



**Description of duplex worm gears**

The usual method of adjusting the backlash of a worm gear assembly is to modify the center distance. Once assembled, such adjustment requires a major rework of the gearbox housing. The use of duplex worm gears allows the backlash adjustment to be made by axially shifting the worm. This simplifies greatly the assembly and maintenance operations. Because of the unique characteristics of the product, please take time to study its construction and proper use.

**Backlash adjustment mechanism and method of adjustment**

The dual-lead worm is formed to give a difference between the right tooth surface and left tooth surface so that it provides a unique tooth profile in which the tooth thickness varies continuously, corresponding with the lead difference. (Fig.1) The worm gear is also formed in its right and left tooth surface. When such a worm and worm gear are set up at a constant assembly distance and the worm is moved in the axial direction, the tooth thickness of the worm in mesh with the worm gear changes making backlash adjustment possible.

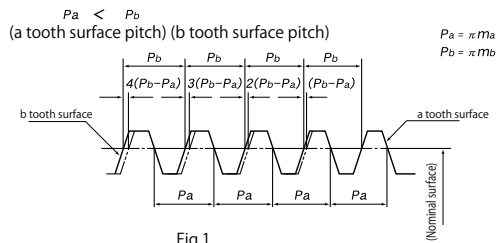


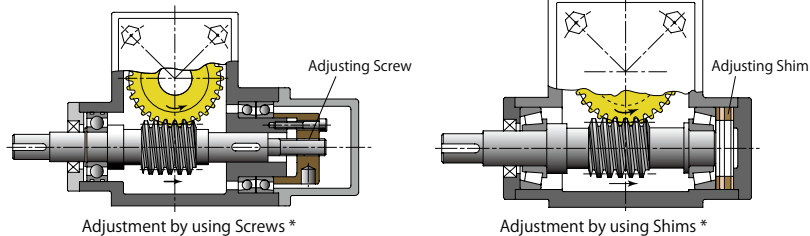
Fig.1

**(CAUTION)** The amount of change in backlash ( $\Delta j$  mm) in relation to the axial movement of the duplex worm shaft ( $V$  mm) can be calculated from the formula below.

$$\Delta j = 2V \frac{m_b - m_a}{m_a + m_b}$$

Where  
 $m_a$  = Nominal Axial Module - (0.01 × Nominal Axial Module)  
 $m_b$  = Nominal Axial Module + (0.01 × Nominal Axial Module)

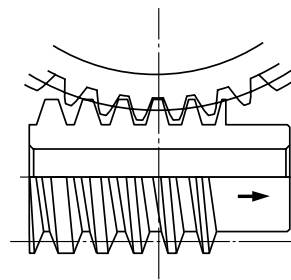
**Application Examples**



\* The illustration above is a design example, not a design for machinery or a device in actual use.



An arrow marking on the outer circumference of the hub of the KHK duplex worm indicates the direction of assembly as well as acts as a guide for the backlash adjustment. When the worm is held with arrow mark pointing right, the tooth thickness is thinner on the right and thicker on the left. Therefore, moving the worm to the right causes the thicker teeth to come into actual engagement with the worm gear, thereby reducing the backlash. (Fig.2)



Reference tooth

Moving the worm in the direction of the arrow causes the backlash to decrease.

Fig. 2

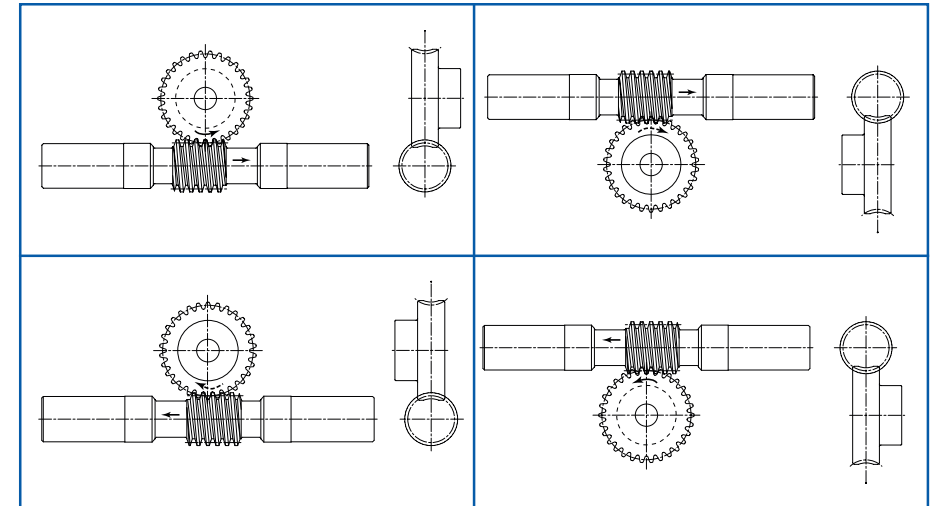
**(CAUTION)** The KHK duplex worm is designed so that, for all modules, the backlash reduces by 0.02 mm when the worm is shifted 1 mm.

**Point of caution during assembly**

KHK duplex worm gears differs in module between the right and left tooth surface and, therefore, you must orient the worm and worm wheel properly. Please carefully verify the following two aspects before proceeding with assembly.

1. Verifying the orientation of assembly

An arrow indicating the orientation of assembly is stamped on both the duplex worm and worm wheel. When assembling the worm and worm wheel, check the worm wheel of the arrow mark on the front such that the direction of arrow mark on the worm coincides with that on the worm wheel. Should the assembly be incorrect, the center distance "a" will become larger than the normal distance, resulting in difficulty of assembly and improper gear engagement. (Fig.3)



Arrow mark indicates the correct orientation of two gears when assembled. As shown, the two arrows must point in the same direction. Fig. 3

2. Verifying the reference position

A V-groove (60°, 0.3 mm deep line) on tip peripheral of the duplex worm tooth marks the reference tooth. The gear set is designed to have a backlash of nearly zero ( $\pm 0.045$ ) when the reference tooth is positioned in alignment with the center of rotation of the worm wheel with the center distance set at the value "a". (Fig.4)

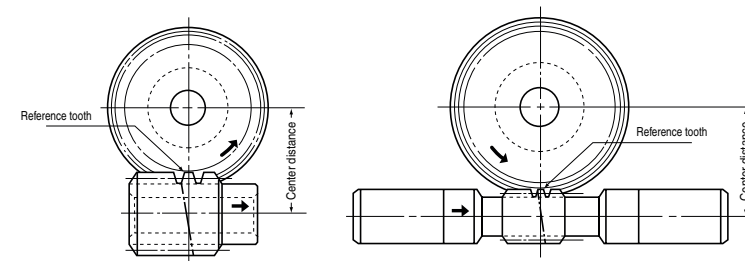
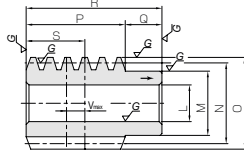


Fig. 4



Specifications	
Precision grade	KHK W 001 grade 1
Reference section of gear	Axial
Gear teeth	Standard full depth
Normal pressure angle	17° 30'
Material	SCM440
Heat treatment	Thermal refined, tooth surface induction hardened
Tooth hardness	50 ~ 60HRC



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Catalog No.	Nominal axial module	Number of starts	Nominal lead angle	Hand thread	Shape	Bore		Hub dia.	Pitch dia.	Outside dia.	Face width	Hub width	Total length
						L <sub>H7</sub>	M						
<b>KWGDL2-R1</b>	<b>m2</b>	1	3°41'	R	W4	14	25	31	35	36	14	50	

Catalog No.	Nominal axial module	Number of starts	Nominal lead angle	Hand thread	Shape	Total length		Shaft length (L)		Neck length (L)		Face width	Neck length (R)		Shaft length (R)		Pitch dia.
						J	K	L	M	N	O		P				
<b>KWGDL1.5-R1</b>	<b>m1.5</b>	1	3°26'	R	W6	190	66	12	28	18	66	25					
<b>KWGDL2-R1</b>	<b>m2</b>	1	3°41'	R	W6	220	75	13	36	21	75	31					

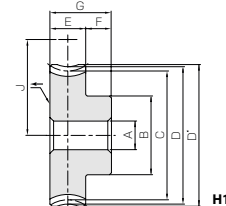
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**AGDL**  
**Duplex Worm Wheels**



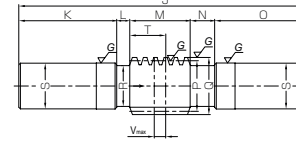
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Reference section of gear	Rotating plane
Gear teeth	Standard full depth
Normal pressure angle	17° 30'
Material	CAC702 (formerly JIS A J BC2)
Heat treatment	—
Tooth hardness	—



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Catalog No.	Reduction ratio	Nominal axial module	No. of teeth	Helix angle	Hand thread	Shape	Bore		Hub dia.	Pitch dia.	Throat dia.	Outside dia.	Face width		Hub width
							A <sub>H7</sub>	B					C	D	
<b>AGDL1.5-20R1</b>	20	<b>m1.5</b>	20	3°26'	R	H1	8	22	30	33	34.5	14	10	10	
<b>AGDL1.5-30R1</b>	30		30	3°26'	R	H1	10	30	45	48	49.5	14	10	10	
<b>AGDL1.5-36R1</b>	36		36	3°26'	R	H1	10	35	54	57	58.5	14	10	10	
<b>AGDL1.5-40R1</b>	40		40	3°26'	R	H1	12	35	60	63	64.5	14	10	10	
<b>AGDL1.5-50R1</b>	50		50	3°26'	R	H1	12	45	75	78	79.5	14	10	10	
<b>AGDL1.5-60R1</b>	60		60	3°26'	R	H1	12	50	90	93	94.5	14	10	10	
<b>AGDL2-20R1</b>	20	<b>m2</b>	20	3°41'	R	H1	12	33	40	44	46	18	15	15	
<b>AGDL2-30R1</b>	30		30	3°41'	R	H1	15	40	60	64	66	18	15	15	
<b>AGDL2-36R1</b>	36		36	3°41'	R	H1	15	45	72	76	78	18	15	15	
<b>AGDL2-40R1</b>	40		40	3°41'	R	H1	15	45	80	84	86	18	15	15	
<b>AGDL2-50R1</b>	50		50	3°41'	R	H1	15	50	100	104	106	18	15	15	
<b>AGDL2-60R1</b>	60		60	3°41'	R	H1	15	60	120	124	126	18	15	15	

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Position of reference tooth	Max. allowable shift	Weight (kg)	Catalog No.
S	Vmax	0.21	<b>KWGDL2-R1</b>
22	8		

Outside dia.		Neck dia.		Shaft dia.		Position of reference tooth		Max. allowable shift	Weight (kg)	Catalog No.
Q	R	S	T	Vmax						
28	21	26.2	17	6	0.74	<b>KWGDL1.5-R1</b>				
35	24	30.2	22	8	1.17	<b>KWGDL2-R1</b>				

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NOTE 1 : Allowable torque for worm revolution (rpm)

Total length	Web thickness	Web O.D.	Mounting distance	Allowable torque (N·m) NOTE 1							Backlash (mm)	Weight (kg)	Catalog No.
				30 <sub>rpm</sub>	100 <sub>rpm</sub>	300 <sub>rpm</sub>	600 <sub>rpm</sub>	900 <sub>rpm</sub>	1200 <sub>rpm</sub>	1800 <sub>rpm</sub>			
24	—	—	27.5	9.84	8.18	6.40	5.30	4.68	4.25	3.68	0±0.045	0.10	<b>AGDL1.5-20R1</b>
24	—	—	35	20.8	17.5	13.9	11.7	10.4	9.40	8.28	0±0.045	0.22	<b>AGDL1.5-30R1</b>
24	—	—	39.5	29.3	24.6	19.8	16.8	14.9	13.5	11.9	0±0.045	0.32	<b>AGDL1.5-36R1</b>
24	—	—	42.5	35.6	30.0	24.2	20.6	18.3	16.6	14.6	0±0.045	0.37	<b>AGDL1.5-40R1</b>
24	—	—	50	53.8	45.4	36.9	31.6	28.3	25.8	22.6	0±0.045	0.59	<b>AGDL1.5-50R1</b>
24	—	—	57.5	75.3	63.8	51.9	44.7	40.4	36.7	32.4	0±0.045	0.83	<b>AGDL1.5-60R1</b>
33	—	—	35.5	21.0	17.5	13.6	11.2	9.84	8.94	7.75	0±0.045	0.26	<b>AGDL2-20R1</b>
33	—	—	45.5	44.3	37.3	29.6	24.8	21.9	19.8	17.4	0±0.045	0.51	<b>AGDL2-30R1</b>
33	—	—	51.5	62.3	52.6	42.0	35.5	31.3	28.4	25.0	0±0.045	0.73	<b>AGDL2-36R1</b>
33	—	—	55.5	75.8	64.0	51.4	43.6	38.5	34.9	30.7	0±0.045	0.86	<b>AGDL2-40R1</b>
33	—	—	65.5	115	96.8	78.4	66.9	59.5	54.2	47.6	0±0.045	1.30	<b>AGDL2-50R1</b>
33	—	—	75.5	160	136	110	94.6	84.9	77.2	68.1	0±0.045	1.88	<b>AGDL2-60R1</b>

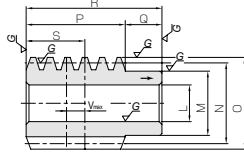
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# KWGD L · KWGDLS Duplex Worms

## Module 2.5, 3



Specifications	
Precision grade	KHK W 001 grade 1
Reference section of gear	Axial
Gear teeth	Standard full depth
Normal pressure angle	17° 30'
Material	SCM440
Heat treatment	Thermal refined, tooth surface induction hardened
Tooth hardness	50 ~ 60HRC



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Catalog No.	Nominal axial module	Number of starts	Nominal lead angle	Hand thread	Shape	Bore		Pitch dia.	Outside dia.	Face width	Hub width	Total length
						L <sub>H7</sub>	M					
KWGD L2.5-R1	m2.5	1	3°52'	R	W4	18	30	37	42	48	17	65
KWGD L3-R1	m3	1	3°54'	R	W4	20	35	44	50	54	20	74

Catalog No.	Nominal axial module	Number of starts	Nominal lead angle	Hand thread	Shape	Total length		Shaft length (L)		Neck length (L)		Face width		Neck length (R)		Shaft length (R)		Pitch dia.	
						J	K	L	M	N	O	P							
KWGDLS2.5-R1	m2.5	1	3°52'	R	W6	260	85	16	48	26	85	37							37
KWGDLS3-R1	m3	1	3°54'	R	W6	300	100	18	54	28	100	44							44

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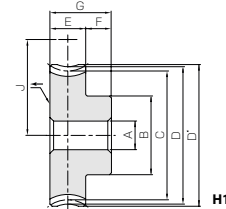
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Precision grade	KHK W 002 grade 1
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Gear teeth	Standard full depth
Normal pressure angle	17° 30'
Material	CAC702 (formerly JIS A J BC2)
Heat treatment	—
Tooth hardness	—



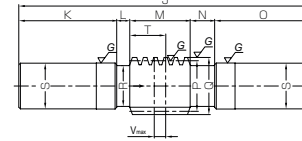
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							A <sub>H7</sub>	B					
AGDL2.5-20R1	20	m2.5	20	3°52'	R	H1	15	40	50	55	57.5	22	15
AGDL2.5-30R1	30		30	3°52'	R	H1	15	40	75	80	82.5	22	15
AGDL2.5-36R1	36		36	3°52'	R	H1	15	45	90	95	97.5	22	15
AGDL2.5-40R1	40		40	3°52'	R	HB	15	45	100	105	107.5	22	15
AGDL2.5-50R1	50		50	3°52'	R	HB	15	60	125	130	132.5	22	15
AGDL2.5-60R1	60		60	3°52'	R	HB	15	80	150	155	157.5	22	15
AGDL3-20R1	20	m3	20	3°54'	R	H1	20	50	60	66	69	28	17
AGDL3-30R1	30		30	3°54'	R	H1	20	55	90	96	99	28	17
AGDL3-36R1	36		36	3°54'	R	H1	20	60	108	114	117	28	17
AGDL3-40R1	40		40	3°54'	R	HB	20	60	120	126	129	28	17
AGDL3-50R1	50		50	3°54'	R	HB	20	70	150	156	159	28	17
AGDL3-60R1	60		60	3°54'	R	HB	20	80	180	186	189	28	17

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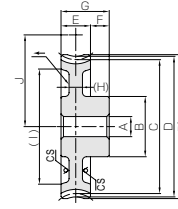
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Position of reference tooth	Max. allowable shift	Weight (kg)	Catalog No.
S	Vmax		
29	10	0.37	KWGD L2.5-R1
32	10	0.61	KWGD L3-R1

Outside dia.	Neck dia.	Shaft dia.	Position of reference tooth	Max. allowable shift	Weight (kg)	Catalog No.
42	30	36.2	29	10	2.00	KWGDLS2.5-R1
50	34	40.2	32	10	2.95	KWGDLS3-R1

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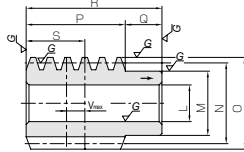
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				30 rpm	100 rpm	300 rpm	600 rpm	900 rpm	1200 rpm	1800 rpm				
37	—	—	43.5	38.1	31.4	24.5	20.1	17.6	16.0	13.8	0±0.045	0.45	AGDL2.5-20R1	
37	—	—	56	80.5	67.1	53.1	44.5	39.1	35.5	30.9	0±0.045	0.88	AGDL2.5-30R1	
37	—	—	63.5	113	94.5	75.5	63.8	56.0	51.0	44.3	0±0.045	1.25	AGDL2.5-36R1	
37	(10)	(86)	68.5	138	115	92.4	78.3	68.8	62.7	54.4	0±0.045	1.14	AGDL2.5-40R1	
37	(12)	(108)	81	208	174	141	120	106	97.3	84.3	0±0.045	1.93	AGDL2.5-50R1	
37	(12)	(133)	93.5	291	245	198	170	152	139	121	0±0.045	2.90	AGDL2.5-60R1	
45	—	—	52	65.0	53.3	41.5	33.8	29.5	26.9	22.8	0±0.045	0.81	AGDL3-20R1	
45	—	—	67	137	114	90.0	74.7	65.5	59.5	51.2	0±0.045	1.65	AGDL3-30R1	
45	—	—	76	193	160	128	107	93.8	85.6	73.4	0±0.045	2.32	AGDL3-36R1	
45	(14)	(106)	82	235	195	157	131	115	105	90.1	0±0.045	2.19	AGDL3-40R1	
45	(14)	(134)	97	355	295	239	202	178	163	140	0±0.045	3.26	AGDL3-50R1	
45	(14)	(164)	112	497	415	336	285	254	233	200	0±0.045	4.48	AGDL3-60R1	

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<b>KWGD L3.5-R1</b>	<b>m3.5</b>	1	3°47'	R	W4	24	44	53	60	62	23	85
<b>KWGD L4-R1</b>	<b>m4</b>	1	3°41'	R	W4	28	50	62	70	74	26	100

Catalog No.	Nominal axial module	Number of starts	Nominal lead angle	Hand thread	Shape	Total length		Neck length (L)		Face width		Neck length (R)		Pitch dia.
						J	K	L	M	N	O	P		
<b>KWGD L3.5-R1</b>	<b>m3.5</b>	1	3°47'	R	W6	330	110	18	62	30	110	53		
<b>KWGD L4-R1</b>	<b>m4</b>	1	3°41'	R	W6	360	120	16	74	30	120	62		

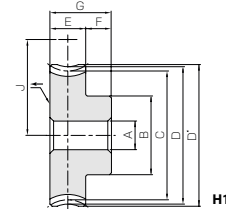
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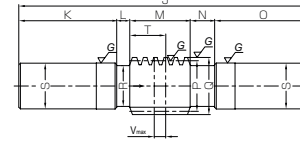
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<b>AGDL3.5-36R1</b>	36		H1	20	70	126	133	136.5	32	18			
<b>AGDL3.5-40R1</b>	40		H1	20	70	140	147	150.5	32	18			
<b>AGDL3.5-50R1</b>	50		H1	20	80	175	182	185.5	32	18			
<b>AGDL3.5-60R1</b>	60		H1	20	90	210	217	220.5	32	18			
<b>AGDL4-20R1</b>	20	<b>m4</b>	20	3°41'	R	H1	20	60	80	88	92	35	20
<b>AGDL4-30R1</b>	30		H1	20	65	120	128	132	35	20			
<b>AGDL4-36R1</b>	36		H1	20	75	144	152	156	35	20			
<b>AGDL4-40R1</b>	40		H1	20	75	160	168	172	35	20			
<b>AGDL4-50R1</b>	50		H1	20	90	200	208	212	35	20			
<b>AGDL4-60R1</b>	60		H1	20	120	240	248	252	35	20			

[Caution on Product Characteristics] ① The allowable torques shown in the table are the calculated values according to the assumed usage conditions. Please see Page 342 for more details.  
② Duplex worms and worm wheels must be mated in a predetermined orientation, which is indicated by the arrows. Therefore, the arrow on the wheel does not indicate the mounting direction, but the rotating direction. Please refer to the Application Hints on Page 347.

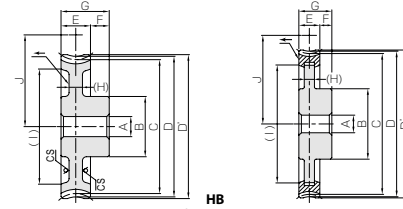


W6

Position of reference tooth	Max. allowable shift	Weight (kg)	Catalog No.
S	Vmax		
37	12	1.05	<b>KWGD L3.5-R1</b>
44	14	1.67	<b>KWGD L4-R1</b>

Outside dia.	Neck dia.	Shaft dia.	Position of reference tooth	Max. allowable shift	Weight (kg)	Catalog No.
60	42	48.2	37	12	4.72	<b>KWGD L3.5-R1</b>
70	50	56.2	44	14	7.10	<b>KWGD L4-R1</b>

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② Due to the gear teeth being induction hardened, no secondary operations can be performed on tooth areas including the bottom land (approx. 2 to 3 mm).



H3

H5

\* CS has a sand mold casting finish.

NOTE 1: Allowable torque for worm revolution (rpm)

Total length	Web thickness	Web O.D.	Mounting distance	Allowable torque (N·m) NOTE 1						Backlash (mm)	Weight (kg)	Catalog No.	
				30 rpm	100 rpm	300 rpm	600 rpm	900 rpm	1200 rpm				
50	—	—	61.5	98.5	80.4	62.5	50.4	44.2	40.0	33.7	0±0.045	1.24	<b>AGDL3.5-20R1</b>
50	—	—	79	208	172	136	111	98.1	88.3	75.7	0±0.045	2.51	<b>AGDL3.5-30R1</b>
50	—	—	89.5	293	242	193	160	141	127	109	0±0.045	3.61	<b>AGDL3.5-36R1</b>
50	(15)	(124)	96.5	356	295	236	196	173	156	133	0±0.045	3.34	<b>AGDL3.5-40R1</b>
50	(16)	(155)	114	538	446	360	301	267	243	207	0±0.045	5.02	<b>AGDL3.5-50R1</b>
50	(16)	(189)	131.5	753	627	506	425	381	345	296	0±0.045	6.87	<b>AGDL3.5-60R1</b>
55	—	—	71	134	109	84.8	67.9	59.7	53.4	44.8	0±0.045	1.76	<b>AGDL4-20R1</b>
55	(17)	(99)	91	284	234	184	150	132	118	101	0±0.045	3.01	<b>AGDL4-30R1</b>
55	(17)	(121)	103	400	329	262	215	190	170	144	0±0.045	4.18	<b>AGDL4-36R1</b>
55	(17)	(137)	111	486	400	320	264	233	208	177	0±0.045	4.78	<b>AGDL4-40R1</b>
55	(17)	(177)	131	735	605	488	405	361	324	275	0±0.045	7.07	<b>AGDL4-50R1</b>
55	(17)	(200)	151	1030	851	687	572	515	461	393	0±0.045	11.5	<b>AGDL4-60R1</b>

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