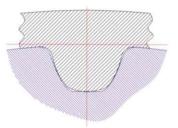
# 5M PowerGrip® GT®2 Belts



#### Replacement Only

• The sprocket/ bushing capacity may be too low for new designs

#### 8M PowerGrip® GT®2 Belts



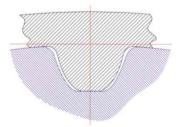
#### **Replacement Only**

- For sprockets with less than 50 grooves
- Improved performance over RPP+Plus®/Panther®

#### Not Recommended

- For sprockets with more than 50 grooves
- Poor meshing quality on sprockets with more than 50 grooves

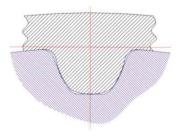
#### 14M PowerGrip® GT®2 Belts



#### Replacement Only

- For replacement of RPP®/ RPP+Plus® belts, the belt width may be reduced one size
- Fairly good pitch fit
- Improved performance over RPP+Plus®

# 5M Poly Chain® GT® Belts

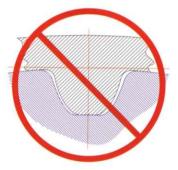


#### Replacement Only

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# RPP®/RPP+Plus® Sprockets (continued)

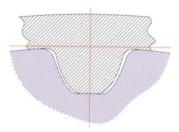
# 8M Poly Chain® GT®2 Belts



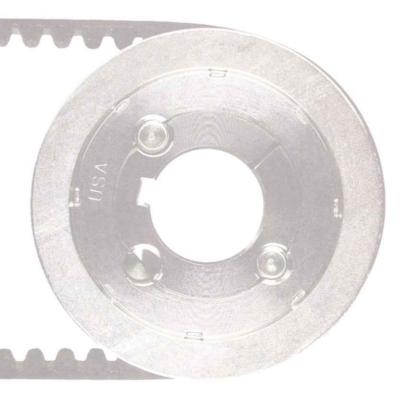
#### No Compatibility

- The belt will not fully wrap the sprocket
- Belt widths do not match sprocket widths

# 14M Poly Chain® GT®2 Belts

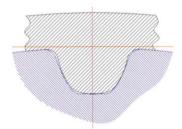


- · Belt widths do not match sprocket widths
- Fairly good pitch fit
  The sprocket/bushing capacity may be too low for new designs



# Panther®/QT Powerchain® Sprockets

#### 8M PowerGrip® GT®2 Belts



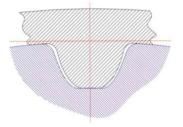
#### Replacement Only

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#### Not Recommended

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- Poor meshing quality on sprockets with more than 50 grooves
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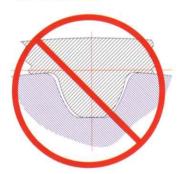
#### 14M PowerGrip® GT®2 Belts



#### Replacement Only

- · Fairly good pitch fit
- Belt widths do not match sprocket widths

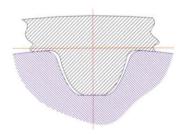
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