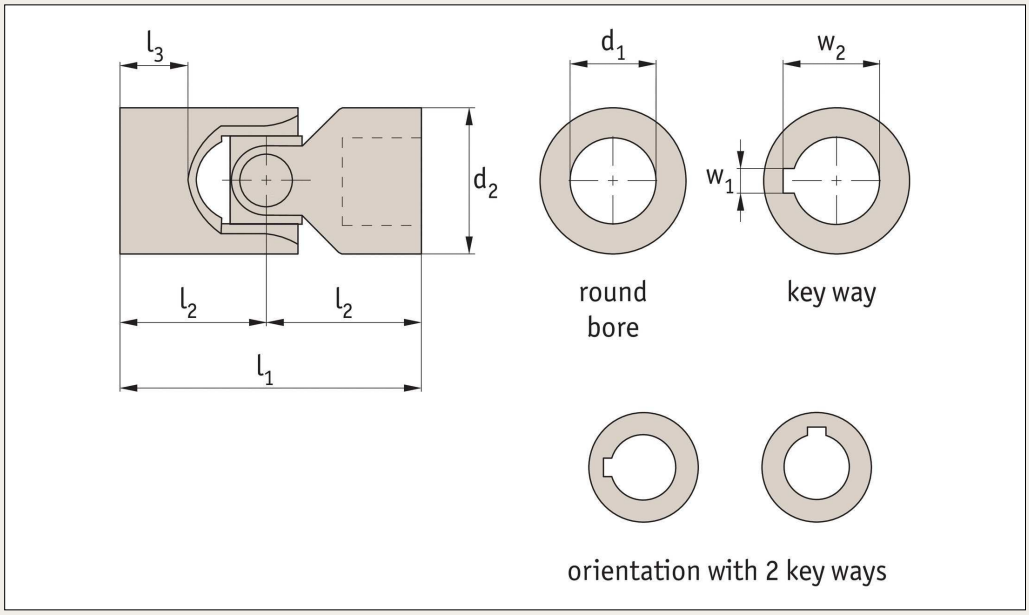
Single Universal Joint

Steel



R3688

Material

Steel (9SMnPb28k, no. 10718).
Bearing type: plain bearing.

Technical notes

To DIN 808/7551.
Maximum bending angle 45° per joint, Max. drive speed of 1000 rpm.

Tips

Single universal joints are used where shafts are off-set towards each other. Product variations available on request, for square bores change the suffix to SQ for square bores or HX for hex bores.
For stainless steel see R3694

For needle roller bearings see part number R3690.

Order No.	Bore	$d_{1\ H7}$	d_2	l_1	l_2	l_3	$w_{1\ JS9}$	w_2	g
R3688.010-RB	Round bore	10	16	52	26	15	-	-	50
R3688.012-RB	Round Bore	12	22	62	31	18	-	-	120
R3688.016-RB	Round Bore	16	25	74	37	21	-	-	200
R3688.020-RB	Round Bore	20	32	86	43	24	-	-	350
R3688.025-RB	Round Bore	25	42	108	54	31	-	-	800
R3688.030-RB	Round Bore	30	50	132	66	38	-	-	1200
R3688.040-RB	Round Bore	40	70	166	83	47	-	-	2900
R3688.010-KW	With keyway	10	16	52	26	15	3	11,4	50
R3688.012-KW	With keyway	12	22	62	31	18	4	13,8	120
R3688.016-KW	With keyway	16	25	74	37	21	5	18,3	200
R3688.020-KW	With keyway	20	32	86	43	24	6	22,8	350
R3688.025-KW	With keyway	25	42	108	54	31	8	28,3	800
R3688.030-KW	With keyway	30	50	132	66	38	8	33,3	1200
R3688.040-KW	With keyway	40	70	166	83	47	12	43,3	2900

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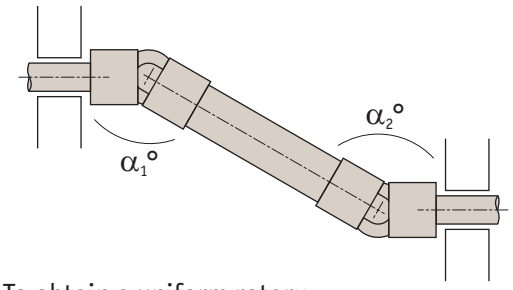
When one single joint is coupled with two shafts (of which the driving one is rotating at a constant speed) forming an angle, a periodic variation of the driven shaft is caused with exactly four fluctuations per revolution.

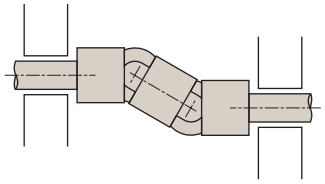
The difference between the maximum and the minimum speed of the driven shaft depends on the angle formed by the two shafts. The difference grows with the increase of the angle a°. To have a smooth transmission, either two opposite single joints (ensuring that that the two central yokes lie on the same plane and the angles are equal) or a double joint need to be fitted. The irregularity caused by the articulation of the first unisex joint is cancelled by the second unisex joint. The overall length resulting from the coupling of the two single joints can be reduced by using a double unisex joint. In other words, the double joint is to be considered as the shortest method of achieving smooth transmission.

For low speed applications (max. 1000 rpm), joints with plain bearings are recommended. They are able to support shock loads, motion reversal, irregular running and relatively high torques. The working angles must be be restricted when using at speeds between 500 - 1000 rpm. Please consult our technical department if you have such an application.

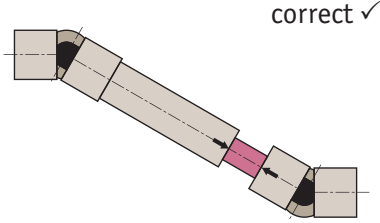
For high rotation speeds, relatively low torques or wide angles, joints with needle roller bearings are preferred. They can reach 4000 rpm dependent on the angle.



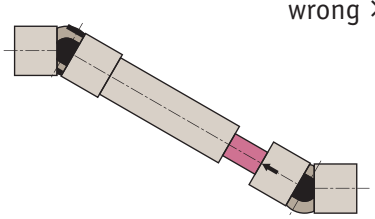
To obtain a uniform rotary motion always use either two opposite single joints or one double joint. $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$



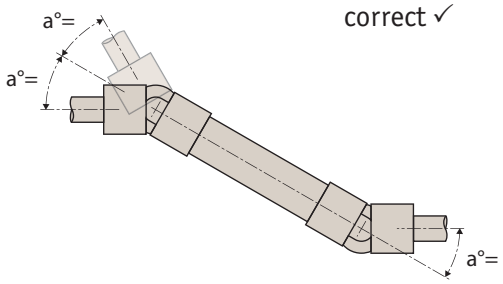
The pillow blocks supports should be positioned as close as possible to the joints



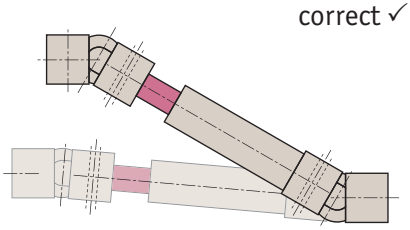
When using two opposite single joints ensure the alignment of the inside yokes



In extendable transmissions make sure that the arrows are perfectly aligned



It is essential that the two bending angles a° are equal



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Torque Ratings for Plain Bearing Universal Joints

How to read diagrams

The joints capacity to transmit a regular torque at a constant load with no shocks, for a long period, mainly depends on the number of revolutions per minute and the inclination angle a° of the two axes. The diagrams on the following pages are based on this. Each curve corresponds to the joint size (outside diameter "D") and represents the torque that the joint can transmit depending on speed and working angle a°.

The diagrams can be directly read if angle (a°) is 10°. For wider angles, torques are reduced, these should be corrected using the correction vales (F) relating to the angle shown in the table.

IMPORTANT

Graph values are merely indicative and refer to the single joints only. When choosing a double joint, you have to consider that they can transmit a torque about 10% lower than the same sized single joints. Each application has its own particular motion characteristics, such as: shock loads, motion reversals, connected masses, kind of starting, presence of elastic joints, stops and starts, etc., that have to be considered when choosing the joint.

Working angle a°	Correction value F
5°	1,25
10°	1,00
15°	0,80
20°	0,65
25°	0,55
30°	0,45
35°	0,38
40°	0,30
45°	0,25

Torque Calculation for Plain Bearings

Power: 0,65 KW, RPM: 230

With working angle a 10° Value F = 1 we get point P. Torque = 27 Nm corresponding to joint size "D" = 25/26mm. = Types R3688.016 and R3689.012

With working angle a 30° Value F = 0.45 (Kw 0,65: 0,45 = 1,44Kw) we get point P1 Torque = 60 Nm corresponding to joint size "D" = 32mm. = Types R3688.020 and R3689.016

Consider that:

$$\text{Torque in Nm} = 9550 \times \frac{\text{Power (KW)}}{\text{RPM}}$$

$$\text{Torque in Nm} = 7020 \times \frac{\text{Power (HP)}}{\text{RPM}}$$

Note: 1 KW = 1,35 HP and HP = 0,736 KW
Note: 1 Kgm = 9,81 Nm and Nm = 0,102 Kgm

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Torque Ratings for Plain Bearing Universal Joints

Plain Bearings Single & Double Universal Joints

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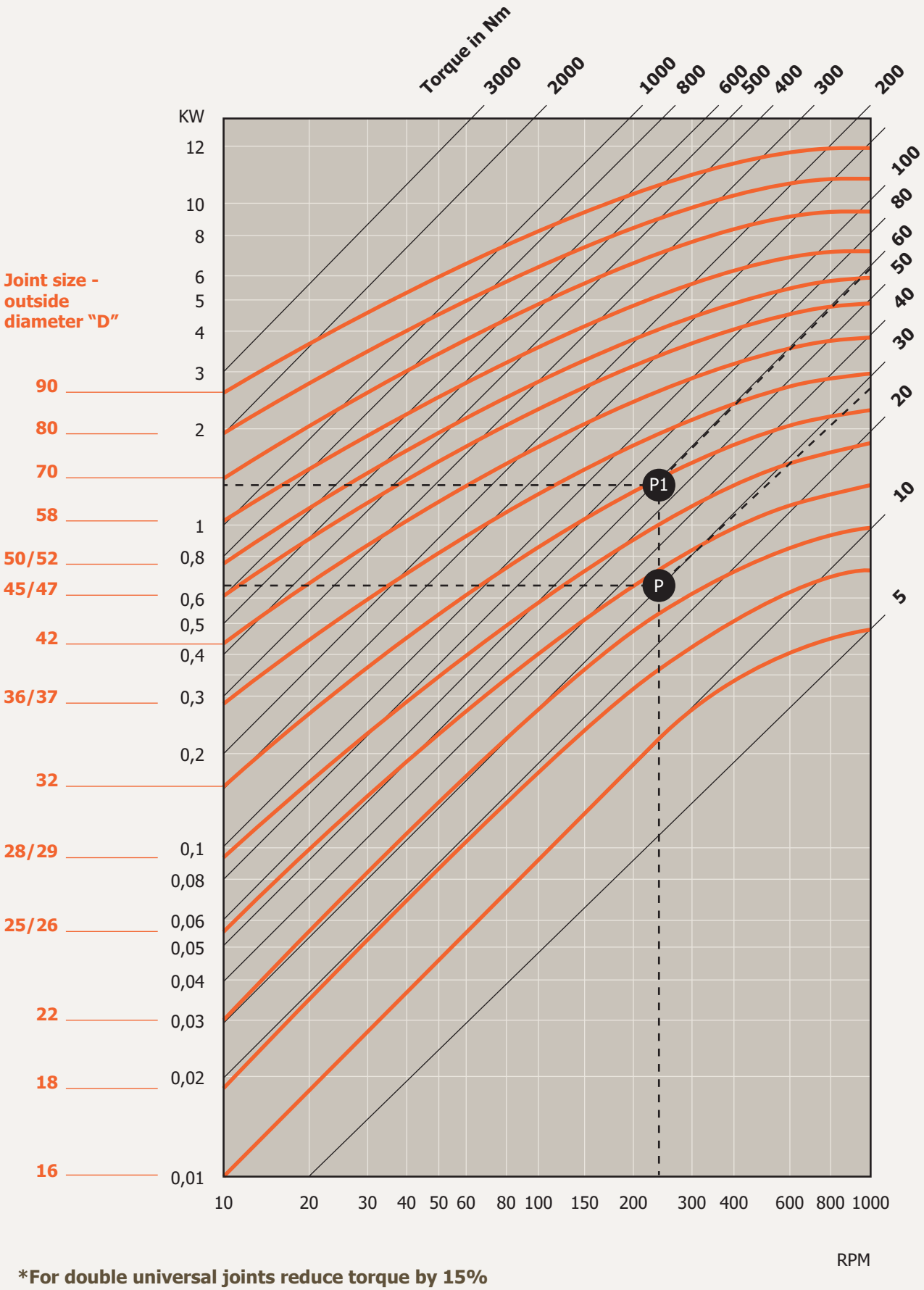

***For double universal joints reduce torque by 15%**

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Torque Ratings for Needle Roller Bearings Universal Joints

Working angle a°	Correction value F
5°	1,25
10°	1,00
15°	0,90
20°	0,80
25°	0,70
30°	0,50
35°	0,40
40°	0,30
45°	0,25

Torque Calculation

Power: 0,55 KW, RPM: 2300

With working angle a 10° Value F = 1 we get point P. Torque = 23 Nm corresponding to joint size "D" = 28mm. = Type R3686.014

With working angle a 25° Value F = 0.70 (Kw 5,5: 0,70 = 7,85Kw) we get point P1 Torque = 33 Nm corresponding to joint size "D" = 32mm. = Type R3686.016

Consider that:

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Note: 1 KW = 1,35 HP and HP = 0,736 KW
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Factor in a safety factor for shock load, reciprocating methods, start-up shocks etc.

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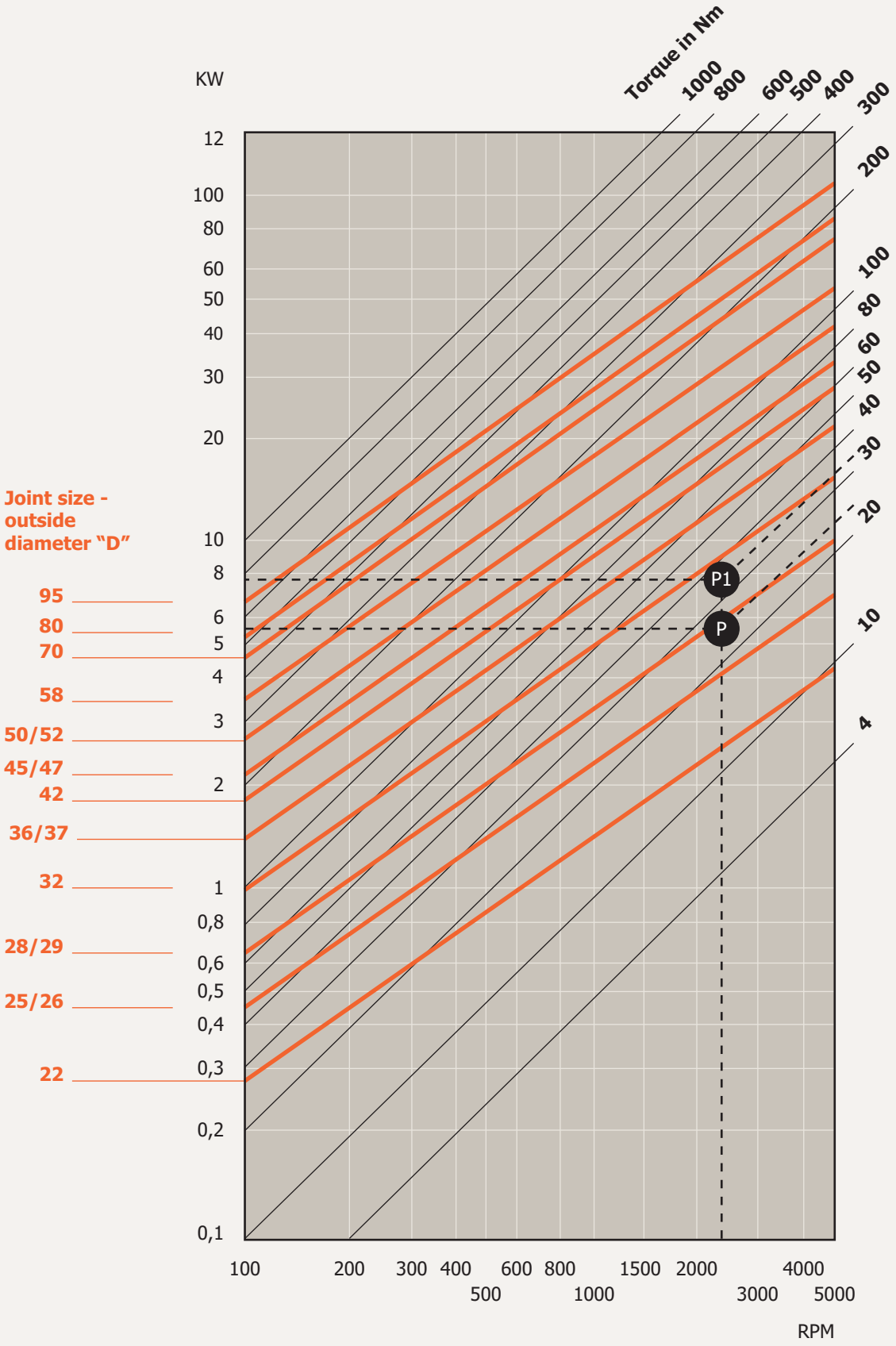

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