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## TOPICPOWER METAL GEARS FROM A<br/>SUSTAINABILITY PERSPECTIVE

# Powder metal gears from a sustainability perspective

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## Höganäs' sintered applications

#### 2/3 in automotive components

- Predominantly for combustion engine and transmission components
- Also in body & chassis and pumps & hydraulics



~0.75 kg/car PM shock absorbers ~0.8 kg/PM Power steering ~1 kg/set ~3.5 kg/car Transmission. AT One way clutch ICE VVT ~2.8 kg/car Transmission. AT ring gears, 3 pcs ~ 0.8 kg/car Transmission. MT syncro sleeves

## Identified potential PM

#### Metal powder for electric vehicles



## The PM process (press and sinter)



>>Lowest per unit cost in long series

- >> Near-net shape with few process steps
- >>> Environmentally friendly process
- >>>Elimination of scrap
- Tight tolerances
- >>Broad range of alloy compositions with unique properties



## **PM process advantages**



## Making a PM gear



## **Compacting a PM gear**



## **Cost and sustainability analysis**

- >> With POLARIXPARTNER
- $\gg$ Cost and sustainability (CO<sub>2</sub>) calculation
- >> Analysis for Germany, China and USA
- >> Everything based on 2022 levels
- >>Assuming mature manufacturing

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## **Reference case: Tesla Model S transmission**



- 1. Final drive gear ≫ m=3.9 kg ≫ Ød<sub>a</sub>=214 mm
- » b=50 mm



- 2. Intermediate gear
- » m=2.4 kg
- » ⊘d<sub>a</sub>=146 mm
- » b=44 mm





## Intermediate gear CO<sub>2</sub>eq comparison, EMEA

#### Input Parameters



Calculated by	POLARIXPARTNER		
Year	2022		
Volume p.a.	100,000 pcs		
Batch size	8,333 pcs		
Lifetime	7 years		
Supply chain	Germany		
Weight (Forged gear)	2.4 Kg		
Size	Øa: 146.1m		
OIZE	Width: 44mm		
Forged vs PM Manufacturing			



Material:ConsumptionForged steel,material:16MnCr5Including electricity.PM, Astaloy Monatural gas etc.	Others: Including area, operator, setup, overhead etc.	<u><b>PM total 2030:</b></u> Only change the material $CO_2$ eq from 2022 to 2030, based on Höganäs sustainability roadmap
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## Intermediate gear CO<sub>2</sub>eq comparison, APAC

#### Input Parameters



Calculated by	POLARIXPARTNER		
Year	2022		
Volume p.a.	100,000 pcs		
Batch size	8,333 pcs		
Lifetime	7 years		
Supply chain	China		
Weight (Forged gear)	2.4 Kg		
Size	Øa: 146.1m Width: 44mm		
Forged vs PM Manufacturing			





## Intermediate gear CO<sub>2</sub>eq comparison, USA

#### Input Parameters



Calculated by	POLARIXPARTNER		
Year	2022		
Volume p.a.	100,000 pcs		
Batch size	8,333 pcs		
Lifetime	7 years		
Supply chain	USA		
Weight (Forged gear)	2.4 Kg		
Size	Øa: 146.1m Width: 44mm		
Forged vs PM Manufacturing			



<u>Material:</u> Forged steel, 16MnCr5 PM, Astaloy Mo	Consumption material: Including electricity, natural gas etc.	<u>Others:</u> Including area, operator, setup, overhead etc.	<b>PM total 2030:</b> Only change the material $CO_2$ eq from 2022 to 2030, based on Höganäs sustainability roadmap
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## **Final drive gear CO<sub>2</sub>eq comparison, EMEA**

#### Input Parameters



Calculated by	POLARIXPARTNER		
Year	2022		
Volume p.a.	100,000 pcs		
Batch size	8,333 pcs		
Lifetime	7 years		
Supply chain	Germany		
Weight (Forged gear)	3.9 Kg		
Size	Øa: 214mm Width: 50mm		
Forged vs PM Manufacturing			



<u>Material:</u> Forged steel, 16MnCr5 PM, Astaloy Mo	Consumption material: Including electricity, natural gas etc.	Others: Including area, operator, setup, overhead etc.	<b>PM total 2030:</b> Only change the material $CO_2$ eq from 2022 to 2030, based on Höganäs sustainability roadmap
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## CO<sub>2</sub> analysis – summary

- All regions show large potential for CO<sub>2</sub> savings with PM gears
- Energy efficient
- >> High material utilization





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## Advantages of powder metal gears for e-mobility

#### Compared to forged gear manufacturing process, powder metal gears offer:



\* The total CO<sub>2</sub>eq depends on gear requirements, scrap content of raw material source, CO<sub>2</sub> footprint of production energy and location. Data in 2022

## Thank you!

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