

Suitability of rolling bearings for industrial applications

Symbols

+++ excellent	↔ double direction
++ good	← single direction
+ fair	□ non-locating displacement on the seat
- poor	■ non-locating displacement within the bearing
-- unsuitable	✓ yes ✗ no

Bearing type

Bearing type	Load carrying capability			Misalignment		Arrangement			Suitable for			Design features			Tapered bore	Standard housings and accessories available		
	Radial load	Axial load	Moment load	Static misalignment	Dynamic misalignment (few tenths of a degree)	Locating	Non-locating	Adjusted	Floating	Long grease life	High speed	Low run-out	High stiffness	Low friction	Integral sealing	Separable ring mounting		
Deep groove ball bearings		+	+ ↔	A-, B+	-	--	↔	□	✗	✓	A+++ B++	A+++ B++	+	+++	A✓	✗	✗	✗
Insert bearings		+	+ ↔	--	++	--	↔	↔	✗	✗	+++	++	A, B+ C++	+	++	✓	✗	✓
Angular contact ball bearings, single row		+1)	++ ←	--	-	--	✗	✗	✓	✗	++	++	+++	++	++	✓	✗	✗
matched single row		A, B++ C++1)	A, B++ ↔ C++ ↔	A++, B+ C--	A, C--, B-	--	A, B ↔ C ↔	A, B □ C ✗	✗	✗	++	++	+++	++	++	✗	✗	✗
double row		++	++ ↔	++	--	--	↔	□	✗	✗	++	++	++	++	++	A✓	B✓	✗
four-point contact		+1)	++ ↔	--	--	--	↔1)	--	--	--	+	+++	++	++	++	✗	✓	✗
Self-aligning ball bearings		+	-	--	+++	+2)	↔	□	✗	✓	+++	++	++	+	+++	✓	✗	✓
Cylindrical roller bearings, with cage		++	--	--	-	--	✗	■	✗	✗	++	+++	+++	++	+++	✗	✓	✗
		++	A, B+ ← C, D+ ↔	--	-	--	A, B ← C, D ↔	A, B ■ ← C, D ✗	✗	A✓ B, C, D ✗	+3)	+++	++	++	+++	✗	✓	✗
full complement, single row		+++	+ ←	--	-	--	←	A, B ←	✗	✓	-	+	+	+++	-	A✗ B✓	✗	✗
full complement, double row		+++	A-- B+ ← C+ ↔	--	-	--	B ← C, D ↔	A ■ ↔ B ■ ←	✗	✗	-	+	+	+++	-	D✓	✗	✗
Needle roller bearings, with steel rings		++	--	--	A, B- C++	--	✗	■ ↔	✗	✗	++	++	+	++	+	A✓	✓	✗
assemblies / drawn cups		++	A, B-- C-	--	-	--	A, B ✗ C ←	A, B ■ C ■ ←	✗	✗	++	++	+	++	+	B, C✓	✓	✗
combined bearings		++	A-, B+ C++	--	--	--	←	✗	✓	✗	+	+	+	++	+	✗	✓	✗
Tapered roller bearings, single row		+++1)	++ ←	--	-	--	←	✗	✓	✗	+	++	+++	++	+	✗	✓	✗
matched single row		A, B+++ C++1)	A, B++ ↔ C++ ↔	A+, B++ C--	A- B, C--	--	A, B ↔ C ↔	A, B □ C ✗	A, B ✗ C ✓	✗	+	+	++	+++	+	✗	✓	✗
double row		+++	++ ↔	A+ B++	A-, B--	--	↔	□	✗	✗	+	+	+	++	+	✓	✓	B✓
Spherical roller bearings		+++	+ ↔	--	+++	+2)	↔	□	✗	✓	+	++	+++	++	+	✓	✗	✓
CARB toroidal roller bearings, with cage		+++	--	-	++	-	✗	■	✗	✗	+	++	+++	++	+	✗	✗	✓
full complement		+++	--	-	++	-	✗	■	✗	✗	-	+	+++	++	-	✓	✗	✓
Thrust ball bearings		--	A+ ← B+ ↔	--	--	--	A ← B ↔	✗	✗	✗	+	-	++	+	+	✗	✓	✗
with spherodisc housing washer		--	A+ ← B+ ↔	--	++	--	A ← B ↔	✗	✗	✗	+	-	+	+	+	✗	✓	✗
Cylindrical roller thrust bearings		--	++ ←	--	--	--	←	✗	✗	✗	-	-	+	+++	+	✗	✓	✗
Needle roller thrust bearings		--	++ ←	--	--	--	←	✗	✗	✗	-	-	+	+++	+	✗	✓	✗
Spherical roller thrust bearings		+1)	+++ ←	--	+++	+2)	←	✗	✓	✗	-	+	+	+++	+	✗	✓	✗

1) Provided the F_a/F_r ratio requirement is met

2) Reduced misalignment angle – contact SKF

3)

Depending on cage and axial load level