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Role of bearings in chemical processing equipment



Founded in 1946, NBC is India's first bearings manufacturer and the last word in quality and durability. In 2020, the company acquired leading European manufacturer, Kinex Bearings to further boost its expertise.

77 years since its beginning, NBC remains India's leading bearings manufacturer and exporter. NBC is also the world's only bearings manufacturer to receive the prestigious Deming Grand Prize for Total Quality Management.



BEARINGS FOR CHEMICAL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT





Spherical Roller Bearing

Deep Groove Ball Bearing

Pillow Block

Tapered Roller Bearing





Self-aligning Ball Bearing

Angular **Contact Ball** Bearing

ROLE OF BEARINGS IN CHEMICAL EQUIPMENT

Chemical processing equipment refers to a wide range of machines and devices used in various industries to handle, transform, and process chemical substances. These processes can involve mixing, separating, heating, cooling, reacting, and other operations to produce desired products or achieve specific chemical changes.



It's important to note that different industries have unique requirements, so the selection and design of bearings for chemical processing equipment depend on the specific needs and characteristics of the processes involved.

Bearings play a crucial role in chemical equipment by providing support and enabling smooth rotational or linear movement of various components. They are essential for the proper functioning and reliability of machinery used in chemical processing. The main roles of bearings in chemical equipment include:

- Reducing Friction to prevent energy losses
- Supporting Rotational and Linear Motion
- Handling Heavy Loads to prevent premature failure
- · Alignment and Stability for reducing vibration and ensuring stable operations
- · Contaminant exclusion ensuring the equipment's longevity and reliability
- Resistance to corrosion to that equipment can withstand harsh environment

In conclusion, bearings are integral components in chemical processing equipment, providing support, minimizing friction, and enabling the smooth movement of various components. Proper selection, installation, and maintenance of bearings are critical to ensuring the efficiency, safety, and longevity of chemical processing machinery.

BELT CONVEYOR

Bearings have a critical role in the functionality of belt conveyors employed in chemical processing equipment. These bearings are strategically positioned in the rollers and pulleys along the conveyor belt's path, thereby facilitating the smooth movement of the conveyor belt.

By doing so, bearings contribute significantly to minimizing energy consumption and wear, ensuring the conveyor operates efficiently in handling chemical materials.





Spherical Roller Bearing

BUCKET ELEVATOR

In a bucket elevator, bearings play a critical role in supporting and maintaining the stability of the rotating shafts, pulleys, and buckets throughout the material lifting process. These bearings withstand heavy loads and provide a smooth rotational movement.

The proper functioning of bearings in a bucket elevator is vital for reducing friction and preventing excessive wear on moving parts, leading to longer equipment.





Spherical Roller BearingDeep Groove Ball Bearing

Pillow Block

 \cdot Self-aligning ball bearing

PADDLE MIXER

In Paddle mixer the bearings support the rotating shaft and paddles. These bearings endure the dynamic forces generated during mixing, providing smooth and efficient rotational movement.

Properly functioning bearings reduce friction, prevent excessive wear, and contribute to the mixer's overall reliability and ensure optimal performance.



Bearings used

• Pillow Block Unit

DISC PELLETIZERS

In Disc Pelletizers, bearings are essential for supporting the weight of the rotating disc and the material being pelletized. The bearings enable smooth and efficient rotation, which ensures uniform pellet formation and optimal pelletizer performance.

Regular maintenance and proper lubrication of the bearings are crucial to prevent downtime, minimize wear, and maintain a reliable and productive chemical processing operation.





Spherical Roller Bearing

Tapered Roller Bearing

HAMMER MILL

The bearings play a critical role in supporting the rotating hammers and the main shaft. These bearings endure heavy and shock loads and impacts during the pulverization process, providing smooth and reliable rotational movement.

Properly functioning bearings contribute to the hammer mill's overall efficiency and maintain consistent particle size reduction in chemical processing operations.





Spherical Roller Bearing

Taper Roller Bearing

ROTARY DRYER

In a Rotary Dryer used in chemical processing, bearings serve as critical components that support the rotating drum's weight. The drum, containing the chemical material to be dried, relies on the bearings to endure the substantial loads and provide stable rotation throughout the drying process.

Properly functioning bearings not only ensures the Rotary Dryer's optimal performance but also extends its operational life, contributing to cost-effectiveness.





Pillow Block Bearing

ROTARY KILN and COOLERS

In chemical processing, the Rotary Kiln relies on bearings to support its rotating drum, enduring substantial loads and extreme temperatures. The bearings play a crucial role in facilitating smooth and reliable rotation, crucial for effective heat transfer and chemical reactions within the kiln.

Proper maintenance of the bearings is vital to minimize friction and prevent excessive wear, ensuring the Rotary Kiln and cooler's reliability and extended lifespan.





• Spherical Roller Bearing

Pillow Block Bearing

AGITATORS

The function of agitators is to mix or blend substances within a vessel, promoting uniformity and enhancing reaction rates. Bearings in the agitator facilitate the smooth rotation of the shaft, enabling the agitator to perform its mixing function effectively.

By reducing friction and providing support, bearings ensure the agitator operates efficiently and reliably, allowing for consistent and precise mixing in various chemical processes.



Bearings used

Angular Contact Ball Bearing

Taper Roller Bearing

CENTIFUGE

Bearing plays a vital role in centrifuge equipment used in the chemical processing industry, providing support, and reducing friction for components like the centrifuge bowl and shaft. Their reliable and well-maintained presence allows for high rotational speeds.

Bearings contribute to the overall performance and the productivity of centrifuge in chemical processes, by ensuring consistent and effective substance separation.





Angular Contact Ball Bearing

NBC SOLUTIONS FOR AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT

GEARBOX

Gearbox is an essential piece of equipment, and any breakdown would lead to serious implications. Therefore, the main challenge for the bearing is to match the high-reliability demand of the equipment.

NBC Benefits:

- \cdot Reduced friction and heat generation
- \cdot Better lubrication due to enhanced finishes
- \cdot Compact bearing designs



Bearings used Tapered Roller BearingsSpherical Roller Bearings

- Cylindrical Roller Bearings
- Deep Groove Ball Bearings

PUMPS

As pumps are exposed to heavy varying loads, it becomes imperative that bearings used shall sustain the stresses generated by these loads for reliable operation.

NBC Benefits:

- Reduced friction
- Reduced noise and vibration
- Less heat generation





Deep Groove Ball Bearings
 Angular Contact Ball Bearings

- Tapered Roller Bearings
- Cylindrical Roller Bearings

NBC SOLUTIONS FOR AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT

MOTORS

In the case of motors, it is important that the bearings ensure reliable, continuous smooth, and quiet rotation.

NBC Benefits:

- \cdot Low noise
- \cdot Low vibration
- Current insulation
- \cdot Longer operating life





- Deep Groove Ball Bearings
 Angular Contact Ball Bearings
- Cylindrical Roller Bearings

FANS/BLOWERS

The presence of contamination and unbalanced forces coupled with the problem of high speed and light load requires highly engineered bearings to meet reliability expectations.

NBC Benefits:

- Enhanced bearing life
- Low operating temperature
- Low maintenance





Spherical Roller Bearings
Self-aligning Ball Bearings

• Ball Housed Units

TAPERED ROLLER BEARING



Features and benefits

- Optimized geometries of raceway and rolling elements for improved load capacity
- Precise cages play for enhanced bearing life
- Modified crowning on rollers/races for reduced roller stresses and uniform load distribution
- Case hardened (on demand) for Increased shock resistance and enhanced life
- Superior surface finish on raceways for reduced friction and low operating temperature
- Improved design of large cone flange for reduced friction and bearing torque

PILLOW BLOCK BEARING



Features and benefits

- Robust cage design for better performance
- Nitrile Rubber seal with excellent resistance tone contamination
- Lubrication groove provides uniform distribution of lubricant
- Outer ring with spherical outside diameter to accommodate misalignment between shaft and housing
- Lubrication hole for adequate & frequent re-lubrication
- Flinger Ring provides primary resistance to coarse contamination
- Robust housing design provides adequate support to a wide range of loads

STEEL CAGE SPHERICAL ROLLER BEARING

BRASS CAGE SPHERICAL ROLLER BEARING





Features and benefits

- **Two-piece cage design** This allows both rows to run independently, avoiding the risk of roller slippage, smearing and cage damage.
- Enhanced roller finishing to reduce friction

Enhanced race/roller surface finish results in improved lubrication film, which avoids metal-to-metal contact and lowers bearing operating temperature.

- Improved and robust cage design Helps in better roller cage interaction and can accommodate more rollers and longer cage life by providing surface treatment.
- Central Guide Ring/Flange The central guide ring/flange provides optimal guidance to the rollers and limits rollers skew thus, avoids unnecessary force on the cage.
- Maximum and Larger Rollers This enhances load carrying capacity.

Size range	30-2000 mm OD
Variants	Straight bore, Tapered bore (1:12, 1:30)
Cage	Brass, Steel
Clearances	C2, CN, C3, C4, C5

HCR- WEAR RESISTANT BEARINGS

Wear resistance coating on rolling elements helps avoid metal to metal contact in low film thickness and protects against adhesive and abrasive wear.

Features

- Optimized coating with metal-containing amorphous carbon with a multilamellar structure
- No columnar structure provides high adhesion strength
- High dimensional accuracies

Benefits

- Low coefficient of friction even in dry condition: Resistant to adhesive wear and micro pitting
- · Enhanced fatigue life in insufficient lubrication condition
- Debris tolerance: removes dents created in the contaminated application

OIL IMPREGNATED BEARINGS

Oil impregnated bearings composed of 70-80% of lubricating synthetic oil. Oil is moulded and solidified with polymer to form a casing which acts as a lubricant reservoir throughout bearing's life.

Features

- \cdot Improved lubrication with consistent lubricant supply
- Superior lubricant: Synthetic oil
- Excellent performance in water and dusty environment
- Environment-friendly molding process

- Long life and maintenance-free
- Higher operational reliability
- No re-lubrication needed
- · No lubricant washout issue





SEALED SPHERICAL ROLLER BEARINGS

Sealed Spherical Roller bearings are like conventional spherical roller bearing in design and features, however for extra protection of bearing and lubricant from any external agents it has contact seals in the recesses of the outer ring.



Features

- Effective and high-performance contact seals
- Different seal materials to suit different operating temperatures

Benefits

- \cdot Reduced lubricant consumption
- \cdot Lower operating and maintenance costs
- Excellent protection against water splashes and contamination

INSULATED BALL BEARINGS

Electrical insulation coating prevents electrical pitting in the bearings and improves bearing life in motor application.



Features

- Aluminium oxide coating using plasma spraying technology
- Current insulation
- High thermal stability

- Extending bearing service life by avoiding damage caused by electric current flow.
- \cdot Higher operational reliability of electrical machinery

CASE CARBURIZED BEARINGS

Case carburized bearings have a tough ductile core and a hard wear-resistant outer surface.

Features

 \cdot Made of ultra clean low carbon steel

- · Ductile core helps enduring heavy shock loads
- \cdot Compressive residual surface stresses



- Reduced possibility of catastrophic damage due to surface cracks
- Better performance in boundary lubrication condition
- · Ability to handle/manage some level of debris
- Sustains higher level of hoop stress

POLYAMIDE CAGE FOR TAPERED ROLLER AND DEEP GROOVE BALL BEARINGS

Polyamide cage bearings are conventional bearings with glass fiber reinforced polyamide cage material instead of metal. These bearings offer some excellent benefits for certain demanding applications against metallic cage bearings.



Features

- \cdot Light weight
- \cdot Improves the flexibility of bearing
- Self-lubricity
- \cdot Low friction

- Excellent performance in high-speed applications
- Excellent performance in high acceleration and deceleration
- Low noise in application
- \cdot Better performance in marginal lubrication

HIGH TEMPERATURE BEARINGS

NBC has developed unique heat treatment solutions for high temperature applications to provide superior dimensional stability for operating temperatures as high as 250°C.



Features

- \cdot Special heat treatment
- · Excellent performance under hot environments

Benefits

- \cdot Dimensional stability at high temperatures.
- \cdot Enhanced bearing service life at elevated temperatures

HYBRID BALL BEARINGS

Hybrid bearing also known as anti-friction ball bearing consists of rolling element made of Silicon nitride in place of steel. Silicon nitride rolling elements perform exceptionally well in high-speed operating conditions.



- \cdot Lower friction
- \cdot Reduced weight
- \cdot Current insulation
- \cdot Higher hardness

- High speed capability
- Less wear under slippage
- Extended bearing service life
- Higher operational reliability



NBC TECHNICAL CONSULTATION AND SERVICES: CONDITION BASED MONITORING



NBC provides intelligent solutions for Condition Monitoring in order to improve the reliability of your assets.

Our expertise in various streams of Condition Monitoring helps industries maintain their machinery failure-free.

With a result-oriented approach towards avoiding machinery failure, the scope of CMS largely consists of Vibration Analysis and Lube Oil Analysis.

Our offerings

- Vibration monitoring & analysis
- In-situ dynamic balancing
- Laser shaft alignment
- Thermography
- Annual maintenance contract / On-call service

OTHER PRODUCTS FROM NBC

Since the challenges faced by industry are many, NBC offers a diverse range of exceptional bearings. NBC bearings are available in sizes from 06 mm bore to 2000 mm outer diameter.



* Products with special features like high temperature application, special heat treatment, coated roller/races and cage options are also available across product range.

NBC MILESTONES



The NBC Bearings: Product, Technology & Services

NBC provides a wide range of bearings and associated service solutions to diverse industries such as Industrial, Automotive, Railways, and Aerospace. As a company that has been established for over 77 years, NBC Bearings has an international presence with offices and R&D centers across the globe. For us, engineering goes beyond manufacturing; it is the fusion of Product, Technology, and Services that make us different and the most preferred choice of our customers worldwide.



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