

GYRO LOADS FOR STRUCTURAL DESIGN: Fz The unit is **not** designed to be bolted to the hull structure and this method of attachment should never be attempted without consultation with Seakeeper.

The Gyro is mounted in two gimbal bearings each of which is supported by an aluminum saddle beam made of A356-T6 cast aluminum. The saddles are designed to be permanently attached to longitudinal GRP hull beams with a structural adhesive. This mounting arrangement distributes the cyclic, fully reversing forces and moments generated by the Gyro over a large surface area.

The Gyro generates pitch moments, roll moments, yaw moments and vertical and horizontal forces - the magnitude of which is controlled by the Gyro's active brake system. These Gyro generated forces and moments result in loads being applied at the saddle beam gimbal bearings and at the brake cylinder attachment points on the port saddle beam...

In order to simplify structural analysis of the hull foundation that supports the saddle beams, these latter forces and moments have been resolved into resultant forces and moments at a single point. Also, for simplicity, they have been reduced to a single force set, from examination of a large number of possible loading combinations. The reference point is the intersection of the gimbal axis and the centerline plane of the port beam. The resultant forces and moments at this point are illustrated on the adjacent figure and values to be used for foundation design are summarized below:

Pitch Moment (M) = 5.6 kN - M [4100 Ft-Lb]Yaw Moment (N) = 1.2 kN - M [900 Ft-Lb] Vertical Force (Fz) = 23.5kN [5300 Lb]Longitudinal Force (Fx) = 9.5kN [2100 Lb] Lateral Force (Fy) = 4.4 kN [1000 Lb]

These forces and moments should be considered to be:

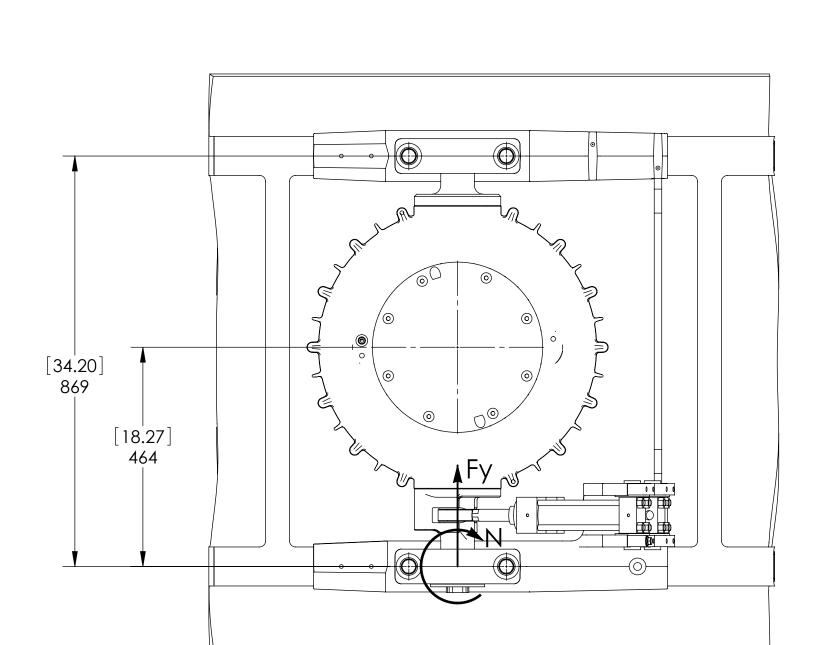
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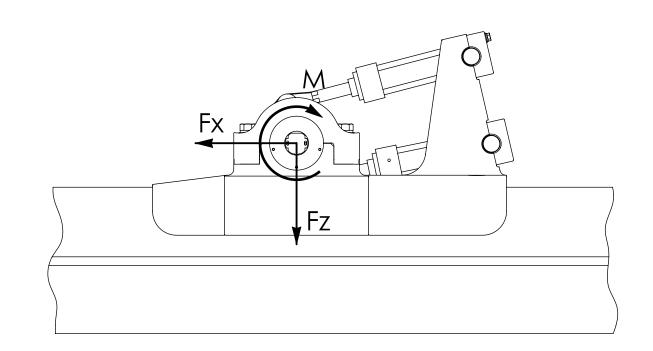
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- · Fully reversing (i.e., acting in either direction)
- · Repeated an infinite number of times
- · Applicable to the starboard beam even though it does not have brake cylinders

The boat builder or the gyro installer is responsible for designing the hull foundation to which the gyro is attached to accommodate the above forces and moments plus a reasonable Factory of Safety. A Factor of Safety of 3.0 (Margin of Safety of 2) is suggested.

The boat builder or gyro installer is also fully responsible for selecting the structural adhesive to secure the aluminum saddle beams to the GRP hull beams. The calculated shear stress in the structural adhesive between the saddles and the hull foundation beams for the above loads and 100% adhesive contact is 2.3 MPa (337 psi). Seakeeper recommends that the builder or installer use a structural adhesive with a minimum shear strength of 13.8 MPa (2000 psi) to give a Factor of Safety of 6 (Margin of Safety of 5). Additionally, it is strongly suggested that the builder or installer test the compatibility of his structural adhesive with cast A356 T6 aluminum and his hull materials by doing mechanical property tests.





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