

# ZRack262 MK1

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### LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ACRONYMS

RS Rack Speed – Linear travel per degree of wheel input

LtL Lock to Lock – Distance rack travels from full left to full right.

CtC Center to Center – The distance between two axes.

OAL Off-Axis-Loading – Any force not parallel to the rack axis

TRL Tie-Rod Length

S<sub>Rack</sub> Rack Displacement from Center

β Steering Wheel Angle from Center

F<sub>TR</sub> Tie-Rod Load

F<sub>x</sub> Rack Off-Axis Load Component

F<sub>y</sub> Rack Axial Load Component

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Thank you and congratulations on your decision to include zRack technology in your vehicle project. This product has been engineered to meet the strictest class requirements for its size and as such should serve its purpose well for many seasons to come. In order to obtain the best possible performance and longevity from your zRack please consider and implement the guidelines and recommendations presented in this document carefully.

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In addition to an advanced product, we offer our combined experience and expertise in the field of steering and vehicle dynamics and kinematics to assist individuals and teams execute the installation and utilization of it with a focus on safety and integrity. Should you have any questions or concerns about the product which are not explicitly or satisfactorily addressed in this document please do not hesitate to contact us immediately.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the many individuals who have contributed their valuable feedback and experience with the product, and also those teams who showed the interest and trust in us to implement and test the product in its early stages. We welcome any and all feedback which is available, so if you have any comments about your experience or opinions of the product please share them with us, your feedback is greatly appreciated!

| Thank you again, and we wish you all success in your driving endeavors | Thank y | vou again, | and we | wish ' | you all | success in | vour | driving | endeavors |
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| Sincerely,     |  |  |
|----------------|--|--|
| The zRack Team |  |  |

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### **SPECIFICATIONS**

| Property                                       | zRack 262                     |                    |  |  |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Mass – Assembly Only                           | 0.235 kg                      | 0.52 lb            |  |  |
| Mass – Installed, w/Mounts                     | 0.273 kg                      | 0.60 lb            |  |  |
|  |                               |                    |  |  |
| Kinematic Length                               | 262 mm                        | 10.315 in          |  |  |
| Linear Travel Per Degree of Steering Input     | 0.2383 mm                     | 0.00938 in         |  |  |
|  |                               |                    |  |  |
| Max Linear Travel Per Side                     | 25.1 mm 0.988 in              |                    |  |  |
| Max Rotary Input Per Side                      | 105.4°                        |                    |  |  |
|  |                               |                    |  |  |
| Recommended Lin. Travel Per Side               | ≤ 25.0 mm ≤ 0.984 in          |                    |  |  |
| Recommended Rotary Input Per Side              | ≤ 104.9°                      |                    |  |  |
|  |                               |                    |  |  |
| Max Axial Load Rating                          | 6670 N                        | 1500 lbf           |  |  |
| Max Off-Axis Load Rating (Per Side)            | 2280 N                        | 512 lbf            |  |  |
| Max Steering Torque                            | 91 Nm                         | 67 lbf-ft          |  |  |
|  |                               |                    |  |  |
| Recommended Max Axial Load                     | 1780 N                        | 400 lbf            |  |  |
| Recommended Max Off-Axis Load (Per Side)       | 780 N                         | 175 lbf            |  |  |
| Recommended Max Steering Torque                | 24 Nm                         | 18 lbf-ft          |  |  |
|  |                               |                    |  |  |
| Max Allowable Tie Rod Angle                    | 10°                           |                    |  |  |
| Recommended Tie Rod Angle                      | 0±5°                          |                    |  |  |
|  |                               |                    |  |  |
| CG Vertical Location from Rack Axis            | 5.950mm (Towards Pinion Axis) |                    |  |  |
| CG Lateral Displacement Range                  | 0±11.633mm                    |                    |  |  |
|  |                               |                    |  |  |
| Static Friction / Stiction Range               | 8N ± 1N                       |                    |  |  |
| Static Friction Torque Range                   | 0.2 Nm± 0.03Nm                |                    |  |  |
|  |                               |                    |  |  |
| Input Shaft Material / Hardness                | AISI 4140H / 34 RC            |                    |  |  |
|  |                               |                    |  |  |
| Pitch Mass Moment of Inertia @ CG <sup>1</sup> | 47615 gmm <sup>2</sup>        |                    |  |  |
| Yaw Mass Moment of Inertia @CG <sup>1</sup>    | 1112699 gmm <sup>2</sup>      |                    |  |  |
| Roll Mass Moment of Inertia @CG <sup>1</sup>   | 1020306 gmm <sup>2</sup>      |                    |  |  |
|  |                               | ,                  |  |  |
| Tie-Rod Clevis Cross Drill Diameter            | 6.363 ± 0.013 mm              | 0.2505 ± 0.0005 in |  |  |
|  |                               |                    |  |  |

Table 1: Specifications

[1] Note: Mass moments of inertia indicated assuming pinion axis is horizontal, with rack parallel to vehicle pitch axis and ground plane.

### **GENERAL SCHEMATICS**

This section outlines the main design geometry which is required for design integration purposes.



**Figure 1: Overall Dimensions** 

### **DESIGN INFORMATION**

This section is intended to provide information pertaining to the preferred installation and design integration procedures. It is very important that these recommendations are heeded in order to ensure the safe and reliable operation of the product.

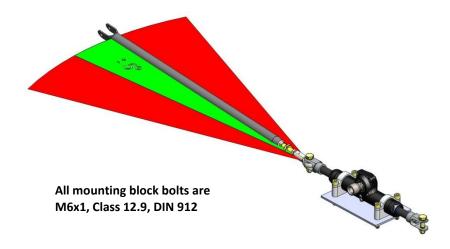


Figure 2: Installation

### **Maximum Rated Load**

The maximum rated load is the full axial force in tension or compression which the rack is designed to withstand in service. Under normal driving conditions this load is not typically experienced except in cases of collision involving the front wheels. The maximum rated load has been designated as the maximum load that any person could be expected to hold keeping the steering wheel still. In reality, the typical driver posture and position make it nearly impossible to exert the maximum load on the steering system. Furthermore, it is of critical importance for the sake of safety that drivers be instructed and trained to release their grip from the steering wheel in cases of imminent collision in order to reduce the risk of serious injury. For the purposes of load matching the maximum rated load (6670 N) can be used to design related steering components. Alternately, a more aggressive load rating can be used which better matches actual driving conditions excluding impact events. In this case it is recommended to use a load of 1780 N. Please note that components which are not rated to withstand impact events must also be designed in such a way as to not endanger the safety of the driver in any mode of failure.

Maximum Rated Axial Load = 6670 N (1,500 lbf) Recommended Design Axial Load = 1780 N (400 lbf)

### **Axial Loading & Off-Axis Loading**

Differentiation exists between the recommended axial load and off-axis load. Please consider and understand the following definitions:

Axial Loading: A force which acts parallel to and along the cylindrical axis of the rack.

Off-Axis Loading (OAL): Any components of the loads applied to the rack not

parallel to the rack axis.

In order to determine the OAL the tie-rod load is separated into two components based on the angle between the tie-rod and rack axis. Note that the methods below assume that the rack axis is perpendicular to the vehicle longitudinal centerline and parallel to the ground plane. The loading on the rack must also be considered as the net sum of the two tie-rod loads. Consider that the maximum pinion tooth loading occurs when tie-rod forces are acting in the same direction, whereas significant axial rack loading still occurs when they are acting in opposite directions (such as under hard braking). It is also recommended to operate the rack under the minimum possible off-axis conditions; as off-axis loading has detrimental effects to the rack and pinion tooth mesh, rack bearing loads and friction, and out-of-plane mounting bulkhead loading. In extreme cases, off-axis loading will result in decreased service life, increased steering effort requirements, and a larger overall turning circle radius than what might otherwise be possible.

The calculations presented here are simplified and for reference only. It is recommended that final design calculations be based on vector representations for all forces and moments and be conducted throughout the full spectrum of the suspension and steering travel under all driving conditions.

#### Tie-Rod Angle using Vertical and Longitudinal Offsets

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Point 1: Steering Clevis Node} & & & & & & & & & & & \\ \text{Point 2: Steering Arm Node} & & & & & & & & & \\ \text{Tie-Rod Length:} & & & & & & & & \\ \text{Te-Rod Longith:} & & & & & & & \\ \text{Vertical Offset:} & & & & & \Delta Z = Z_2 - Z_1 \\ \text{Longitudinal Offset:} & & & & \Delta X = X_2 - X_1 \\ \text{Tie-Rod Angle} & & & & \alpha = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{\Delta X^2 + \Delta Z^2}}{TRL}\right) \end{array}$ 

THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TIE-ROD ANGLE IS 10°... 0±5° IS RECOMMENDED.

<sup>\*</sup>Note that it is recommended to work in degrees!

### Axial Loading using Tie-Rod Angle and Forces

Right Tie-Rod Force F<sub>TR1</sub>

(Positive when acting from left to right)

Left Tie-Rod Force F<sub>TF</sub>

(Positive when acting from left to right)

Tie-Rod Angle

Rack Axial Load (Right)  $F_{v1} = F_{TR1} \cos(\alpha)$ 

Rack Axial Load (Left)  $F_{v2} = F_{TR2} \cos(\alpha)$ 

Net Axial (Tooth Mesh) Load  $F_{vNet} = F_{v1} + F_{v2}$ 

Net Steering Wheel Torque  $T_{Net} = F_{vNet} \times (13.608 \, mm)$ 

# THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE NET AXIAL TOOTH MESH LOAD IS 6670 N MAX INPUT TOROUE IS 91 Nm.

### Off-Axis Loading using Tie-Rod angle and forces

Right Tie-Rod Force F<sub>TR1</sub>

(Positive when acting from left to right)

Left Tie-Rod Force F<sub>TI</sub>

(Positive when acting from left to right)

Right Tie-Rod Angle  $\alpha_1$ Right Tie-Rod Angle  $\alpha_2$ 

Off-Axis Load (Right)  $F_{\chi 1} = F_{TR1} \sin(\alpha_1)$  Off-Axis Load (Left)  $F_{\chi 2} = F_{TR2} \sin(\alpha_2)$ 

Net off-axis loading and moments must be calculated with vector force representation.

# THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE OFF-AXIS LOAD PER SIDE IN ANY DIRECTION IS 2280 N.

### Rack Speed and Travel

The linear travel of the rack is constant and proportional to the rotary steering input angle. The ratio has been chosen based on extensive experience to be compatible with competitive entries in the Formula SAE / STUDENT classes. The term 'Rack Speed' is commonly used to compare the ratio of rack linear travel per full turn of the steering wheel (360°).

**RACK SPEED = 85.8 mm / Revolution, Constant.** 

### Rack Travel per Degree of Steering Wheel Input

Steering Input Angle 
$$(-105.4^{\circ} \leq \beta \leq 105.4^{\circ})$$
 Rack Position 
$$S_{Rack} = \beta \times \frac{85.8 \ mm}{360^{\circ}}$$

Note that when the rack is moved to the limit on either side, there is mechanical contact between the rack and the housing to limit travel and protect the pinion teeth. Consider that such contact will inevitably cause some wear to the rack and housing. If possible it is recommended to use a slightly lower travel for design (i.e.  $\leq$  25 mm)

 $(-25.1 \text{ mm} \le S_{Rack} \le 25.1 \text{ mm})$ 

### Bump Stops

Bump stops with some elastic / damping properties should be manufactured and installed to limit rack travel to within the allowable range defined by the steering kinematic design. The hygroscopic expansion/contraction properties of any polymers used for bump stops must be accounted for to ensure that adequate travel and clearances can be maintained in service.

RECOMMENDED: Urethane, Silicone, PEEK

NOT RECOMMENDED: Nylon, ABS, Delrin/Acetal, Metals

In order to streamline the design of bump stops for specific applications, the following table is presented, intended to provide basic dimensions for various travel requirements assuming a rigid bumpstop material. Note that these values are for reference only.

| Lock to Lock<br>Angle  | 170°   |        | 180°   |        | 210°   |        |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                        | mm     | in     | mm     | in     | mm     | in     |
| Total Travel           | 40.375 | 1.5896 | 42.750 | 1.6831 | 49.875 | 1.9636 |
| Travel per<br>Side     | 20.188 | 0.7948 | 21.375 | 0.8415 | 24.938 | 0.9818 |
| Bump Stop<br>Thickness | 5.020  | 0.1980 | 3.833  | 0.1509 | 0.270  | 0.0106 |

**Table 2: Bump Stop Characteristics** 

<sup>\*</sup> Please see Figure 9 in section "ACCESSORY DRAWINGS" for dimensional data.

### Clevis Connection to Tie-Rods

Tie-rod clevises which are compatible with standard spherical rod end connectors ranging in size M4-M6 (#8-¼ in) from have been supplied. The clevis pin bore diameter is 6.35mm (0.25 in), and in cases where smaller diameter pins or bolts are desired it is necessary to manufacture spacers with stepped bosses to account for the difference in size.

Spacers which have stepped bosses should be designed such that the top of the boss does not extend beyond the outer faces of the clevis; otherwise the clamping force of the clevis bolt will not be applied equally to the clevis and spacer/rod-end stack. Boss tolerances should create a transitional fit (H9/n6).

Use high quality fasteners to make the connection between the tie-rod spherical ball joints and the clevises. It is recommended to use partially threaded fasteners which are not threaded in the shear zones between the clevis forks, spacers, and the tie-rod ball.

### **RECOMMENDED TIE-ROD CONNECTION BOLTS: AN4-10A**

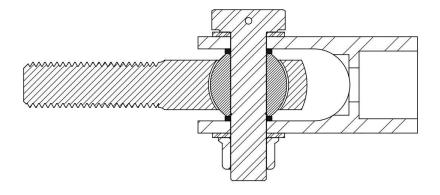


Figure 3: Recommended Tie-Rod Connection to Clevis, Full Size Bolt (Section)

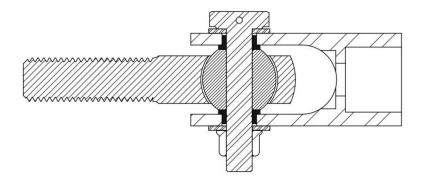


Figure 4: Recommended Tie-Rod Connection to Clevis, Undersized Bolt (Section)

# **ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM**

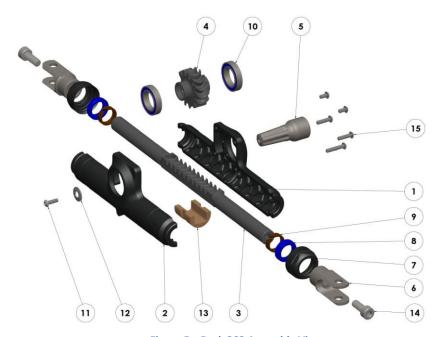
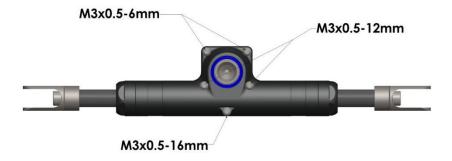


Figure 5: zRack 262 Assembly View

### **Table 3: Parts List**

| 1 - Front Housing                | ZD0101                    |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 - Rear Housing                 | ZD0102                    |
| 3 - Rack                         | ZD0104                    |
| 4 - Pinion                       | ZD0105                    |
| 5 - Input Shaft                  | ZD0107                    |
| 6 - Clevis (2)                   | ZD0112                    |
| 7 - 153 End Collet (2)           | ZD0117                    |
| 8 - Scraper (2)                  | ZD0120                    |
| 9 - Wear Ring (2)                | ZD0123                    |
| 10 - Pinion Bearing (2)          | 6802-2RS (24x15x5)        |
| 11 - Input Shaft Retaining Screw | M4x0.7-10mm DIN 7985-ISR  |
| 12 - Belleville Washer           | 0.19x0.47x0.04 DIN 137A   |
| 13 – Rack Support Saddle         | ZD0108                    |
| 14 – Clevis Retaining Screws (2) | M6x1-16mm DIN 912-A2      |
| 15 – Housing Retaining Screws    | See Figure 6 DIN 7985-ISR |



ALL M3 and M4 screws are DIN 7985-ISR ALL M6 screws are DIN 912-A2

**Figure 6: Housing Retaining Screws** 

### **INSTALLATION & OPERATION**

The design was created around a very specific set of specifications and tolerances and supporting hardware and vehicle integration must abide by <u>ALL</u> specifications listed below to ensure proper operation.

### **Mounting Blocks**

Mounting Clamps can be purchased directly from Zedaro. A drawing has also been provided in case customers choose to manufacture their own.

Please see Figure 10 & 11 in section "ACCESSORY DRAWINGS" for dimensional data.

All circled dimensions in the drawings are necessary to adhere to for proper fit and function.

### Hardware

All housing retaining bolts must be installed with low strength LOCTITE® 222MS™
Threadlocker. Clevis Retaining bolt must be installed with medium strength LOCTITE®
242™ Threadlocker. All hardware must also be torqued to the specified torque settings listed below.

All M3 Screws: 0.85 Nm

7.5 lbf-in

M4 Retaining Screw: 0.9 Nm

8.0 lbf-in

M6 Clevis Screw: 6.7 Nm

60 lbf-in

M6 Clevis retaining screw must be safety wired to prevent loosening of the screw, as shown in the following diagram:

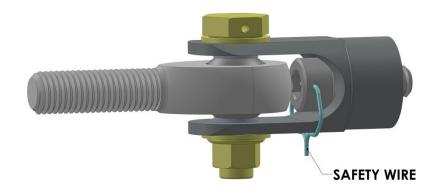


Figure 7: Safety Wire

### Lubrication

The assembly is factory lubricated with Mobil  $1^{\text{m}}$  rack lube (Mobilith SHC 1500) and does not require any routine maintenance. Disassembly should be avoided if possible in order to ensure proper operation and maximum service life.

### **Input Shaft Integration**

The input shaft (MD0326) may be attached to the steering shaft by various methods:

- 1) Pinning
- 2) Keying
- 3) Splining
- 4) Clamping
- 5) Bonding
- 6) Welding

### To weld the input shaft:

- 1) It is recommended to use a filler rod which is most compatible with the steering shaft material.
- 2) Install the rack assembly into the chassis.
- 3) Assemble the steering column and steering shaft, and slide the steering shaft over the input shaft to test fitment and alignment.
- 4) Once satisfied with the fit, secure the input shaft to the steering shaft by clamping or taping it in place. Make several witness marks between the input

shaft and steering shaft as visual alignment aids.

- Remove the steering shaft and input shaft from the vehicle. Double and triple check your witness mark alignment before tacking.
- 6) Tack weld in four quadrants, giving priority to opposing tacks.
- 7) Final welding should be done in a single continuous loop with the part being rotated by machine or assistant, minimizing heat input.

It is also possible to use plug welds as tacks, or even as the final weld.

The weld bead length can be increased by contouring the end of the steering shaft to have a wave profile.

It is the sole responsibility of the end-user to ensure that the welding design and process is suitable for any given application.

### **Additional Notes**

The assembly must not be used as a structural frame member.

The component material and coatings cannot be welded, and will be destroyed by the heat of any welding process. Do not attempt to weld on the assembly or any of the components other than the input shaft.

Non-marring wrenches are recommended for use on the end caps during assembly/disassembly. These can be purchased directly from us or our resellers if needed.

Sealant is not used in the factory assembly of the housing pieces. The end-user may apply sealant or bonding if desired, keeping in mind the end cap thread dimensions must not be substantially affected or else the caps will not thread on properly.

If there is any doubt about any aspect of the product or its use, please contact our support personnel; we are happy to help! Thank you.

### **ACCESSORY DRAWINGS**

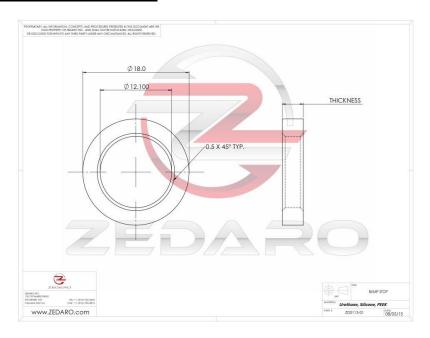
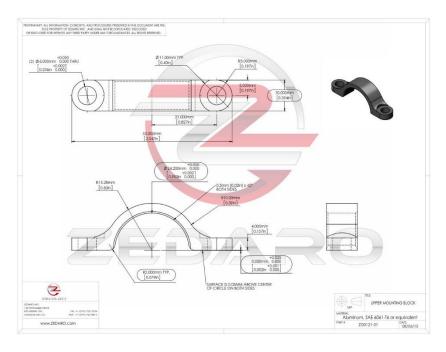


Figure 8: Bump Stops



**Figure 9: Upper Mounting Block** 

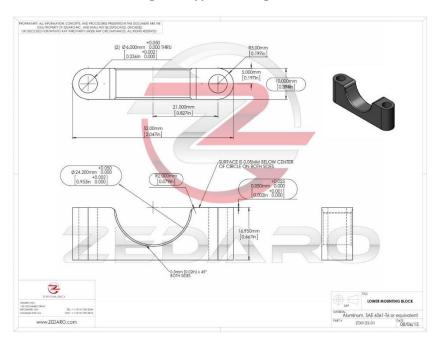


Figure 10: Lower Mounting Block



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