Gear Theory

- Regardless of what you do you will only ever have two main types of gears:
- Driving Gears and Driven Gears
- Driving Gears are connected directly to the power source and transfer the power to the Driven Gears.
- Driven Gears are in contact with the Driving Gears and either increase the torque or increase the speed.





PEDAL GEAR



How to determine Gear Ratio

To calculate gear ratio you must always use the following formula:

- Number of Teeth on the Driver Gear divided by the Number of Teeth on the Driven Gear.
- Example 1: If the driven gear has 8 teeth and the driving gear has 41 teeth, the ratio is said to be 5.13:1
 41 ÷ 8 = 5.13

How Gear Ratio Affects Output

- If a gear ratio has a number numerically larger than 1 at the front of the ratio, you have a gear reduction. Example 4:1
- A gear reduction means that the speed of the output gear is X times slower than the input gear.
- At the same time a gear reduction means that the output torque will be increase by X times over the input torque.