Pulley Alignment/Proper Belt Tension

- 1. Belts tend to stretch and settle into pulleys after an initial start-up sequence. **Do not tension belts by changing the setting of the motor pulley**, this will change the fan speed and may damage the motor.
 - To re-tension belts, turn OFF power to the fan motor.
 - Loosen all fasteners that hold the blower motor plate to the blower housing.
 - Rotate the motor to the left or right to adjust the belt tension. Belt tension should be adjusted to allow 1/64" of deflection per inch of belt span. Use extreme care when adjusting V-belts as not to misalign pulleys. Any misalignment will cause a sharp reduction in belt life and produce squeaky noises. Over-tightening will cause excessive belt and bearing wear as well as noise. Too little tension will cause slippage at start-up and uneven wear.
 - Whenever belts are removed or installed, never force belts over pulleys without loosening motor first to relieve belt tension. When replacing belts, use the same type as supplied by the manufacturer. On units shipped with double groove pulleys, matched belts should always be used.
- 2. All fasteners should be checked for tightness each time maintenance checks are performed before restarting unit.

Belt tension examples:

- Belt span 12" = 3/16" deflection
- Belt span 32" = 1/2" deflection

Figure 41 - Pulley Alignment/Belt Tension

