



# Tsubaki Power and Performance for the Tire Manufacturing Industry



**TSUBAKIMOTO CHAIN CO.** 

## Tsubaki products that are popular in the tire indu

## Mixture (Smelting) Process

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#### **Tire component**



#### Tread

Contacts the road surface. The tread pattern is carved in order to discharge water and to prevent slipping.

#### 2 Carcass

Cord layer coated with rubber to form the body of the tire. Its role is to endure load, shock, and air pressure.

#### 3 Bead

Bundle of high-carbon steel. Its role is to fix both ends of the carcass and to fix the tire to the wheel.

#### 4 Belt

Steel cords are mainly used, and their role in radial tires is to tighten the carcass and improve the rigidity of the tread.

#### 5 Side wall

The tire deflects the most here, and its role is to endure shock and centrifugal force, and to protect the carcass.

Carcass



LINIPOWER® JACK





## **Mixture (Smelting) Process**

A releasing agent is applied in order to prevent adhesion between sheets when manufacturing rubber sheets by blending the raw materials (natural rubber, synthetic rubber, carbon black, and sulfur).



**Batch off machine** 

Rubber sheet with releasing agent applied is dried using large size conveyor chains with bars attached.



Various types of drive chains are offered for applications in corrosive atmospheres with water and chemicals. (Applications)

Stainless Steel Drive Chain (SS Series, AS Series)

AS Series: Recommended for longer life in atmospheres with spraying releasing agent.

Surface Treated Drive Chain (NP Series, NEP Series) NEP Series: Recommended for longer life in atmospheres with water present.



Surface Treated Drive Chain







Longer life

#### Drives and guides for various conveyors

Drive chain with corrosion resistance is used for drives for conveying sheets due to the presence of water and releasing agent.

## Mixture (Smelting) Process

#### Energy savings & simpler equipment

### Component feeders Power Cylinders

#### Electric linear actuator with good power savings. Power Cylinders with no power consumption during stand-by have higher power savings compared to hydraulic types that use pumps, and pneumatic types that drive compressors full time. Just simple electric wiring enables their use for various applications.

They are used in traversing conveyors and trolleys, as well as opening/closing hopper bottom covers.



#### LCA assessment of Power Cylinders

CO2 emissions Comparison evaluation result by Shinko Research Co., Ltd.



#### **Component feeder**

Rubber components are fed to the mixers and the extruders by conveyors and trolleys

#### High power & compact



#### Extruder

Components are mixed by the mixer, and rubber is extruded by the rolling roll to the sheet shape.

### Rubber sheet extruders Helical Power Drives

This high power and compact gear reducer uses a precision helical gear. It enables narrower roll drives to roll rubber sheets to the preferred thickness with overwhelming power.

Availability of various specification is also a feature of the Helical Power Drive to meet customer needs. (Specifications)

- · Right angle shaft/parallel shaft
- With motor/without motor
- · Hollow output shaft, solid, and more



## **Component Process**

Rubber sheets manufactured in the mixture (smelting) process are processed into components that form the tire, such as the tread and carcass.

- (Tread) The component that is in contact with the road surface and is processed to the most suitable thickness and shape.
- (Carcass) The component that forms body of the tire, it is a sheet with a cord layer that is coated with rubber.
- (Bead) Bundles of piano wires, which are useful for fixing the carcass, or fixing it to the wheel.

### Clean & easy to maintenance

**Maintain thrust** 

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stopping accuracy



#### Tread cooler conveyor

Treads, a component of tires, are hot after the rolling process and are cooled to normal temperature by immersion in water.

### Tread cooler conveyors Plastic Modular Chain WT2706-K

All-plastic chain with excellent water-repellent and anti-rust properties is recommended for this process, which uses a lot of water for cooling. It is light weight and easy to maintain. In addition, the connecting pins are covered with links, preventing unexpected connecting pin breakage. (WT2706-K overview)

- Chain pitch: 27.2 mm Link height: 8.7 mm
- Just a single screwdriver is required for cutting and connecting, allowing sectional replacement
- Plastic plugs that are detectable with metal detectors are also available



### Calender rolls LINIPOWER<sup>®</sup> JACK

Lini Power Jacks with trapezoidal screws are recommended in this process, in which rubber is rolled to a certain thickness. Using the motor together with the brake enables stable positioning, load maintenance, and power savings.



Calender roll

The rubber sheet rolled in the previous process is

## **Forming Process**

Components such as tread, carcass, and bead that make up the tire are accumulated, wound, and affixed to the drum to be formed into the shape of the tire. The tire formed in this process is soft, and is called a raw tire (green tire).





#### **Component feeder (cut process)**

Components in sheet shape are cut and automatically fed to the drum that forms the tire.

### Component feeders Plastic Modular Chain Raised rib type WT1907-K

The gap at the junction is reduced to zero by combining with plates in a comb shape similar to that of escalators. This prevents roll-in of the end of rubber sheets. (WT1907-K overview)

- Chain pitch: 19.05 mm Link height: 14.3 mm
- Parts are all made of plastic for lighter weight
- Just a single screwdriver is required for cutting and connecting, allowing sectional replacement



#### Speed stability & quietness



**Component feeder (end)** 

The table that feeds the cut components to the drum to form the tire telescopes.

### Component feeders Power Cylinders

Electrically-driven cylinders using ball screws and trapezoidal screws.

Most suitable for applications with high-speed and high-frequency operation.

This has excellent quietness, and is capable of operating with stable speed thanks to its design using an induction motor to turn the screws and move the rod forward and backward.



## **Vulcanization Process**

The tire is finished with excellent strength and elasticity by injecting, heating, and pressurizing (vulcanizing) the raw tire (green tire) manufactured in the forming process into the mold. This process applies grooves (tread pattern) on the tread portion that comes into contact with the ground.

## Reliable cable protection



### Vulcanizers CABLEVEYOR<sup>®</sup>

Electric cables are routed through the body to ensure the support and guidance of cables between moving devices and fixed ends.

Various types of products are available, including compact and large sizes, open types (TKP), and closed types (TKC, TKA).

The closed type is recommended for protecting cables in the harsh atmosphere around vulcanizers.



#### Vulcanizer

The raw tire (green tire) is injected into the mold, onto which tread patterns and stampings are applied through heat and pressure.

## Efficient use of space

### Ceiling conveyor equipment AUTRAN VANGUARD



Tires from 13 to 20 inches can be conveyed. A gripper with a diameter smaller than the outer diameter of the tire is used, which enables simple and neat layouts.





Ceiling monorail conveying device that conveys between the forming and vulcanizing processes

## **Verification Process**

Scratches, distortions, and more are checked in the verification process. Balance, uniformity, and more are verified by equipment, so only tires that pass are shipped out.

Wide variety

High efficiency

### Balancing machines Small-Size Gear Motors

Various series including Gear Motors, Hypoid Motors, and Croise Motors are available to offer selection to match with the installation space.

They also comply with efficiency regulations for motors that are becoming drastically restrictive all over the world. These are new generation small-size gear motors with superior power savings and performance.

(Complies with high-efficiency regulations in Japan, North America, China, Korea, and Europe)

	(Gear Motors)	Light weight and compact size are achieved by using
		a helical gear.
		Motor 40 W to 5.5 kW, reduction ratio 1/5 to 1/1200
	(Hypoid Motors)	Space saving is achieved by using a hollow shaft.
		Motor 40 W to 5.5 kW, reduction ratio 1/5 to 1/1200
	(Croise Motors)	Using a worm gear realizes superior shock resistance and quietness.
		Motor 0.1 kW to 3.7 kW, reduction ratio 1/10 to 1/300

#### **Balancing machine**

Balance of the axle is measured using centrifugal force by rotating the tire.

### Uniformity machines LINIPOWER<sup>®</sup> JACK



#### **Uniformity machine**

Equipment to measure uniformity during tire travel by turning a fixed tire and pressing a drum.

High-performance jack combining ball screws and trapezoidal screws with high precision worm gears. The ball-screw-type is used in uniformity machines. It is suitable for high-speed and high-frequency applications, and realizes large thrust (force to press drum) with a small drive source.

(Basic capacity) • 0.5 kN to 100 kN



### Related products

DRIVE CHAINS & SPROCKETS

## **G8 Series Drive Chain**

**Drive Chains & Sprockets** 







Lube-free long life chain made possible by adopting special oil impregnated bushes. Environmentally-friendly by adopting NSF H1 approved oil for the impregnated oil. Using this chain reduces maintenance work and helps maintain a clean environment.



**Corrosion resistant surface** treated chain Surface Treated NEPTUNE® Chain



Chain with corrosion resistance and chemical resistance against alkaline chemicals is made by applying special surface treatments. Switching from steel chains is easy because there is no reduction in strength. Complies with RoHS directives.

## **Plastic Modular Chain**

Plastic Modular Chain consists of plastic parts only. It can convey anything from light components to heavy vehicles, and realizes reliable drive even with a belt sized conveying surface.

It also allows any person to easily replace parts (maintenance), and is also easy to handle thanks to its light weight.



## Large Size Conveyor Chains

Large size conveyor chain most suitable for conveying heavy objects.

Our long experience allows a line-up of various specifications to provide solutions to customer problems. Large size conveyor chain is called "Smart Conveyor Chain®", under the concept of offering the best chain for the customer's application.





## **CABLEVEYOR®**

Various series are available to meet customer needs including: TKP standard-type for general purposes, TKC closed-type, TKA type with excellent protection of cables from dust, and TK high-strength type made of steel. In addition, cables for movement are also available. Consider using them as well.



## **Power Cylinder & LINIPOWER® JACK**

#### LINIPOWER® JACK

Jack combining ball screws/trapezoidal screws with high precision worm gears.

#### Power Cylinder

Electrically driven cylinder integrating ball screws/ trapezoidal screws with a motor.





#### Electric drive is recommended for Power Cylinder & LINIPOWER® JACK

### 🗣 Eco & clean

Electric power savings are higher than with hydraulic or pneumatic types, and  $CO_2$  emissions are also reduced. In addition, this product has no piping, which eliminates oil and air leakage from connections.

### Simple layout

Operation is enabled just by connecting a power source. No large scale equipment or work is required, such as hydraulic pumps and compressor piping.

### Secure holding of heavy loads is possible

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Basic configuration has a motor with a brake mounted. Secure holding of heavy loads is enabled at any desired position, even when power is lost.

### Accurate speed and position control is possible

Electric control of each motor enables discrete speed change. In addition, accurate position control and multiple point positioning are possible.

## **Small-Size Gear Motor**

Gear Motor with the advantages of helical, hypoid, or worm gears.

Gear Motor

Parallel shaft type helical geared motors. Helical gears provide high efficiency and low noise. Small, lightweight, and compact

Hypoid Motor

Right-angle geared motors. Hypoid gear provides high efficiency.

- Low-profile compact body. Line-up of hollow and solid shafts.
- Croise Motor

Right-angle worm-geared motors. Self-locking properties, quiet operation and robust gear construction.

High reduction ratio and helical gear combination achieves high-efficiency.

## **Helical Power Drive**

Achieves high efficiency and smooth operation.

- Compact & high power.
- Wide variety selectable to match your layout.



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