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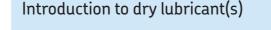
Dry lubricant solves lubrication problems

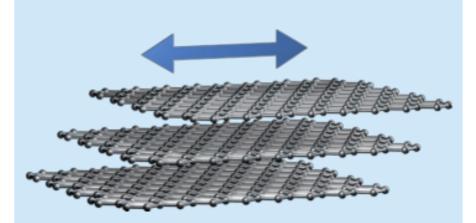
Equipment that must operate in extremely clean environments or environments with very high temperatures can be difficult and expensive to lubricate effectively. Inadequate lubrication limits bearing service life – and with it, machine performance and productivity.

While alternative, extreme temperature lubrication solutions exist, many cause additional problems. Lubricants used to reduce friction can dissipate, evaporate or carbonize at extremely high temperatures.

This not only creates environmental issues, but increases the costs associated with the purchase and disposal of grease as well as the time and manpower to continually relubricate the bearings.

SKF has engineered a range of bearing and lubricant solutions designed specifically to address the challenges of extreme operating conditions. Combining SKF's expertise in advanced materials, bearing design, machine reliability and application knowhow, these solutions can help you achieve new possibilities in machine performance, bearing service life, productivity and cost control.





The assortment of dry lubricated bearings from SKF constitutes SKF DryLube bearings and extreme temperature bearings.

These bearings are dry lubricated with graphite and molybdenum disulfide, where the lubricating properties are the result of the formation of a lamella layer structure that is created under load, when the lubricant adheres to the contact surfaces in the bearing.

The binding forces are much stronger within the layers than the van der Waals forces acting between the layers. Therefore, when used in bearings, the layers shear relative to each other resulting in very low friction in the bearing during operation.

The lubricating properties of graphite are further enhanced in the presence of vapour, as the vapour introduced between the graphite layers reduces shear forces and friction. Molybdenum disulfide does not show the same lubricating characteristics in the presence of vapour and is preferred for extremely dry operating conditions. The lubricant in SKF DryLube bearings contains both graphite and molybdenum disulfide.

Graphite orients in a lamella structure under

load. The weak binding forces between the layers result in very low shear forces and

friction in the bearing during operation.

The graphite-based lubricant in SKF DryLube bearings is effective at temperatures up to 350 °C (660°F).

To further increase the speed rating and extend bearing service life, SKF DryLube bearings can be supplied with perfluoro polyether (PFPE) oil additives and nanoparticles. These additives further enhance the performance of the bearing.

SKF DryLube bearings

SKF DryLube bearings are designed to reduce machine operating costs, extend maintenance intervals and provide a high degree of operational reliability even in extremely high temperature applications. SKF DryLube bearings are filled with a dry lubricant, based on graphite, molybdenum disulfide (MoS_2) and a resin binder. The dry lubricant is injected into the free space of the bearing and cured until it solidifies (\rightarrow figs. 1 and 2). The dry lubricant can protect the rolling elements and raceways from damage caused by solid contaminants.

During operation, a very thin layer of dry lubricant is maintained on the raceways and rolling elements to avoid metalto-metal contact. After a while, small fragments of solid lubricant may break free and temporarily increase noise and vibration levels. This does not affect the performance or service life of the bearing.

SKF DryLube bearings provide the following benefits:

- effective lubrication for high temperature applications
- low start-up torque at any temperature and low frictional moment during operation
- higher speed capabilities than extreme temperatures bearings with a graphite cage
- lubricated for the life of the bearing
- minimal lubricant loss
- suitable for extremely slow rotating speeds and oscillating movements
- improved worker safety
- environmentally friendly compared to many oils and greases



SKF spherical roller bearing with dry lubricant encapsulated between inner ring and cage

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SKF DryLube deep groove ball bearing with manganese phosphate coating to enhance corrosion protection

Assortment

Most SKF rolling bearings, bearing units and full compliment bearings with an internal clearance greater than Normal can be supplied as SKF DryLube bearings. Bearings fitted with a cage must have a metal cage.

The assortment of SKF DryLube bearings mentioned in this catalogue includes:

- deep groove ball bearings
- Y-bearings (insert bearings)
- angular contact ball bearings
- self-aligning ball bearings
- cylindrical roller bearings
- tapered roller bearings
- spherical roller bearings
- thrust ball bearings
- spherical roller thrust bearings

For additional information about spherical plain bearings, bushings or customized units equipped with dry lubricant, contact the SKF application engineering service.



Most SKF rolling bearings and bearing units can be supplied as SKF DryLube bearings

Typical applications

Typical applications where SKF DryLube bearings can be used include:

- metal industry (rolls in bloom and billet casters, cooling beds, roll out tables, guide rolls in bar mills, reheating furnace rolls)
- industrial ovens (kiln truck wheel bearings and bearings for hardening and annealing ovens)
- food and beverage industry (ovens, smokehouse conveyor lines, wafer ovens, sterilization equipment)
- paint lines for automotive and powder coating
- paper industry (paper converting lines, packaging and printing, rope sheaves)



SKF DryLube bearings in the metal industry. Spherical roller bearings or deep groove ball bearings in rolls of continuous casters.



SKF DryLube bearings in the metal industry. Spherical plain bearings and roller bearings units in cooling beds in bar mills.



SKF DryLube bearings in the food and beverage industry. Spherical roller bearings in rollers of continuous biscuit ovens.



SKF DryLube bearings in the paper industry. Deep groove ball bearings and angular contact ball bearings in rope sheaves in paper machines.



SKF DryLube bearings in the metal industry. Deep groove ball bearings in supporting rollers for cooling bed in hot rolling mill.



SKF DryLube bearings in the metal industry. Spherical roller bearings and spherical plain bearings in walking beam mechanism and in rollers outside of reheating furnaces.



SKF DryLube bearings in general industry. Deep groove ball bearings in overhead conveyors in powder coating lines.



SKF DryLube bearings in the metal industry. Spherical roller bearings in roll-out tables of continuous caster.

Designs and variants

SKF DryLube bearings are available in three main variants based on the operating conditions of the application (\rightarrow table 1). The bearings are filled with a dry lubricant based on graphite and molybdenum disulfide. To further increase speed capabilities and extend bearing service life, nanoparticles and PFPE-oil additives are also available $(\rightarrow table 1)$.

Some sizes of deep groove ball bearings and Y-bearings are available with a manganese phosphate coating on the bearing rings, rolling elements and cages to enhance adhesion of the dry lubricant to the metal and provide additional protection against corrosion (\rightarrow fig. 1).

Temperature limits

At temperatures above 250 °C (480 °F), the resin binder begins to degrade. This does not have an affect on the effectiveness of the lubricant. However, for continuous operation at temperatures above 250 °C (480 °F), SKF recommends using bearings with a shield on both sides (designation suffix 2Z), or bearing arrangements with Nilos rings (\rightarrow fig. 2) to keep the lubricant in the bearing. Bearings with dry lubricant only between the inner ring (or the shaft washer) and cage (\rightarrow *Bearing data*) may work at elevated temperatures without shields.

The recommended temperature limits are listed in **table 1**.

Maintenance

SKF DryLube bearings are lubricated for the life of the bearing.

\square		Fig. 1
	SKF DryLube bearings phosphated rings.	with and without
	VA260 VA261 VA267	VA210 VA2101 VA237

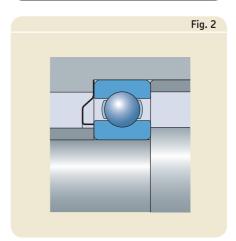


Table 1

Characteristics of SKF DryLube bearings

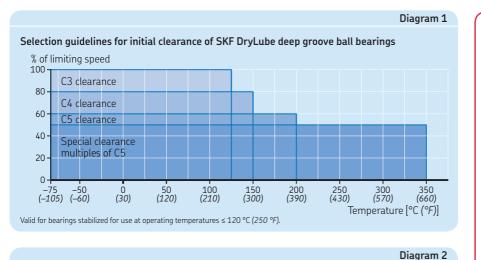
	Variant					
	VA260	VA210	VA261	VA2101	VA267	VA237
Phosphated rings, rolling elements and cages Deep groove ball bearings and Y-bearings only	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes	-
Lubrication Graphite-based lubricant PFPE-oil additive	Ye -	'S		les les		′es ′es
Nanoparticles NSF H1 food grade lubricant	– Ye	!S		-	Y	′es –
Dry lubricant only	Ye	S		-		-
 Operating temperature Minimum Maximum open bearings bearings with a shield on both sides (designation suffix 2Z)²) 	–60 ℃ (250 ℃ (350 ℃ (480 °F)	250 °C	: (–75 °F) : (480 °F) : (660 °F)	250 °C	(–75 °F) (480 °F) (660 °F)
Limiting speed radial ball bearings [r/min] ³⁾	15 0 d,			000 d _m		0 000 Im

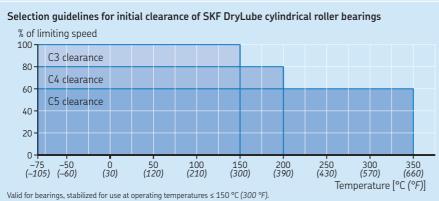
¹⁾ For temperatures below $-60 \,^{\circ}\text{C} (-75 \,^{\circ}\text{F})$, contact the SKF application engineering service. ²⁾ Also applicable for bearings with dry lubricant only between the inner ring (or the shaft washer) and cage (\rightarrow Bearing data) or bearing arrangements with Nilos rings. ³⁾ d_m = 0,5 (d + D) [mm]. For thrust bearings, 25% of the limiting speed is permissible. For radial roller bearings, 50% of the limiting speed is permissible.

	Deep groove ball bearings	Y-bearings	Angular contact ball bearings	Cylindrical roller bearings	Tapered roller bearings	Spherical roller bearings	Thrust ball bearings	Spherical roller thrust bearings
				F				
Dimension standards	Refer to the proc	duct chapter of th	e relevant stand	dard bearing. ¹⁾				
Surfaces of rings, rolling elements and cages manganese phosphated	Optional		-					
Tolerances	standard tolerar	nces.		dard bearing ¹⁾ . Th bunting or bearing		ht deviations for ph	osphated bearing	s from the
Radial internal clearance	Multiples of C5 (→ table 6, page 17) Check availabil- ity for C3, C4 or C5		-	C3, C4, C5	-	C3, C4, C5	-	-
	Guidelines for the initial clear- ance: (→ diagram 1, page 10)	-		Guidelines for the initial clearance: (→ diagram 2, page 10)		Guidelines for the initial clear- ance: (→ diagram 3, page 10)		
Stabilization	120 °C (250 °F) [200 °C (390 °F) on request]	120 °C (250 °F)	120 °C (250 °F)	150 °C (300 °F)	120 °C (250 °F)	200 °C (390 °F) [250 °C (480 °F), 300 °C (570 °F) on request]	120 °C (250 °F)	200 °C (390 °F)
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Misalignment	Refer to the proc	duct chapter of th	e relevant stand	dard bearing. ¹⁾				
Filling grade of dry lubricant	Entire free space	e in the bearing			Free space between the inner ring and cage	 CC design and E design (d ≤ 65 mm): free space between the inner ring and cage Other bear- ings: entire free space in the bearing 	 511 series (d ≥ 90 mm) and 514 series (d ≥ 50 mm): entire free space in the bearing Other bear- ings: free space be- tween the shaft washer and cage 	Free space between the shaft washer and cage

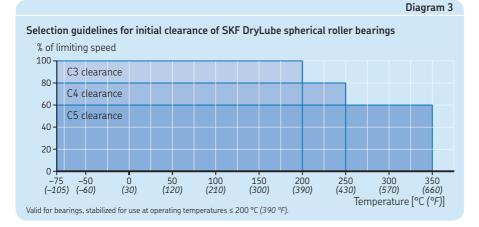
Speed limits

The limiting speed for the different variants of SKF DryLube bearings can be calculated using the formulas listed in **table 1, page 8. Diagram 4** provides estimated values. If the bearing clearance is greater than C3, the limiting speed should be reduced according to **diagrams 1** to **3**.





valuator bearings, stabilized for use at operating temperatures $\leq 150^{\circ}$ C (500 F).



WARNING!

Safety precautions for bearings with PFPE based oil additives. PFPE oil is very stable and harmless under normal operating conditions up to +250 °C (480 °F). However, if exposed to extreme temperatures such as those above 300 °C (570 °F), PFPE oils give off hazardous fumes. These fumes can be harmful to the eyes and to the lungs, if inhaled.

The following safety precautions should be observed:

- Follow the safety precautions in the appropriate material safety data sheet (MSDS).
- If there is a risk of human exposure and the bearing operating temperature is above 300 °C, appropriate ventilation is required.

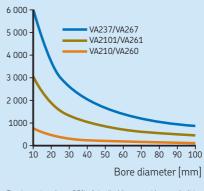
If the fumes have been inhaled, consult a doctor immediately.

The user is responsible for the correct use of the product during its service life and its proper disposal. SKF takes no responsibility for the improper handling of bearings with PFPE oil additives or for any injury resulting from their use.

Diagram 4

Guidelines for limiting speed of SKF DryLube radial ball bearings

Limiting speed [r/min]



For thrust bearings, 25% of the limiting speed is permissible. For radial roller bearings, 50% of the limiting speed is permissible.

Extreme temperature bearings

Deep groove ball bearings and Y-bearings with a graphite cage or graphite paste

Extreme temperature bearings are designed to reduce machine operating costs, extend maintenance intervals and provide a high degree of operational reliability even in extremely high temperature applications. The SKF assortment of extreme temperature bearings includes:

- deep groove ball bearings
 (→ fig. 1, page 13)
- Y-bearings (insert bearings)
 (→ fig. 2, page 13)
- Y-bearing units
 (→ www.skf.com/bearings)

Extreme temperature bearings listed in this catalogue constitute the basic SKF assortment. On request, SKF can supply other extreme temperature bearings to meet the needs of a particular application. For information about these engineered products, contact the SKF application engineering service. SKF extreme temperature bearings provide the following benefits:

- effective lubrication for extreme temperature applications
- lubricated for the life of the bearing
- minimal lubricant loss over the life of the bearing
- suitable for slow and extremely slow speeds
- improved worker safety and environmentally friendly compared to many oils and greases
- efficient lubricant even at the upper temperature limit of 350 °C (660 °F)



Typical applications

Typical applications where SKF extreme temperature bearings are used include:

- metal industry (cooling beds)
- industrial ovens (kiln truck wheel bearings and chain bearings for hardening and annealing ovens)
- food and beverage industry (baking ovens, wafer ovens, sterilization equipment)
- paint lines for automotive and powder coating



SKF extreme temperature bearings in general industry. Y-bearings supporting rolls of annealing ovens.



SKF extreme temperature bearings in the building material industry. Deep groove ball bearings in wheels of kiln trucks.



SKF extreme temperature bearings in the food and beverage industry.

Customized extreme temperature bearings in carrier wheels and top rollers in continuous wafer ovens.

Extreme temperature deep groove ball bearings

SKF extreme temperature deep groove ball bearings correspond in design to standard deep groove ball bearings of the same size. They have no filling slots and can accommodate axial loads in addition to radial loads. The radial internal clearance is a multiple of C5 to maintain bearing operating clearance even when operating at maximum operating temperature. All surfaces of the bearing and shields are manganese phosphated to enhance adhesion of the dry lubricant to the metal and provide additional protection against corrosion.

SKF extreme temperature deep groove ball bearings are available in the variants listed in **table 1**. The bearings have a shield on both sides (designation suffix 2Z). The VA201 variant is also available as an open bearing (\rightarrow fig. 1).

Shields prevent the ingress of solid contaminants into the bearing.

Exteme temperature Y-bearings

SKF extreme temperature Y-bearings (insert bearings) correspond in design to standard Y-bearings with grub screws in the YAR 2-2F series. The bearings have a shield and a flinger on both sides to prevent the ingress of solid contaminants into the bearing. The radial internal clearance is twice the C5 clearance of same-size deep groove ball bearings. All surfaces of the bearing and shields are manganese phosphated to enhance adhesion of the dry lubricant to the metal and provide additional protection against corrosion.

SKF extreme temperature Y-bearings are available in the VA201 and VA228 variants (\rightarrow fig. 2).

Table 1

Available types:	VA201 Y-bearings/deep groove ball bearings	VA208 deep groove ball bearings	VA228 Y-bearings/deep groove ball bearings
Characteristics	 Bearing with a riveted steel cage Filled with a polyalkylene glycol/ graphite mixture for lubrication 	 Bearing with a segmented cage made of graphite A shield on both sides of the bearing guides the cage segments. Even at the upper temperature limits, the segmented graphite cage will not release harmful vapours. Should not be used for applications where the direction of rotation changes frequently. 	• A shield on both sides of the bearing guides
Operating temperature Minimum Maximum	–30 °C (–20 °F) 250 °C (480 °F)	–60 °C (–75 °F) 350 °C (660 °F)	–60 °C (–75 °F) 350 °C (660 °F)
Limiting speed	$\frac{9\ 000\ ^{1)}}{d_{m}}$	$\frac{4500^{1}}{d_{m}}$	$\frac{9\ 000\ ^{1)}}{d_{m}}$

¹⁾ When higher speeds are expected, consider using SKF DryLube bearings or contact the SKF application engineering service.
 ²⁾ d_m = mean diameter = 0,5 (d + D) [mm]





2Z/VA201

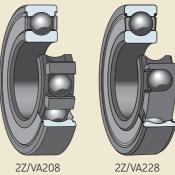


Fig. 2

VA201

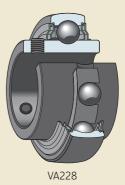


Fig. 1

Maintenance

Extreme temperature bearings with a shield on both sides do not have a relubrication facility as they are lubricated for the life of the bearing.

Open VA201 design deep groove ball bearings should be inspected after some six months of operation. These can be relubricated with a polyalkylene glycol/graphite mixture. For additional information, contact the SKF application engineering service.

Bearing data					
	Extreme temperature deep groove ball bearings	Extreme temperature Y-bearings			
Dimension standards	Boundary dimensions: ISO 15:1998	Boundary dimensions: ISO 9628:2006			
Tolerances	Normal Values: ISO 492:2002	Normal, except the bore and outside diameter Values: ISO 492:2002 Values for the bore and outside diameter (→ table 5, page 17)			
	Due to the special surface treatment of the bearings, there may be slight deviations from the standard tolerances. These deviations do not have an influence on mounting or bearing operation.				
Internal clearance	Twice C5 of deep groove ball bearings in accordance with ISO 5753-1:2009				
	Values (→ table 6, page 17) are v measuring load.	alid for unmounted bearings under zero			
Misalignment	≈ 20 to 30 minutes of arc				
	The above values apply only when the bearings rotate slowly. The perm sible angular misalignment between the inner and outer ring depends of the size and internal design of the bearing, radial internal clearance in operation and the forces and moments acting on the bearing. As a resu only approximate values are listed here. Any misalignment will increase bearing noise and reduce bearing service life.				



SKF extreme temperature Y-bearings showing **SY-, FY- and FYT Y-bearing units.** Dimensions and assortment of Y-bearing units \rightarrow www.skf.com/bearings

Principles of bearing selection and applications

Design of bearing arrangements

SKF DryLube bearings and extreme temperature bearings can be mounted with a loose or an interference fit on the shaft and in the housing. However, either the inner or outer ring should be mounted with an interference fit, to locate the shaft and provide satisfactory support (\rightarrow table 1).

Mounting

Mounting with mechanical force might crack the dry lubricant. Therefore, SKF DryLube bearings and the extreme temperature bearings should always be hot mounted to reduce the mounting force.

For additional information, refer to skf.com/mount.

Y-bearing arrangement

Axial displacement

Y-bearing units do not accommodate axial displacement of the shaft and are therefore not normally suitable for non-locating bearing (free unit) arrangements. The distance between bearing positions should therefore be short or the units should be supported by resilient sheet metal support surfaces or walls to prevent them from being subjected to excessive stresses as a result of thermal elongation of the shaft.

In applications where there are low speeds, light loads, the distance between the bearing positions is too long or the operating temperatures too high and one bearing position has to accommodate thermal elongation of the shaft, the following arrangement is recommended.

The shaft on the non-locating side should be provided with one or two grooves 120° apart, to engage one of the following:

- grub screws with a finger, e.g. in accordance with ISO 4028:2003, but with a fine thread according to **table 2**, secured by a nut and spring washer or star lock washer (-> fig. 1)
- flat head screws in accordance with ISO 1580:1994, but with a fine thread according to **table 2**, locked with a spring or star lock washer

The fingers and grooves accommodate changes in shaft length and prevent relative rotational movements between the shaft and bearing bore. To help provide troublefree operation, the ends of the grub screws should be ground and the sliding surfaces in the shaft grooves coated with a lubricant paste

Shaft tolerances

For moderate loads (0,035 C < P \leq 0,05 C), the shaft seats for Y-bearings should be machined to an h7 tolerance. For light loads and low speeds, an h8 shaft tolerance is sufficient.

Mounting

To mount or dismount Y-bearing units, the following tools are required:

- a hexagonal key (hex wrench) to tighten or loosen grub (set) screws (→ table 2)
- a spanner or hexagonal key to tighten or loosen the fasteners

For additional mounting information, refer to skf.com/mount.

Fits for SKF Dry lubricated bearings on solid steel shafts or in cast iron and steel housings
Load condition Tolerance class
Rotating inner ring load or load direction indeterminate
Shaft diameter k5 ¹⁾
Housing bore F7
Stationary inner ring load Shaft diameter g6 Housing bore J7
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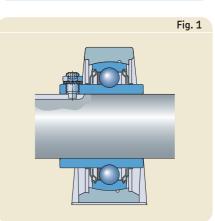
 $^{\mbox{\sc 1})}$ For d > 100 mm, contact the SKF application engineering service.

Table 2

Table 1

Grub screw hexagonal socket dimensions and tightening torques

Bearir bore over	5	Threaded holes	Hexago- nal key size	ening
mm/in			mm/in.	Nm
For mo 35 45 65	etric sł 35 45 65 75	M 6 × 0,75 M 8 × 1 M 10 × 1	3 4 5 6	4 6,5 16,5 28,5
For inc	ch shaf 1 ³/16	⁵ts ⁵/16 - 24 UNF	1/8	4
1 ³ /4	2 7/16	⁵ / ₁₆ - 24 UNF ³ / ₈ - 24 UNF ⁷ / ₁₆ - 20 UNF	3/16	6,5 16,5 28,5



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Selection of bearing size

The requisite bearing size for rotating bearings can be determined based on the basic dynamic load rating C. The corresponding standard bearing should have a C value \geq the requisite value. However, the basic static load rating C₀ is used when the bearings are to:

- rotate at very slow speeds (n < 10 r/min)
- perform very slow oscillating movements
- be stationary under load for extended periods
- generally used for extreme temperature bearings (suffixes VA201, VA208 and VA228)

The corresponding standard bearing should have a C_0 value \geq the requisite value. C and C_0 values for deep groove ball bearings and Y-bearings are available on **pages 22** to **24**. For other bearing types consult www.skf.com/bearings.

Calculating the requisite basic dynamic load rating	Calculating the requisite basic static load rating	Symbols
$C_{req} = S_{req} P/f_T$	$C_{0 req} = 2 P_0/f_T$	C _{req} = requisite basic dynamic load rating [kN] C _{0 reg} = requisite basic static load rating [kN]
For calculating P, refer to the product chapter of the relevant standard bearing.	For calculating P ₀ , refer to the product chapter of the relevant standard bearing.	$\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$
$P = F_r$ when $P < F_r$	$P_0 = F_r$ when $P_0 < F_r$	$P = equivalent dynamic bearing load [kN] P_0 = equivalent static bearing load [kN]$
For deep groove ball bearings, F _a should no	t exceed 0,15 C ₀	S _{req} = guideline value for dynamic load safety factor (→ table 4)

Dry lubricated bearings to be kept dry

Since dry lubricated bearings are supplied without preservative oils and are to be used without grease or oil lubrication the anticorrosion properties of the bearings is limited. Therefore the bearings should be used in a dry environment or with proper sealing arrangement to keep the bearings dry.

			Table 3		
Operat	Operating temperature factor \mathbf{f}_{T}				
		f _T			
°C	°F	-			
150 200 250	300 390 480	1 0,9 0,75			
300 350	570 660	0,6 0,45			

	Table 4
Guideline values for dynamic load safety factor S_{req}	
Application	S _{req}
Machines used for short periods or intermittently: cooling beds, guide rollers	3
Machines used for short periods or intermittently where high operational reliability is required: cranes in metals applications	5
Machines in use 8 hours per day and fully utilized: conveyor belts, hardening and annealing ovens	10
Machines in use 24 hours per day: conveyor systems, equipment in continuous casting mills	12

Example 1

A kiln truck is equipped with four wheels fitted on stub axles (\rightarrow fig.2). Each wheel has two identical bearings. The bearings are to operate intermittently at 2 r/min under a constant radial load F_r = 15 kN per bearing. Flange load is neglected in this example. The kiln truck passes through an oven with a maximum operating temperature T = 300 °C. What would be a suitable SKF extreme temperature bearing for this application?

The slow speed (2 r/min) implies that the bearing static load capacity should be used to select the bearing. The requisite basic static load rating C_0 is

$$C_{0 req} = 2 \frac{P_0}{f_T}$$

• From **table 3**, for T = 300 °C, f_T = 0,6

• Since the load is purely radial, $P_0 = F_r = 15 \text{ kN}$

$$C_{0 req} = 2\frac{15}{0,6} = 50 \text{ kN}$$

Thus, a bearing having a static load rating C_0 of at least 50 kN is required. For example, bearing **6216-2Z/VA208** (\rightarrow product **table**, page 23) is suitable (C_0 = 55 kN).

Example 2

A guide roll is equipped with two deep groove ball bearings. The guide rolls operate 24 h/day at 1 500 r/min under a radial load $F_r = 2 \text{ kN}$ per bearing. The operating temperature T = 150 °C. What would be a suitable SKF DryLube bearing?

The requisite basic dynamic load rating is

$$C_{req} = S_{req} \frac{P}{f_T}$$

- From table 4, for 24 h/day operation, the dynamic load safety factor S_{reg} = 12
- From table 3, for T = 150°C, f_T = 1
 Since the load is purely radial,
- $P = F_r = 2 \text{ kN}$

$$C_{req} = 12 \frac{2}{1} = 24 \text{ kN}$$

Thus, a bearing having a dynamic load rating C of at least 24 kN is required. For example, bearing **6207** is suitable (C = 27 kN).

Requisite initial clearance needs to be verified.

• From **diagram 1**, **page 10**, for T = 150 °C, C4 clearance is required.

The speed capability of the bearing needs to be verified.

- The appropriate variant of SKF DryLube bearing is selected based on the bearing speed, using the rotational speed and bearing mean diameter.
- From the product table for bearing **6207**, $d_m = 0.5 (d + D) = 0.5 (35 + 72) = 53.5 mm.$
- From **diagram 1**, **page 10**, limiting speed should be reduced to 80% for C4 clearance bearings.

n –	nd _m	1 500 × 53,5
n _{dm limiting} =	reduction factor	0,8
= 100 312	mm/min	

where

n_{dm limiting} = limiting speed factor, mm/min (→ table 1, page 8)

Therefore, **VA237** variant should be selected $(n_{dm \ limiting} = 120 \ 000 \ mm/min).$

Consequently, bearing **6207-2Z/C4VA237** is suitable.

Fig. 2

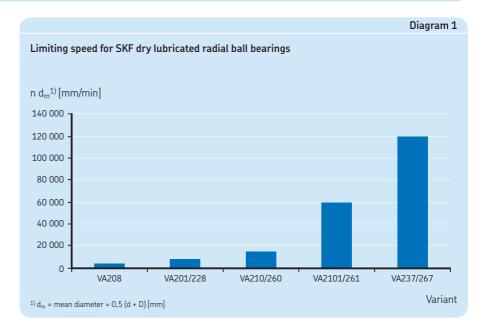
					Table 5						
Tolerances of dry lubricated Y-bearings											
Nom i diam d , D over		Bore diame Devia high	tion		neter ation						
mm		μm		μm							
18 30	30 50	+18 +21	0 0	_ 0	- -10						
50 80	80 120	+24 +28	0 0	0 0	-10 -15						

¹⁾ Values in accordance with ISO 9628:2006

					Table 6						
Radial internal clearance of dry lubricated bearings											
Bore	diameter	Deep	I l interna groove earings		learance -bearings						
over	incl.	min	max	min	max						
mm		μm									
10 18	10 18 24	40 50 56	136 160 172	- - 56	- - 96						
24 30 40	30 40 50	60 80 90	192 236 272	60 80 90	106 128 146						
50 65 80	65 80 120	110 130 150	340 400 460	110 - -	180 - -						

Selection guid	lelines for S	SKF DryLub	e bearings and extreme temperature bea	rings					
Product group	Suffix	Phospha and cage	ted rings, rolling elements	Speed	High temp	Low temp	Low friction	Oscillation	Vibration
SKF DryLube bearings	VA210 VA260	– Yes	Graphite-based lubricant	++	+++	++	++++	+++	+
	VA2101 VA261	– Yes	Graphite-based lubricant and PFPE-oil additive	+++	+++	+	+++	+++	+
	VA237 VA267	– Yes	Graphite-based lubricant, PFPE-oil additive and nanoparticles	++++	+++	+	+++	+++	+
Extreme temperature bearings	VA201	Yes	Steel cage, lubricated with a polyalkylene glycol/graphite mixture	+	++	-	+	+	++
Scarrigs	VA208	Yes	Segmented cage made of graphite	0	++++	++	0	-	-
	VA228	Yes	Coronet cage made of graphite	+	++++	++	+	+	-

- Unsuitable Moderate Suitable
- 0
- +
- Recommended Highly suitable Excellent ++
- +++
- ++++



Bearing de	esignation system
Designation	example Group 1 Group 2 Group 3 / Group 4 4.1 4.2 4.3 4.4 4.5 4.6
22208 E/C4 W 6208-2Z/ 6210-2Z/VA	VA2101 /C4VA210
Prefix	
W BS2	Stainless steel deep groove ball bearings Spherical roller bearings with two rows of rollers non standard
Basic desigr	nation
Bore diamet	ter
00 01 02 03 04 to 96	10 mm bore diameter 12 mm bore diameter 15 mm bore diameter 17 mm bore diameter 20 mm bore diameter denotes bore diameter divided by 5 480 mm bore diameter
Suffixes	
Group 1: Int	ernal design
K	Tapered bore, taper 1:12
2Z 2CS2 2CS5	ternal design (seals, snap ring groove etc.) Open bearing execution Z shield on both sides of the bearing Contact seals of fluoro rubber (FKM) on both sides of the bearing. Sheet steel reinforced contact seal of hydrogenated acrylonitrile-butadiene rubber (HNBR) on both sides of the bearing.
Group 4.2: 0	Clearance, preload
C3 C4 C5	Special clearance (multiples of C5) (applicable for deep groove ball bearings and Y-bearings only) Bearing internal clearance greater than normal (CN) Bearing internal clearance greater than C3 Bearing internal clearance greater than C4
Group 4.4: 5	Stabilization
S0 S1 S2 S3	Standard stabilization for base bearing (\rightarrow Bearing data, page 9) Bearing rings dimensionally stabilized for use at operating temperatures up to +150°C (+300°F) Bearing rings dimensionally stabilized for use at operating temperatures up to +200°C (+390°F) Bearing rings dimensionally stabilized for use at operating temperatures up to +250°C (+480°F) Bearing rings dimensionally stabilized for use at operating temperatures up to +300°C (+570°F)
Group 4.6: 0	Other variants
VA201 VA208 VA228 VA260 VA210 VA261 VA2101 VA267 VA237	Extreme temperature bearings with a steel cage, lubricated with a polyalkylene glycol/graphite mixture Extreme temperature bearings with segmented cage made of graphite Extreme temperature bearings with coronet cage made of graphite SKF DryLube bearings with graphite based lubricant + complete bearing phosphated SKF DryLube bearings with graphite based lubricant SKF DryLube bearings with graphite based lubricant + PFPE-oil additive + complete bearing phosphated SKF DryLube bearings with graphite based lubricant + PFPE-oil additive SKF DryLube bearings with graphite based lubricant + PFPE-oil additive SKF DryLube bearings with graphite based lubricant + PFPE-oil additive SKF DryLube bearings with graphite based lubricant + PFPE-oil additive SKF DryLube bearings with graphite based lubricant + PFPE-oil additive + nanoparticles + complete bearing phosphated SKF DryLube bearings with graphite based lubricant + PFPE-oil additive + nanoparticles + complete bearing phosphated

Y-bearing	gs designation system		
	Group 2 Group 3 / Group 4		
YAR 208-2 YAR 210-2	m example FW/VA260 PFW/C4VA2101 .00-2FW/VA228	4.5	4.6
Bearing se	eries		
YAR 2	Inner ring extended on both sides, with grub screws		
Bore diam	eter		
04	Bearings for metric shafts 20 mm bore diameter		
to 20	100 mm bore diameter		
-012	Bearings for inch shafts Three-digit combination that follows the designation of the basic metric bearing separated by a hyphen; the first digit is the number of whole inches and the second and third digits are the number of sixteenths of an inch, e.g. 204-012 ¹² / ₁₆ = ³ / ₄ of an inch = 19,050 mm bore diameter		
-100	1 in. = 25,400 mm bore diameter		
to –208	2 8/16 = 2 1/2 in. = 63,500 mm bore diameter		
Suffixes			
Group 2: E	xternal design (seals)		
2F	Steel shield with an additional plain flinger on		
	both sides of the bearing		
W	Bearing without lubrication hole		
Group 4.2:	: Clearance		
C4	Special clearance (multiples of C5) Bearing internal clearance greater than C3		
Group 4.6:	: Other variants		
VA201 VA228 VA260 VA210	Extreme temperature bearings with a sheet steel cage, lubricated with a polyalkylene glycol/graphite mixture Extreme temperature bearings with coronet cage made of graphite SKF DryLube bearings with graphite based lubricant + complete bearing phosphated SKE DryLube bearings with graphite based lubricant		

VA210

VA261 VA2101

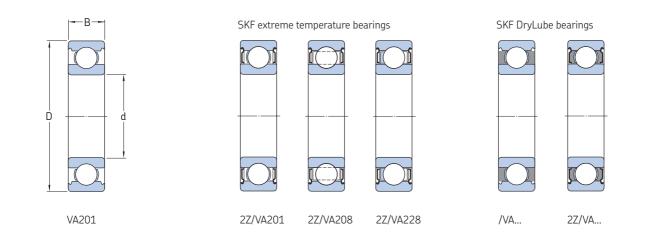
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Y-bearing	units designation system										
				Group 2	Group 3 /			Gro	цр 4		
Designatio FY 40 TF/V/ FY 60 TF/C4 FY 1.1/4 TF	A228 4VA2101 /VA228					4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6
Housing ty	ре										
FY FYT SY	Square flanged housing Oval flanged housing, Plummer block housing										
Size											
20 to 100 ³ /4 to 2 ⁷ /16 Suffixes	 Bearing units for metric shafts: in millimetres uncoded 20 mm bore diameter 100 mm bore diameter Bearing units for inch shafts: in inc ³/₄ inch bore diameter 2 7/₁₆ inch bore diameter 	hes uncoded									
Identificati	on of inserted Y-bearing										
TF	Y-bearing with grub screw, YAR 2-21	FW series									
Group 4.6:	Other variants										
VA201 VA228	Extreme temperature bearings with Extreme temperature bearings with			th a polyalkyle	ene glycol/gra	aphite m	nixture				

VA201	Extreme temperature bearings with a sheet steel cage, lubricated with a polyalkylene glycol/graphite mixture
VA228	Extreme temperature bearings with coronet cage made of graphite
VA260	SKF DryLube bearings with graphite based lubricant + complete bearing phosphated
VA210	SKF DryLube bearings with graphite based lubricant
VA261	SKF DryLube bearings with graphite based lubricant + PFPE-oil additive + complete bearing phosphated
VA2101	SKF DryLube bearings with graphite based lubricant + PFPE-oil additive
VA267	SKF DryLube bearings with graphite based lubricant + PFPE-oil additive + nanoparticles + complete bearing phosphated
VA237	SKF DryLube bearings with graphite based lubricant + PFPE-oil additive + nanoparticles

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Deep groove ball bearings, SKF DryLube bearings and extreme temperature bearings d $8-120\;\text{mm}$



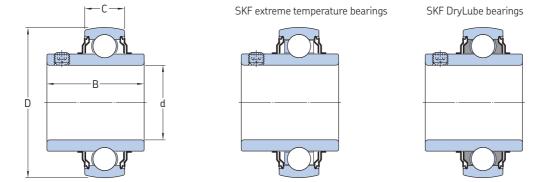
Princ	ipal dimen	sions	Basic loa dynamic	ad ratings static	Designation Base bearing		emperature bearings	SKF DryLube bea		14227
d	D	В	С	C ₀		VA208	VA201 VA228	VA210 VA260	VA2101 VA261	VA237 VA267
mm			kN			r/min				
8	22	7	3,45	1,37	608	300	600	1 000	4 000	8 000
	24	8	3,9	1,66	628	280	560	940	3 800	7 500
9	24	7	3,9	1,66	609	270	550	910	3 600	7 300
	26	8	4,75	1,96	629	260	510	860	3 400	6 900
10	26	8	4,75	1,96	6000	250	500	830	3 300	6 700
	30	9	5,4	2,36	6200	230	450	750	3 000	6 000
	35	11	8,52	3,4	6300	200	400	670	2 700	5 300
12	28	8	5,4	2,36	6001	230	450	750	3 000	6 000
	32	10	7,28	3,1	6201	200	410	680	2 700	5 500
	37	12	10,1	4,15	6301	180	370	610	2 400	4 900
15	32	9	5,85	2,85	6002	190	380	640	2 600	5 100
	35	11	8,06	3,75	6202	180	360	600	2 400	4 800
	42	13	11,9	5,4	6302	160	320	530	2 100	4 200
17	35	10	6,37	3,25	6003	170	350	580	2 300	4 600
	40	12	9,95	4,75	6203	160	320	530	2 100	4 200
	47	14	14,3	6,55	6303	140	280	470	1 900	3 800
20	42	12	9,95	5	6004	150	290	480	1 900	3 900
	47	14	13,5	6,55	6204	130	270	450	1 800	3 600
	52	15	16,8	7,8	6304	130	250	420	1 700	3 300
25	47	12	11,9	6,55	6005	130	250	420	1 700	3 300
	52	15	14,8	7,8	6205	120	230	390	1 600	3 100
	62	17	23,4	11,6	6305	100	210	340	1 400	2 800
30	55	13	13,8	8,3	6006	110	210	350	1 400	2 800
	62	16	20,3	11,2	6206	100	200	330	1 300	2 600
	72	19	29,6	16	6306	90	180	290	1 200	2 400
35	62	14	16,8	10,2	6007	90	190	310	1 200	2 500
	72	17	27	15,3	6207	80	170	280	1 100	2 200
	80	21	35,1	19	6307	80	160	260	1 000	2 100
40	68	15	17,8	11,6	6008	80	170	280	1 100	2 200
	80	18	32,5	19	6208	80	150	250	1 000	2 000
	90	23	42,3	24	6308	70	140	230	920	1 800
45	75	16	22,1	14,6	6009	80	150	250	1 000	2 000
	85	19	35,1	21,6	6209	70	140	230	920	1 800
	100	25	55,3	31,5	6309	60	120	210	830	1 700
50	80	16	22,9	16	6010	70	140	230	920	1 800
	90	20	37,1	23,2	6210	60	130	210	860	1 700
	110	27	65	38	6310	60	110	190	750	1 500

1) If clearance larger than C3, consult diagram 1 to 3 on page 10 for limiting speed reduction factors. Additional dimensions and CAD models of bearings are available for download from www.skf.com/bearings

Principal dimensions					Designations Base bearings	Limiting s Extreme te VA208	e mpeed emperature bearings VA201	SKF DryLube VA210	e bearings ¹⁾ VA2101	VA237
d	D	В	С	C ₀		VAZUO	VA201 VA228	VA210 VA260	VA2101 VA261	VA257 VA267
mm			kN			r/min				
55	90	18	29,6	21,2	6011	60	120	210	830	1 700
	100	21	46,2	29	6211	60	120	190	770	1 500
	120	29	74,1	45	6311	50	100	170	690	1 400
60	95	18	30,7	23,2	6012	60	120	190	770	1 500
	110	22	55,3	36	6212	50	110	180	710	1 400
	130	31	85,2	52	6312	50	90	160	630	1 300
65	100	18	31,9	25	6013	50	110	180	730	1 500
	120	23	58,5	40,5	6213	50	100	160	650	1 300
	140	33	97,5	60	6313	40	90	150	590	1 200
70	110	20	39,7	31	6014	50	100	170	670	1 300
	125	24	63,7	45	6214	50	90	150	620	1 200
	150	35	111	68	6314	40	80	140	550	1 100
75	115	20	41,6	33,5	6015	50	90	160	630	1 300
	130	25	68,9	49	6215	40	90	150	590	1 200
	160	37	119	76,5	6315	40	80	130	510	1 000
80	125	22	49,4	40	6016	40	90	150	590	1 200
	140	26	72,8	55	6216	40	80	140	550	1 100
	170	39	130	86,5	6316	40	70	120	480	960
85	130	22	52	43	6017	40	80	140	560	1 100
	150	28	87,1	64	6217	40	80	130	510	1 000
	180	41	140	96,5	6317	30	70	110	450	910
90	140	24	60,5	50	6018	40	80	130	520	1 000
	160	30	101	73,5	6218	40	70	120	480	960
	190	43	151	108	6318	30	60	110	430	860
95	145	24	63,7	54	6019	40	80	130	500	1 000
	170	32	114	81,5	6219	30	70	110	450	910
	200	45	159	118	6319	30	60	100	410	810
100	150	24	63,7	54	6020	40	70	120	480	960
	180	34	127	93	6220	30	60	110	430	860
	215	47	174	140	6320	30	60	100	380	760
110	170	28	85,2	73,5	6022	30	60	110	430	860
	200	38	151	118	6222	30	60	100	390	770
	240	50	203	180	6322	30	50	90	340	690
120	180	28	88,4	80	6024	30	60	100	400	800
	215	40	146	118	6224	30	50	90	360	720
	260	55	208	186	6324	20	50	80	320	630

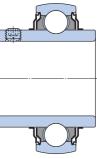
Y-bearings, SKF DryLube bearings and extreme temperature bearings, metric and inch shafts d 20 – 75 mm

d 3/4 – 2 7/16 in.



VA201

VA228



VA21...

Principal dimensions		Basic loac dynamic	l ratings static	Designations Base bearings	Limiting speed Extreme temperature bearings	SKF DryLube bearings ¹⁾					
d	D	В	С	C ₀		VA201 VA228	VA210 VA260	VA2101 VA261	VA237 VA267		
mm			kN			r/min					
20	47	31	13,5	6,55	YAR 204-2FW	270	450	1 800	3 600		
25	52	34,1	14,8	7,8	YAR 205-2FW	230	390	1 600	3 100		
30	62	38,1	20,3	11,2	YAR 206-2FW	200	330	1 300	2 600		
35	72	42,9	27	15,3	YAR 207-2FW	170	280	1 100	2 200		
40	80	49,2	32,5	19	YAR 208-2FW	150	250	1 000	2 000		
45	85	49,2	35,1	21,6	YAR 209-2FW	140	230	920	1 800		
50	90	51,6	37,1	23,2	YAR 210-2FW	130	210	860	1 700		
55	100	55,6	46,2	29	YAR 211-2FW	120	190	770	1 500		
60	110	65,1	55,3	36	YAR 212-2FW	110	180	710	1 400		
75	130	73,1	68,9	49	YAR 215-2FW	90	150	590	1 200		
in.	mm		kN			r/min					
³ /4	47	31	14	6,55	YAR 204-012-2FW	270	450	1 800	3 600		
1	52	34,1	15	7,8	YAR 205-100-2FW	230	390	1 600	3 100		
1 ³ /16	62	38,1	18	11,2	YAR 206-103-2FW	190	330	1 300	2 600		
1 ¹ /4	72	42,9	19	15,3	YAR 207-104-2FW	170	280	1 100	2 200		
1 ⁷ /16	72	42,9	19	15,3	YAR 207-107-2FW	170	280	1 100	2 200		
1 ¹ /2	80	49,2	21	19	YAR 208-108-2FW	150	250	1 000	2 000		
1 ^{11/16}	85	49,2	22	21,6	YAR 209-111-2FW	140	230	920	1 800		
1 ³ /4	85	49,2	22	21,6	YAR 209-112-2FW	140	230	920	1 800		
1 ¹⁵ /16	90	51,6	22	23,2	YAR 210-115-2FW	130	210	860	1 700		
2	100	55,6	25	29	YAR 211-200-2FW	120	190	770	1 500		
2 ³ /16	100	55,6	25	29	YAR 211-203-2FW	120	190	770	1 500		
2 ⁷ /16	110	65,1	26	36	YAR 212-207-2FW	110	180	710	1 400		

Virtually any SKF bearing is available as SKF DryLube bearings. For other series, sizes and designs, please contact SKF application engineering service or SKF Interactive Engineering Catalogue on www.skf.com/bearings

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Bore diameter, [mm]	Basic designation	Outside diameter, [mm]	VA201	VA208	VA26*	C3VA21*	Basic designation	Outside diameter, [mm]	VA201	VA208	VA228	VA26*	C4VA21*	Basic designation	Outside diameter, [mm]	VA201	VA208	VA228	VA26*	C4VA21*	Basic designation	Outside diameter, [mm]	VA201	VA228	VA26*	C4VA21*
8	608	22					628	24																		
9 10	609 6000	24 26					629 6200	26 30						6300	35											-
10	6001	20 28					6200	30						6301	35										_	
15	6002	32					6202	35						6302	42											
17	6003	35					6203	40						6303	47						YAR 203	40				
20	6004	42					6204	47						6304	52						YAR 204	47				
25	6005	47					6205	52						6305	62						YAR 205	52				
30	6006	55					6206	62						6306	72						YAR 206	62				
35	6007	62					6207	72						6307	80						YAR 207	72				
40	6008	68					6208	80						6308	90						YAR 208	80				
45	6009	75					6209	85						6309	100						YAR 209	85				
50	6010	80					6210	90						6310	110						YAR 210	90				
55	6011	90						100						6311	120						YAR 211	100				
60	6012	95						110						6312	130						YAR 212	110				
65	6013	100						120						6313	140						YAR 213	120				
70	6014	110						125						6314	150						YAR 214	125				
75	6015	115						130						6315	160						YAR 215	130				
80	6016	125						140						6316	170											
85	6017	130						150						6317 6318	180								-			
90	6018	140						160							190											
95	6019 6020	145 150						170 180						6319 6320	200 215								-			
100 110	6020	150					6220	200						6320	215										\neg	
120	6022	180					6224	200	-					6324	260	-							-			



Core assortment

Contact SKF for availability

VA201

1 Extreme temperature bearings with a sheet steel cage, lubricated with a polyalkylene glycol/graphite mixture

VA208 Extreme temperature bearings with segmented cage made of graphite

VA228 Extreme temperature bearings with coronet cage made of graphite

VA26* SKF DryLube bearings with internal clearance multiples of C5

VA260, VA261, VA267

C3VA21*/C4VA21* VA210,VA2101, VA237 SKF DryLube bearings with internal clearance C3 or C4

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Matrix 1

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SKF – the knowledge engineering company

From the company that invented the selfaligning ball bearing more than 100 years ago, SKF has evolved into a knowledge engineering company that is able to draw on five technology platforms to create unique solutions for its customers. These platforms include bearings, bearing units and seals, of course, but extend to other areas including: lubricants and lubrication systems, critical for long bearing life in many applications; mechatronics that combine mechanical and electronics knowledge into systems for more effective linear motion and sensorized solutions; and a full range of services, from design and logistics support to condition monitoring and reliability systems.

Though the scope has broadened, SKF continues to maintain the world's leadership in the design, manufacture and marketing of rolling bearings, as well as complementary products such as radial seals. SKF also holds an increasingly important position in the market for linear motion products, high-precision aerospace bearings, machine tool spindles and plant maintenance services.

The SKF Group is globally certified to ISO 14001, the international standard for environmental management, as well as OHSAS 18001, the health and safety management standard. Individual divisions have been approved for quality certification in accordance with ISO 9001 and other customer specific requirements.

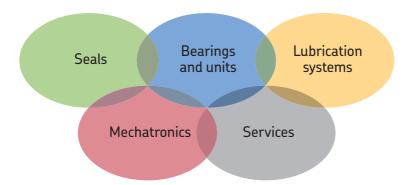
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Evolving by-wire technology

SKF has a unique expertise in the fast-growing bywire technology, from fly-by-wire, to drive-bywire, to work-by-wire. SKF pioneered practical flyby-wire technology and is a close working partner with all aerospace industry leaders. As an example, virtually all aircraft of the Airbus design use SKF by-wire systems for cockpit flight control.

SKF is also a leader in automotive by-wire technology, and has partnered with automotive engineers to develop two concept cars, which employ SKF mechatronics for steering and braking. Further by-wire development has led SKF to produce an all-electric forklift truck, which uses mechatronics rather than hydraulics for all controls.





Harnessing wind power

The growing industry of wind-generated electric power provides a source of clean, green electricity. SKF is working closely with global industry leaders to develop efficient and trouble-free turbines, providing a wide range of large, highly specialized bearings and condition monitoring systems to extend equipment life of wind farms located in even the most remote and inhospitable environments.



Working in extreme environments

In frigid winters, especially in northern countries, extreme sub-zero temperatures can cause bearings in railway axleboxes to seize due to lubrication starvation. SKF created a new family of synthetic lubricants formulated to retain their lubrication viscosity even at these extreme temperatures. SKF knowledge enables manufacturers and end user customers to overcome the performance issues resulting from extreme temperatures, whether hot or cold. For example, SKF products are at work in diverse environments such as baking ovens and instant freezing in food processing plants.



Developing a cleaner cleaner

The electric motor and its bearings are the heart of many household appliances. SKF works closely with appliance manufacturers to improve their products' performance, cut costs, reduce weight, and reduce energy consumption. A recent example of this cooperation is a new generation of vacuum cleaners with substantially more suction. SKF knowledge in the area of small bearing technology is also applied to manufacturers of power tools and office equipment.



Maintaining a 350 km/h R&D lab

In addition to SKF's renowned research and development facilities in Europe and the United States, Formula One car racing provides a unique environment for SKF to push the limits of bearing technology. For over 60 years, SKF products, engineering and knowledge have helped make Scuderia Ferrari a formidable force in F1 racing. (The average racing Ferrari utilizes around 150 SKF components.) Lessons learned here are applied to the products we provide to automakers and the aftermarket worldwide.

Delivering Asset Efficiency Optimization

Through SKF Reliability Systems, SKF provides a comprehensive range of asset efficiency products and services, from condition monitoring hardware and software to maintenance strategies, engineering assistance and machine reliability programmes. To optimize efficiency and boost productivity, some industrial facilities opt for an Integrated Maintenance Solution, in which SKF delivers all services under one fixed-fee, performance-based contract.

Planning for sustainable growth

By their very nature, bearings make a positive contribution to the natural environment, enabling machinery to operate more efficiently, consume less power, and require less lubrication. By raising the performance bar for our own products, SKF is enabling a new generation of high-efficiency products and equipment. With an eye to the future and the world we will leave to our children, the SKF Group policy on environment, health and safety, as well as the manufacturing techniques, are planned and implemented to help protect and preserve the earth's limited natural resources. We remain committed to sustainable, environmentally responsible growth.









The Power of Knowledge Engineering

Drawing on five areas of competence and application-specific expertise amassed over more than 100 years, SKF brings innovative solutions to OEMs and production facilities in every major industry worldwide. These five competence areas include bearings and units, seals, lubrication systems, mechatronics (combining mechanics and electronics into intelligent systems), and a wide range of services, from 3-D computer modelling to advanced condition monitoring and reliability and asset management systems. A global presence provides SKF customers uniform quality standards and worldwide product availability.



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