SKF spherical plain bearings and rod ends

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Foreword

Many applications require bearings that are suitable for oscillating movements and that can accommodate misalignment. Rolling bearings only partly fulfil these requirements as they are generally designed for continuous rotation and can only accommodate limited misalignment.

Therefore, SKF manufactures spherical plain bearings and rod ends to provide an economical solution to these challenges.

This catalogue presents the current assortment of SKF spherical plain bearings and rod ends.

Structure of the catalogue

The catalogue starts with general product information, followed by nine main chapters, which are marked with numbered blue tabs in the right margin:

- Chapter 1 provides design and application recommendations.
- Chapters 2 to 7 describe the various bearing and rod end types. Each chapter contains descriptions of the products as well as product tables, listing data for selecting a bearing or rod end and designing the bearing arrangement.
- Chapter 8 is an overview about other SKF products and services.
- In chapter 9, all products presented in this catalogue are listed in alphabetical order by designation.

About the data in this catalogue

The data in this catalogue relate to SKF's state-of-the-art technology and production capabilities as of beginning 2010. The data may differ from that shown in earlier catalogues because of revised methods of calculation, redesign or technological developments. For example, the following new information and product data have been included for radial spherical plain bearings:

- Bearings in the TX series have been added and are available with bore diameters up to 800 mm.
- Bearings in the maintenance-free series are fitted with LS seals as standard.
- Bearings with the sliding material FSA have been replaced by the FBAS design.
- Bearings requiring maintenance are also available with LS seals.
- Part of the inch assortment is also available with LS seals.

SKF reserves the right to make continuing improvements to SKF products with respect to materials, design and manufacturing methods, as well as changes necessitated by technological developments.

The units used in this catalogue are in accordance with ISO (International Organization for Standardization) standard 1000:1992, and SI (Système International d'Unités). Unit conversions are listed in the table on **page 7**.

Other SKF catalogues

The total SKF product portfolio is much broader than just spherical plain bearings and rod ends. Product information is also available via the SKF website at www.skf.com. The *SKF Interactive Engineering Catalogue* provides not only product information, but also online calculation tools, CAD drawings in various formats, and search and selection functions.

The main printed SKF catalogues are:

- General catalogue
- Needle roller bearings
- High-precision bearings
- Y-bearings and Y-bearing units

- Bearing housings
- Slewing bearings
- Linear motion standard range
- SKF Maintenance and Lubrication Products
- Centralized lubrication systems
- Industrial shaft seals
- SKF Power transmission products

For additional information about SKF products and services, contact your local SKF representative or SKF Authorized Distributor.

More advantages
SKF aims to deliver industry-leading, high value products, services and knowledge-engineered solutions. Many of the product's capabilities contribute to the overall value customers receive in making SKF their supplier of choice, such as:

- simplified bearing selection
- short delivery times
- worldwide availability
- commitment to product innovation
- state-of-the-art application solutions
- extensive engineering and technology knowledge in virtually every industry

Unit conversions

Quantity	Unit	Conversion			
Length	inch	1 mm	0,03937 in	1 in	25,40 mm
	foot	1 m	3,281 ft	1 ft	0,3048 m
	yard	1 m	1,094 yd	1 yd	0,9144 m
	mile	1 km	0,6214 mile	1 mile	1,609 km
Area	square inch	1 mm^2	0,00155 sq.in	1 sq.in	645,16 mm^2
	square foot	1 m^2	10,76 sq.ft	1 sq.ft	0,0929 m^2
Volume	cubic inch	1 cm^3	0,061 cub.in	1 cub.in	16,387 cm^3
	cubic foot	1 m^3	35 cub.ft	1 cub.ft	0,02832 m^3
	imperial gallon	1 l	0,22 gallon	1 gallon	4,5461 l
	U.S. gallon	1 l	0,2642 U.S. gallon	1 U.S. gallon	3,7854 l
Velocity, speed	foot per second	1 m/s	3,28 ft/s	1 ft/s	0,30480 m/s
	mile per hour	1 km/h	0,6214 mile/h (mph)	1 mile/h (mph)	1,609 km/h
Mass	ounce	1 g	0,03527 oz	1 oz	28,350 g
	pound	1 kg	2,205 lb	1 lb	0,45359 kg
	short ton	1 tonne	1,1023 short ton	1 short ton	0,90719 tonne
	long ton	1 tonne	0,9842 long ton	1 long ton	1,0161 tonne
Density	pound per cubic inch	1 g/cm^3	0,0361 lb/cub.in	1 lb/cub.in	27,680 g/cm^3
Force	pound-force	1 N	0,225 lbf	1 lbf	4,4482 N
Pressure, stress	pounds per square inch	1 MPa	145 psi	1 psi	6,8948 × 10^3 Pa
Moment	inch pound-force	1 Nm	8,85 in.lbf	1 in.lbf	0,113 Nm
Power	foot-pound per second	1 W	0,7376 ft lbf/s	1 ft lbf/s	1,3558 W
	horsepower	1 kW	1,36 HP	1 HP	0,736 kW
Temperature	degree	Celsius	$t_C = 0,555\ (t_F - 32)$	Fahrenheit	$t_F = 1,8\ t_C + 32$

This is SKF

From one simple but inspired solution to a misalignment problem in a textile mill in Sweden, and fifteen employees in 1907, SKF has grown to become a global industrial knowledge leader. Over the years we have built on our expertise in bearings, extending it to seals, mechatronics, services and lubrication systems. Our knowledge network includes 46 000 employees, 15 000 distributor partners, offices in more than 130 countries, and a growing number of SKF Solution Factory sites around the world.

Research and development

We have hands-on experience in over 40 industries, based on our employees' knowledge of real life conditions. In addition our world-leading experts and university partners who pioneer advanced theoretical research and development in areas including tribology, condition monitoring, asset management and bearing life theory. Our ongoing commitment to

SKF Solution Factory makes SKF knowledge and manufacturing expertise available locally, to provide unique solutions and services to our customers.

research and development helps us keep our customers at the forefront of their industries.

Meeting the toughest challenges

Our network of knowledge and experience along with our understanding of how our core technologies can be combined helps us create innovative solutions that meet the toughest of challenges. We work closely with our customers throughout the asset life cycle, helping them to profitably and responsibly grow their businesses.

Working for a sustainable future

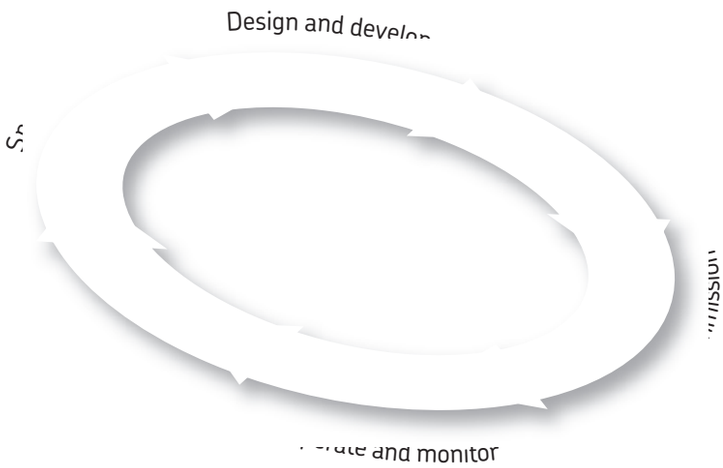
Since 2005, SKF has worked to reduce the negative environmental impact from our own operations and those of our suppliers. Our continuing technology development introduced the SKF BeyondZero portfolio of products and services which improve efficiency and reduce energy losses, as well as enable new technologies harnessing wind, solar and ocean power. This combined approach helps reduce the environmental impact both in our own operations and in our customers'.

Working with SKF IT and logistics systems and application experts, SKF Authorized Distributors deliver a valuable mix of product and application knowledge to customers worldwide.

SKF – the knowledge engineering company

Our knowledge – your success

SKF Life Cycle Management is how we combine our technology platforms and advanced services, and apply them at each stage of the asset life cycle, to help our customers to be more successful, sustainable and profitable.



Working closely with you

Our objective is to help our customers improve productivity, minimize maintenance, achieve higher energy and resource efficiency, and optimize designs for long service life and reliability.

Innovative solutions

Whether the application is linear or rotary or a combination of the two, SKF engineers can work with you at each stage of the asset life cycle to improve machine performance by looking at the entire application. This approach doesn't just focus on individual components like bearings or seals. It looks at the whole application to see how each component interacts with the next.

Design optimization and verification

SKF can work with you to optimize current or new designs with proprietary 3-D modelling software that can also be used as a virtual test rig to confirm the integrity of the design.

Bearings
SKF is the world leader in the design, development and manufacture of high performance rolling bearings, plain bearings, bearing units and housings.

Machinery maintenance
Condition monitoring technologies and maintenance services from SKF can help minimize unplanned downtime, improve operational efficiency and reduce maintenance costs.

Sealing solutions
SKF offers standard seals and custom engineered sealing solutions to increase uptime, improve machine reliability, reduce friction and power losses, and extend lubricant life.

Mechatronics
SKF fly-by-wire systems for aircraft and drive-by-wire systems for off-road, agricultural and forklift applications replace heavy, grease or oil consuming mechanical and hydraulic systems.

Lubrication solutions
From specialized lubricants to state-of-the-art lubrication systems and lubrication management services, lubrication solutions from SKF can help to reduce lubrication related downtime and lubricant consumption.

Actuation and motion control
With a wide assortment of products – from actuators and ball screws to profile rail guides – SKF can work with you to solve your most pressing linear system challenges.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