

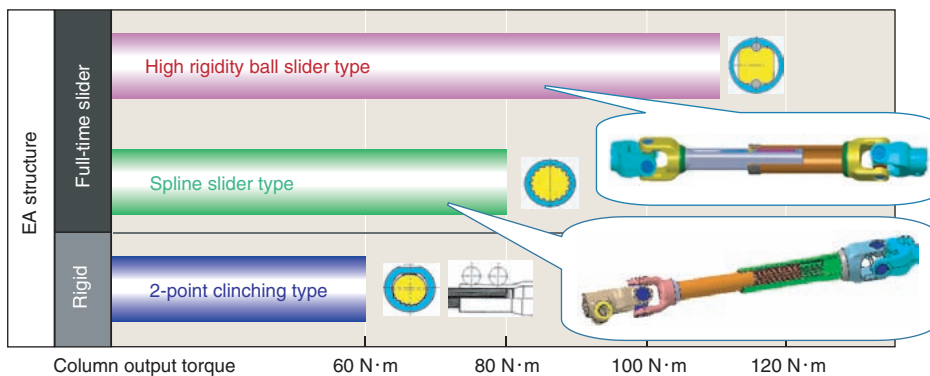
## New Spline Slider Type Intermediate Shaft



In response to a need for improvement in quietness and driving stability, we have developed a new spline slider type intermediate shaft as a full-time slider intermediate shaft for small and medium size vehicles. Its features are introduced as follows.

### Lineup

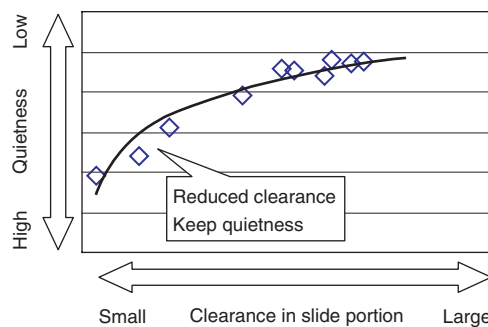
There are 3 kinds of intermediate shafts in the lineup at our company.



### Features

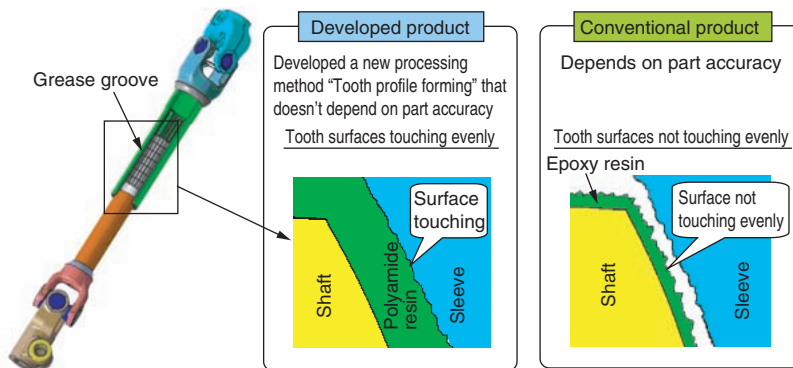
The slider type intermediate shaft with spline structure that we developed this time has the following features compared to conventional type.

- 1) Improved quietness : We fit the tooth surfaces of the shaft and sleeve to the same shape by a new processing method, "tooth profile forming." (World first)  
This has reduced the clearance between parts and keep quietness even on rough roads. (Conventional products depend on part accuracy.)



- 2) Improved driving stability : We improved torsional rigidity by reducing clearance between parts. (Fig. 1)
- 3) Improved sliding performance: Due to low friction grease and grease grooves, we reduced sensitivity to the sliding load increase associated with torque loading. (Fig. 2)
- 4) Improved wear resistance : We reduced contact pressure by fitting the tooth surfaces of the shaft and sleeve to the same shape by means of "tooth profile forming."

Structure



Performance

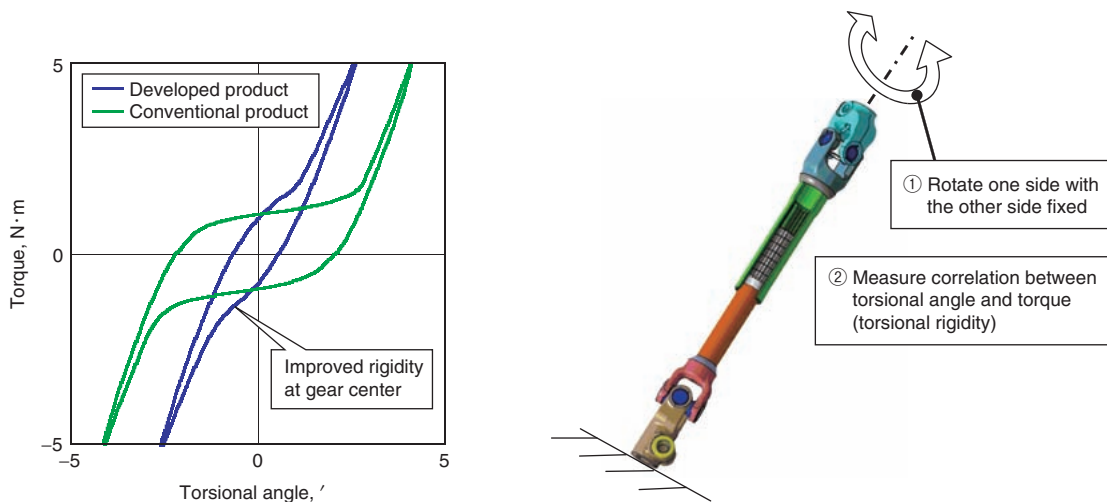


Fig. 1 Torsional rigidity

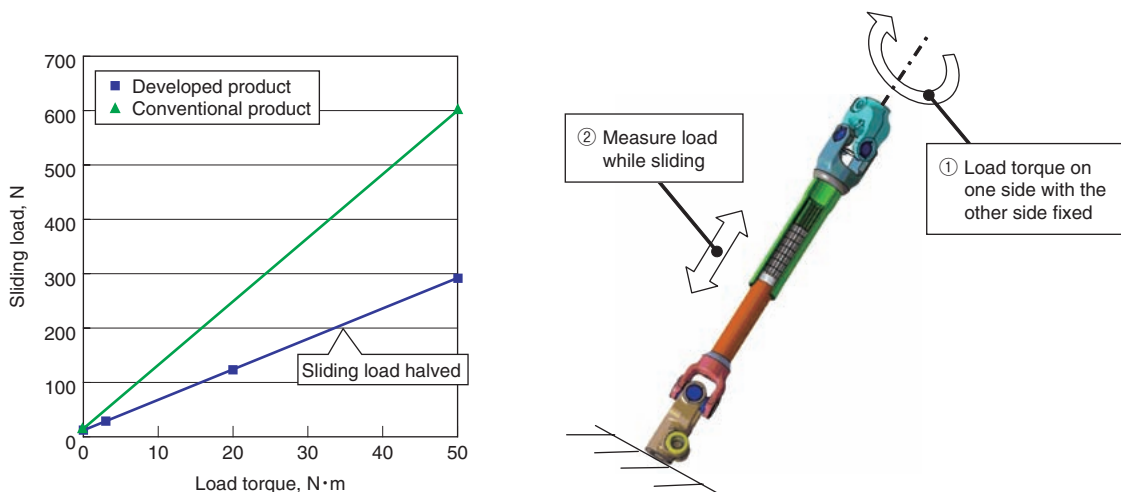


Fig. 2 Load torque – Sliding load

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