

## POWERSHAFT™ LINK SHAFTING

ActionJac™ LinkJac™ Line Shafting is used to interconnect the input shafts of ActionJac™ Worm Gear Screw Jacks used in a multiple arrangement. The shafts transfer the torque from the motor to the jack or from jack to jack.

Nook Industries LinkJac™ Line Shafting is made from steel and is available in standard lengths up to 144". Custom end machining and other diameters are available, contact Nook Industries for information.

### SELECTION:

There are two major concerns when selecting interconnect shaft:

- Critical Speed: How fast will the shaft be turning?
- Torque: How much load will the shafts be carrying?

The two characteristics of a LinkJac™ Line Shaft which can be varied to accommodate these requirements are:

- Length of the shaft
- Diameter of the shaft

When selecting a LinkJac™ Line Shaft, use the largest diameter or shortest length which satisfies both of the following equations.

If you know length and operating speed of the shaft:

$$\frac{L^2 \times N}{4.76 \times 10^6} = \text{Minimum Diameter of the LinkJac™ Shaft in inches}$$

WHERE:

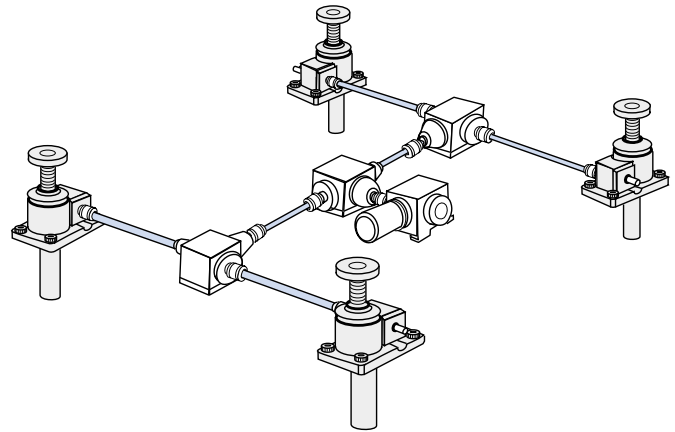
- L = length of unsupported shaft in inches
- N = operating speed in revolutions per minute

If you know the torque to be transmitted and the length of the shaft:

$$(T \times L \times 51 \times 10^{-6})^{.25} = \text{Minimum Diameter of the LinkJac™ Shaft in inches}$$

WHERE:

- T = torque in inch-pounds
- L = total length of shaft in inches



### DESIGN INFORMATION:

- The length used in the Speed-Length-Diameter Calculation is the supported length of the shaft. If support bearings are used on the shaft, the length is the longest unsupported length between bearings.
- The formulas above give a theoretical value of critical speed. Alignment, straightness and stiffness of the system all contribute to determining the actual value.
- The formula used for finding minimum diameter when torque and length are known is based on an allowable twist of 1°. Restricting the twist allows for better synchronization of ActionJac™ motion.
- The torque in the system is also limited by the torque capacity of the coupling.
- Allow 1/8 inch spacing between the jack input shaft and the LinkJac™ shaft inside the coupling.
- For some combinations of couplings and jacks, the radius of the suggested coupling is larger than the distance from the center of the worm shaft to the base.
- Nook Industries offers a range of couplings for use with LinkJac™ and ActionJac™ products in both floating shaft and supported shaft applications. See page 257 for more information.

LINKJAC™ SHAFT PART NUMBER	NOMINAL DIAMETER	KEYWAY	COUPLING SERIES	
			C-1800 / C-1805	C-1810 / 1815
LJ-8	1/2	1/8 x 1/16	●	
LJ-12	3/4	3/16 x 3/32	●	
LJ-16	1	1/4 x 1/8	●	
LJ-24	1 1/2	3/8 x 3/16		●