

**KHG**  
Ground Helical Gears



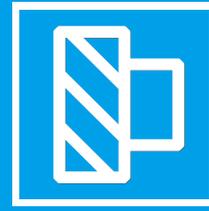
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**SH**  
Steel Helical Gears



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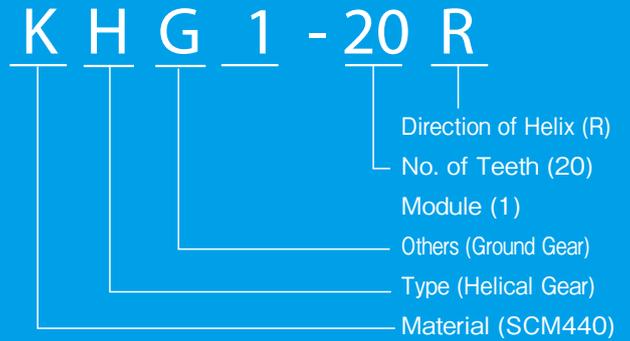
# Helical Gears

- Spur Gears
- Helical Gears
- Internal Gears
- Racks
- CP Racks & Pinions
- Miter Gears
- Bevel Gears
- Screw Gears
- Worm Gear Pair
- Bevel Gearboxes
- Other Products

## Catalog Number of KHK Stock Gears

The Catalog Number for KHK stock gears is based on the simple formula listed below. Please order KHK gears by specifying the Catalog Numbers.

(Example) Helical Gears



### Material

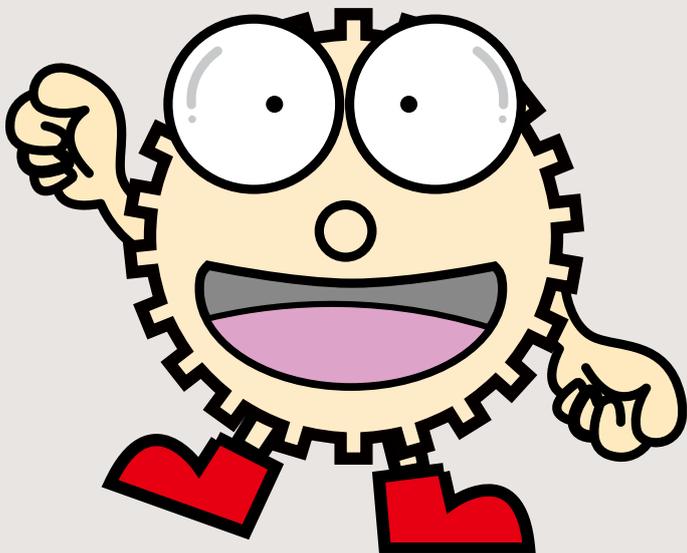
S S45C  
K SCM440

### Type

H Helical Gears

### Other Information

G Ground Gears



### Feature Icons

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|  RoHS Compliant Product |  Stainless Product          |
|  Re-machinable Product  |  Resin Product              |
|  Finished Product       |  Copper Alloy Product       |
|  Heat Treated Product   |  Injection Molded Product   |
|  Ground Gear            |  Black Oxide coated Product |



## Characteristics



KHK stock helical gears are quiet, compact and economical. They are suitable wherever you require high-speed rotation including in machine tools, speed reducers and other industrial machinery. The following table lists the main features.

Catalog No.	KHG	SH
Module	1 ~ 3	2 ~ 3
Material	SCM440	S45C
Heat Treatment	Thermal refined, Gear teeth induction hardened	—
Tooth Surface Finish	Ground	Cut
Precision JIS B 1702-1:1998	N6	N8
Secondary Operations	Possible except for tooth	Possible
Features	Have excellent strength and wear resistance which allow your designs to be more compact.	Having larger contact ratios compared to the SS spur gears, effective in reducing noise and vibration.

## Advanced grinding equipment allows for efficient production

The use of electro deposition grinding wheel produces consistent precision with shorter grinding usage, making products affordable.



Gleason Cylindrical Gear Grinding Machine (TAG400)

## Selection Hints



It is important to thoroughly understand the contents of the product tables as well as "CAUTION" notes before making the selection. You must specify the right or left hand by including the letter R or L in the catalog number when ordering.

### 1. Caution in Selecting the Mating Gears.

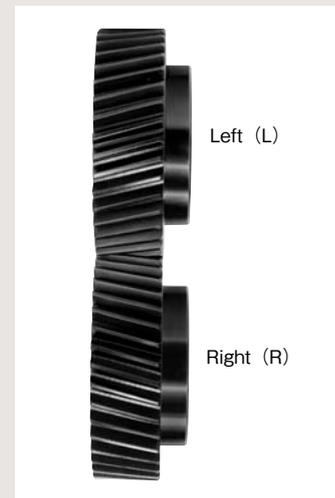
We have two different types of KHK helical gear products, one is a KHG gear type, and the other is a SH gear type. Each type of gear has different module systems, pressure angle designations and helix angles. Since the KHG Gears are of the transverse module style, and the SH gears are of normal module style, KHG and SH gears are not interchangeable. Please keep this in mind when making your selection.

Also, right hand and left hand helical mating gears are packaged as a set. See the photos below for reference and for help in making a proper selection. The table shows the possible combinations.

#### ■ Mating Helical Gear Selection Chart (○ Allowable × Not allowable)

Catalog No. & Helix Hand	KHG		SH		KRHG KRHGF		SRH		
	RH	LH	RH	LH	RH	LH	RH	LH	
KHG	RH	×	○	×	×	×	×	○	×
	LH	○	×	×	×	○	×	×	×
SH	RH	×	×	×	○	×	×	×	○
	LH	×	×	○	×	×	×	○	×

#### ■ Helix Direction



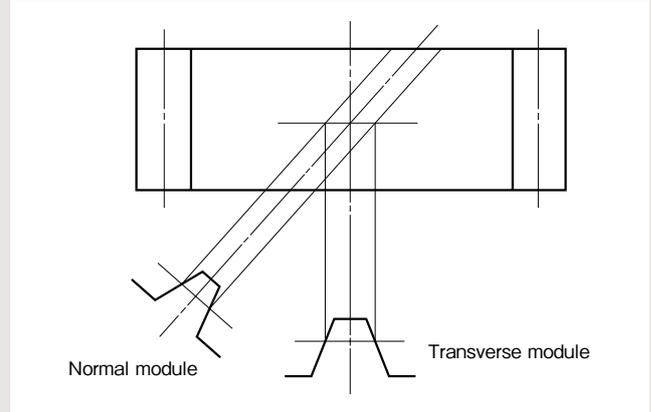
Pinion (L) & Rack (R)



Pinion (R) & Rack (L)

## ■ Transverse module and Normal module

The difference between transverse module and normal module is defined as the difference of basic tooth form. As shown on the right, the module of tooth datum orthogonal to the center axis of gear is called transverse module. The module of tooth datum orthogonal to the thread helix is called normal module. The characteristics of each are shown as below.



## ■ Characteristics of Transverse module and Normal module

Style	Advantages	Disadvantages
Transverse module (KHG)	Replaces spur gears having the same module, number of teeth, and center distance.	Special gear cutting or grinding machines are required for processing each helix angle.
Normal module (SH)	Modifications of spur gears are made by gear cutting or grinding machines, even if they have different helix angles.	Have a center distance value different from that of a spur gear, although they have the same module size and the same number of gear teeth. The center distance value is rarely an integral number.

**(CAUTION)** Above is for illustration purpose only and not a representation of the true tooth forms. For detailed technical information, please refer to the section of “4.3 Helical Gears” (Page 614).

## 2. Caution in Selecting Gears Based on Gear Strength

Allowable bending strength and surface durability values shown in product tables were computed by assuming a certain application environment. They should be used as reference only. We recommend that each user computes his own values by applying the actual usage conditions. To find more information on gear strength calculations, please refer to the technical reference, in the section “Bending Strength of Spur and Helical Gears” (Page 663) or “Surface Durability of Spur and Helical Gears” (Page 670).

## ■ Calculation assumptions for Bending Strength of Gears

Item	Catalog No.	KHG	SH
Formula <small>NOTE 1</small>	Formula of spur and helical gears on bending strength (JGMA401-01)		
No. of teeth of Mating Gears	Same number of teeth		
Rotation	600rpm	100rpm	
Durability	Over $10^7$ cycles		
Impact from motor	Uniform load		
Impact from load	Uniform load		
Direction of load	Bidirectional		
Allowable bending stress at root $\sigma_{Flim}$ (kgf/mm <sup>2</sup> ) <small>NOTE2</small>	30	19	
Safety factor $S_F$	1.2		

## ■ Calculation assumptions for Surface Durability (Except where it is common with bending strength)

Item	Catalog No.	KHG	SH
Formula <small>NOTE 1</small>	Formula of spur and helical gears on bending strength (JGMA402-01)		
Kinematic viscosity of lubricant	100cSt (50°C)		
Gear support	Symmetric support by bearings		
Allowable Hertz stress $\sigma_{Hlim}$ (kgf/mm <sup>2</sup> )	116	49	
Safety factor $S_H$	1.15		

**(NOTE 1)** The formula for gear strength is based on JGMA Standard. The units for the rotational speed (rpm) and the load (kgf/mm<sup>2</sup>) were matched to the units needed in the equation.

**(NOTE 2)** Since the load is bidirectional, the allowable bending stress at root  $\sigma_{Flim}$  is set to 2/3 of the value.

## ■ Definition of Bending Strength by JGMA 401-01 (1974)

The allowable bending strength of a gear is defined as the allowable tangential force at the pitch circle based on the mutually allowable root stress of two meshing gears under load.



Example of the failure due to insufficient bending strength.

## ■ Definition of Surface Durability by JGMA 402-01 (1975)

The surface durability of a gear is defined as the allowable tangential force at the pitch circle, which permits the force to be transmitted safely without incurring surface failure.



Example of the defacement due to insufficient surface durability.



## Application Hints

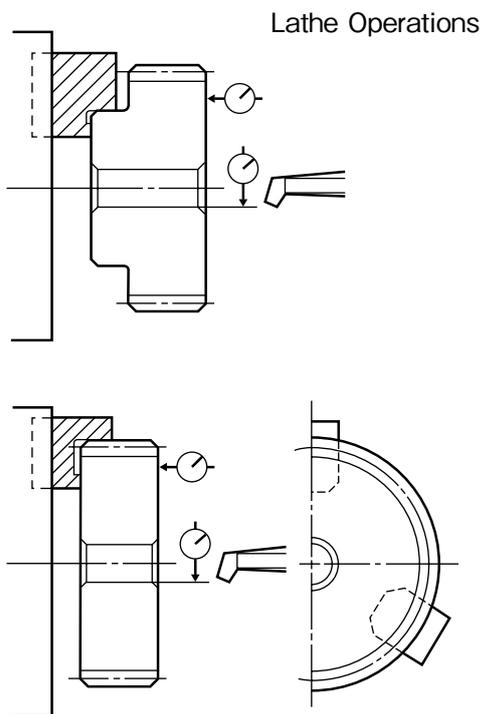


In order to use KHK stock gears safely, carefully read the Application Hints before proceeding. If there are questions or if you require clarifications, please contact our technical department or your nearest distributor.

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### 1. Caution on Performing Secondary Operations

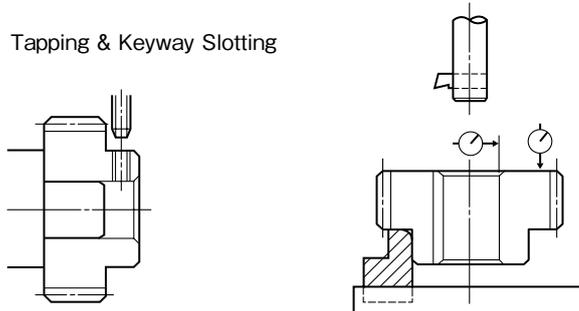
- ① If you are re boring, it is important to pay special attention to locating the center in order to avoid runout.
- ② The reference datum for gear cutting is the bore. Therefore, use the bore for locating the center. If it is too difficult to do for small bores, the alternative is to use one spot on the bore and the runout of the side surface.
- ③ If the rework requires using scroll chucks, we recommend the use of new or rebored jaws for improved precision. If chucking by the teeth, please apply the pressure carefully to avoid crushing the teeth which will lead to noisy gears.
- ④ The maximum bore size is dictated by the requirement



that the strength of the hub is to be higher than that of the gear teeth. The maximum bore size should be 60% to 70 % of the hub diameter (or tooth root diameter), and 50% to 60% for keyway applied modifications.

- ⑤ In order to avoid stress concentrations, leave radii on the keyway corners.

Tapping & Keyway Slotting



- ⑥ To avoid problems of reduced gear precision and other manufacturing difficulties, do not attempt to machine the gears to reduce face widths.
- ⑦ KHG Ground Helical Gears are already stress relieved. But if you subject them to a heavy turning operation such as removing the hubs, the residual stress may cause deformation.
- ⑧ When heat-treating SH Helical Gears, it is possible to get thermal stress cracks. It is best to subject them to penetrant inspection afterwards. If the tooth strength is not sufficient, it can be increased approximately four times by heat-treating. On the other hand, the precision of the gear will drop about one grade.

## Heat Treatment

If you apply induction hardening to the gear teeth of S45C products, you need to designate the hardness and where to apply the heat treatment. Below is an example of common specifications and KHK's specifications for hardening:

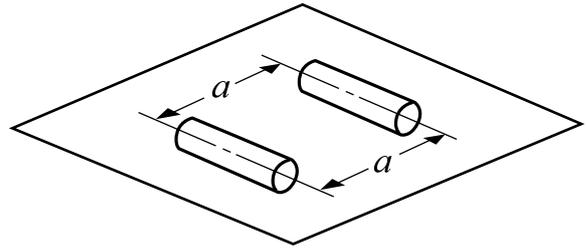
- Common Specifications for Heat Treatment
  - Area: Tooth surface, or, Tooth surface and Tooth root
  - Hardness: Within 10 HRC in the range from 45 to 60 HRC. (e.g. 48 - 58 HRC)
- KHK's Specifications for Heat Treatment
  - Area: Tooth surface, or, Tooth surface and Tooth root
  - Hardness: From 45 to 55 HRC.

\*Hardness and Depth of Gear-teeth Induction Hardening  
The hardening method and the state of hardened teeth area are varied depending on the size of gears. Since different hardening treatment is applied in accordance with the module and number of teeth, the hardness level you designate is referred to as the hardness of the pitch line. For some of our products, there may be a case that the hardness at tooth tip / root may not be equal to the hardness you designated.

As to the effective case depth for S45C, it is specified by JIS, as "The distance from the surface of the case to the area with hardness HV450". The case depth differs from area to area of a tooth.

## 2. Points of Caution in Assembling

- ① KHK stock helical gears are designed to give the proper backlash when assembled using the center distance given by the formula on the right (center distance tolerance of H7/H8). The amount of backlash is given in the product table for each gear.
- ② Please refer to overall length tolerance for Helical Gears on page 37.
- ③ Because of the helix of the gear teeth, helical gears in mesh produce thrust forces in the axial directions. The axial thrust bearings must be able to resist these forces. The direction of the thrust forces depend on the helix hand and the direction of rotation as shown below. For details, please refer to the technical reference, section of "Gear Forces" (Page 699).



$$a = \frac{d_1 + d_2}{2}$$

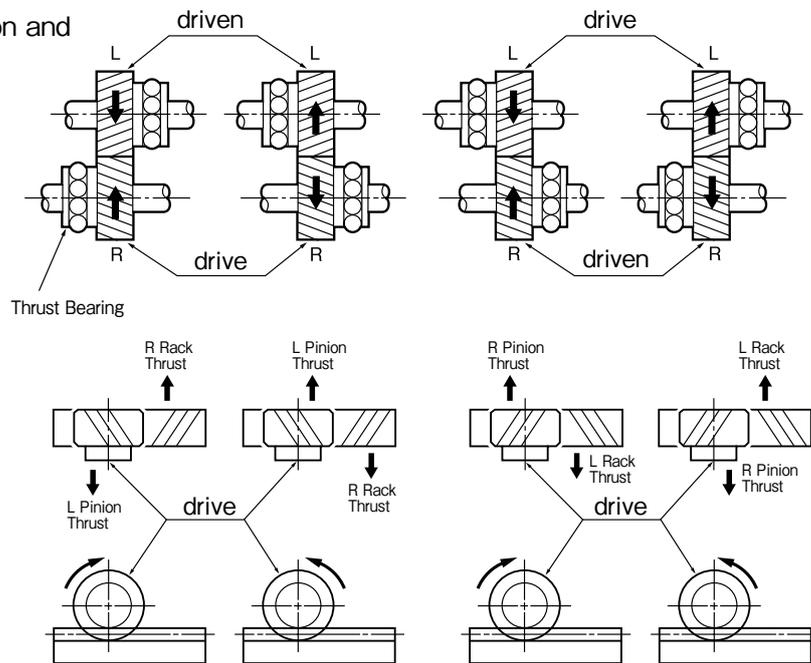
where

$a$  : Center Distance

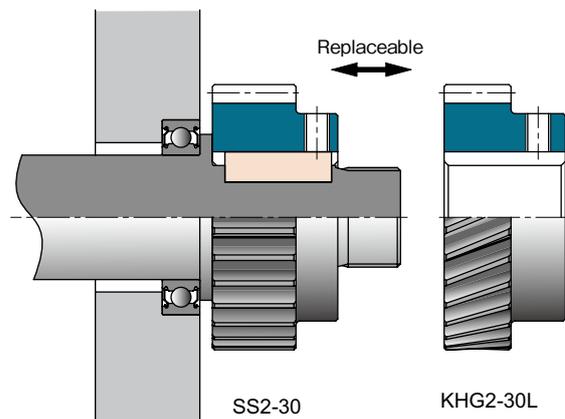
$d_1$  : Pitch Diameter of Pinion

$d_2$  : Pitch Diameter of Gear

### Direction of Rotation and Thrust Force



## Application Examples



To increase strength, the SS2-30 Spur Gear is replaced with the KHG2-30R Helical Gear (mating with the left hand of KHG).