Installation and Maintenance Manual



AIR ENGAGED FRICTION CLUTCH MECHANISMS with COUPLING

This document applies to the following catalog standard products, and custom versions based upon these models:

M2G2R-STH

M3G2R-STH & M3G2R-STL, M4G2R-STH & M4G2R-STL

M5G2R-STH & M5G2R-STL, M5G2K-STH & M5G2K-STL

M6G2G-STH & M6G2G-STL, M6G2K-STH & M6G2K-STL

M8G2K-STH & M8G2K-STL, MAG2K-STH & MAG2K-STL

MBG2K-STH

PLEASE NOTE
Mach III products are manufactured on a per order basis and may only be returned in cases of warranty defect. We strongly recommend reviewing all new applications with Mach III Engineering staff to ensure suitability of the chosen product for the intended use.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND SERVICES

PRODUCT DETAIL SHEETS

Click on the product number shown on page 1 of this document for a link to download the product detail sheet which contains dimensional data, torque capacity and other specifications along with parts list and parts kits details. For custom products (part numbers ending in three numeric characters), contact Mach III Engineering.

ANTI-ROTATION ARM MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS

Mach III through-shaft mounted clutches and clutch-brake combinations require installation of an anti-rotation arm (also known as a reaction arm) which is discussed later in this manual. Recommendations are illustrated in the following document:
Anti-Rotation Arm Installation Instructions

TECH SUPPORT, 3D MODELS, APPLICATION REVIEW AND SELECTION ASSISTANCE

Mach III Engineering: engineering@machiii.com
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FACTORY REPAIR SERVICE

Clients who want to have a unit evaluated for factory repair service should contact Mach III Customer Service to obtain return materials authorization (RMA). Mach III will evaluate the unit and will issue a quotation if the unit is repairable, or for replacement if the unit is not repairable. Lead time for the repair or replacement will depend upon parts availability and will be included in the quotation.

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GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

WARNING	
	These products include rotating equipment and should be guarded according to OSHA requirements. It is the responsibility of the user to provide the necessary guarding.

WARNING	
	This product can emit a spark and is not recommended for use in any explosive environment.

NEW VERSUS BURNISHED TORQUE

The torque output of a new friction clutch or brake can be up to 40% less than the published torque rating. To achieve full design torque, a unit must be cycled under load to burnish the friction surfaces. The exact number of cycles varies by application. When calculating required torque always use a safety factor of 1.5 to 2. It is not recommended to select a product for use at its maximum rated torque for continuous duty.

PRODUCT SELECTION

Torque capacity is only one factor to consider when making a product selection. Ensure that you will have the right product for the job by contacting our engineering department for application review and selection assistance.

INSTALLATION

1. CLUTCH INSTALLATION

Great care must be exercised to ensure proper offset & angular alignment between shafts to prevent premature friction disc failure.

A. SHAFT PREPARATION & MOUNTING

Mach III Clutch products are bored to fit a precision plug gauge for the specified bore size and should slide fit the mating shaft. Make certain that the shaft is free of burrs or nicks. It may be necessary to file or sand the shaft to assure a slide fit. **Never hammer the clutch onto the shaft.** Hammering on the clutch may cause evident damage or subtle injury that will shorten the wear life of the unit and will void the warranty.

1. Apply the anti-seize (E-Z Break®) lubricant from the packet provided, or equivalent, to the shafts.
2. Insert key (customer supplied) onto the shafts.
3. Position clutch mechanism and coupling hub on shafts.
4. Tighten set screws to secure the clutch and coupling to the shafts.

B. AIR LINE CONNECTION

Refer to the Product Detail Sheet to determine the NPT or BSPT size and connect an air fitting of the applicable size. Install the fitting using a thread sealing compound to prevent air leakage. ***Do not use rigid piping.*** Flexible air line should always be used.

C. AIR SUPPLY

Mach III products require clean, filtered, pressure regulated air. Air lubricators are neither required nor recommended as all bearings, bushings and seals are lubricated for life upon assembly.

D. ANTI-ROTATION (REACTION) ARM CONNECTION

The air cylinder portion of a Mach III through shaft style clutch is designed to remain stationary. Due to friction in the bearing housed in the air cylinder, this member will rotate unless an anti-rotation arm (a.k.a. reaction arm) is installed. A threaded hole is provided in the cylinder for the installation of this arm. **Note that in all cases, the machine frame or bracket should not be tight against the housing of the clutch as contact may impede piston movement and will shorten bearing life.**

Refer to the *Anti-Rotation Arm Installation Instructions* document for detailed recommendations.

E. FINAL INSPECTION & TESTING

Cycle the clutch with the machine off to check for air leaks and to ensure proper engagement and release. After a short run, check set screws and alignment.

OPERATION

A. AIR PRESSURE

Torque output of this model is proportional to air pressure applied. Refer to the Product Detail Sheet for specifics regarding torque capacity. To achieve the longest possible bearing life, the air pressure supplied to the unit should be regulated to the minimum amount necessary to attain the required torque output. **The maximum operating pressure should not exceed 80 PSI.**

B. CONTAMINATION

The friction material (pads) contained within this product will absorb oil, water, chemicals, and other contaminants. Depending on the type of contamination, clutch may either seize up entirely or lose torque capacity. If friction discs become contaminated, they should be replaced.

Particulate contamination can also cause premature wear of the drive surfaces and seals. If the operating environment is prone to contamination, a custom, covered unit should be considered. Contact Mach III Engineering to explore options.

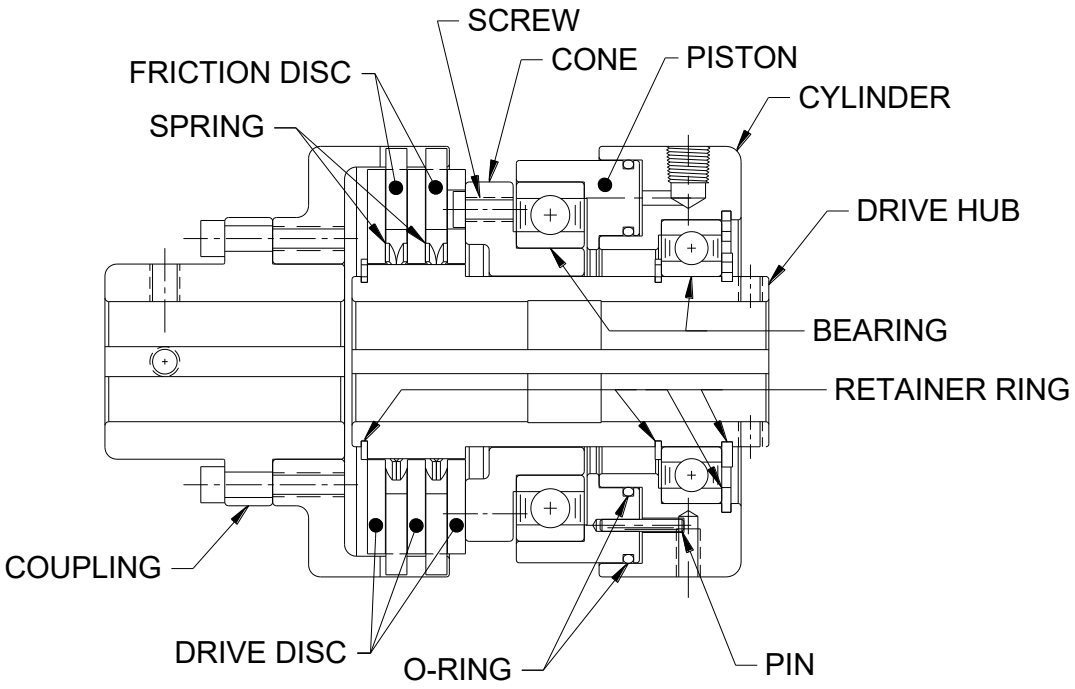
MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

When installed and operated according to the preceding guidelines, Mach III Clutch products should require little or no routine maintenance. A repair kit is available which contains all parts subject to typical wear: friction discs, springs and O-rings. The following pages provide instructions for installing a repair kit.

When more extensive repairs are required, contact Mach III Engineering for technical support or Mach III Customer Service for factory rebuild options.

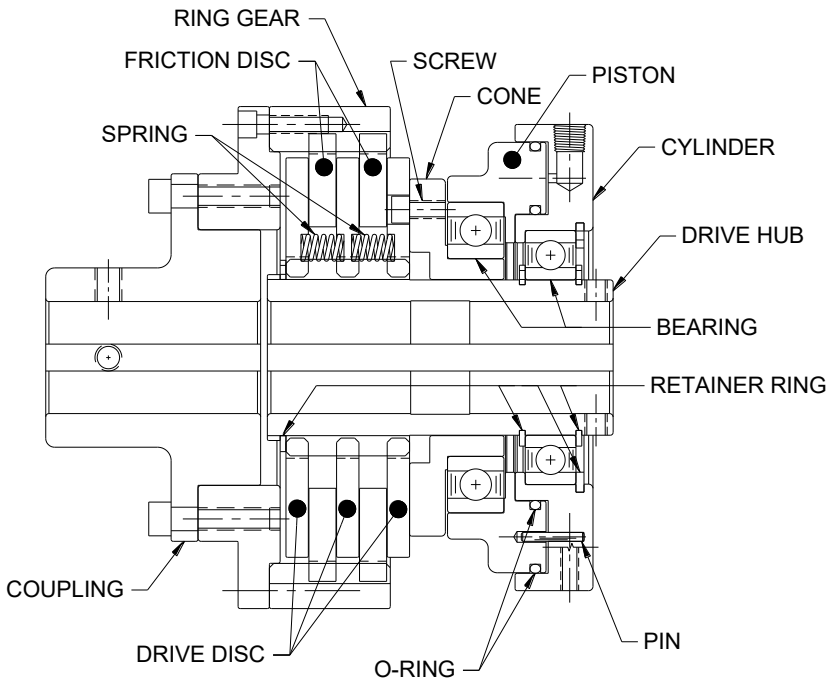
PARTS DIAGRAM FOR MODELS:

M2G2R-STH, M3G2R-STH & M3G2R-STL, M4G2R-STH & M4G2R-STL
M5G2R-STH & M5G2R-STL, M6G2G-STH & M6G2G-STL



PARTS DIAGRAM FOR MODELS:

M5G2K-STH & M5G2K-STL, M6G2K-STH & M6G2K-STL
M8G2K-STH & M8G2K-STL, MAG2K-STH & MAG2K-STL, MBG2K-STH



REPAIR KIT INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

TOOLS REQUIRED
Hex Wrench Set
Rubber Mallet or similar soft face hammer
Retainer (snap) Ring Pliers
Scraper

COMPOUNDS REQUIRED
Molykote® G-N Metal Assembly Paste
Dow Corning® #4 Compound
Loctite® #609 Retaining Compound
Anti-Seize Lubricant (for re-installation)

A. FRICTION DISC & SPRING REPLACEMENT

(1) Remove clutch from shaft and place it in a vertical position with drive disc side facing upward.
(2) Remove retainer ring, drive discs, springs and friction discs.
(3) Drive discs should be clean, dry and free of burrs or nicks.
(4) Apply a thin coating of Molykote® G-N Metal Assembly Paste or equivalent to the section of the drive hub that interfaces with the steel drive discs and reassemble the drive & friction disc section according to reference drawing using new friction discs, springs and steel drive discs as necessary.

Alignment of Wave Springs
The beginning of the coil of each wave spring must be placed in the same relative (o-clock) position to the drive hub to ensure equal separation of the drive discs.

Seating of Coil Springs
Coil springs must be flatly seated in the milled holes of the drive discs.

(5) Ensure that drive discs move freely on the drive hub and that the lugs or gear of the friction discs move freely in the coupling or ring gear.

B. O-RING REPLACEMENT

(1) Remove clutch from shaft and place in vertical position with cylinder side facing upward.
(2) Remove retainer ring from drive hub.
(3) Remove air cylinder with bearing from drive hub. The air cylinder bearing is a slide fit on the drive hub and is affixed to the drive hub with a thin coating of Loctite®. You may need to strike the hub, or an object inserted in the hub with a rubber mallet or similar soft face hammer, while pulling the cylinder upwards to break the Loctite® seal.
(4) Remove inner retainer ring from the drive hub.
(5) Next, remove sub-assembly consisting of the piston, bearing & cone. The disc package (consisting of friction discs, drive discs & springs) will now be accessible. Note that the first drive disc contains a milled hole. **It is important that this disc is returned to the top during reassembly to line up with the screw in the cone.**
(6) Separate cylinder and piston/bearing/cone sub-assembly taking care not to bend the pins which connect them.
(7) Inspect O-ring seals. If worn, replace using new O-rings that have been lubricated with an O-ring lubricant such as Dow Corning® #4 Compound or equivalent.
(8) A thin coat of Dow Corning® #4 Compound should also be applied to the inner walls of the cylinder.

C. REASSEMBLY

(1) Place the piston/bearing/cone sub-assembly over drive hub making sure the screw head in the cone is inserted in the corresponding hole milled in the drive disc. This prevents the cone from skidding on the drive disc.
(2) Replace the inner retainer ring on the drive hub.
(3) Inspect the inside diameter of the bearing in the air cylinder. If Loctite® residue is present, gently scrape and ensure that the surface is clean.
(4) Apply a thin coat of Loctite® #609 retainer compound to the inside diameter of the bearing (applying excessive Loctite® will make future disassembly more difficult), then slide the air cylinder/bearing sub-assembly over the drive hub making sure the pins of the cone are aligned with the holes in the cylinder.
(5) Make sure that all components are well seated and replace the outer retainer ring.
(6) See “Clutch Installation” portion of these instructions for the proper procedure for reinstalling the clutch.

MACH III PRODUCT WARRANTY

Mach III Clutch warrants its products to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of shipment from our factory or from the location of one of our authorized distributors provided the product is properly installed, maintained and has been operated under normal conditions. This warranty shall not apply to products that have been subject to misuse, negligence or accident, or damaged by circumstances beyond the control of Mach III Clutch, or which has been used in a manner contrary to Mach III Clutch instructions or recommendations. Products that have been altered after shipment or repaired without following proper repair procedures, as deemed by Mach III Clutch, are also expressly excluded from this warranty.

Warranty claims shall be made in writing and the product(s) shall, if requested by Mach III Clutch, be returned with transportation charges prepaid for evaluation. Upon our determination that a defect exists, Mach III Clutch, at its sole discretion, will either repair or replace the defective component(s) or product(s).

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