

Three Main Causes and Solutions for Gearbox Overheating

Planetary gearboxes and reducers play a crucial role in matching speed and transmitting torque between the prime mover (motor) and the working mechanism. They are relatively precise mechanical devices designed to reduce speed and increase torque. Due to their diverse types and models, different planetary gear reducers are suitable for various working environments.

Planetary gearboxes and reducers are characterized by their compact size and high torque transmission. Designed and manufactured based on modular principles, they offer numerous combinations, installation forms, and structural solutions. With fine transmission ratio gradations, they meet different working conditions and achieve electromechanical integration. Precision planetary gear reducers are highly efficient, low in energy consumption, and superior in performance. However, as temperatures continue to rise, the issue of overheating in planetary gear reducers becomes increasingly prominent. Below, we will explore the main factors causing overheating in Planetary gearboxes and reducers.



*The internal wear of gear reducers.
Shown here: Input 3,000 rpm, 100 hours,
total of 18 million revolutions.*

High Speed:

When the mechanical speed of the equipment increases, internal wear in the planetary gear reducer also rises, exacerbating heat generation.

High Input Power:

The greater the input power, the more significant the friction effect inside the planetary gear reducer, generating a large amount of heat.

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High Environmental Temperature:

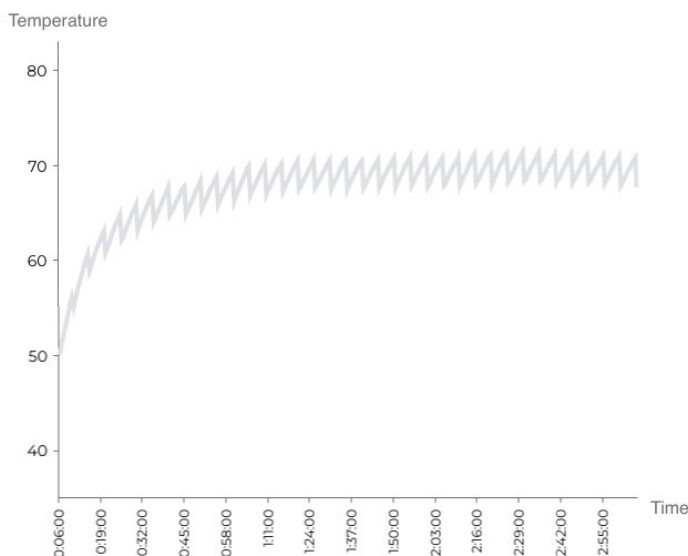
The environmental temperature affects the Planetary gearboxes and reducer's temperature through conduction, convection, and radiation. For example, if the motor bearings lack lubrication, friction increases, causing a temperature rise; a jammed motor increases current and temperature; worn bearings or damaged cages can also lead to overheating. Therefore, timely inspection of easily worn parts and replacement of worn bearings are crucial operations for extending equipment lifespan.

The operating temperature range for Planetary gearboxes and reducer's is $-20\sim 90^{\circ}\text{C}$. Generally, the longer the Planetary gearboxes or reducer operates, the higher the temperature. When it reaches a certain level, cooling treatment is required. Therefore, the setting of the working cycle directly affects the working temperature. Regular temperature checks and records are essential maintenance tasks.

The maximum temperature for a Planetary gearboxes or reducer's is 90°C . Once this temperature is exceeded, it can impact internal components. In high-temperature conditions, the temperature rise is more apparent. Maintenance and lubrication of the Planetary gearbox or reducer is also necessary. For low-temperature conditions (e.g., -20°C), it is recommended to gradually raise the machine temperature to above zero before carrying out load operations.

The operating temperature of the planetary gear reducer

Working cycle: 5 minutes on, 1 minute off



Applications of Planetary Gearboxes and Reducers

Planetary gear reducers are widely used in various fields, especially in low-speed, high-torque transmission equipment. With the continuous development of high-efficiency planetary gear reducer industries, more industrial equipment is using motor + planetary gear reducer combinations as transmission devices. The limit working temperature of the insulation material in the motor windings varies depending on the material. If the temperature continuously exceeds or approaches the limit working temperature, the aging of the insulation material will accelerate, significantly shortening its lifespan. Thus, temperature is a key factor affecting the lifespan of transmission devices.

Insulation Material Temperature Grades:

Heat Resistance Grade	Y	A	E	B	F	H
Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	90	105	120	130	155	180

Regular equipment maintenance and daily usage records can help observe changes in the equipment, allowing you to develop the most suitable maintenance plan. By enhancing equipment management and maintenance, promptly addressing issues, you can ensure the normal operation of planetary gear reducers, extend equipment lifespan, and improve production efficiency.

If you encounter any issues with the use of Planetary gearboxes or reducers, please feel free to [contact us](#). We are dedicated to resolving your problems.