Flexwave

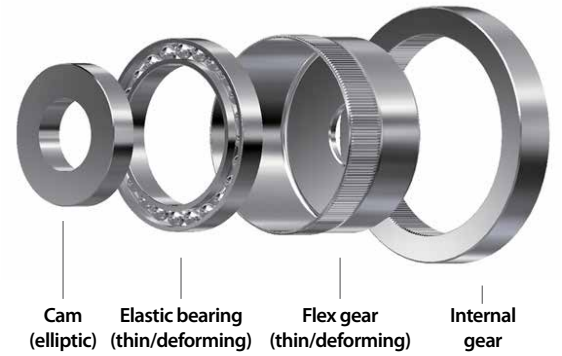
FLEXWAVE elastic deformation reducer

Achieving new heights in compact, fine precision gear technology

Description

The NIDEC-SHIMPO FLEXWAVE is a very compact reduction mechanism that achieves zero backlash, as well as exceptional accuracy and repeatability. The FLEXWAVE consists of three major internal elements – the elliptical wave generator subassembly, the flexible cup gear, and the inner ring gear. The elasticity properties of the cup gear and the teeth differential between the cup gear and the inner ring gear result in the unique reduction characteristics. When compared to other reduction technologies, the FLEXWAVE offers the following advantages.

- Near Zero backlash
- High Efficienza ratings
- High reduction Rapportos in a compact footprint
- Exceptional repeatability and torsional stiffness
- Extremely light Peso with superior torque density



An Exposé on Strain Wave Gear Technology
Reduction Mechanism

Strain wave gear technology centers on the elasticity and flexibility properties of a uniquely shaped metal structure. The strain wave gear set has three key elements; the elliptical wave generator subassembly, the flexible cup gear, and the innerr ring gear.

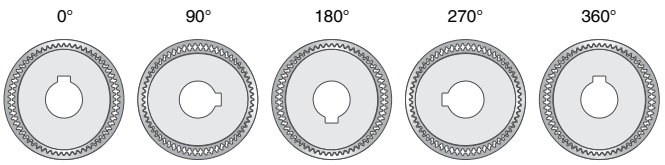
- The elliptical wave generator subassembly is comprised of two components: an elliptical shaped disk and an outer ball bearing. The disk is inserted into the bearing, giving the bearing an elliptical shape as well. The wave generator assembly is the input section of the gear set.
- The flexible cup gear is the internal component that relies on unique elasticity properties to accommodate an elliptical deformation pattern. The sides of the cup gear are very thin, but the bottom of the cup gear is thick and rigid. This results in significant flexibility of the walls at the open end of the cup; but then the cup gear exhibits high rigidity at the closed end of the cup. Teeth are positioned radially around the perimeter of the open end of this cup gear.
- The flexible cup gear fits very tightly over the wave generator subassembly. When the wave generator is rotated, the cup gear deforms to the shape of a rotating ellipse but does not rotate with the wave generator.
- The inner ring gear is a rigid circular ring with teeth located on the interior perimeter. The wave generator and cup gear are placed inside this inner ring gear, meshing the teeth together. Because the cup gear has a deformed elliptical shape, the teeth will only mesh in two regions 180 degrees from each other, along the axis of the ellipse.
- As the wave generator subassembly rotates, the group of teeth of the cup gear that are engaged with those of the inner ring gear changes. The major axis of the cup gear actually rotates with the wave generator therefore; the points where the teeth mesh revolve around the center point at the same rate as the wave generator.
- The reduction is accomplished through a tooth count differential between the cup gear and the inner ring gear. For every full rotation of the wave generator subassembly, the cup gear rotates a minor amount backward because it has less teeth than the inner ring gear.

Reduction Ratio

The rotation the wave generator subassembly results in a much slower rotation of the cup gear in the opposite direction. For a strain wave gearing mechanism, the gearing reduction ratio can be calculated from the number of teeth on each gear:
As an example, if there are 202 teeth on the inner ring gear and 200 on the cup gear, the reduction ratio is

(200 - 202)/200 = -0.01

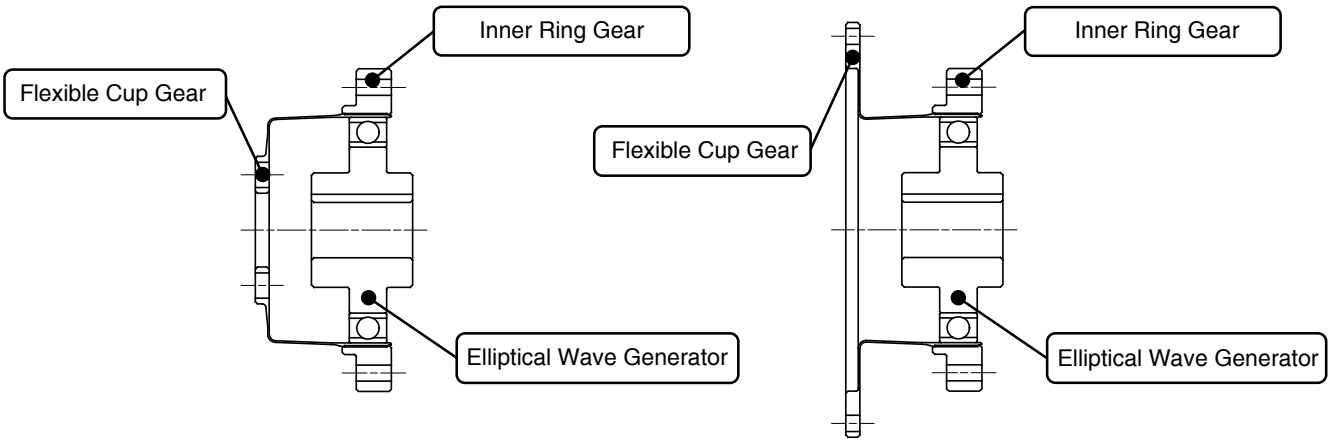
Therefore the cup rotates at 1/100 of the speed of the wave generator assembly and in the opposite direction. This method of reduction permits a variety of ratios to be set without changing overall gear set shape, increasing its weight, or adding reduction stages. The variety of reduction ratios possible is restricted by the structural tooth size limitation for any given configuration.

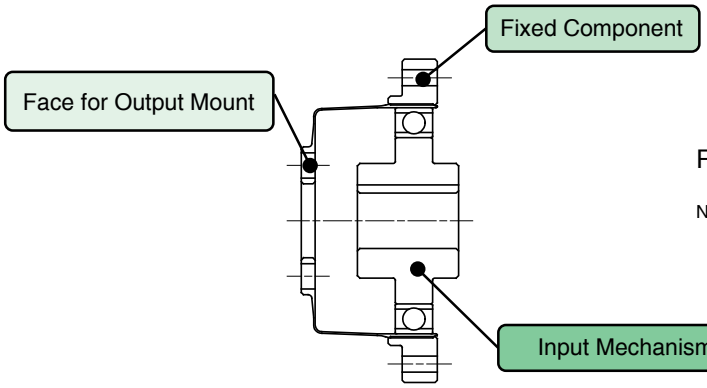


Applications

Robotics, medical equipment, semiconductor and circuit manufacturing, machine tools or any assembly automation applications requiring fine positioning.

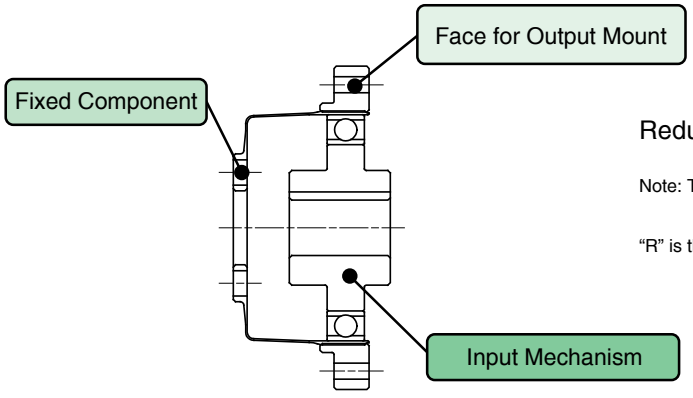
Component Level Detail and Reduction Ratio





$$\text{Reduction ratio} = \frac{-1}{R}$$

Note: The input and output rotation directions are opposite



$$\text{Reduction ratio} = \frac{1}{R+1}$$

Note: The input and output rotation directions are same

"R" is the ratio. Please refer to "Reducer Specifications" in the next page

Part Number WP C -35 -50 -CN -**

Model name - WP series

Type: C = component type - S = symple unit type
U = unit type

Size: 35, 42, 50, 63, 80

Ratio: 50, 80, 100, 120

Code: CN, CF, SN, SNH, SNJ

Specifications: imput shaft diameter, etc.

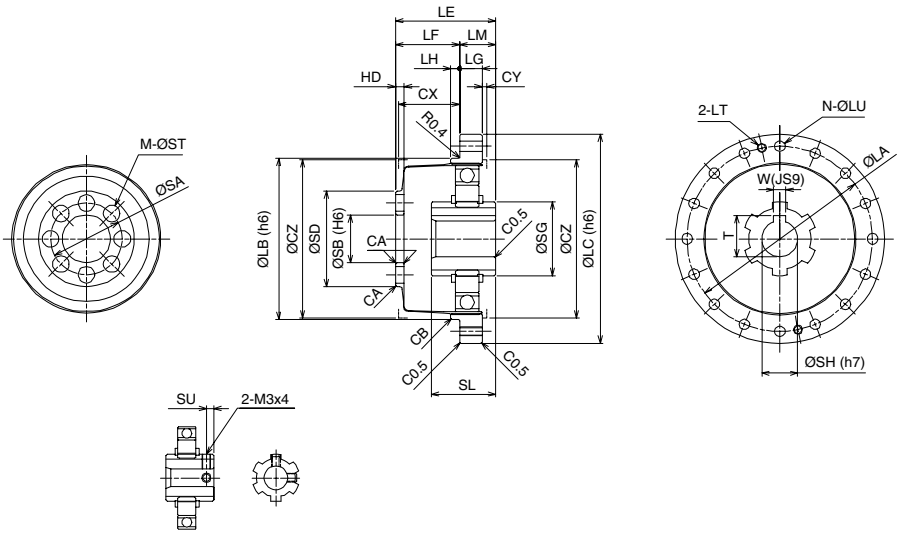
Frame size				
Size/Ratio	**1/50**	**1/80**	**1/100**	**1/120**
35				
42				
50				
63				
80				

Reducer specifications

Size	**Ratio**	**Nominal Torque** *The maximum value allowable at the input rotation speed of 2000r/min*	**Maximum Torque** *The maximum torque when starting and stopping*	**Emergency Stop Torque** *The maximum torque when it receives shock*	**Nominal Speed** *The maximum average input speed*	**Maximum Speed** *The maximum average input torque*	**Permitted Axial Load** *Values depend on the input shaft diameter, etc.*
		Nm	**Nm**	**Nm**	**r/min**	**r/min**	**×10-4kgm2**
35	50	7	23	46	3000	8500	0.027
	80	9	27	55			
	100	9	32	63			
42	50	21	44	91	3000	7300	0.055
	80	26	50	102			
	100	28	63	129			
	120	28	63	129			
50	50	33	73	127	3000	6500	0.158
	80	40	86	149			
	100	47	96	172			
	120	47	96	172			
63	50	51	127	242	3000	5600	0.385
	80	66	142	266			
	100	70	163	295			
	120	70	163	295			
80	50	89	253	447	3000	4800	1.03
	80	122	316	590			
	100	142	346	673			
	120	142	346	673			

Closed Style - Component Sub-assembly

WPC-CN / WPC-CF



INPUT SHAFT FOR 35 & 42

Size	LA	LB	LC	N *1	LU	LT	LE	LF	LG	LH	LM	SG	SH	SL	W
35	44	38	50	8 (6)	3.5	M3	28.5	17.5	6	2	11	15.8	6	18.5	-
42	54	48	60	16 (12)	3.5	M3	32.5	20	6.5	2.5	12.5	15.8	8	20.7	-
50	62	54	70	16 (12)	3.5	M3	33.5	21.5	7.5	3	12	24.8	12	21.5	4
63	75	67	85	16 (12)	4.5	M4	37	24	10	3	13	27.8	14	21.6	5
80	100	90	110	16 (12)	5.5	M5	44	28	14	3	16	27.8	14	23.6	5

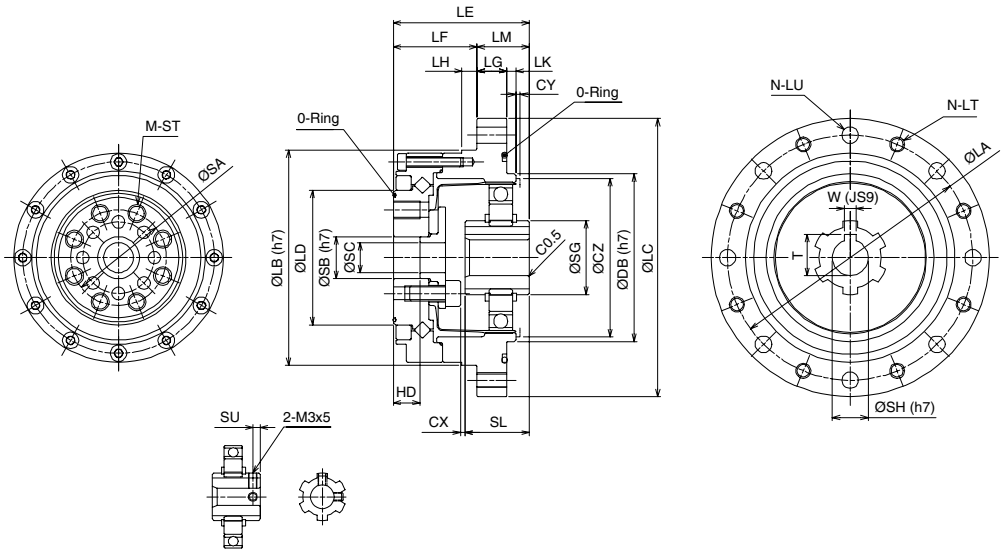
Size	T	SU	SA	SB	SD	M	ST	HD	CA	CB	CX	CY	CZ
35	-	2.5	17	11	23.5	6	4.5	2.4	C0.5	C0.3	17	1	38
42	-	3	19	10	27	6	5.5	3	C0.5	C0.3	19	1	45
50	13.8	-	24	16	32	8	5.5	3	C0.5	C0.5	20.5	1.5	53
63	16.3	-	30	20	40	8	6.5	3	C0.5	C0.5	23	1.5	66
80	16.3	-	40	26	52	8	8.8	3.2	C0.5	C0.5	26.8	1.5	86

*1) -CN and -CF are different in dimensions. The -CF value is shown in parentheses

*2) For details in the input section, check the drawings

Closed Style - Complete Unit Assembly

WPU-CN / WPU-CF



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Size	LA	LB	LC	LD	N *1	LT	LU	LE	LF	LG	LH	LK	LM	DB	SG
35	65	56	73	31	8 (6)	M4	4.5	41	27	7	3.5	2	14	38	15.8
42	71	63	79	38	8 (6)	M4	4.5	45	29	8	4	2	16	48	15.8
50	82	72	93	45	8 (6)	M5	5.5	45.5	28	10	5	3	17.5	56	24.8
63	96	86	107	58	10 (8)	M5	5.5	52	36	10	5	3	16	67	27.8
80	125	113	138	78	12	M6	6.5	62	45	12	5	3	17	90	27.8

Size	SH	SL	W	T	SU	SA	SB	SC	M	ST	HD	CX	CY	CZ
35	6	18.5	-	-	2.5	23	11	8	6	M4×8	9.5	1.6	1	38
42	8	20.7	-	-	3	27	10	7	6	M5×8	9.5	1.3	1	45
50	12	21.5	4	13.8	-	32	14	10	8	M6×9	9	1.5	1.5	53
63	14	21.6	5	16.3	-	42	20	15	8	M8×10	12	3.4	1.5	66
80	14	23.6	5	16.3	-	55	26	20	8	M10×12	15	5.2	1.5	86

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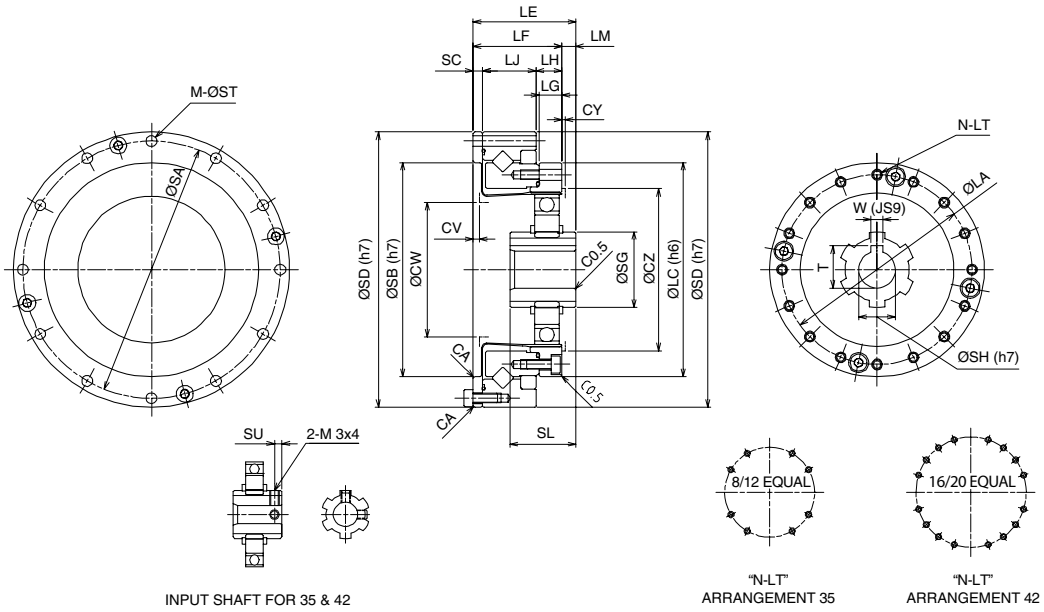
Open Style - Simple Contained Assembly

WPS-SN



INPUT SHAFT FOR 35 & 42

"N-LT" ARRANGEMENT 35

"N-LT" ARRANGEMENT 42

Size	LA	LC	LE	LF	LG	LH	LJ	LM
35	44	50	28.5	23.5	6	7	14.1	5
42	54	60	32.5	26.5	6.5	8	16	6
50	62	70	33.5	29	7.5	8.5	17.5	4.5
63	77	85	37	34	10	12	18.7	3
80	100	110	44	42	14	15	23.4	2

Size	SG	SH	SL	W	T	SU	SA	SB
35	15.8	6	18.5	-	-	2.5	64	48
42	15.8	8	20.7	-	-	3	74	60
50	24.8	12	21.5	4	13.8	-	84	70
63	27.8	14	21.6	5	16.3	-	102	88
80	27.8	14	23.6	5	16.3	-	132	114

Size	SC	SD	M	ST	CA	CY	CZ	CV	CW	N	LT
35	2.4	70	8	3.5	C0.3	1	38	1.6	31	8	M3×5, φ3.5×6
42	3	80	12	3.5	C0.3	1	45	2	37	16	M3×6, φ3.5×6.5
50	3	90	12	3.5	C0.3	1.5	53	2	44	16	M3×6, φ3.5×7.5
63	3.3	110	12	4.5	C0.3	1.5	66	2	56	16	M4×7, φ4.5×10
80	3.6	142	12	5.5	C0.5	1.5	86	2	72	16	M5×8, φ5.5×14

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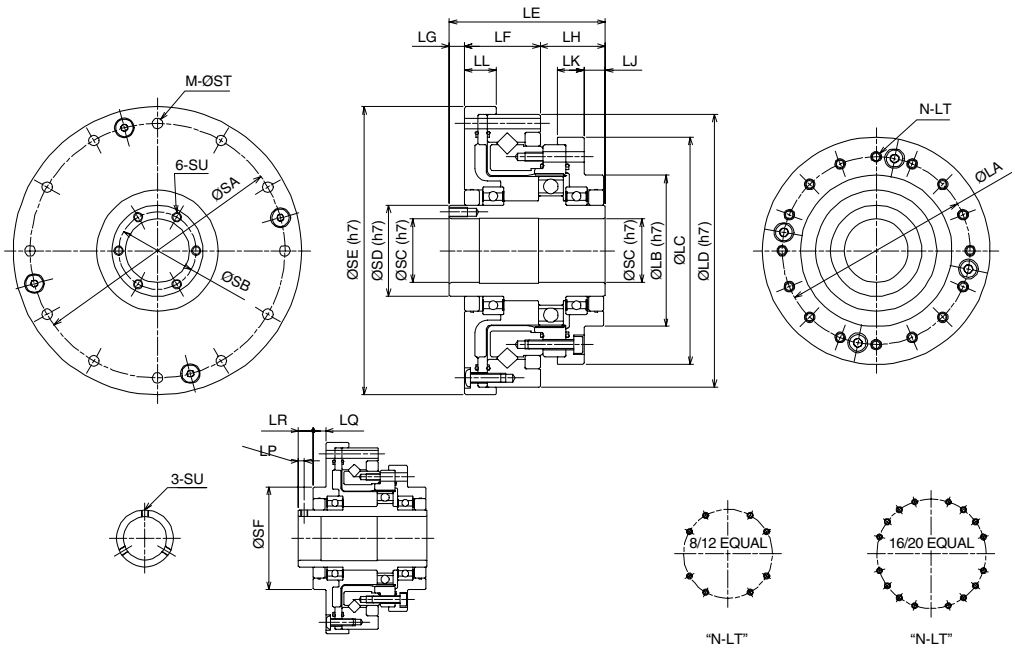
Open Style - Complete Unit Assembly (Hollow shaft)

WPU-SNH



INPUT SHAFT FOR 35 & 42

"N-LT" ARRANGEMENT 35

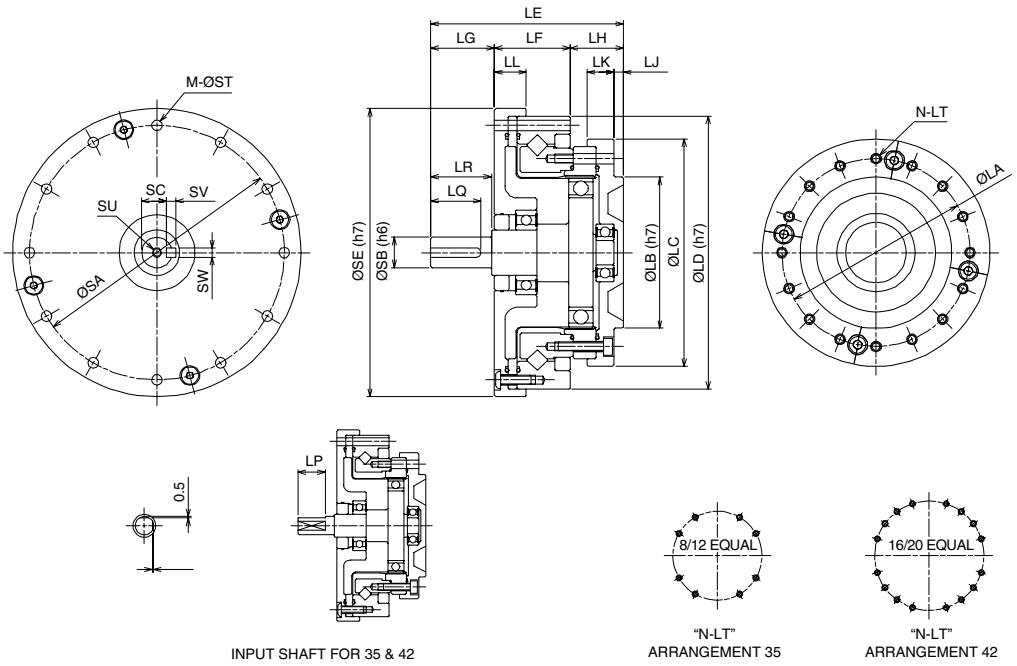
"N-LT" FARRANGEMENT 42

Size	LA	LB	LC	LD	LE	LF	LG	LH	LJ	LK	LL	LP	LQ	LR
35	44	36	54	70	52.5	20.5	12	20	7.5	8	9	2.5	5.5	6.5
42	54	45	64	80	56.5	23	12	21.5	8.5	8.5	10	2.5	5.5	6.5
50	62	50	75	90	51.5	25	5	21.5	7	9	10.5	-	-	-
63	77	60	90	110	55.5	26	6	23.5	6	8.5	10.5	-	-	-
80	100	85	115	142	65.5	32	7	26.5	5	9.5	12	-	-	-

Size	SA	SB	SC	SD	SE	SF	M	ST	SU	N	LT
35	64	-	14	20	74	36	8	3.5	M3	8	M3×5, φ3.5×11.5
42	74	-	19	25	84	45	12	3.5	M3	16	M3×6, φ3.5×12
50	84	25.5	21	30	95	-	12	3.5	M3×6	16	M3×6, φ3.5×13.5
63	102	33.5	29	38	115	-	12	4.5	M3×6	16	M4×7, φ4.5×15.5
80	132	40.5	36	45	147	-	12	5.5	M3×6	16	M5×8, φ5.5×20.5

Open Style - Complete Unit Assembly (Input shaft)

WPU-SNJ



INPUT SHAFT FOR 35 & 42

"N-LT" ARRANGEMENT 35

"N-LT" ARRANGEMENT 42

Size	LA	LB	LC	LD	LE	LF	LG	LH	LJ	LK	LL	LP	LQ	LR
35	44	36	54	70	50.5	20.5	15	15	2.5	8	9	11	-	-
42	54	45	64	80	56	23	17	16	3	8.5	10	12	-	-
50	62	50	75	90	63.5	25	21	17.5	3	9	10.5	-	16.5	20
63	77	60	90	110	72.5	26	26	20.5	3	8.5	10.5	-	22.5	25
80	100	85	115	142	84.5	32	26	26.5	5	9.5	12	-	22.5	25

Size	SA	SB	SC	SE	SV	SW	M	ST	SU	N	LT
35	64	6	-	74	-	-	8	3.5	M3	8	M3×5, φ3.5×11.5
42	74	8	-	84	-	-	12	3.5	M3	16	M3×6, φ3.5×12
50	84	10	8.2	95	3	3	12	3.5	M3×6	16	M3×6, φ3.5×13.5
63	102	14	11	115	5	5	12	4.5	M3×6	16	M4×7, φ4.5×15.5
80	132	14	11	147	5	5	12	5.5	M3×6	16	M5×8, φ5.5×20.5