Clutchless Shifting of Manual Transmission
Technology #17743

Applications
This novel transmission concept has application for the high-performance vehicle industry.

Problem Addressed
Current hybrid transmission systems sacrifice high-performance operation (e.g. low weight, high speed, smooth acceleration) to increase fuel efficiency and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions of a vehicle. This hybrid transmission concept improves powertrain performance to maintain high-performance operation while facilitating more efficient driving in urban settings.

Technology
The proposed hybrid transmission design features a dual-shaft, clutchless transmission configuration to improve powertrain performance. Powertrain performance improvements result from a clutchless transmission design paired with a speed-matching concept in a hybrid system. A hybrid system uses an electric motor (EM) in unison with an internal combustion engine (ICE) to maintain high-performance operation and fuel efficiency in urban driving.

This transmission design achieves a significant reduction in transmission mass through removal of a clutch and several gears. Additionally, this hybrid design improves transmission efficiency while also reducing inertial, frictional, and mechanical losses. Speed-matching functionality assists the electric motor and allows for clutchless gear shifting.

Advantages
- Significant reductions in transmission mass due to clutchless design
- Improved fuel efficiency in urban driving
- Reduction of transmission losses

Categories For This Invention:
Energy
Electric Vehicles
Hydrocarbons
Other (Hydrocarbons)
Transportation
Engines/Motors

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Clutchless shifting of a manual transmission
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