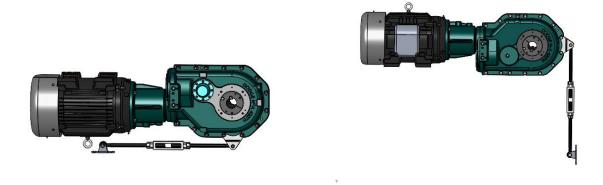


Dodge MTA Reducers: Tie Rod & Shaft Reaction Force Calculations

When a gearbox is installed directly onto the driven shaft of a conveyor or bucket elevator, there must be something that prevents the whole gearbox from rotating around when the motor is started. One way to do this is with a tie rod assembly. It can also be referred to as a torque arm. This arrangement will ensure that the output torque of the gearbox will drive the shaft it is mounted on and not cause the gearbox to spin around instead. Figure 1 shows some common mounting MTA positions and tie rod arrangements.

Position A with Tie Rod Horizontal

Position C with Tie Rod Vertical



Position D with Tie Rod Horizontal



Figure 1: MTA Mounting and Tie Rod Positons



This white paper will look at the MTA reducers and show how changes in how the gearbox is mounted, the direction of output rotation, and where the tie rod is mounted affect the tie rod and shaft reaction forces. There are calculated examples at the end of this whitepaper for two MTA sizes (MTA4 and MTA8) mounted in two positions (C and D). The examples will show both directions of rotation for these examples with various tie rod postions.

These next couple of sections will show how each of the variables affect the tie rod and shaft force calculations.

Gearbox Output Torque:

For a gearbox delivering its output torque to a conveyor shaft, there must be a equal and opposite reaction moment that the gearbox and its tie rod must counteract. So if a gearbox has a clockwise output rotational direction, its counteracting torque (moment) will be counterclockwise and vice versa.

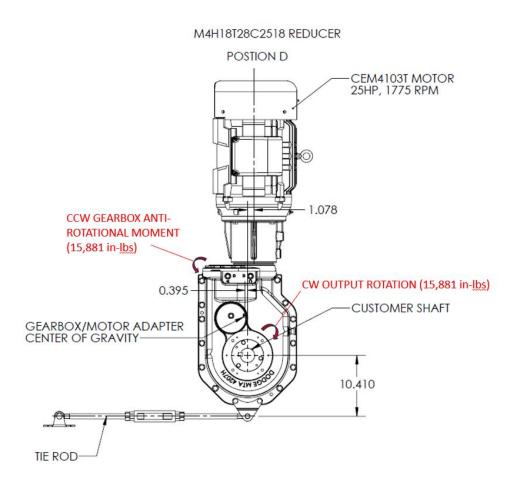


Figure 2: CW Output Rotational Torque and its CCW Anti-Rotational Moment created



Gearbox Mounting Postions:

Typically a motor's weight, when mounted over top of the reducer's output shaft (i.e. Position D), will not create significant additional loads that the tie rod must support because the motor's center of gravity is generally mounted directly over the conveyor shaft's center. The tie rod will only have to support mainly the moment created from gearbox's output torque. However, when a MTA is mounted in Position A or C, the gearbox's output torque may either add or subtract from the gearbox and motor weight moments that are present. This is because the motor's center of gravity is a substantial distance away from the center of the conveyor shaft. This can create considerable forces that both the tie rod and shaft must support.

Figures 3 and 4 show the effects of a MTA4 gearbox/adapter and 25HP motor weight have from moving the reducer from Positon D to Postion C. These calculations are for the tie rod without any power (torque) applied from the motor. Without any power applied to the gearbox, the tie rod force increase by almost 50 times by this change. If the direction of rotation of the gearbox's output adds to this moment, this increase will create more forces that the tie rod and the customer's shaft have to support.

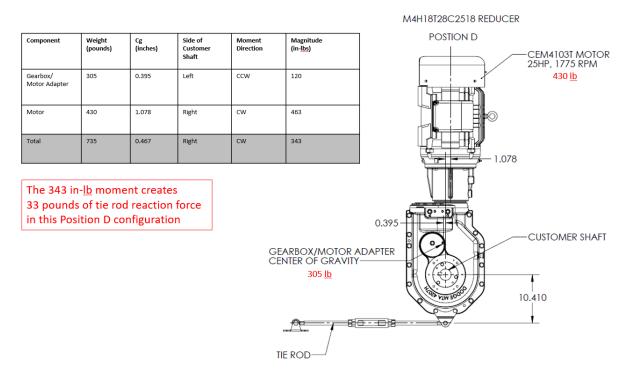


Figure 3: Motor and Gearbox Weights in Positon D (No Power Applied)



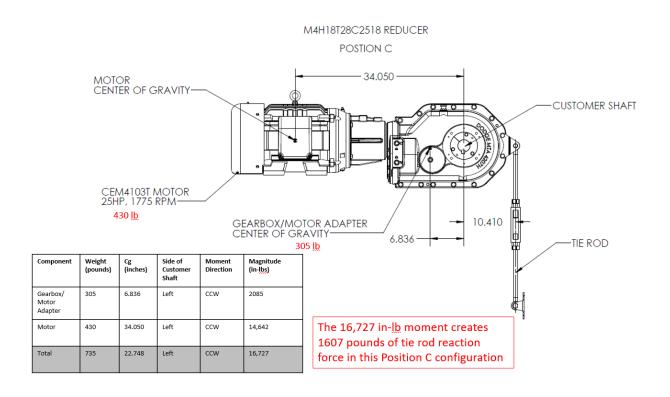


Figure 4: Motor and Gearbox Weights in Positon C (No Power Applied)



Tie Rod Locations and Tie Rod Angles:

The distance from the output hub to where the tie rod connects to the housing bracket is also important. The larger this distance is, the lower the reaction force will be for the same amount of output torque and gearbox mounting conditions. It is good practice to try and keep this distance as large as possible.

Figures 5 and 6 show the effects of a MTA4 gearbox/adapter and 25HP motor weight mounted in Position C and moving the tie rod location from 10.410" to 14.921". This larger distance reduces the tie rod reaction by 30% over the smaller distance. These calculations are for the tie rod without any power (torque) applied from the motor. Adding power will produce torque that is either added to or subtacted from the moment that the tie rod and the customer's shaft have to support.

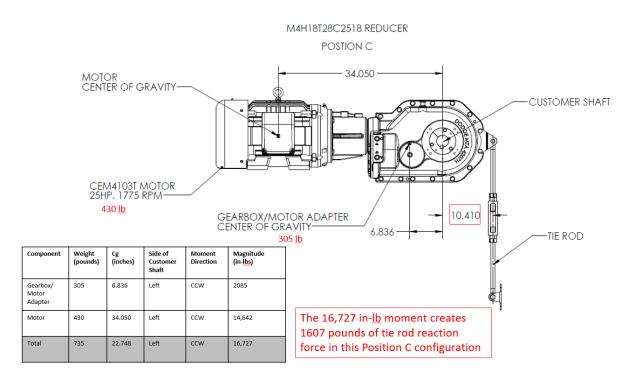


Figure 5: Position C Tie Rod Location #1 (No Power Applied)



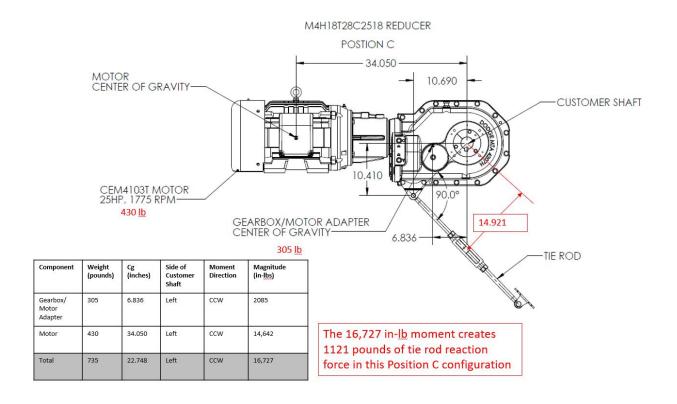


Figure 6: Position C Tie Rod Location #2 (No Power Applied)



Another factor that comes into play is the angle that is created by the tie rod centerline and an imaginary line from the center of the gearbox's output to the tie rod connection with the housing brackets. This angle needs to be as close as possible to 90 degrees. The further you get away from 90 degrees, the larger the resultant force in the tie rod and bracket will be. Dodge, typically alllows +/- 20 degrees from the angle for Torque-Arm reducers. However, for some MTA applications with high tie rod reactions, this allowance is best reduced to +/- 5 degrees.

Figure 7 shows <u>correct</u> tie rod angles for an MTA gearbox in Position C. Figure 8 shows <u>incorrect</u> tie rod angles for an MTA gearbox in Position C.

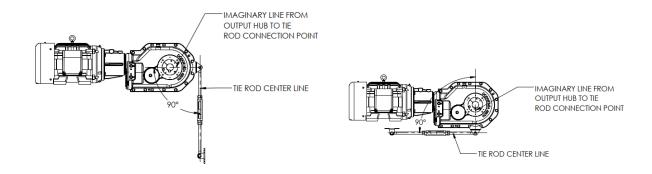


Figure 7: Correct Tie Rod Angles

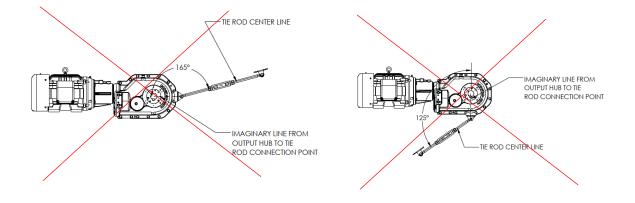


Figure 8: Incorrect Tie Rod Angles



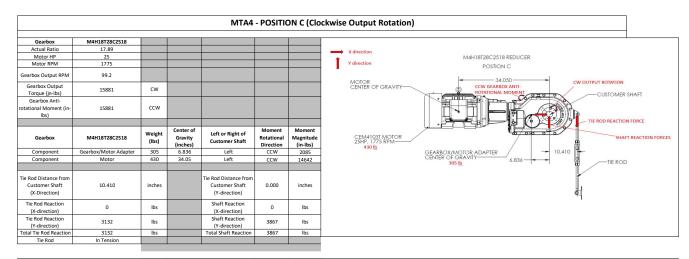
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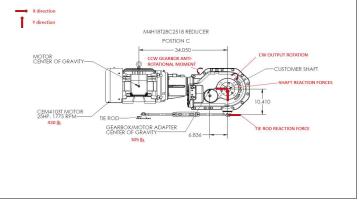


Tension vs Compression on Tie Rod

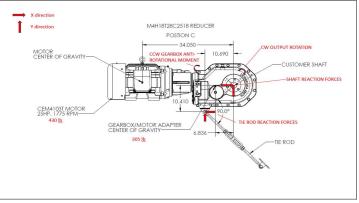
Dodge tie rods can be mounted in either tension or compression. Tension is preferred so that the tie rod does not buckle under the resultant force. The way to determine if the tie rod is in either tension or compression is to first determine which way the output hub of the gearbox is rotating. The resultant reaction will want to turn the gearbox in the opposite direction. Not only how the tie rod is mounted comes in to play on if is in either tension or compression, but the MTA mounting position has a significant effect as well. The added moments created from gearbox and motor weights in Position A or C can add more tension (or compression) of the tie rod. It can also be setup differently where the weights and output torque have more of a cancelling out effect. Look at the examples at the end of the white paper to see the magnitudes of the tie reaction force and whether it is in tension or compression.

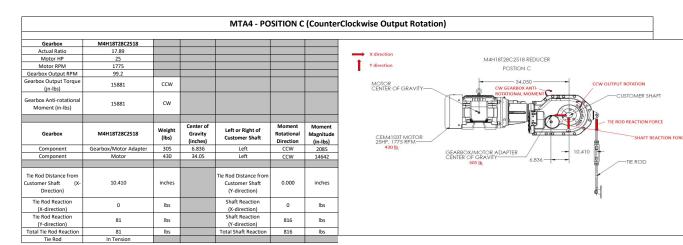


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Actual Ratio	17.89					
Motor HP	25					
Motor RPM	1775					
Gearbox Output RPM	99.2					
Gearbox Output Torque (jn-lbs)	15881	cw				
Gearbox Anti- rotational Moment (in- lbs)	15881	ccw				
Gearbox	M4H18T28C2518	Weight (lbs)	Center of Gravity (inches)	Left or Right of Customer Shaft	Moment Rotational Direction	Moment Magnitude (in-lbs)
Component	Gearbox/Motor Adapter	305	6.836	Left	ccw	2085
Component	Motor	430	34.05	Left	CCW	14642
Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft	0.000	inches		Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft (Y-direction)	10.410	inches
Tie Rod Reaction (X-direction)	3132	lbs		Shaft Reaction (X-direction)	3132	lbs
Tie Rod Reaction (Y-direction)	0	lbs		Shaft Reaction (Y-direction)	735	lbs
Total Tie Rod Reaction	3132	lbs		Total Shaft Reaction	3217	lbs
Tie Rod	In Tension					

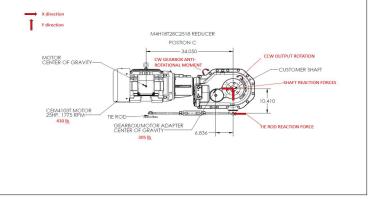


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Tie Rod Reaction (X-direction)	1525	lbs		Shaft Reaction (X-direction)	1525	lbs
Tie Rod Reaction (Y-direction)	1566	lbs		Shaft Reaction (Y-direction)	831	lbs
Total Tie Rod Reaction	2185	lbs		Total Shaft Reaction	1736	lbs
Tie Rod	In Compression					

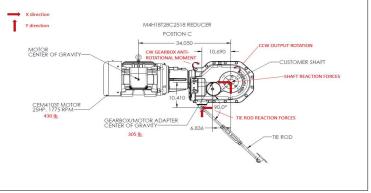


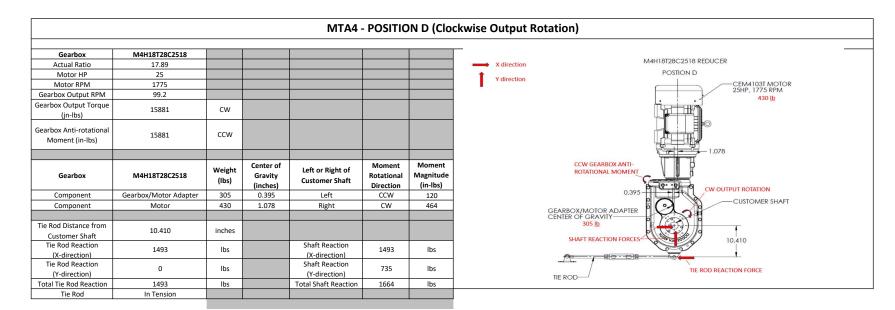


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Component	Gearbox/Motor Adapter	305	6.836	Left	CCW	2085
Component	Motor	430	34.05	Left	CCW	14642
Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft (X- Direction)	10.410	inches		Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft (Y-direction)	0.000	inches
Tie Rod Reaction (X-direction)	81	lbs		Shaft Reaction (X-direction)	81	lbs
Tie Rod Reaction (Y-direction)	0	lbs		Shaft Reaction (Y-direction)	735	lbs
Total Tie Rod Reaction	81	lbs		Total Shaft Reaction	739	lbs
Tie Rod	In Tension					

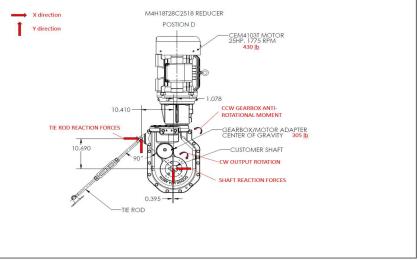


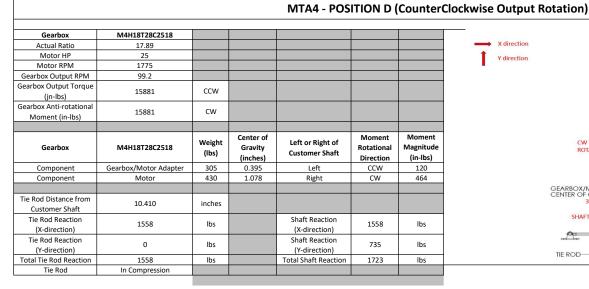
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Component	Gearbox/Motor Adapter	305	6.836	Left	CCW	2085
Component	Motor	430	34.05	Left	CCW	14642
Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft (X-direction)	10.690	inches		Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft (Y-direction)	10.410	inches
Tie Rod Reaction (X-direction)	40	lbs		Shaft Reaction (X-direction)	40	lbs
Tie Rod Reaction (Y-direction)	41	lbs		Shaft Reaction (Y-direction)	694	lbs
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Tie Rod	In Compression					

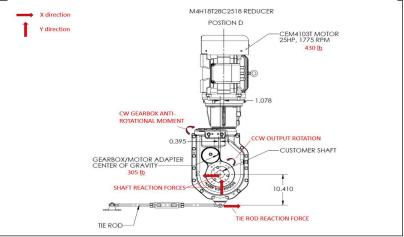




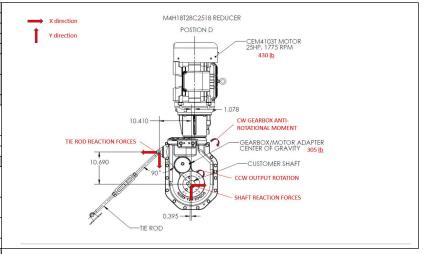
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Component	Gearbox/Motor Adapter	305	0.395	Left	CCW	120
Component	Motor	430	1.078	Right	CW	464
Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft	10.410	inches		Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft (Y-direction)	10.690	inches
Tie Rod Reaction (X-direction)	746	lbs		Shaft Reaction (X-direction)	746	Ibs
Tie Rod Reaction (Y-direction)	726	lbs		Shaft Reaction (Y-direction)	9	lbs
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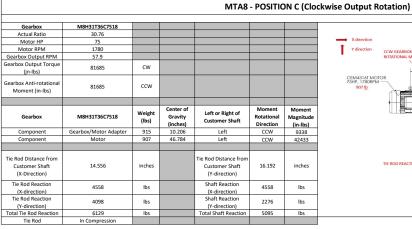


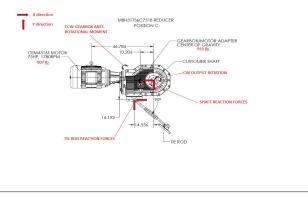




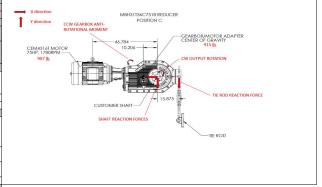
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Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft (X-Direction)	10.410	inches		Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft (Y-direction)	10.690	inches
Tie Rod Reaction (X-direction)	779	lbs		Shaft Reaction (X-direction)	779	lbs
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Tie Rod	In Tension					



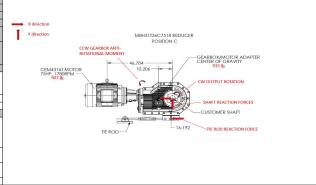


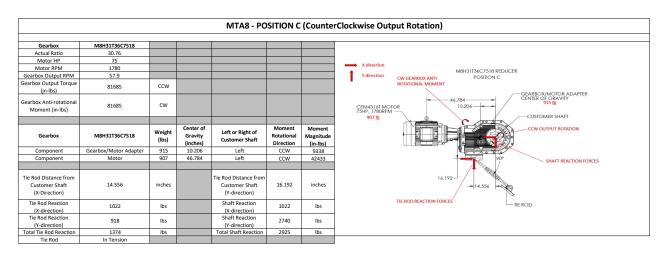


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Gearbox	M8H31T36C7518	Weight (lbs)	Center of Gravity (inches)	Left or Right of Customer Shaft	Moment Rotational Direction	Moment Magnitude (in-lbs)
Component	Gearbox/Motor Adapter	915	10.206	Left	CCW	9338
Component	Motor	907	46.784	Left	ccw	42433
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Tie Rod Reaction (X-direction)	0	lbs		Shaft Reaction (X-direction)	0	lbs
Tie Rod Reaction (Y-direction)	8407	lbs		Shaft Reaction (Y-direction)	10229	lbs
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Tie Rod	In Tension					

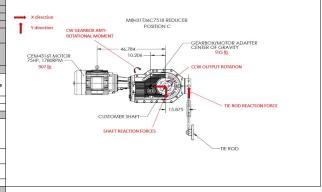


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Component	Gearbox/Motor Adapter	915	10.206	Left	ccw	9338
Component	Motor	907	46.784	Left	ccw	42433
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Tie Rod Reaction (X-direction)	8242	lbs		Shaft Reaction (X-direction)	8242	lbs
Tie Rod Reaction (Y-direction)	0	lbs		Shaft Reaction (Y-direction)	1822	lbs
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Tie Rod	In Tension					

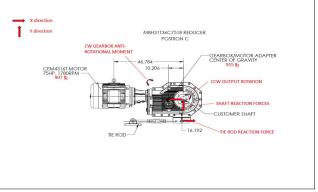




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Component	Gearbox/Motor Adapter	915	10.206	Left	CCW	9338
Component	Motor	907	46.784	Left	ccw	42433
Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft (X-Direction)	15.875	inches		Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft (Y-direction)	0.000	inches
Tie Rod Reaction (X-direction)	0	lbs		Shaft Reaction (X-direction)	0	lbs
Tie Rod Reaction (Y-direction)	1884	lbs		Shaft Reaction (Y-direction)	62	lbs
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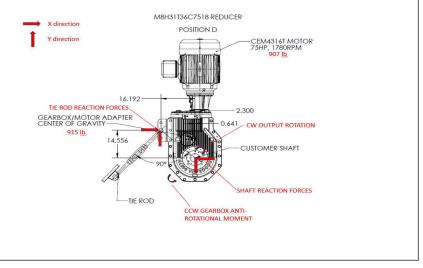


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Component	Gearbox/Motor Adapter	915	10.206	Left	ccw	9338
Component	Motor	907	46.784	Left	CCW	42433
Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft (X-Direction)	0.000	inches		Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft (Y-direction)	16.192	inches
Tie Rod Reaction (X-direction)	1847	lbs		Shaft Reaction (X-direction)	1847	lbs
Tie Rod Reaction (Y-direction)	0	lbs		Shaft Reaction (Y-direction)	1822	lbs
Total Tie Rod Reaction	1847	lbs		Total Shaft Reaction	2595	lbs
Tie Rod	In Compression					



MTA8 - POSITION D (Clockwise Output Rotation) Gearbox M8H31T36C7518 M8H31T36C7518 REDUCER Actual Ratio 30.76 X direction POSITION D Motor HP 75 -CEM4316T MOTOR 75HP, 1780RPM Motor RPM 1780 Gearbox Output RPM 57.9 907 lb Gearbox Output Torque 81685 (jn-lbs) CCW GEARBOX ANTI-Gearbox Anti-rotational 81685 CCW ROTATIONAL MOMENT Moment (in-lbs) GEARBOX/MOTOR ADAPTER CENTER OF GRAVITY CW OUTPUT ROTATION Center of Moment Weight Left or Right of 915 lb M8H31T36C7518 Rotational Gearbox Magnitude Gravity **Customer Shaft** (lbs) CUSTOMER SHAFT (inches) Direction (in-lbs) 11.690 Component Gearbox/Motor Adapter 915 0.641 Left CCW 587 10.671 Motor Component 907 2.300 Right CW 2086 SHAFT REACTION FORCES Tie Rod Distance from Tie Rod Distance from 11.690 10.671 inches Customer Shaft inches Customer Shaft TIE ROD REACTION FORCES (Y-direction) (X-Direction) Tie Rod Reaction Shaft Reaction TIE ROD-3415 lbs 3415 lbs (X-direction) (X-direction) Tie Rod Reaction Shaft Reaction 3742 lbs 1920 lbs (Y-direction) (Y-direction) Total Tie Rod Reaction 5066 lbs Total Shaft Reaction 3918 lbs Tie Rod In Compression

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Component	Gearbox/Motor Adapter	915	0.641	Left	CCW	587
Component	Motor	907	2.300	Right	CW	2086
Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft (X-Direction)	16.192	inches		Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft (Y-direction)	14.556	inches
Tie Rod Reaction (X-direction)	2462	Ibs		Shaft Reaction (X-direction)	2462	Ibs
Tie Rod Reaction (Y-direction)	2739	lbs		Shaft Reaction (Y-direction)	917	lbs
Total Tie Rod Reaction	3683	lbs		Total Shaft Reaction	2627	lbs
Tie Rod	In Compression					



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Gearbox Output RPM	57.9					
Gearbox Output Torque (jn-lbs)	81685	ccw				
Gearbox Anti-rotational Moment (in-lbs)	81685	CW				
Gearbox	M8H31T36C7518	Weight (lbs)	Center of Gravity (inches)	Left or Right of Customer Shaft	Moment Rotational Direction	Moment Magnitude (in-lbs)
Component	Gearbox/Motor Adapter	915	0.641	Left	CCW	587
Component	Motor	907	2.300	Right	CW	2086
Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft	16.192	inches		Tie Rod Distance from Customer Shaft	14.556	inches
(X-Direction)				(Y-direction)		
Tie Rod Reaction (X-direction)	2554	lbs		Shaft Reaction (X-direction)	2554	lbs
Tie Rod Reaction (Y-direction)	2841	lbs		Shaft Reaction (Y-direction)	4663	lbs
Total Tie Rod Reaction	3821	lbs		Total Shaft Reaction	5317	lbs
Tie Rod	In Tension					

