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(54) Title: GEAR PROFILE FOR ORBITAL GEAR TRANSMISSIONS, AND ORBITAL GEAR TRANSMISSION AND WINCHES UTILISING ORBITAL GEAR TRANSMISSIONS

(57) Abstract

A gear profile for orbital gear transmission is disclosed in which an outer gear (10) and an inner gear (30) are included. At least one of the gears is constrained for orbital motion to impart rotary motion to the other of the gears. The profile of teeth (34) of inner gear (30) is sinusoidal at least in the vicinity of pitch circle (36) of the gear (30) and the pitch circle (36) coincides with the point of inflection (52) of the sinusoidal profile of the teeth (34). The outer gear (10) has a pitch circle (25) and the point of inflection (19) of the inner gear (30) rolls across the point of the profile of teeth (14) of the outer gear (10) where the pitch circle (25) intersects the profile of the teeth (14). Orbital transmission systems are disclosed in which one or the other of the inner gear (10) or outer gear (30) is

mounted on an eccentric (63) which is driven by an input shaft (64). An orbit control plate (67) or regressive gear (110) restrains one of the gears (10 or 30) for orbital motion and the plate (67), or regressive gear (110), has a braking member (80) for fixing the plate (67), or regressive gear (110), stationary. In order to place the transmission into neutral, the brake (80) can be released so that the orbit control plate (67) is able to rotate rather than to constrain the outer gear (10) or inner gear (30) for orbital motion.

