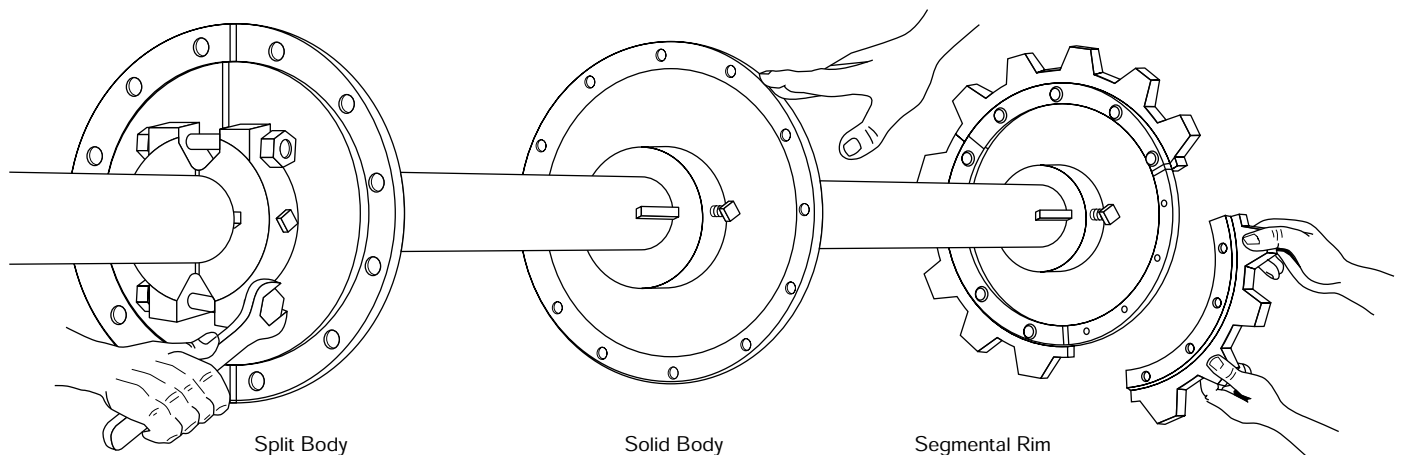


■ SPROCKETS

SEGMENTAL RIM SPROCKETS AND TRACTION WHEELS

Segmental sprockets and traction wheels significantly reduce the labor and down time associated with replacing worn standard type units. Worn segments can be replaced one at a time without removing the chain, disassembling shaft and/or bearing assemblies or realigning hub placement.

Sprockets and traction wheel rims are made of hardened steel and may be furnished with split or solid hub bodies.



Solid Hub Bodies

Solid hub bodies are recommended for new installations. They are accurately machined of close-grained cast iron. The bodies can be made of steel, but dimensions will differ.

Split Hub Bodies

Split hub bodies can be easily installed on existing installations without removing the shaft, bearings, or chain. They are accurately machined of close-grained cast iron. A complete set of hub bolts and nuts included. The bodies can be made of steel, but dimensions will differ.

Traction Wheels vs. Sprockets at the Head Shaft

When properly applied, the use of a traction wheel at the head end of a centrifugal elevator will result in an increase in both chain and wheel life. In addition, the traction wheel will minimize peak chain tensions under impact or starting conditions.

Successful application of a traction wheel is dependent upon a frictional force between the traction wheel and the chain bushing which is great enough to handle the applied chain load without excessive slippage. Factors which can detract from the effectiveness of a traction wheel are:

1. Handling material with lubricating qualities.
2. Heavy digging loads.
3. Handling very dense material.

Dry and abrasive materials, on the other hand, have the desirable effect of increasing the coefficient of friction. Traction wheels have been used very successfully in the cement mill industry. Chain with rollers should not be used with a traction wheel.