

TRASCO® ES: “0” BACKLASH COUPLINGS



DRIVE  
SOLUTIONS



TRASCO® ES



## TRASCO® ES: “0” backlash couplings

TRASCO® ES is our zero backlash coupling designed to compensate for misalignment and vibration dampening for indexing applications. The compact design of TRASCO® ES makes it the right choice for all precise motion applications.

### Description

The TRASCO® ES consists of two hubs, which are either made of high-strength aluminum (up to the 38/45 size) or steel (from size 42) that are connected with an elastic element.

The precise dimensional characteristics of TRASCO® ES are obtained through our accurate machining process.

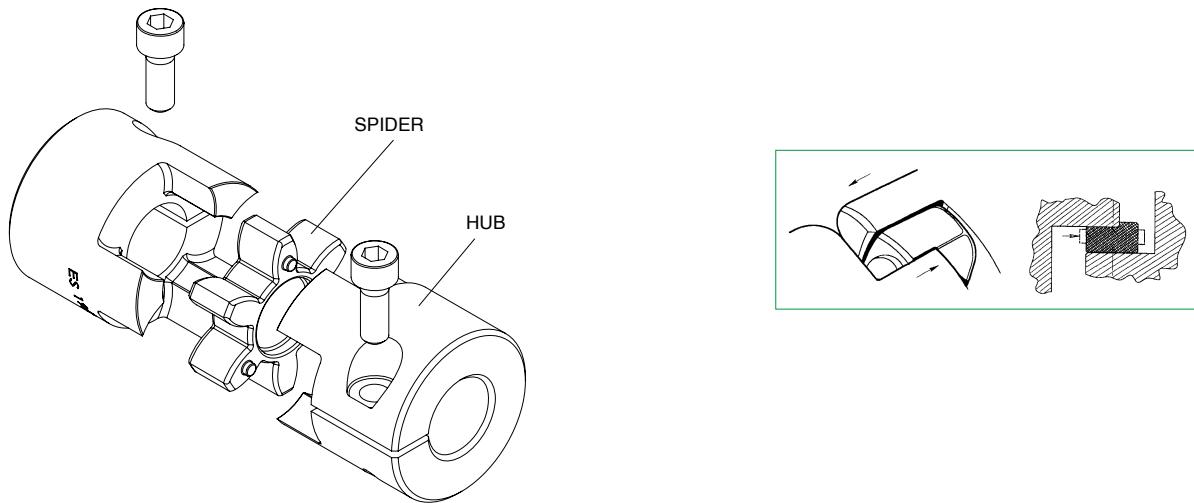
The special compound polyurethane elastic element, developed through extensive research and laboratory testing, is made through a press-forming process which guarantees high dimensional accuracy.

The element is available in 4 different hardnesses: **80 Sh. A (blue)**, **92 Sh. A (yellow)**, **98 Sh. A (red)**, **64 Sh. D (green)**.

Coupling performance depends on the type of element selected (see “**Technical characteristics**”).

Other element hardnesses are available upon request to meet special operating conditions, such as high temperatures and/or high torques, and for providing a high degree of vibration dampening capability. Please contact our Engineering Office for help in selecting the appropriate element hardness.

**Note:** It is possible to have aligned keyways upon inquiry.



### Operation

When the polyurethane element is installed in its special seats between the hubs, it becomes precompressed, thereby providing the zero backlash feature which characterizes the transmission performance of this coupling.

With zero backlash, the coupling remains torsionally rigid within the range of the precompression load, but does permit the absorption of radial, angular, and axial misalignments as well as undesired vibrations.

The significantly wide precompressed area of the flexible element keeps the contact pressure against the elastic element low. Therefore, the element teeth can be overloaded many times without undergoing any wear or taking a permanent set.



## Advantages

The TRASCO® ES coupling provides the following advantages:

- “zero-backlash” motion transmission
- dampening (up to 80%) of vibrations from motor shaft
- low heat and electrical conductivity
- easy and fast installation
- perfect balance (A & AP type)
- low moment of inertia (due to compact design and types of materials used).

## Main applications

TRASCO® ES couplings are most frequently used with:

- servomotors
- robotics
- sliding tables
- spindle controls for drilling and grinding mandrels
- ball-bearing screws

## Operating Temperature Range

The operating temperature range for the TRASCO® ES depends on the type of element. For the **92° Sh. A (yellow)**, the range is between -40 and +90 °C, and for the **98° Sh.A (red)**, the range is between -30 and +90 °C. Peak temperatures as high as 120 °C can be tolerated for brief instances. High operating temperatures can cause the elastic element to lose a considerable amount of elasticity, thus substantially lowering the torque handling capacity.

Therefore, when selecting a coupling, the operating temperature must be carefully considered (see “**Technical characteristics**”).

## ATEX Directive 2014/34/EU

It is possible to ask for specific certification for use in hazardous area according to EC standard **94/9/EC**. TRASCO® ES couplings are available with specific mounting/operating instruction manual and conformity. For information, please contact our technical office.



## Selection in according to DIN 740.2

The coupling must be chosen so the applied working loads do not exceed the allowable values whatever the working conditions are.

### 1. Check the load with respect to the nominal torque

The nominal coupling torque must be greater than or equal to the nominal torque of the drive machine for all working temperatures.

$$T_{KN} \geq T_N \cdot S_\theta \cdot S_D$$

### 2. Check the load with respect to the torque peak values

The maximum coupling torque must be greater than or equal to the torque peaks that occur during operation for all working temperatures.

$$T_{KN} \geq T_S \cdot S_\theta \cdot S_D + T_N \cdot S_\theta$$

Motor-side peaks:  $T_S = T_{AS} \cdot \frac{1}{m+1} \cdot S_z$

Driven-side peaks:  $T_S = T_{LS} \cdot \frac{m}{m+1} \cdot S_z$

Or, in case of sporadic peaks:  $T_{Kmax} \geq T_S \cdot S_\theta \cdot S_D + T_N \cdot S_\theta$

If the peak does not cover the nominal  $T_N$ , contribution, the  $T_N S_\theta$  factor can be disregarded.

## Calculation coefficients

**S<sub>θ</sub> = Temperature factor**

T (°C)	-30 °C / +30 °C	+40 °C	+60 °C	+80 °C
S <sub>θ</sub>	1	1,2	1,4	1,8

**S<sub>D</sub> = Torsional rigidity factor**

Tooling machines	Positioning system	Speed and angular acceleration indicator
2-5	3-8	10 ≥

**Starting frequency factor**

$$m = \text{Mass factor} = \frac{J_A}{J_L}$$

S/h	< 20	< 60	< 120	< 180	< 240	> 240
S <sub>z</sub>	1	1,2	1,4	1,6	1,8	2

## Example of selection

### Application

*Servomotor driving a recirculating ball screw on a machine tool*

Nominal torque	$T_N$	= 10,0 Nm	Shock type	$S_D$	= 3
Peak torque	$T_{AS}$	= 22,0 Nm	Table moment of inertia	$J_3$	= 0,0038 kg · m <sup>2</sup>
Rpm	$n$	= 3.000 1/min	Driven shaft	dc	= 20 mm h6 (without keyway)
Moment of inertia	$J_1$	= 0,0058 kg · m <sup>2</sup>	Motor shaft	dm	= 24 mm h6 (without keyway)
Temperature	$T$	= +40 °C			

### Selection

24/28 "A" type TRASCO® ES coupling with "Red" elastic element (98 Sh. A)

Standard coupling torque:	$T_{KN}$	= 60 [Nm]
Maximum torque:	$T_{Kmax}$	= 120 [Nm]
Hub Moment of Inertia:	$J_2$	= 0,000135 [kg · m <sup>2</sup> ]
Couple Transmitted by taper locking ring:	$T_{cal}$	= { 92 [Nm] bore 20 [mm] 113 [Nm] bore 24 [mm]

### Load check

$$T_N \cdot S_\theta \cdot S_D = 10 \cdot 1,2 \cdot 3 = 36,0 \text{ [Nm]}$$

$$T_{KN} > 36,0 \text{ Nm} < T_{cal}$$

$$m = \frac{J_A}{J_L} \quad J_A = J_1 + J_2 \quad J_L = J_3 + J_2 \quad m = 1,5$$

$$T_s = T_{AS} \cdot \frac{1}{m+1} \cdot S_z = 22,0 \cdot \frac{1}{1,5+1} \cdot 1,5 = 13,2 \text{ [Nm]}$$

$$T_s \cdot S_D \cdot S_\theta = 13,2 \cdot 3 \cdot 1,2 = 47,52 \text{ [Nm]}$$

$$T_{KN} > 47,52 \text{ Nm} < T_{cal}$$

$T_{KN}$	Coupling nominal torque	Nm
$T_K$	Motor-side nominal torque	Nm
$T_{Kmax}$	Coupling maximum torque	Nm
$T_s$	Motor peak torque	Nm
$T_{AS}$	Driver-side peak torque	Nm
$m$	Mass factor	Nm
$J_A$	Motor-side inertia	kgm <sup>2</sup>
$J_L$	Driven-side inertia	kgm <sup>2</sup>
$S_z$	Start frequency factor	
$S_\theta$	Temperature factor	
$S_D$	Temperature factor	
$T_{Cal}$	Hub-shaft connection maximum torque	Nm

## TRASCO® ES executions

### FINISHED BORE HUBS EXECUTION

**GESF execution**



From size 7 to 9.  
Hub execution with finish bores,  
and two setscrew.

**GESF C execution**



From size 14.  
Hub execution with finish bore,

### CLAMP HUBS EXECUTION

**GESM execution**



Clamping hub execution.

**GESM...C execution**



Clamping hub execution with  
double slot and keyway.

**GESMC execution**



Compact clamping hub execution.

**GES2M execution**



Split clamping hub execution for  
radial assembly of the coupling  
torque depends on bore diameter.

### SHRINK DISC EXECUTION

**GESA execution**



Execution with locking ring. This  
execution is suitable for high speed  
and high torque. Screws mounting  
from spider side. Transmissible  
torque depends on bore diameter.

**GESAP execution**

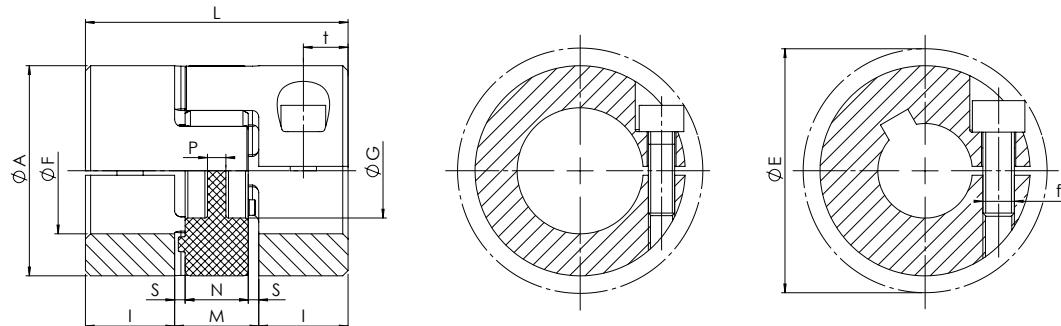


Execution with locking ring with high  
machining accuracy: design suitable  
for application on spindles according  
to DIN 69002.



## TRASCO® ES zero backlash couplings - GESM C compact execution with clamp hubs

Compact version with reduced overall length. They guarantee the same performances as the normal version with reduced overall dimensions. **Approved according to ATEX Directive.** **Note:** It is possible to have aligned keyways upon inquiry.

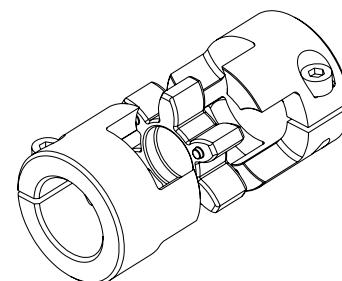


Size	F min [mm]	F max [mm]	f	M <sub>S</sub> [Nm]	n <sub>max</sub> [rpm]	A [mm]	L [mm]	I [mm]	M [mm]	N [mm]	S [mm]	P [mm]	t [mm]	E [mm]
<b>ALUMINUM HUBS</b>														
7	3	7	M2	0,6	40.000	14	18	5	8	6	1,0	6	2,5	16,6
9	4	10	M2,5	1,0	28.000	20	24	7	10	8	1,0	2	3,5	21,3
12	4	12	M3	1,4	22.000	25	26	7	12	10	1,0	3	3,5	26,2
14	6	16 <sup>(1)</sup>	M4	2,9	19.000	30	32	9,5	13	10	1,5	2	4,8	30,5
19/24	10	24 <sup>(1)</sup>	M6	11,0	14.000	40	50	17	16	12	2,0	3,5	8,5	45,0 <sup>(1)</sup>
24/28	10	32	M6	11,0	10.600	55	54	18	18	14	2,0	4	9,0	57,5
28/38	14	35	M8	25,0	8.500	65	62	21	20	15	2,5	5,2	10,5	69,0
38/45	18	45	M10	49,0	7.100	80	76	26	24	18	3,0	5,6	13,0	86,0

(1) Size 14 up to bore Ø screw M3, size 19/24 up to bore Ø 20 screw M6, over screw M5 ( $\varnothing E = 46,7$  mm)

Size	Recommended M coupling Type Hub Bore Dia. [mm] and Transmissible Torque [Nm], valid for shaft tolerances k6																												
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	18	19	20	22	24	25	28	30	32	35	38	40	42	45		
7	0,8	0,9	1,0	1,0	1,1																								
9		2,1	2,2	2,3	2,5	2,6	2,7	2,8																					
12		3,4	3,6	3,8	3,9	4,1	4,3	4,4	4,6	4,8																			
14				7,4	7,7	8,0	8,3	8,6	8,9	9,2	5,8	6,0	6,1																
19/24							25,8	26,5	27,1	28,5	29,2	29,9	31,2	31,9	32,6	25,4	26,3												
24/28							23	25	27	32	34	36	41	43	45	50	54	57	63	68	72								
28/38										58	62	66	75	79	83	91	100	104	116	124	133	145							
38/45													119	125	132	145	158	165	184	198	211	230	250	263	277	296			

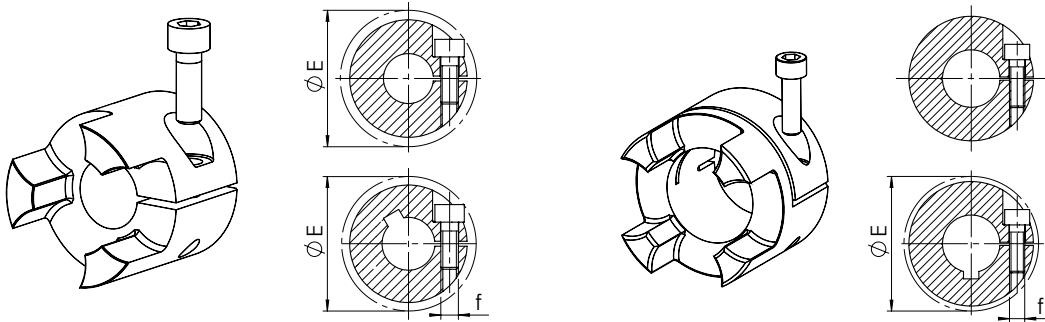
Hub	GESMC 24/28 F22		
GESMC: hub TRASCO® ES execution with clamp hubs - compact execution			
Size			
F...: bore diameter			



Spider	AES 24/28 R		
TRASCO® ES spider			
Size			
B: 80 Sh A (blue) - G: 92 Sh A (yellow) R: 98 Sh A (red) - V: 64 Sh D (green)			
n <sub>max</sub>	Maximum rpm		

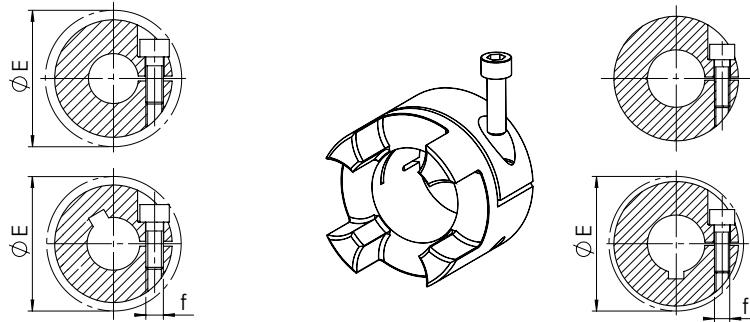
## TRASCO® ES zero backlash couplings - GESM execution with clamp hubs

It allows quick and secure fastening with no shaft-hub play. It is important to observe the tightening torque ( $M_s$ ) of the screw shown in the table when using the keyless version, and check the torque transmissible by the clamp as a function of the shaft diameter (as well as the coupling size) shown in the table on the next page. Hubs with or without keyway and compact version with reduced overall length are available as standard. **Compliant with ATEX Directive.** **Note:** It is possible to have phase slots on request.

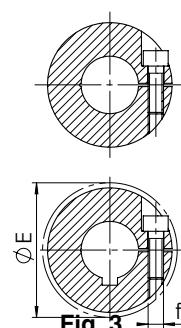


Posizione cava

**Fig. 1**



**Fig. 2**



**Fig.3**

Keyway position

Size	F min [mm]	F max [mm]	f	$M_s$ [Nm]	Hub		$n_{max}$ [rpm]
					W [kg]	J [ $\text{kgm}^2$ ]	
<b>ALUMINUM HUBS</b>							
7	3	7	M2	0,35	0,003	$0,085 \times 10^{-6}$	40.000
9	4	10	M2,5	0,75	0,007	$0,42 \times 10^{-6}$	28.000
12	4	12	M3	1,4	0,015	$1,4 \times 10^{-6}$	22.000
14	6	16	M3	1,4	0,018	$2,6 \times 10^{-6}$	19.000
19/24	10	24 <sup>(1)</sup>	M5	11	0,071	$18,1 \times 10^{-6}$	14.000
24/28	10	32	M6	11	0,156	$74,9 \times 10^{-6}$	10.600
28/38	14	38	M8	25	0,240	$163,9 \times 10^{-6}$	8.500
38/45	18	45	M8	25	0,440	$465,5 \times 10^{-6}$	7.100
<b>STEEL HUBS</b>							
42	25	50	M10	70	2,100	$3,095 \times 10^{-6}$	6.000
48	25	55	M12	120	2,900	$5,160 \times 10^{-6}$	5.600
55	35	70	M12	120	4,000	$9,737 \times 10^{-6}$	5.000
65	40	80	M14	190	5,800	$17,974 \times 10^{-6}$	4.600
75	40	80	M16	295	8,100	$29,304 \times 10^{-6}$	2.950

<sup>(1)</sup> Size 19/24 up to hole 20 screw M6, beyond screw M5 ( $E = 46.7$  mm)

Size 7 to 19/24: single-cut execution.

Size 24/28 to 65: double-cut execution.

Keyway position $\alpha$	A [mm]	G [mm]	H-a [mm]	L [mm]	I [mm]	M [mm]	N [mm]	S [mm]	P [mm]	t [mm]	E [mm]	Fig.
<b>ALUMINUM HUBS</b>												
-	14	-	-	22	7	8	6	1,0	6	4	15,0	1
-	20	7,2	-	30	10	10	8	1,0	2	5	23,4	1
180°	25	8,5	-	34	11	12	10	1,0	3	5	27	1
180°	30	10,5	-	35	11	13	10	1,5	2	5,5	32,2	1
120°	40	18	-	66	25	16	12	2,0	3,5	12	45,7 <sup>(1)</sup>	1
90°	55	27	-	78	30	18	14	2,0	4	12	57,5	2
90°	65	30	-	90	35	20	15	2,5	5,2	13,5	72,6	2
90°	80	38	-	114	45	24	18	3,0	5,6	16	83,3	2
<b>STEEL HUBS</b>												
-	95	46	-	126	50	26	20	3,0	5,6	20	78,8	2
-	105	51	-	140	56	28	21	3,5	6	21	108,0	2
-	120	60	-	160	65	30	22	4,0	9	26	122,0	2
-	135	68	-	185	75	35	26	4,5	8,3	27,5	139,0	2
-	160	80	53-135	210	85	40	30	5,0	8,3	30	147,5	3

Hole tolerance: F7

Keyway tolerance for keyway JS9.

Keyway seat according to DIN 6885/1 and UNI 6604.

$M_s$	Screw tightening torque	Nm
W	Weight	kg

J	Moment of inertia	kgm <sup>2</sup>
$n_{max}$	Maximum rpm	rpm

Hub	GESM	48	F50	Spider	AES	48	R
GESM: TRASCO® ES hub with clamp hubs				TRASCO® ES spider			
Size				Size			
F...: bore diameter F...C: bore diameter and keyway				B: 80 Sh A (blue) - G: 92 Sh A (yellow) R: 98 Sh A (red) - V: 64 Sh D (green)			

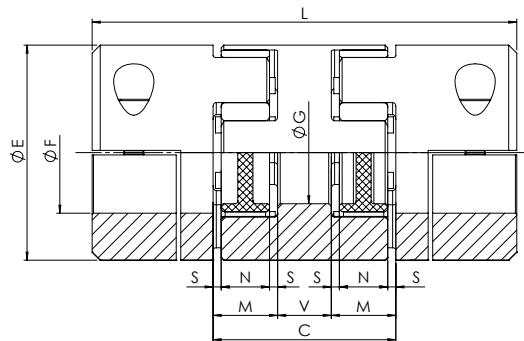
Using hub execution **M** without keyway, the maximum transmissible torque is the minor between the clamp-hub transmissible torque and the value stated in the section "**Technical characteristics**".

Size	Recommended M coupling Type Hub Bore Dia. [mm] and Transmissible Torque [Nm], valid for shaft tolerances k6																																								
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	18	19	20	22	24	25	28	30	32	35	38	40	42	45	48	50	55	60	65	70	75	80						
7	0,9	1,0	1,0	1,1	1,2																																				
9		2,1	2,3	2,4	2,5	2,6	2,7																																		
12		4,1	4,2	4,4	4,6	4,8	5,0	5,2	5,4	5,5																															
14			5,0	5,2	5,4	5,5	5,7	5,9	6,1	6,3	6,7	6,8	7,0																												
19/24						28	29	29	31	31	32	34	34	35	30	32																									
24/28						24	27	29	34	37	39	44	46	49	54	59	61	68	73	78																					
28/38										58	62	66	75	79	83	91	100	104	116	124	133	145																			
38/45											62	66	75	79	83	91	100	104	116	124	133	145	158	166	174	187															
42															139	153	167	174	195	209	223	243	264	278	292	313	334	348													
48																		254	285	305	326	356	387	407	428	458	489	509	560												
55																					326	356	387	407	428	458	489	509	560	611	662	713									
65																							488	530	558	586	628	670	697	767	837	907	976	1046	1116						
75																																									



## TRASCO® ES zero backlash couplings - GESS execution double cardanic execution

This execution allows higher misalignments. The 2 spiders allow a high vibration dampening providing a decrease in drive noise and longer life of related components (ex. bearings). The intermediate element is made of aluminum alloy and may be used in combination with any type of hub execution. **Note:** It is possible to have aligned keyways upon inquiry.



Size	Fa max* [mm]			E [mm]	C [mm]	L [mm]			V [mm]	M [mm]	S [mm]	N [mm]	G [mm]
	GESF	GESM	GES2M			GESF	GESM	GES2M					
<b>ALUMINUM HUBS                            ALUMINUM GESS</b>													
7	7	7	-	14	20	34	34	-	4	8	1	6	-
9	10	10	-	20	25	45	45	-	5	10	1	8	-
14	16	16	16	30	34	56	56	71	8	13	1,5	10	-
19/24	24	24	20	40	42	92	92	92	10	16	2	12	18
24/28	32	32	32	55	52	112	112	112	16	18	2	14	27
28/38	38	38	38	65	58	128	128	128	18	20	2,5	15	30
38/45	45	45	45	80	68	158	158	158	20	24	3	18	38
<b>ALUMINUM HUBS                            ALUMINUM GESS</b>													
42	55	50	50	95	74	174	174	174	22	26	3	20	46
48	60	55	55	105	80	192	192	192	24	28	3,5	21	51
55	70	70	-	120	88	218	218	-	28	30	4	22	60
65	80	80	-	135	102	252	252	-	32	35	4,5	26	68

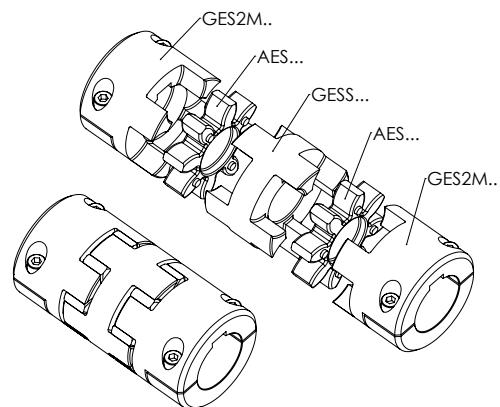
\* The max bore depends on the type of hub used.

Spacer element

GESS      24

GESS: spacer element

Size: 24/28

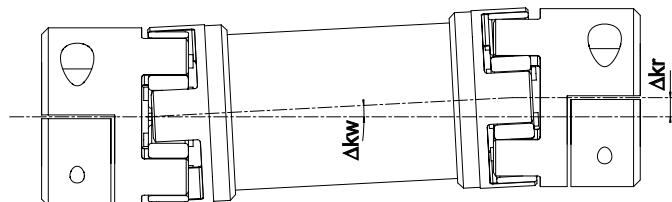




## Technical data for intermediate shaft couplings

Size	Misalignment	
	Axial $\Delta K_a$ [mm]	Angular $\Delta K_w$ [°]
14	1,0	0,9
19/24	1,2	0,9
24/28	1,4	0,9
28/38	1,5	0,9
38/45	1,8	0,9

Angular misalignment = 0,9° for spider



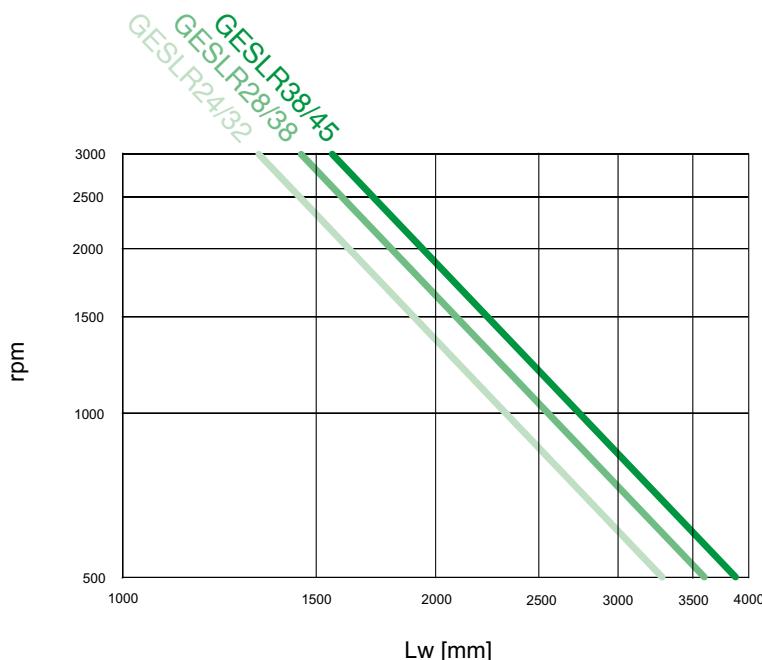
### Radial misalignment

$$\Delta Kr = (L_z - 2 \cdot H - M) \cdot \tan(\Delta K_w) \quad [\text{mm}]$$

$$C_{\text{Tot}} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \frac{1}{C_{\text{Tanello}}} + \frac{L_{\text{allunga}}}{C_{\text{Tallunga}}}} \quad [\text{Nm/rad}]$$

$$L_{\text{allunga}} = \frac{L_{\text{zw}} - 2 \cdot L}{1000} \quad [\text{mm}] \quad \text{with } L_{\text{zw}} = \text{total coupling length}$$

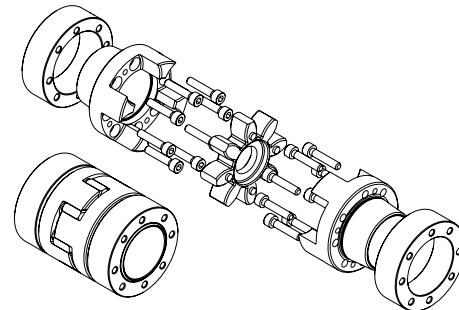
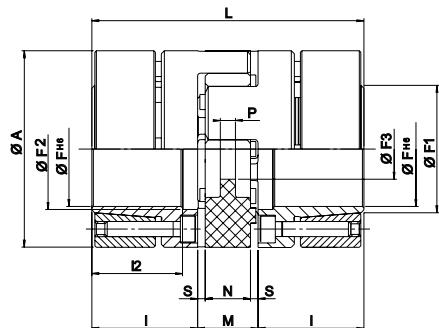
### Selection diagram GES LR3 coupling





## TRASCO® ES zero backlash couplings - GESAP execution shrink disc execution according to DIN 69002

Precision "zero-backlash" coupling designed for multi spindle devices on machine tools or controls with reduced mass, such as short center spindles, multi-centers primary spindles in work stations, or joined to high speed bearings with limited tolerance range. It is suitable for very high speeds of rotation (up to speeds of 50 m/s). **Note:** It is possible to have aligned keyways upon inquiry.



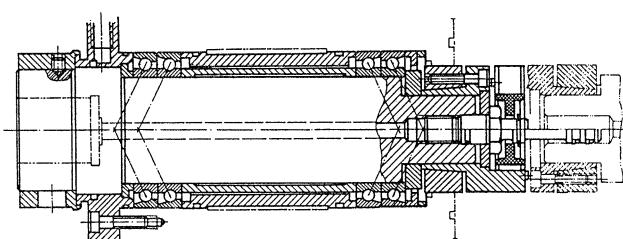
Size	F [mm]	Ms [Nm]	Hub		$n_{max}$ [rpm]
			W [kg]	J [kgm <sup>2</sup> ]	
<b>STEEL HUBS AND LOCKING ELEMENT</b>					
14	14	1,89	0,080	$11 \times 10^{-6}$	28.000
19/24 - 37,5	16	3,05	0,160	$37 \times 10^{-6}$	21.000
19/24	19	3,05	0,190	$46 \times 10^{-6}$	21.000
24/28-50	24	4,90	0,330	$136 \times 10^{-6}$	15.500
24/28	25	8,50	0,440	$201 \times 10^{-6}$	15.500
28/38	35	8,50	0,640	$438 \times 10^{-6}$	13.200
38/45	40	14,00	1,320	$1.325 \times 10^{-6}$	10.500
42	42	35,00	2,230	$3.003 \times 10^{-6}$	9.000
48	45	35,00	3,090	$5.043 \times 10^{-6}$	8.000
55	50	71,00	4,740	$10.020 \times 10^{-6}$	6.300

A [mm]	L [mm]	I [mm]	I2 [mm]	M [mm]	N [mm]	S [mm]	P [mm]	F1 [mm]	F2 [mm]	F3 [mm]
<b>STEEL HUBS AND LOCKING ELEMENT</b>										
32	50	18,5	15,5	13	10	1,5	2,0	17	17	8,5
37,5	66	25	21	16	12	2,0	3,5	20	19	9,5
40	66	25	21	16	12	2,0	3,5	23	22	9,5
50	78	30	25	18	14	2,0	4,0	30	29	12,5
55	78	30	25	18	14	2,0	4,0	32	30	12,5
65	90	35	30	20	15	2,5	5,2	42	40	14,5
80	114	45	40	24	18	3,0	5,6	49	46	16,5
92	126	50	45	26	20	3,0	5,6	54	55	18,5
105	140	56	50	28	21	3,5	6,0	65	60	20,5
120	160	65	58	30	22	4,0	9,0	65	72	22,5

Spindle size	TRASCO® ES AP	98 Sh. A		64 sh. D	
		T <sub>KN</sub> [Nm]	T <sub>Kmax</sub> [Nm]	T <sub>KN</sub> [Nm]	T <sub>Kmax</sub> [Nm]
25 x 20	14	12,5	25	16	32
32 x 25	19/24 - 37,5	14	28	17	34
32 x 30	19/24	17	34	21	42
40 x 35	24/28 - 50	43	86	54	108
50 x 45	24/28	60	120	75	150
63 x 55	28/38	160	320	200	400

Bore tolerance: H6

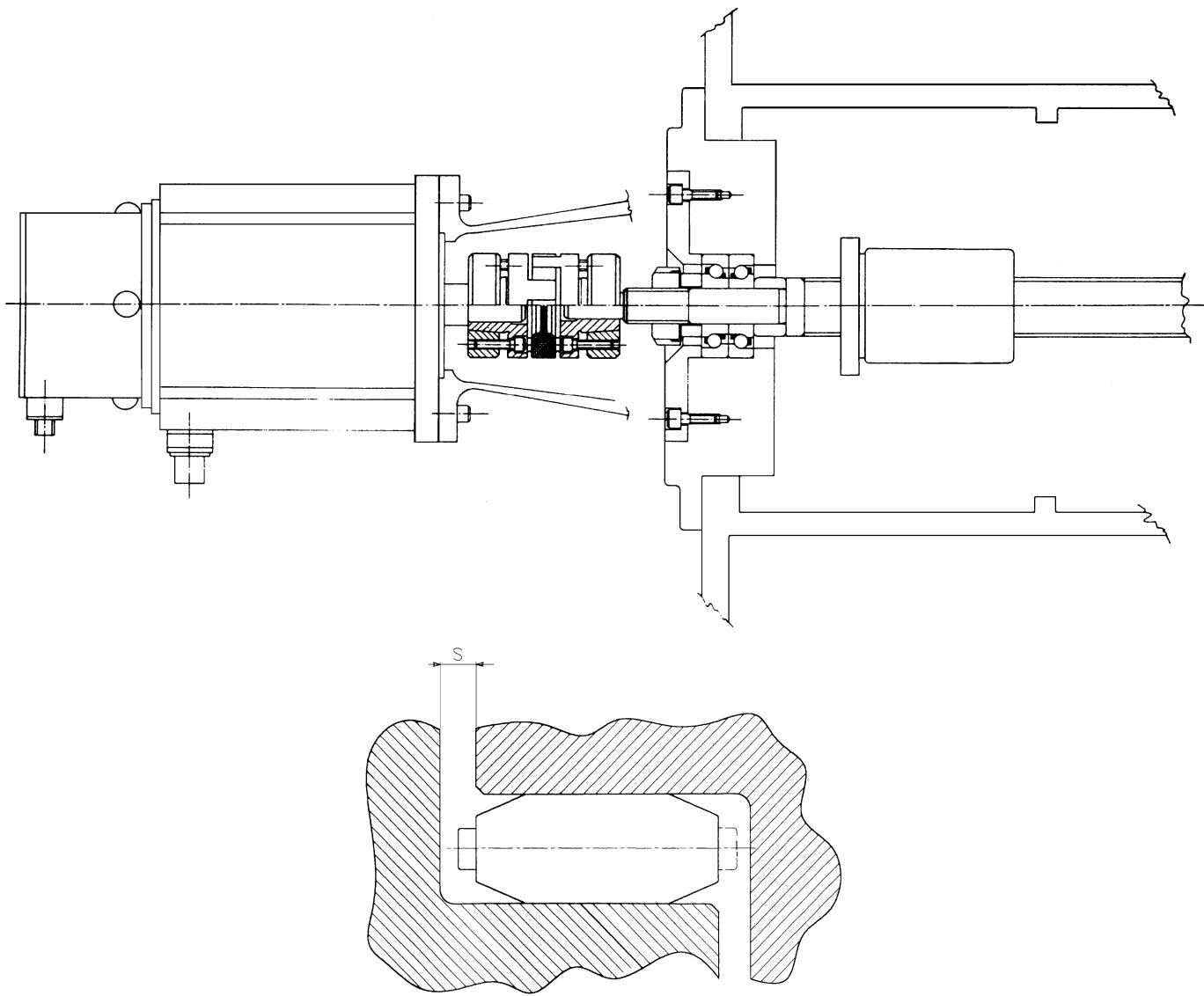
Hub	GESAP 48 F45
GESAP: TRASCO® ES hub shrink disc execution	
Size	
F...: bore diameter	
Spider	AESP 48 R
Spider for TRASCO® ES "AP" execution	
Size	
R: 98 Sh A (red) V: 64 Sh D (green)	



Ms	Screw tightening torque	Nm
W	Weight	kg
J	Moment of inertia	kgm <sup>2</sup>
$n_{max}$	Maximum rpm	rpm

## Installation and maintenance

1. Carefully clean the shafts
2. Insert the hubs onto shafts being connected. With the M, A and AP versions, be sure to tighten the screws with the Ms torque value given in the catalogue. Be careful with the A and AP versions to tighten the screws uniformly and crosswise to the recommended torque
3. Position the element in one of the two coupling hubs
4. Fit together the two coupling halves, making sure the "s" dimension is properly observed. This must be done to insure proper elastic element function and long service life, as well as to assure the coupling is properly insulated electrically



With the A and AP versions, mounting the hubs can be facilitated by lubricating the shaft contact surfaces with an oil, but do not use a molybdenum bisulphide based oils. When mounting the TRASCO® ES coupling an axial thrust is generated which disappears when the mounting has been completed to avoid putting axial loads on the bearings. Lubrication of the elastic element will reduce the amount of axial force required during installation.

**Note:** All rotating parts must be guarded.