

Superior Power Transmission – With Clutches from ZF Sachs

- **Twin clutches as drives for auxiliary devices**
- **Clutch discs for extreme applications**
- **Double-disc clutch for heavy-duty applications**
- **Various torsional dampers for all requirements**

High demands are placed on modern clutch systems regarding power flow between the engine and the transmission. These demands include cutting and resuming the flow of power rapidly and reliably, ensuring smooth start-ups, and damping engine vibrations, as well as comfortable operability, long service lives with no loss in comfort, and smaller installation spaces. Moreover, clutches have additional functions in special vehicles such as tractors and construction machinery. These include driving auxiliary devices that need to be activated and deactivated separately, or even linking to a permanent power take-off.

If a permanent power take-off (PTO) is needed, it can be driven by a drive disc connected securely to the clutch assembly housing. The PTO then always runs at the engine speed. If desired, the drive disc can be equipped with a torsional damper.

Twin clutches (fig. 14)

These are single units that combine two clutches that do separate jobs. They are used in vehicles that have auxiliary devices which have to be activated and deactivated separately. A central diaphragm spring provides the clamping force for the two systems.

For the DuT-type twin clutch, the drive and PTO clutches are activated by separate releasers and release lever sets.

For the DoT-type twin clutch, the two clutch systems are activated by a shared releaser and release lever set in two successive stages.

Clutch discs

All the components of agricultural machines feature especially robust dimensions due to the high loads these vehicles face. Intermediate springs are used as the interfacing springs. They are connected directly to the drive disc and are therefore especially robust. For applications that are subject to high thermal loads, the clutch disc can be equipped with sintered-metal linings.

For applications that place high demands on noise comfort, the clutch disc can feature a torsional damper and if necessary also a predamper for idling mode.

Double Disc Clutch (fig. 15)

Heavy-duty vehicles, difficult terrain, heavy loads – extreme demands are placed on the clutch here, especially because starting on inclines and frequent maneuvering are often part of the normal routine in this area. Long friction times generate heat in the clutch, which can increase wear on the facings to a disproportionate degree. Especially commercial vehicles used in construction sites, heavy tractors and special vehicles need an especially sturdy clutch. For these applications the ZF Sachs double disc clutch is the best solution. The double disc clutch minimizes expensive clutch replacements and avoids downtimes – therefore contributing to a considerable increase of efficiency.

The double disc clutch can also be adapted to a variety of applications by being a modular concept. There are several economically interesting designs with a sheet metal casing as well as designs with a cast iron casing for applications with high thermal demands.

Torsional dampers (fig. 16)

Torsional dampers are always installed behind the engine as vibrational dampers when the powertrain does not have a cut-out and start-up clutch.

The purpose of torsional dampers is to prevent engine torque peaks as well as operational irregularities in the powertrain and/or

auxiliary units. All commercial vehicles with power-shift transmission or hydrostatic drive feature a torsional damper these days, which – to put it simply – ensures “peace and quiet” in the vehicle. If the operative forces in the powertrain vicinity are not countered, driving comfort is noticeably impaired and also the powertrain components show considerably greater wear.

A screw-on torsional damper is the standard solution these days for decoupling torsional vibrations. It is based on the technology behind torsionally dampened clutch discs.

For applications with greater demands, the **DynaDamp** (fig. 17) from ZF Sachs provides the answer. The **DynaDamp** uses the same technology as the established dual-mass flywheel in order to decouple torsional vibrations reliably and with a high degree of effectiveness.

ZF Sachs puts its experience in large-scale series technology into all of its torsional dampers. This means that its products developed for special applications feature the same quality as those for large-scale series.

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- 14.) ZF Sachs: Twin clutches
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ZF Sachs AG, the Powertrain and Suspension Components division, develops and produces vibration dampers and other components for chassis regulation as well as car and CV converters and clutches.

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