

TOPBALL® PRODUCTS

SLIDE GUIDE

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NB TOPBALL® PRODUCTS

NB now offers a new standard in linear motion with TOPBALL. The TOPBALL slide bush is a high performance bushing with three times the load capacity, capable of providing up to 27 times normal travel life of a conventional slide bushing.

TOPBALL is available in a variety of configurations to fit various service conditions. NB's self-aligning TOPBALL can be designed into many different applications such as factory automated equipment, machine tools, industrial machines, electrical equipment, optical and measuring instruments.

In the early stages of NB's development of TOPBALL, careful thought and consideration was given to such factors as quality, cost, performance and interchangeability. The results of these efforts are reflected in the TOPBALL features.

TOPBALL FEATURES

1. Increased Load Capacity:

NB's uniquely designed ground load plate provides circular arch contact to the ball element resulting in a greater dispersion of the load, enabling TOPBALL to provide three times the load capacity of conventional slide bushings.

2. Longer Travel Life:

Dispersed stress on the load plate provides TOPBALL up to 27 times the travel life of conventional slide bushings.

3. Self Aligning Capability:

Load plates are thinner at the ends to provide a pivot point at the center of the plate. The center acts as a fulcrum to compensate for any slight misalignment between the shaft and the housing bore that might be caused by inaccurate machining, mounting errors or shaft deflection.

4. Floating Integral Wiper Seal:

NB's unique floating seal design allows for self-alignment while maintaining equal and constant contact to the shaft. Seals do not add to the overall length of the bushing allowing for more compact designs.

5. Clearance Adjustable:

TOPBALL load plates are designed to "float" in the outer sleeve which allows for clearance between the ball elements and shaft to best suit application requirements.

6. Cost Effectiveness:

TOPBALL's higher load capability and longer travel life enables the use of smaller components such as bushings, housings and shafts, reducing material cost and the overall cost of the system. Longer travel life also extends replacement periods and reduce maintenance cost.

Figure C-1 Illustrating circular arch design and ground surface raceway

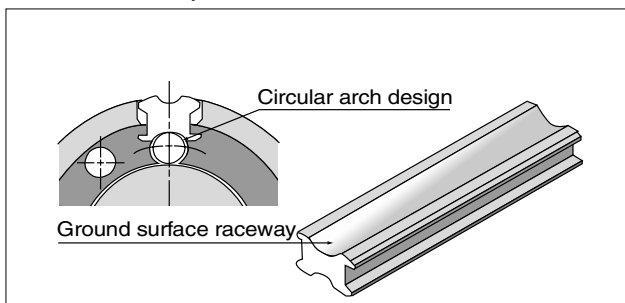
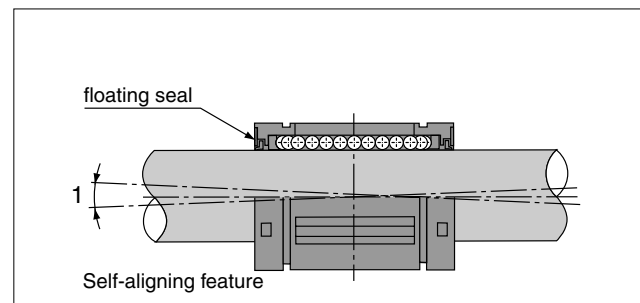







Figure C-2 Illustrating floating seal and self-aligning feature



TYPES

		Metric series		Inch series	
TOPBALL	closed type	TK  P.C-8		TW  P.C-10	
	open type	TK-OP  P.C-8		TW-OP  P.C-10	
TOPBALL unit	closed type	TKA  P.C-12	TKA-W  P.C-13	TWA  P.C-18	TWA-W  P.C-19
	adjustable type			TWJ  P.C-20	TWJ-W  P.C-21
	open type	TKE  P.C-14	TKE-W  P.C-15		
	adjustable-open type	TKD  P.C-16	TKD-W  P.C-17	TWD  P.C-22	TWD-W  P.C-23

RATED LIFE

The life of a slide bush can be easily calculated with the load rating of the bush, shaft hardness and applicable load. However, in many cases, slide bushing failure may be caused by improper design of peripherals, including the shaft and housing, inappropriate mounting or improper operation. Serious consideration of these peripheral factors, in addition to load rating, are highly recommended when designing a slide bush application.

Basic Dynamic Load Rating and Life Expectancy:

The basic dynamic load rating is the load which allows a rating life of 50km, without changing its magnitude and direction. The rating life can be obtained from the following equation.

$$L = \left(\frac{C}{P} \right)^3 \cdot 50 \quad \text{Equation (1)}$$

L : travel life (km)
C : basic dynamic load rating (N)
P : load (N)

Figure C-3 shows the relationship between rating life (L) and load ratio (C/P). In the practical use of a bushing, other factors that affect the life, such as shaft hardness and load condition should be considered. The equation for calculating bushing life considering these additional factors is:

$$L = \left(\frac{f_H}{f_W} \cdot \frac{C}{P} \right)^3 \cdot 50 \quad \text{Equation (2)}$$

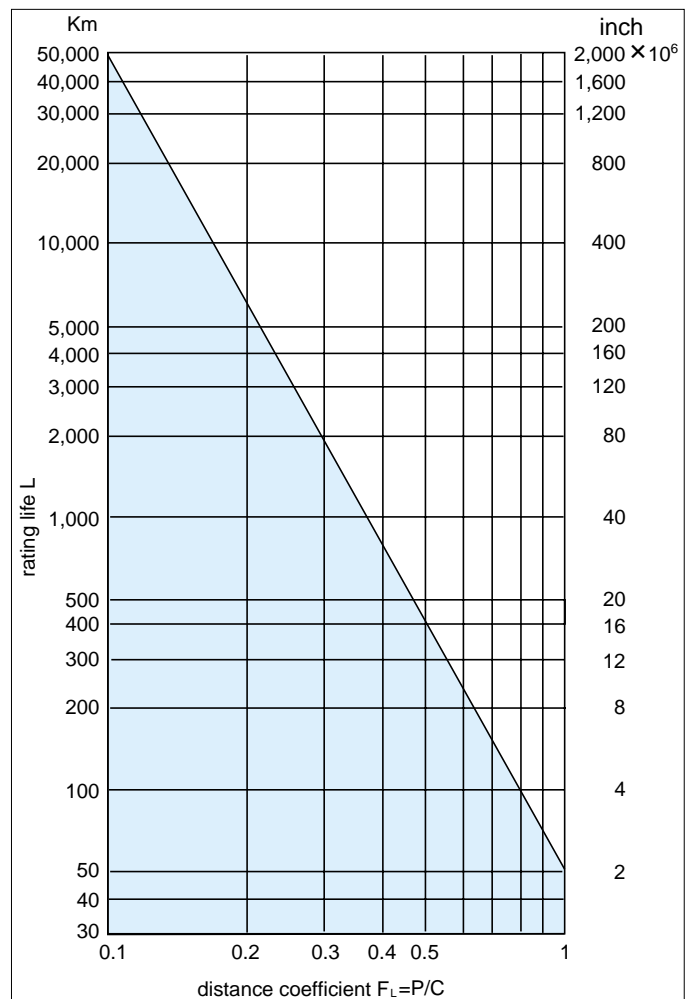
f_H : hardness coefficient (See Figure C-4)
 f_W : load coefficient (See Table C-1)

Life time can be calculated by obtaining the travelling distance per unit of time as follows:

$$L_h = \frac{L \cdot 10^3}{2 \cdot L_s \cdot N1 \cdot 60} \quad \text{Equation (3)}$$

L_h : life time (hr)
 L_s : stroke length (m)
 $N1$: stroke frequency per min. (cpm)
L : travel life (km)

Figure C-3: Slide Bush Life



Load coefficient (fw):

When calculating the bush load, it is necessary to accurately obtain weight, inertial force based on speed, moment load and each transition as time passes. However, it is difficult to calculate those values accurately because reciprocating motion involves the repetition of starts and stops as well as vibration and impact. A more practical approach is to obtain the load coefficient by taking the actual operating conditions into account.

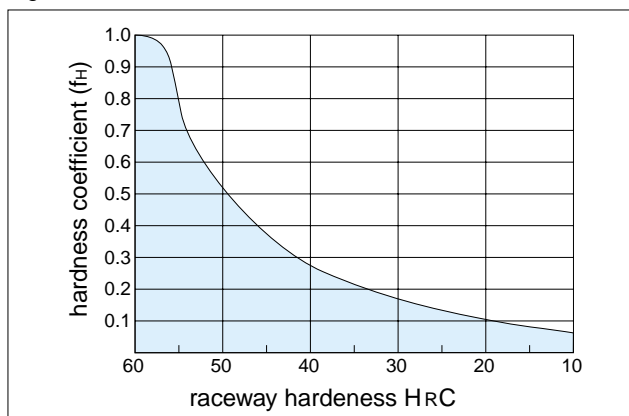
Table C-1: Load Coefficient

OPERATING CONDITIONS	fw
operation at low speed (15m/min. or less) without impulsive shock from outside	1.0-1.5
operation at intermediate speed (60m/min. or less) without impulsive shock	1.5-2.0
operation at high speed (over 60m/min.) with impulsive shock	2.0-3.5

Hardness Coefficient (fH):

The shaft must be hardened to over 58HRC when a slide bush is used. If not properly hardened, permissible load is lowered and the life of the bushing will be shortened.

Figure C-4: Hardness coefficient



Examples of Calculations:

(1) Life expectancy when NB's TOPBALL TK 25 is used under the following conditions:

Load per bush: 668N
Stroke length: 0.2m
Rate of cycles/min: 35
Shaft hardness: 60HRC

From the basic dynamic load of TK25 is 3780N. hardness coefficient(fH) is 1.0, and the operating speed can be calculated as 0.014km/min. Therefore, the load coefficient(fw) is considered as 1.0.

Using Equation (1) (Page C-4)

$$L = \left(\frac{3780}{668} \right)^3 \cdot 50 = 9,060 \text{ km}$$

Using Equation (3) (Page C-4)

$$L_h = \frac{9,060 \cdot 10^3}{2 \cdot 0.2 \cdot 35 \cdot 60} = 10,800 \text{ hours}$$

(2) Selection of size for the application

Expected life: 15,000 hours
Number of bushings in the carriage: 4
Gross weight on the carriage: 668N
Stroke length: 0.0009km
Traveling speed: 0.03km/min.
Shaft hardness: 60-64HRC

The life expected in traveling distance is:

$$L = 15,000 \cdot 0.03 \cdot 60 = 27,000 \text{ km} (2.7 \times 10^4)$$

From Equation (2)

$$C = \sqrt[3]{\frac{27000}{50} \cdot \left(\frac{fw}{fH} \right)} \cdot P = 2,040 \text{ N}$$

Note that: fH=1.0, fw=1.5, P=668/4=167N

As a result, the TOPBALL that is able to handle this load is: TK20.

Basic Static Load Rating:

If a slide bush is loaded when it is in a stationary condition or working at a low speed, a permanent elastic deformation is formed on the rolling element. The deformation prevents smooth movement of the bushing. To eliminate this possibility, the basic static load rating must not be exceeded.

Relation Between Ball Circuits and Load Rating:

The load rating of a slide bush varies according to the loaded position on the circumference. The value in the dimensional table indicates the lowest load rating with the load placed on top of one ball circuit. If the slide bush is used with two ball circuits loaded uniformly, the value will be greater. Table C-2 shows the load ratio for the number of ball circuits in each case.

Clearance and Fit:

An appropriate clearance between the slide bush and shaft is required in TOPBALL operation. Inadequate clearance may cause early failure and/or poor, rough movement. Proper clearance is determined by shaft diameter and housing bore. Table C-3 and C-4 shows NB's recommended tolerances of the shaft and housing bore in order to maintain the appropriate clearance.

Table C-2: Optional Load Positions

NUMBER OF ROWS	4	5	6
Co (LOAD RATING SPECIFIED ON THE TABLE)			
Comax (MAXIMUM LOAD RATING)			
LOAD RATIO Comax/Co	1,414	1,463	1,280

Table C-3: Recommended Tolerance for Shaft Dia. and Housing Bore

part number	shaft dia.		housing bore	
	dr mm	tol. (h6) μ m	D mm	tol. (H7) μ m
TK10	10	0 -11	19	+21 0
TK12	12		22	
TK16	16		26	
TK20	20	0 -13	32	+25 0
TK25	25		40	
TK30	30		47	
TK40	40		62	
		0/-16		+30/0

Table C-4: Recommended Tolerance for Shaft Dia. and Housing Bore

size	shaft dia.		housing bore.	
	dr inch	tol. (g6) inch	D inch	tol. (H7) inch
TW 3	.1875	-.0002 -.0006	.3750	+.0005 0
TW 4	.2500		.5000	
TW 6	.3750		.6250	
TW 8	.5000	-.0002 -.0007	.8750	+.0008 0
TW10	.6250		1.1250	
TW12	.7500	-.0003 -.0008	1.2500	+.0010 0
TW16	1.0000		1.5625	
TW20	1.2500	-.0004 -.0010	2.0000	+.0012 0
TW24	1.5000		2.3750	
TW32	2.0000	-.0004 -.0012	3.0000	

Shaft and Housing:

To optimize **NB** TOPBALL performance, high precision shafts and housings are required.

1. Shaft: Dimensional tolerance, surface finish and hardness greatly affect the traveling performance of the TOPBALL. The shaft must be manufactured to the following tolerances.

A. A surface finish of 0.4Ra or less.

B. Hardness of 60 HRC or more. Hardness less than 60 HRC decreases the life considerably and reduces the permissible load.

C. The correct tolerance of the shaft diameter is recommended on Table C-3 and C-4 (Page C-6).

The **NB** Slide Shaft is an ideal component manufactured to these specifications. For details, please refer to Page G-2 to G-21.

2. Housing: There are a wide range of designs and manufacturing techniques for mounted housings. **NB** pre-engineered slide units are also available. For proper fit refer to Table C-3 and C-4 (Page C-6).

Mounting:

TOPBALL is designed to be press fitted into the housing bore. When inserting bushing, however, don't apply excess force nor shock load which may cause permanent damage.

Examples of Mounting

Figures C-5 to C-8 illustrate mounting methods as examples.

Figure C-5 Use of holding plates

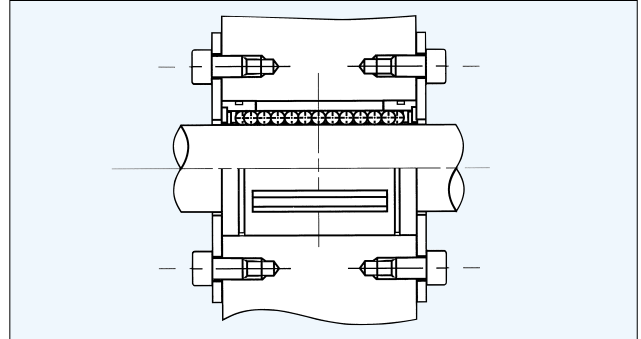


Figure C-6 Adjustable type housing

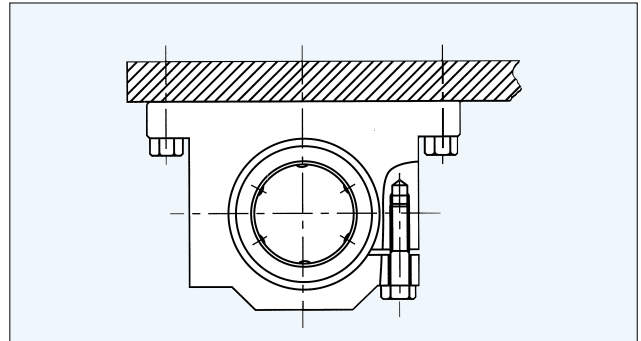


Figure C-7 Use of external retaining rings

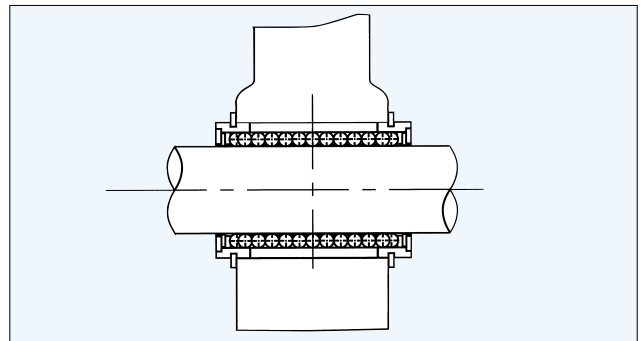
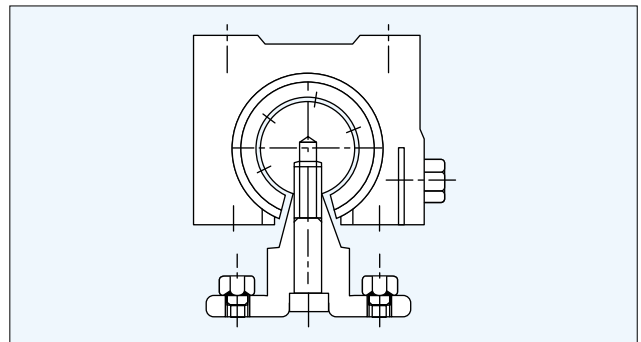


Figure C-8 Open type housing

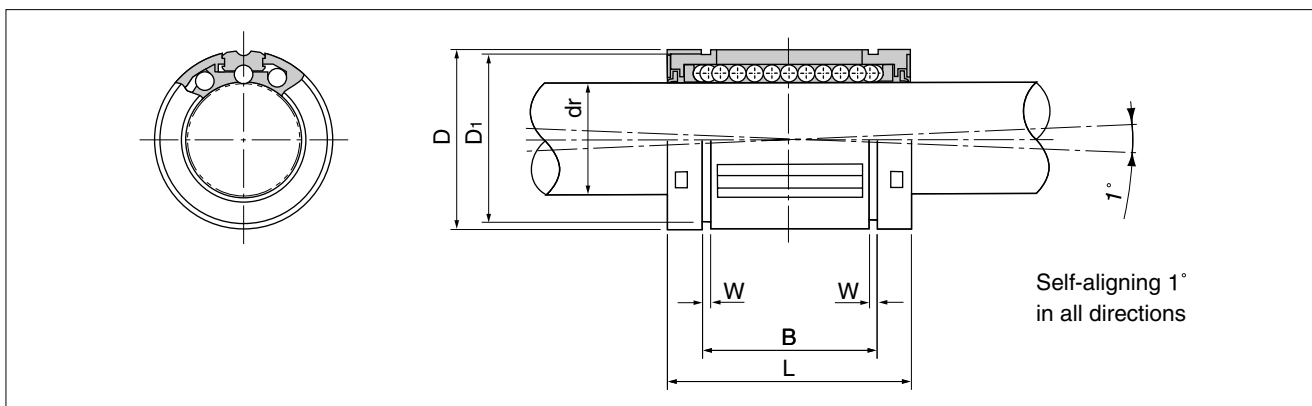


TK TYPE

— TOPBALL Metric Type —

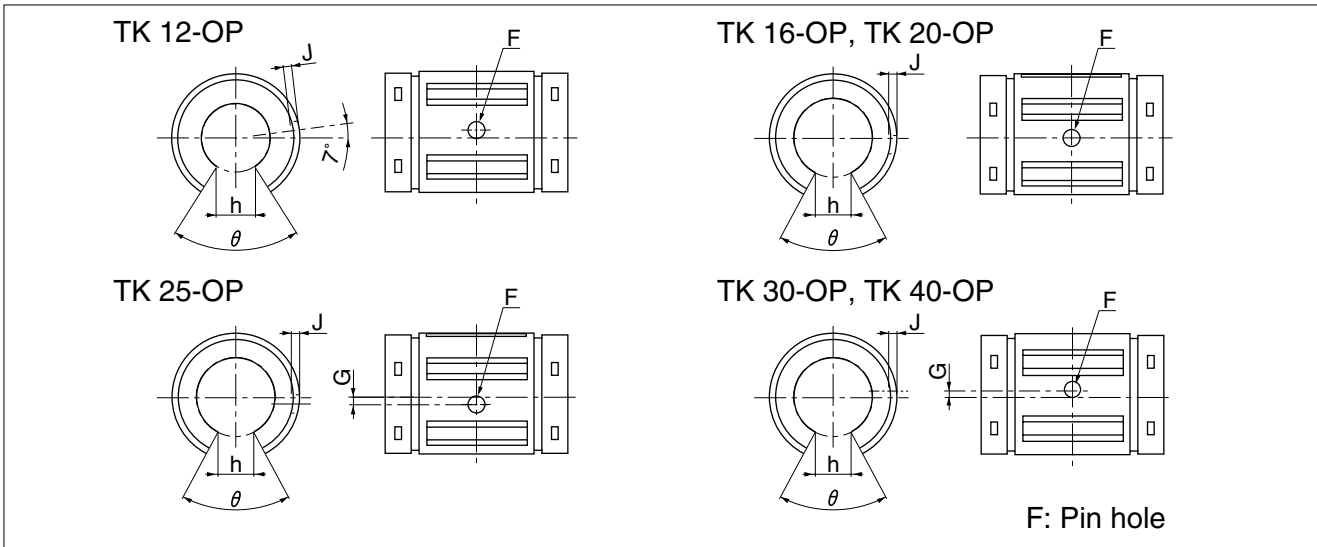


part number structure			
example	TK	20	UU OP
TK type			
size			
			blank closed
			OP open
			seal
			blank without seal
			UU seals on both sides



part number										
closed type			open type			dr		D	L	
	no.of ball circuits	mass g		no.of ball circuits	mass g	mm	tolerance* μm	mm	mm	tolerance mm
TK10	5	14	—	—	—	10	+ 8	19	29	± 0.2
TK12	5	21	TK12-OP	4	17	12	0	22	32	
TK16	5	43	TK16-OP	4	35	16	+ 9	26	36	
TK20	6	58	TK20-OP	5	48	20	- 1	32	45	
TK25	6	123	TK25-OP	5	103	25	+11	40	58	
TK30	6	216	TK30-OP	5	177	30	- 1	47	68	
TK40	6	333	TK40-OP	5	275	40	+13/-2	62	80	

* Based on nominal housing bore



major dimensions									basic load rating		nominal shaft diameter
B	tolerance	W	D ₁	open type					dynamic C	static Co	
				h	θ	F ^{H11}	G	J			
mm	mm	mm	mm	mm		mm	mm	mm	N	N	mm
22.0	0 −0.2	1.3	18	—	—	—	—	—	750	935	10
22.9		1.3	21	6.5	66°	3	—	0.7	1020	1290	12
24.9		1.3	24.9	9	68°		—	1.0	1250	1550	16
31.5		1.6	30.3	9	55°		—	1.0	2090	2630	20
44.1	0 −0.3	1.85	37.5	11.5	57°		1.5	1.5	3780	4720	25
52.1		1.85	44.5	14	57°	2	2.2	5470	6810	30	
60.6		2.15	59	19.5	56°	1.5	2.7	6590	8230	40	

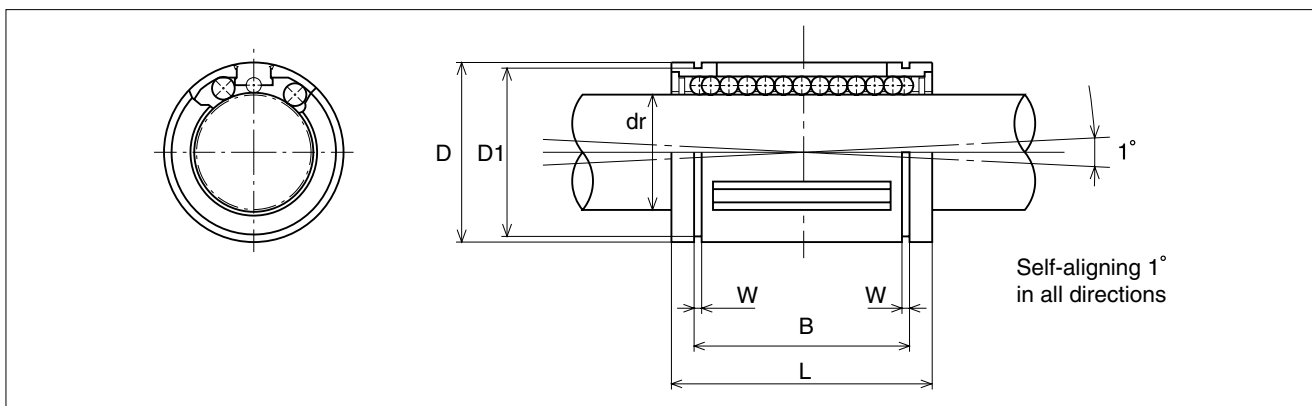
1N ≙ 0.102kgf

TW TYPE

— TOPBALL Inch Type —

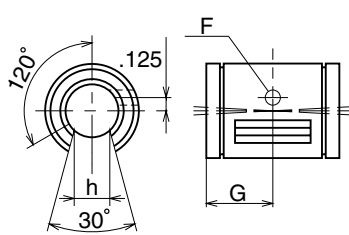


part number structure		example	
		TW	20
		UU	OP
TW type			
size			
		blank	closed
		OP	open
		seal	
		blank	without seal
		UU	seals on both sides

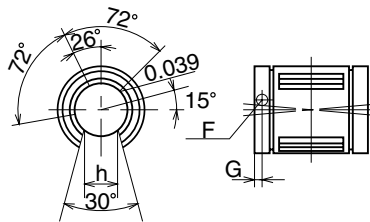


part number						major dimensions				
TW	closed type		open type			dr		D	L	
	no.of ball circuits	mass lbs		no.of ball circuits	mass lbs	inch	tolerance* inch	inch	inch	tolerance inch
TW 3	4	.004	—	—	—	.1875	0 — .0005	.3750	.562	±.008
TW 4	4	.009	—	—	—	.2500		.5000	.750	0
TW 6	4	.014	—	—	—	.3750		.6250	.875	— .015
TW 8	4	.043	TW 8-OP	3	.033	.5000		.8750	1.250	0 — .020
TW 10	5	.103	TW 10-OP	4	.083	.6250		1.1250	1.500	
TW 12	6	.123	TW 12-OP	5	.102	.7500	0 — .0006	1.2500	1.625	0/— .025
TW 16	6	.265	TW 16-OP	5	.220	1.0000		1.5625	2.250	
TW 20	6	.485	TW 20-OP	5	.419	1.2500		2.0000	2.625	
TW 24	6	.750	TW 24-OP	5	.639	1.5000	0/— .0008	2.3750	3.000	0/— .030
TW 32	6	1.411	TW 32-OP	5	1.168	2.0000		3.0000	4.000	0/— .040

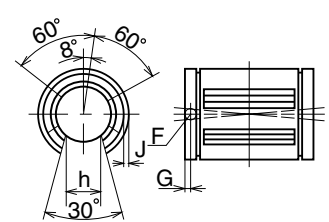
* Based on nominal housing bore.



TW 8-OP



TW 10-OP



TW 12-OP thru TW32-OP

								basic load rating		nominal shaft diameter
B	tolerance	W	D ₁	open type				dynamic	static	
				h	F	G	J	C	Co	
inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	lbs	lbs	inch
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	47	3/16
.515	0	.0390	.4687	—	—	—	—	60	80	1/4
.703	— .015	.0390	.5880	—	—	—	—	95	120	3/8
1.032	0 — .020	.0459	.8209	.313	.136	.6250	through	230	290	1/2
1.112		.0559	1.0590	.375	.105	.1250	.0390	400	500	5/8
1.272		.0559	1.1760	.438	.136	.1250	.0590	470	590	3/4
1.886	0/— .025 0/— .030 0/— .040	.0679	1.4687	.563	.136	.1250	.0470	850	1,060	1
2.011		.0679	1.8859	.625	.201	.1875	.0900	1,230	1,530	1-1/4
2.422		.0859	2.2389	.750	.201	.1875	.0900	1,480	1,850	1-1/2
3.206		.1029	2.8379	1.000	.265	.3125	through	2,430	3,040	2

1 inch = 25.4 mm
1lbs ≅ 0.454 kg
1lbs ≅ 4.448 N

TKA TYPE

— Block Type —

(Metric Series)



part number structure

example

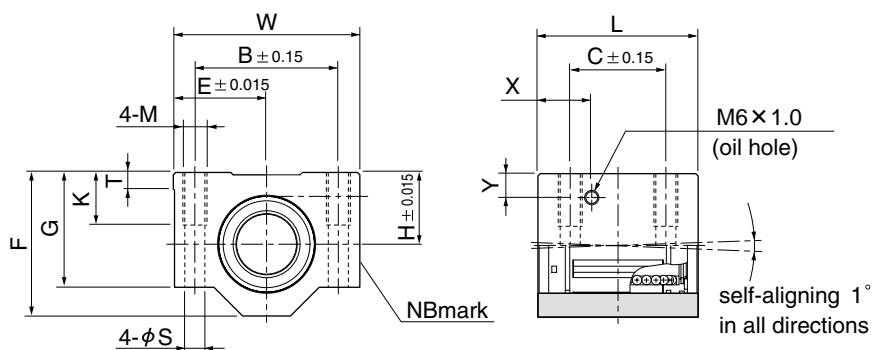
TKA **30** **UU**

TKA type

size

seal

blank	without seal
UU	seals on both sides



part number	nom. shaft dia.	major dimensions									mounting dimensions					load rating		mass
		H	E	W	L	F	G	T	X	Y	B	C	M	K	S	dynamic C N	static Co N	
	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm		mm	mm			g
TKA10UU	10	16	20	40	36	31.5	25	5	—	—	29	20	M 5	11	4.3	750	935	90
TKA12UU	12	18	21.5	43	39	35	28	5	—	—	32	23	M 5	11	4.3	1020	1290	116
TKA16UU	16	22	26.5	53	43	42	35	5	—	—	40	26	M 6	13	5.3	1250	1550	205
TKA20UU	20	25	30	60	54	50	42	5	19	9	45	32	M 8	18	6.6	2090	2630	326
TKA25UU	25	30	39	78	67	60	48	7	22.5	10	60	40	M10	22	8.4	3780	4720	624
TKA30UU	30	35	43.5	87	79	70	58	8	26	11.5	68	45	M10	22	8.4	5470	6810	980
TKA40UU	40	45	54	108	91	90	72	10	26.5	14	86	58	M12	26	10.5	6590	8230	1670

recommended shaft tolerance is h6

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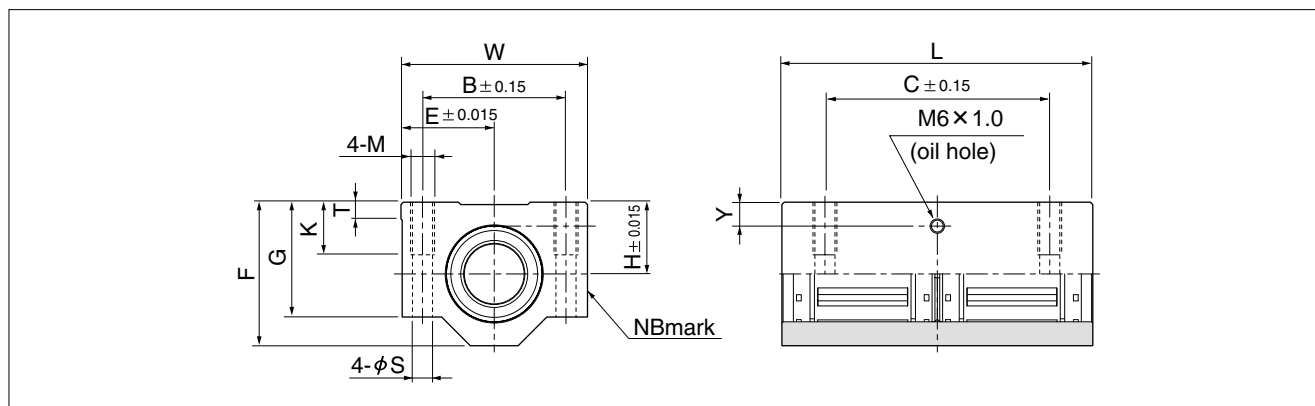
TKA-W TYPE

— Double-Wide Block Type —

(Metric Series)



part number structure example	TKA	30	W	UU
TKA type				
size				
double-wide type				
seal	blank	without seal		
	UU	seals on both sides		



part number	nom. shaft dia.	major dimensions								mounting dimensions						load rating		mass
		H	E	W	L	F	G	T	Y	B	C	M	K	S	dynamic C N	static Co N		
	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	g	
TKA10WUU	10	16	20	40	70	31.5	25	5	7	29	52	M5	11	4.3	1215	1870	175	
TKA12WUU	12	18	21.5	43	76	35	28	5	7.5	32	56	M5	11	4.3	1652	2580	227	
TKA16WUU	16	22	26.5	53	84	42	35	5	9.5	40	64	M6	13	5.3	2025	3100	390	
TKA20WUU	20	25	30	60	104	50	42	5	9	45	76	M8	18	6.6	3390	5260	630	
TKA25WUU	25	30	39	78	130	60	48	7	10	60	94	M10	22	8.4	6120	9440	1210	
TKA30WUU	30	35	43.5	87	152	70	58	8	11.5	68	106	M10	22	8.4	8860	13620	1880	
TKA40WUU	40	45	54	108	176	90	72	10	14	86	124	M12	26	10.5	10680	16460	3280	

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TKE TYPE

— Open Block Type —

(Metric Series)



part number structure

example

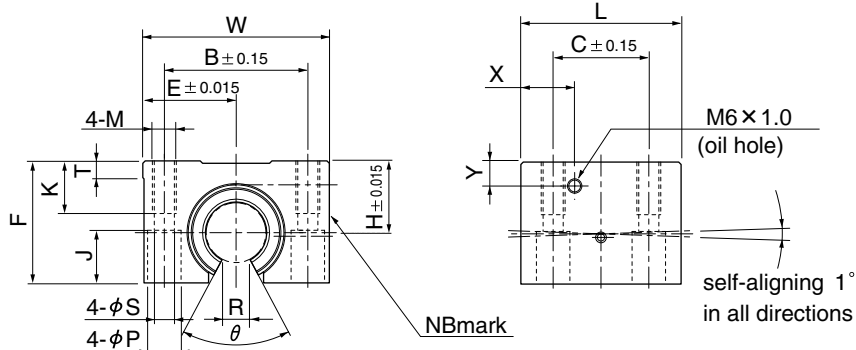
TKE 30 UU

TKE type

size

seal

blank	without seal
UU	seals on both sides



part number	nom. shaft dia. mm	major dimensions									mounting dimensions								load rating		mass g
		H	E	W	L	F	T	R	θ	X	Y	B	C	M	K	S	P	J	dynamic C N	static Co N	
TKE12UU	12	18	21.5	43	39	28	5	6.5	66°	14.5	7.5	32	23	M 5	11	4.3	8	4.5	1020	1290	99
TKE16UU	16	22	26.5	53	43	35	5	9	68°	15.5	9.5	40	26	M 6	13	5.3	9.5	5.5	1250	1550	175
TKE20UU	20	25	30	60	54	42	5	9	55°	19	9	45	32	M 8	18	6.6	11	6.5	2090	2630	275
TKE25UU	25	30	39	78	67	51	7	11.5	57°	22.5	10	60	40	M10	22	8.4	14	8.6	3780	4720	558
TKE30UU	30	35	43.5	87	79	60	8	14	57°	26	11.5	68	45	M10	22	8.4	14	8.6	5470	6810	860
TKE40UU	40	45	54	108	91	77	10	19.5	56°	26.5	14	86	58	M12	26	10.5	17.5	10.8	6590	8230	1490

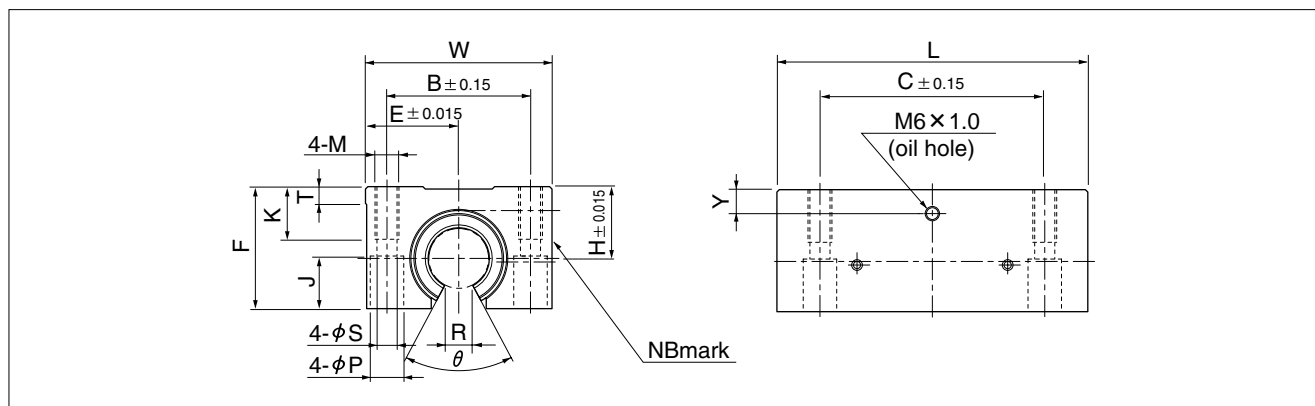
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TKE-W TYPE

— Double-Wide Open Block Type —
(Metric Series)



part number structure	
example	TKE 30 W UU
TKE type	
size	
double-wide type	
seal	
blank	without seal
UU	seals on both sides



part number	nom. shaft dia.	major dimensions									mounting dimensions							load rating		mass
		H	E	W	L	F	T	R	θ	Y	B	C	M	K	S	P	J	dynamic C N	static Co N	
	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm		mm	mm	mm		mm	mm	mm			g	
TKE12WUU	12	18	21.5	43	76	28	5	6.5	66 °	7.5	32	56	M 5	11	4.3	8	4.5	1652	2580	190
TKE16WUU	16	22	26.5	53	84	35	5	9	68 °	9.5	40	64	M 6	13	5.3	9.5	5.5	2025	3100	312
TKE20WUU	20	25	30	60	104	42	5	9	55 °	9	45	76	M 8	18	6.6	11	6.5	3390	5260	505
TKE25WUU	25	30	39	78	130	51	7	11.5	57 °	10	60	94	M10	22	8.4	14	8.6	6120	9440	1050
TKE30WUU	30	35	43.5	87	152	60	8	14	57 °	11.5	68	106	M10	22	8.4	14	8.6	8860	13620	1630
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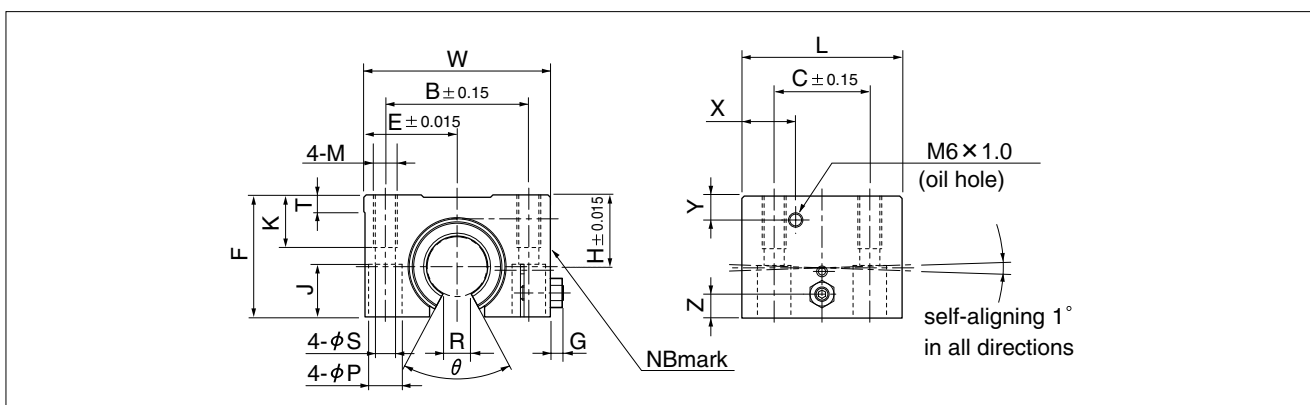
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TKD TYPE

— Clearance Adjustable Open Block Type —
(Metric Series)



part number structure		
example	TKD	20 UU
TKD type		
size		
	seal	
	blank	without seal
	UU	seals on both sides



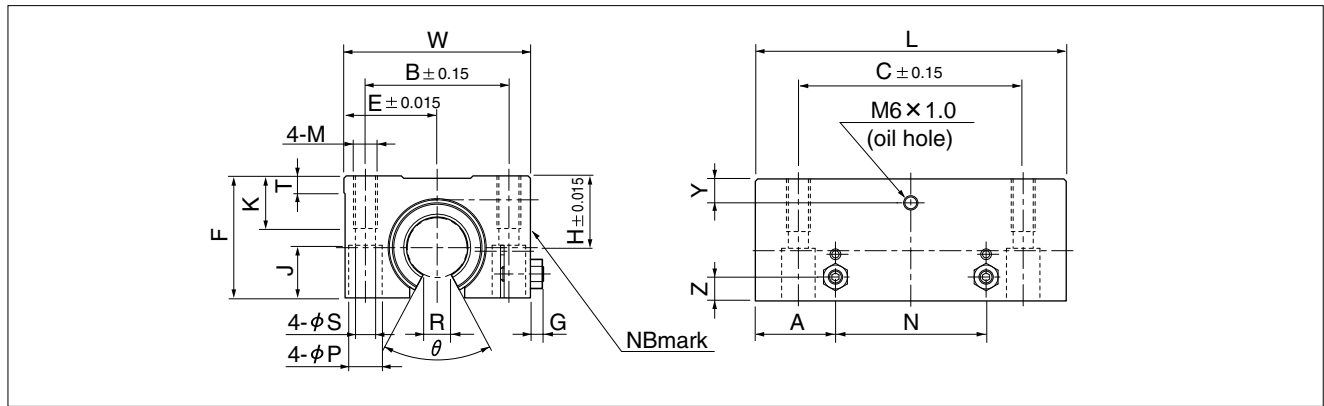
part number	nom. shaft dia. mm	major dimensions											mounting dimensions								load rating		mass g
		H	E	W	L	F	G	Z	T	R	θ	X	Y	B	C	M	K	S	P	J	dynamic C N	static Co N	
		mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	
TKD12UU	12	18	21.5	43	39	28	3.2	5	5	6.5	66°	14.5	7.5	32	23	M 5	11	4.3	8	11.5	1020	1290	99
TKD16UU	16	22	26.5	53	43	35	3.2	6	5	9	68°	15.5	9.5	40	26	M 6	13	5.3	9.5	14	1250	1550	175
TKD20UU	20	25	30	60	54	42	4	8	5	9	55°	19	9	45	32	M 8	18	6.6	11	18	2090	2630	275
TKD25UU	25	30	39	78	67	51	5.5	10	7	11.5	57°	22.5	10	60	40	M10	22	8.4	14	22	3780	4720	558
TKD30UU	30	35	43.5	87	79	60	5.5	12	8	14	57°	26	11.5	68	45	M10	22	8.4	14	26	5470	6810	860
TKD40UU	40	45	54	108	91	77	5	15	10	19.5	56°	26.5	14	86	58	M12	26	10.5	17.5	33	6590	8230	1490

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TKD-W TYPE

— Clearance Adjustable Double-Wide Open Block Type —
(Metric Series)

part number structure			
example	TKD	30	W UU
TKD type			
size			
double-wide type			
		seal	
		blank	without seal
		UU	seals on both sides



part number	nom. shaft dia.	major dimensions													mounting dimensions								load rating		mass
		H	E	W	L	F	G	Z	A	N	T	R	θ	Y	B	C	M	K	S	P	J	dynamic C N	static Co N		
	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm		
TKD12WUU	12	18	21.5	43	76	28	3.2	5	19.5	37	5	6.5	66°	7.5	32	56	M 5	11	4.3	8	11.5	1652	2580	190	
TKD16WUU	16	22	26.5	53	84	35	3.2	6	21.5	41	5	9	68°	9.5	40	64	M 6	13	5.3	9.5	14	2025	3100	312	
TKD20WUU	20	25	30	60	104	42	4	8	27	50	5	9	55°	9	45	76	M 8	18	6.6	11	18	3390	5260	505	
TKD25WUU	25	30	39	78	130	51	5.5	10	33.5	63	7	11.5	57°	10	60	94	M10	22	8.4	14	22	6120	9440	1050	
TKD30WUU	30	35	43.5	87	152	60	5.5	12	39.5	73	8	14	57°	11.5	68	106	M10	22	8.4	14	26	8860	13620	1630	
TKD40WUU	40	45	54	108	176	77	5	15	45.5	85	10	19.5	56°	14	86	124	M12	26	10.5	17.5	33	10680	16460	2880	

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