Defence

Assurance critical power transmission systems for the defence industry
Bespoke gear systems for critical defence applications

David Brown Santasalo has been integral to the development of land and marine defence gearing applications for more than 100 years. Our specialist engineers have been at the forefront of application innovation, designing bespoke transmission systems in partnership with our customers worldwide.

Over 10,000 high integrity gearboxes have been designed and manufactured at our UK centre of excellence, which continues to see investment and expansion with best in class facilities.

Our customers

- UK Ministry of Defence
- BAE Systems
- Babcock DSG
- Lockheed Martin
- CAT
- Rolls-Royce
- Bell Helicopter
- Thales
- Babcock
- General Dynamics
- US Government
- FNSS
- NSPA
- Singapore Technologies
- Royal Army of Oman
Global capability

Our leading gear technology development in land, sea, space and air combined with specialist gear engineering expertise in critical applications creates a wealth of experience and inherent understanding of the industry. Our complete understanding of our customers’ operating environments supports every David Brown Santasalo gear system.

Through life global service and support is delivered through customer proximity, responsive in-field and offshore service teams, long term relationships and in-depth experience of the markets we serve.

Design and development
David Brown Santasalo is responsible for many advances in armoured warfare and continues to deliver next generation technology including low noise and high accuracy gearing to meet customer demands for reliability, stealth, availability, value and durability.

Manufacturing capability
We have significant metallurgical expertise, testing, metrology equipment and high integrity manufacturing capabilities including a newly expanded secure assembly and test facility and unrivalled heat treatment facility. All David Brown Santasalo gearboxes are manufactured to international standards such as Lloyds, DEF-STAN and MIL-STD.

Commissioning
Equipped, capable and experienced in offsite commissioning worldwide. Partner in acceptance trials offshore, in harbour and at sea in locations globally.

David Brown Santasalo technology and innovation has been incorporated into several generations of defence applications on land and at sea spanning over 100 years.
Marine defence capabilities

David Brown Santasalo has extensive experience engineering high integrity, bespoke transmission systems for surface and sub-surface platforms from initial design and development to repair and overhaul.

- Depth of experience across types, roles, duties and configurations
- Bespoke, client centred design approach to achieve specific requirements with optimum assurance
- Array of concepts provides build options to enable development of optimum package
- Reassurance of specialist design, manufacturing and testing teams driving reliability, innovation and performance into the most demanding of applications
- Highly specialised application of power transmission to the weapons discharge system
- Best in class technology including low noise marine defence transmissions and compact gear arrangements

Main propulsion
- Highly reliable, silent transmission systems to meet strict acoustic specifications
- Configurations to suit gas turbine, diesel and electric prime movers including CODOG, CODAG, CODLAG and COGAG
- Option of single and double helical gearing with or without thrust cones
- High accuracy gears with optimised tooth topology
- Option of thrust cones to limit noise emissions

Accessory drives
- Custom engineered for any ancillary operation including air turbine pumps, lifting, jacking and winching
- Full gear type range includes single and double helical, spur, epicyclic and bevel
- Manufactured to high accuracy gears with optimised tooth topography
- Utilising ferrous and non-ferrous materials for low magnetic signatures
- Creating high reliability, low noise bespoke technology
- Proven with UK Navy and 25 other Navies worldwide

Key references for marine defence
Maestrale Frigate
Type 22 Frigate
Type 23 Frigate
Type 26 Frigate
Type 42 Destroyer
Type 45 Destroyer
Patrol Boats
Coast Guard Vessels
Invincible Class Aircraft Carrier
Offshore Patrol Vessels
Land defence capabilities

David Brown Santasalo is internationally recognised as an innovative supplier of bespoke transmission systems for armoured fighting vehicles, with an extensive installed base of proven product and track record of reliability, product upgrade and life extension.

- Advanced gear system design for the most demanding requirements including main transmissions, transfer cases and drives for accessories, turrets, pumps and final drives
- Capabilities in tracked armoured vehicles to support main cross drive transmissions and final drives
- Expertise in unique wheeled armoured vehicles driveline requirements including differential, combination, speed change, bevel, hub, and transfer gearboxes
- Re-engineering and upgrade of any brand of transmission products to meet enhanced performance requirements

Key references for land defence

Centurion Main Battle Tank
Chieftain Main Battle Tank
Challenger 1 Main Battle Tank
Challenger 2 Main Battle Tank
Titan and Trojan Engineering Vehicles
Stormer
Combat Engineer Tank (CET)
CRARRV Engineering Vehicles
CVR(T)
MLRS Weapons System
M1117 Armoured Security Vehicle

Image courtesy of BAE Systems
Tracked vehicle transmissions

**TN54**
- 1200 to 1500 bhp
- 6 forward, 2 reverse gears
- Epicyclic change speed section
- Multi-plate, hydraulically actuated clutches
- Integral hydrostatic steer system
- Integral service and parking brakes

**TN15**
- 195 to 235 bhp at 2500 rpm
- Manual or automatic gear selection
- 7 forward, 7 reverse gears with ratio speed of 19.40
- Epicyclic change speed section
- Merritt-Brown regenerative steer system
- Centrifugal input clutch

**T300**
- 360 bhp (automatic) 300 bhp (manual)
- 7 forward, 7 reverse gears with ratio speed of 20.45
- Manual or automatic gear selection
- Merritt-Brown regenerative steer system

**Final Drives**
- Bespoke designs based on well proven in service drives
- Proven, high grade materials for durability and reliability
- Available as co-axial or offset with single or double reduction gearing
- Twin speed options

**Power take offs**
- Custom engineered to suit specific vehicle and operational requirements
- Pump drives, alternator drives or other drives for auxiliary services
- Durable, reliable, minimal maintenance solutions
- Manufactured from high quality, durable materials for complete assurance
Delivering lowest cost of ownership

We deliver innovative service support through a global network of service centres. Our responsive onsite teams will optimise reliability and help lower your total cost of ownership.

Fully qualified field service engineers are equipped to work alongside client personnel anywhere in the world to inspect, install and make recommendations to meet exacting operational requirements, resolve service issues and ensure continued product integrity and reliability.

- On site services
- Service and repair
- Retrofit and upgrade programmes
- Repairs overhauls and upgrades
- Strategic spares management

Fleet management

David Brown Santasalo continues to invest in programmes that provide significant improvements to performance and reliability of in service applications. This includes obsolescence management and re-engineering gear systems to enable drop in replacements and upgrades that deliver next generation performance within existing or new operating environments.

CVR(T) gearbox upgrades deliver 300% MTBF improvement

The TN15E is the latest development of the TN15D gearbox which incorporates the proven reliability upgrades which were introduced in TN15E+ for higher weight and power (13 tonnes, 235 bhp) vehicles.

The TN15E offers a 300% improvement in MTBF for use in standard weight and power vehicles (9 tonnes, 195 bhp).

The TN15E is a crossdrive transmission with an integral steering system which is currently fitted to CVR(T) vehicles and is a drop in replacement for existing TN15P and TN15D transmissions. It is also suitable for other armoured personnel carrier and armoured fighting vehicle applications.
Test facilities and test rigs

Experience and expertise in the design, installation and commissioning of advanced technology automated test rigs encompasses automotive transmissions, marine main propulsion gearboxes and pumping sets for international customers.

**Special purpose test rigs**
Bespoke rigs developed for specific programmes including Challenger 2, CVR(T), Stormer and Shielder. In house multi-purpose test facilities adaptable for specific transmissions. Modular facilities available for testing and developing final drives, differential units and auxiliary units under various tilt / gradient positions.

**Data capture and rig control**
System development for test rig facilities and vehicle test programmes. Provision of test instrumentation, after test analysis and reporting. Bespoke solutions are all to customer specification.

**Test solutions**
Flexible testing parameters use combination of motors, cardan shafts, couplings, transfer drives and dynamometers. Available up to 4,000 Hp (drive motors and dynamometers) and 15,000 rpm dependent on load conditions.
Generations of innovation

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1994
HMS Ocean
diesel amphibious
helicopter carrier
developed

1999
CODAD
configured
offshore patrol
vessel began
development
for Brunei Navy

2000
Over 750 TN54
gearboxes in service
with Challenger 2
and derivatives

2002
Manufacturing
begins of accessory
drive gearbox for
Rolls-Royce WR21
gas turbine for Type
45 Frigate

2007
Marine Defence
David Brown silent,
maintenance free
transmission

2009
TN15E+
developed
for mine
protected
CVR(T) vehicles

2013
Awarded gearbox
design and
development contract with BAE
Systems for Type
26 Frigate

2014
Work begins
on new 1300m²
defence gearbox
assembly and
test facility

2015
Type 26 Frigate
manufacture and
testing contract
confirmed with
BAE Systems

2016
2018
Commission
delivery of
gearboxes
for Type 26
Frigate fleet
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