

# Variable Pitch VL/VM/VP Type Sheaves Mounting and Adjusting Instructions

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## ⚠ WARNING

WARNING indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

## ⚠ CAUTION

CAUTION indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

## NOTICE

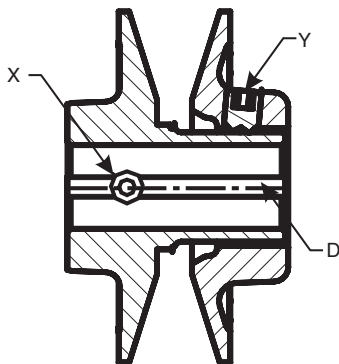
NOTICE indicates an important message not related to any safety hazard, i.e. relating exclusively to property damage.

## ⚠ WARNING

- Read and follow all instructions carefully.
- Disconnect and lock out power before installation and maintenance. Working on or near energized equipment can result in severe injury or death.
- Do not operate equipment without guards in place. Exposed equipment can result in severe injury or death.

## ⚠ CAUTION

- Periodic inspections should be performed. Failure to perform proper maintenance can result in personal injury and premature product failure.



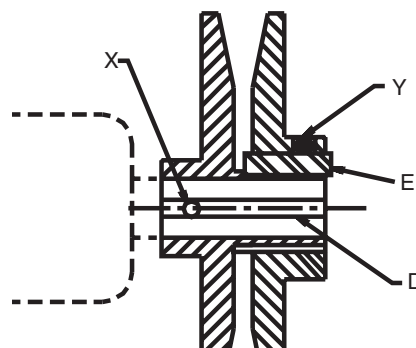
Do not operate sheave with Female Flange part projecting beyond end of Male Threaded Barrel. Except, 1VP/VL40 at 6 turns open will be 1 thread beyond Male Barrel.

**NOTICE:** This instruction does not apply to the 2VP84 Sheave. See Form 9902E 2VP84 (weblink on last page) Sheaves Mounting and Adjusting Installation and Maintenance Manual

## Single Groove Sheaves with Barrel Flats Mounting and Adjusting:

1. Make sure the shaft, sheave bore and keyway are free of burrs, paint, etc. Refer to Form 10355E (weblink on last page) Browning® Finished Bore Sheaves (Plus) for shaft undersize tolerance limitations.
2. All sheaves should be mounted on the motor or driving shaft with the end containing the setscrew "X" toward the motor.
3. Fit shaft key "D" between sheave and shaft, and lock setscrew "X" in place. Wrench torque 110 in-lb min. - 130 in-lb max.
4. Be sure both driving and driven sheaves are in alignment and that shafts are parallel. Total axial and parallel misalignment must not exceed 1/4°.
5. Loosen setscrew "Y" in movable flange of sheave until movable flange is free to rotate.
6. Adjust sheave pitch diameter for desired speed by opening rotating parts by half or full turn increments from closed position. Do not open more than five full turns for "A" belts or six full turns for "B" belts (1VL34 or 1VP34, 5 turns). For other belt sections contact Application Engineering (1-800-626-2093) for maximum full turns open.

7. Tighten setscrew "Y" to 110 to 130 in-lb. with set screw "Y" located over center of cast flats on barrel of sheaves fixed component.
8. Put on belts and adjust belt tension. (Do not force belts over grooves.) A Browning belt tension checker should be used to set tension. See Form 5453E (weblink on last page) Browning Belt Tension Checker for instructions.
9. Future adjustments should be made by loosening the belt tension and increasing or decreasing the pitch diameter of the sheave by half or full turns as required. Readjust belt tension before starting drive.
10. Be sure the key is in place and that all set screws are torqued properly before starting drive. Check setscrews and belt tension after 24 hours service.

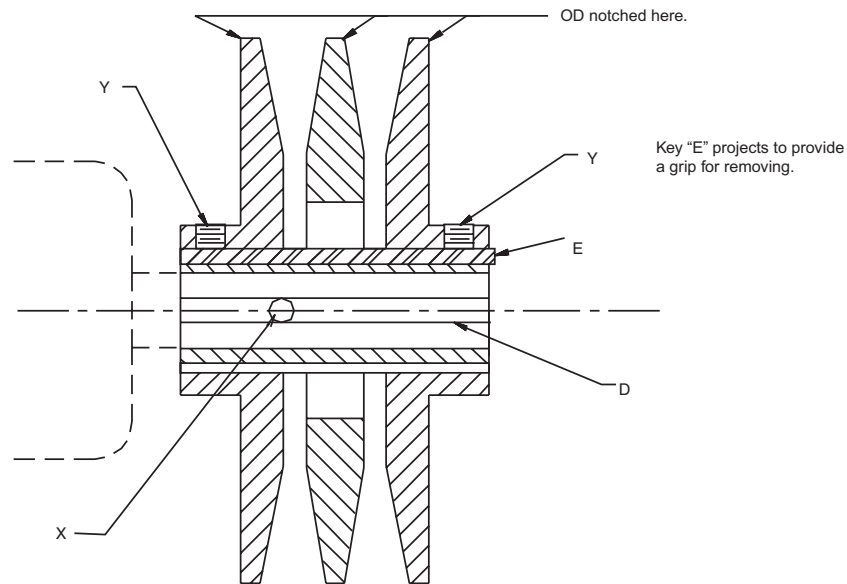


Key "E" projects to provide a grip for removing.

## Single Groove Sheaves with Barrel Keys Mounting and Adjusting:

1. Make sure the shaft, sheave bore, keys and keyways are free of burrs, paint, etc. Refer to Form 10355E Browning Finished Bore Sheaves (Plus) for shaft undersize tolerance limitations.
2. All sheaves should be mounted on the motor or driving shaft with the end containing the setscrew "X" toward the motor. Be sure setscrew "X" is well over the shaft.
3. Fit shaft key "D" between sheave and shaft, and lock setscrew "X" in place. Wrench torque 110 in-lb min. - 130 in-lb max.

4. Be sure both driving and driven sheaves are in alignment and that shafts are parallel. Total axial and parallel misalignment must not exceed  $1/4^\circ$ .
5. Loosen set screw "Y" in movable flange of sheave and pull out external key "E". (This key projects a small amount to provide a grip for removing.)
6. Adjust sheave pitch diameter for desired speed by opening rotating parts by half or full turn increments from closed position. Do not open more than five full turns for "A" belts or six full turns for "B" or "5V" belts (1VL34 or 1VP34, 5 turns). For other belt sections contact Application Engineering for maximum full turns open.
7. Replace key "E" and tighten setscrew "Y" to 110 to 130 in-lb.
8. Put on belts and adjust belt tension. (Do not force belts over grooves.) A Browning belt tension checker should be used to set tension.
9. Future adjustments should be made by loosening the belt tension and increasing or decreasing the pitch diameter of the sheave by half or full turns as required. Readjust belt tension before starting drive.
10. Be sure that all keys are in place and that all setscrews are torqued properly before starting drive. Check setscrews and belt tension after 24 hours service.



## Two Groove Sheaves Mounting and Adjusting:

1. Make sure the shaft, sheave bore, keys and keyways are free of burrs, paint, etc. Refer to Form 10355E (weblink below) Browning® Finished Bore Sheaves (Plus) for shaft undersize tolerance limitations.
2. Remove key "E" from sheave. Unscrew flanges until setscrew "X" is visible. If setscrew "X" is at an angle, flange may have to be removed in order to tighten it.
3. All sheaves should be mounted on the motor or driving shaft with the end containing the setscrew "X" toward the motor. If setscrew "X" is at an angle, mount away from motor.
4. Fit shaft key "D" between sheave and shaft, and lock set screw "X" in place. Wrench torque 110 in-lb min. - 130 in-lb max. Replace outboard flange.
5. Be sure the center flange of both the driving and driven sheaves are in alignment and shafts are parallel.
6. Total axial and parallel misalignment must not exceed  $1/4^\circ$ .
7. Loosen setscrews "Y" in moving flanges and pull out key "E". (This key projects a small amount to provide a grip for removing.)
8. Rotate both movable flanges inward until they touch the center flange.
9. Locate the notch over the keyway on the center flange.
10. Open each movable flange until its notch is adjacent to the notch on the center flange. Be certain that neither movable flange is opened more than one full turn.
11. From the position obtained in Step 4, open each movable flange the same number of full or half turns until the desired number of turns is obtained. Do not open more than five full turns for "A" belts or six full turns for "B" belts. (2VP36 5 turns).
12. Replace key "E" and tighten setscrews "Y". Wrench torque 110 in-lb min. - 130 in-lb max.
13. Put on belts and adjust belt tension. (Do not force belts over flanges.) A Browning belt tension checker should be used to set tension.
14. Future adjustments should be made by loosening the belt tension and increasing or decreasing the pitch diameter of the sheave by half or full turns as required. Readjust belt tension before starting drive.
15. Two groove sheaves must have both halves adjusted by the same number of turns from the position established in Step 4 to ensure the same pitch diameter.
16. Be sure that all keys are in place and that all setscrews are torqued properly before starting drive. Check setscrews and belt tension after 24 hours service.

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