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Compact Ball Spline

LT-X / LT-XL / LF-X / LF-XL

Nut outer diameter dimension equivalent to that of the linear bushing
Stable operation with little fluctuation of the rolling resistance

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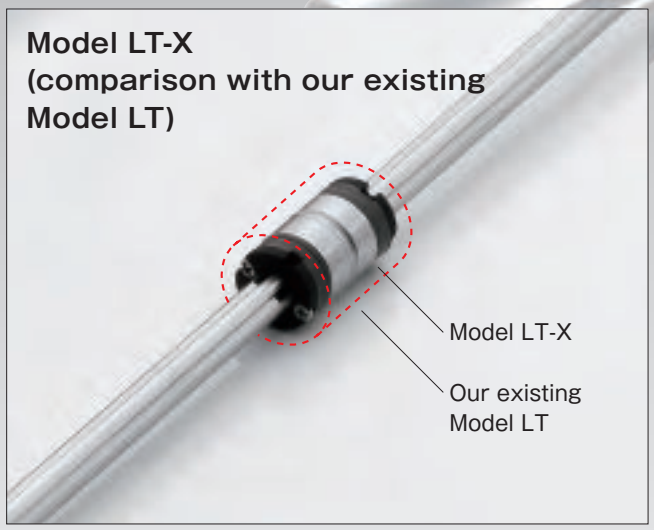
Enable a high rigidity, high speed and compact machine

Compact nut shape

The nut shape is more compact than that of the existing model number LT/LF thanks to new circulation path.
Also the nut outer diameter is the same as that of the linear bushing.

Model LT-X (comparison with our existing Model LT)



●Nut dimension comparison (LT-X/Linear bushing LM/LT)

Unit: mm

Shaft diameter	Outer diameter			Overall Length		
	Model LT-X	Model LM	Model LT	Model LT-X	Model LM	Model LT
4	8	8	10	12	12	16
5	10	10	12	13.6	15	20
6	12	12	14	17.6	19	25
8	15	15	16	23.8	24	25
10	19	19	21	30.8	29	33
13	23	23	24	32.4	32	36
16	28	28	31	46.4	37	50
20	32	32	35	59	42	63
25	40	40	42	67	59	71
30	45	45	47	75.6	64	80

●Nut dimension comparison (LT-XL/Linear bushing LM-L/LT)

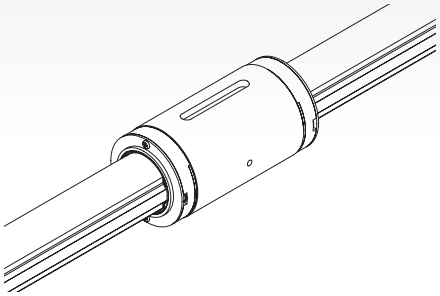
Unit: mm

Shaft diameter	Outer diameter			Overall Length		
	Model LT-XL	Model LM-L	Model LT	Model LT-XL	Model LM-L	Model LT
5	10	10	——	24.6	29	——
6	12	12	——	28.6	35	——
8	15	15	——	35.6	45	——

Model LT-X / LT-XL

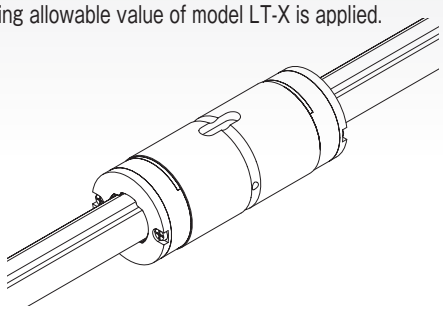
Cylindrical Type Model LT-X

The most compact type with a straight cylindrical nut. When transmitting a torque, a key is driven into the body.



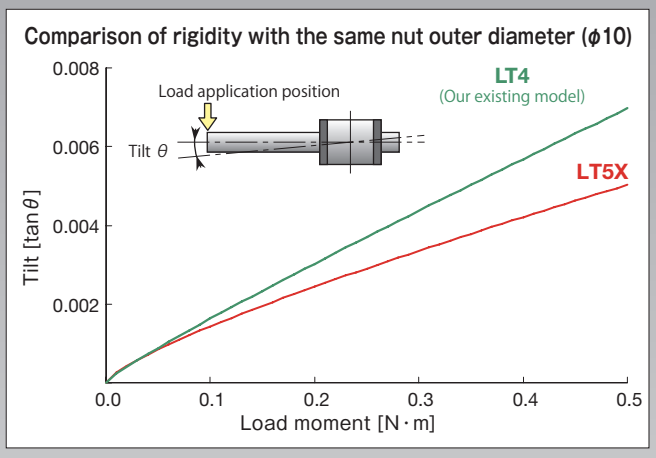
Cylindrical Type Long Type - Model LT-XL

Type with the same outer diameter as and longer nut than model LT-X. [LT5XL, LT6XL, LT8XL]
This is suitable for cases that torque, overhang load, or moment over the corresponding allowable value of model LT-X is applied.



High-rigidity design

The rigidity can be improved because the spline shaft diameter is larger by one size with the equivalent nut outer diameter compared than that of the existing model number LT/LF.



High-speed support

The optimal ball circulation with new circulation path achieves high-speed operation.

High Speed Durability Test

● Test method

Item	Description
Model tested	LT20X
Speed	2m/s
Acceleration	49m/s^2
Lubricant	Lithium soap group grease (AFB-LF grease)
Stroke	650mm
Posture	Horizontal

● Test result

No anomaly after travelling 10,000 km

Smooth Motion

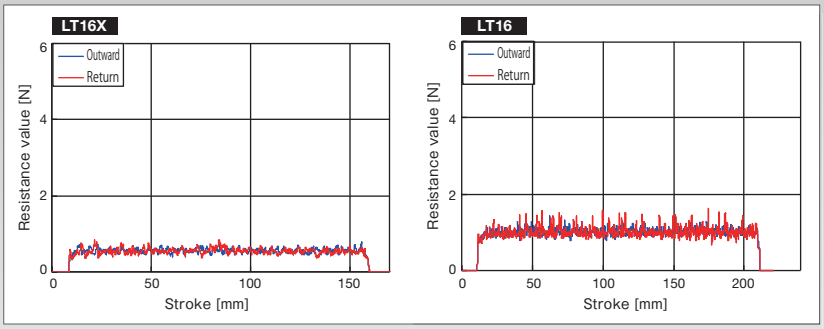
The fluctuation of the rolling resistance is smaller than that of the existing model number LT/LF.

Rolling resistance value measurement test

● Test method

Item	Description
Model tested	LT16X / LT16
Speed	10mm/s
Lubricant	Lithium soap group grease (AFB-LF grease)
Posture	Horizontal

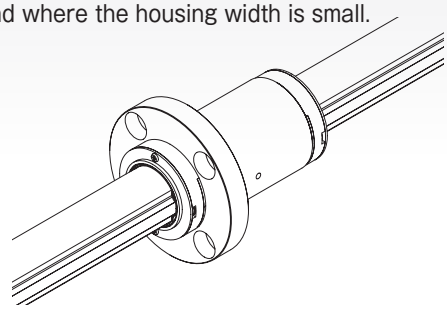
● Test result



Model LF-X / LF-XL

Flanged Type - Model LF-X

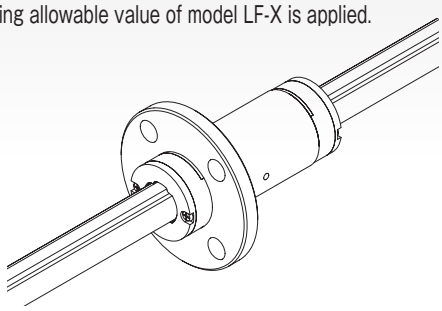
The spline nut can be attached to the housing via the flange, making assembly simple. It is suitable for locations where the housing may be deformed if a keyway is machined on its surface, and where the housing width is small.



Flanged Long Type - Model LF-XL

Type with the same outer diameter as and with longer nut than model LF-X. [LF5XL, LF6XL, LF8XL]

This is suitable for cases that torque, overhang load, or moment over the corresponding allowable value of model LF-X is applied.



Accuracy Standards

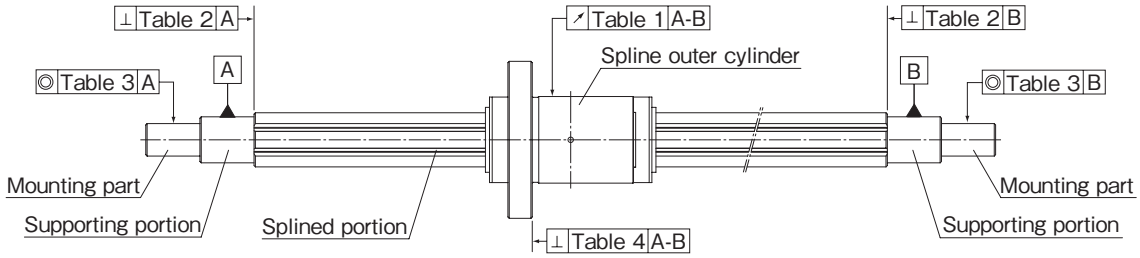


Fig.1 Accuracy Measurement Items of the Ball Spline

Table 1 Runout of the Spline outer Cylinder Circumference in Relation to the Support of the Spline Shaft

		Runout (max) [μm]														
Nominal shaft diameter		4,5			6,8			10			13,16,20			25,30		
Overall spline shaft length (mm)		Normal grade	High-accuracy grade	Precision grade	Normal grade	High-accuracy grade	Precision grade	Normal grade	High-accuracy grade	Precision grade	Normal grade	High-accuracy grade	Precision grade	Normal grade	High-accuracy grade	Precision grade
Above	Or Less															
—	200	72	46	26	72	46	26	59	36	20	56	34	18	53	32	18
200	315	133*1	—	—	133	89*2	57*3	83	54	32	71	45	25	58	39	21
315	400	—	—	—	171	114	—	103	68	41	83	53	31	70	44	25
400	500	—	—	—	214	—	—	123	82	51	95	62	38	78	50	29
500	630	—	—	—	—	—	—	151	102	—	112	75	46	88	57	34
630	800	—	—	—	—	—	—	190	—	—	137	92	58	103	68	42
800	1000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	170	115	75	124	83	52
1000	1250	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	151	102	65
1250	1600	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	190	130	85

*1 #4 is excluded.# 5 applied up to 250mm. *2 #6 applied up to 250mm. *3 #6 is excluded.

Table 2 Perpendicularity of the Supporting Portion in Relation to the Support of the Spline Shaft

Accuracy	Perpendicularity (MAX) [μm]		
Nominal shaft diameter	Normal grade	High accuracy grade (H)	Precision grade (P)
4,5,6,8,10	22	9	6
13,16,20	27	11	8
25,30	33	13	9

Table 3 Concentricity of the Part-mounting in Relation to the Support of the Spline Shaft

Accuracy	Concentricity (MAX) [μm]		
Nominal shaft diameter	Normal grade	High accuracy grade (H)	Precision grade (P)
4,5,6,8	33	14	8
10	41	17	10
13,16,20	46	19	12
25,30	53	22	13

Table 4 Perpendicularity of the Flange-mounting Surface of the Spline outer cylinder in Relation to the Support of the Spline Shaft

Accuracy	Perpendicularity (MAX) [μm]		
Nominal shaft diameter	Normal grade	High accuracy grade (H)	Precision grade (P)
4,5,6,8	27	11	8
10,13	33	13	9
16,20,25,30	39	16	11

*Applied only to model LF-X

Clearance in the rotational direction

In models LT-X/LT-XL and LF-X/LF-XL, the sum of the clearances of circumferential direction is standardized as the clearance in the rotational direction.

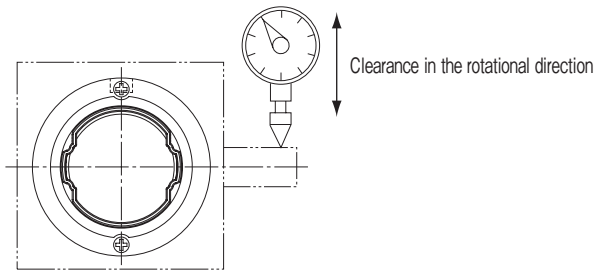


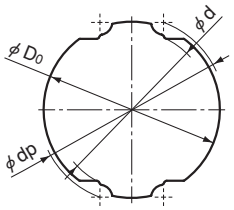
Fig.2 Measurement of Clearance in the Rotational Direction

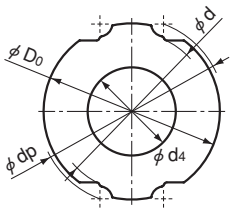
Table 5 Clearance in the Rotational Direction

Unit: μm

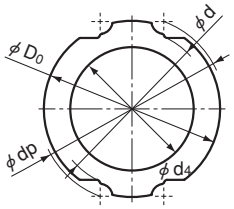
Nominal shaft diameter	Clearance in the rotational direction		
	Normal	CL clearance	CM clearance
4	-2 to +1	-6 to -2	———
5	-2 to +1	-6 to -2	———
6	-2 to +1	-6 to -2	———
8	-2 to +1	-6 to -2	———
10	-2 to +1	-4 to -2	———
13	-2 to +1	-4 to -2	———
16	-2 to +1	-5 to -2	-8 to -5
20	-2 to +1	-5 to -2	-8 to -5
25	-3 to +1	-7 to -3	-11 to -7
30	-3 to +1	-7 to -3	-11 to -7

Sectional Shape of the Spline Shaft





Type K (Thick)



Type N (Thin)

Fig.3 Sectional Shape of the Spline Shaft

Sectional shape of the Spline Shaft

Unit: mm

Nominal shaft diameter		4	5	6	8	10	13	16	20	25	30
Minor diameter	ϕd	3.6	4.5	5.4	7	8.6	11.3	13.9	17.9	22.4	27
Major diameter	ϕD0	4	5	6	8	10	13	16	20	25	30
Ball Center-to-center Diameter	ϕdp	4.4	5.5	6.6	8.6	10.7	13.8	17.1	21.1	26.4	31.6
Mass (g/m)		100	150	210	380	590	1010	1520	2410	3710	5370

Sectional shape of Hollow Spline Shaft (Type K)

Unit: mm

Nominal shaft diameter		4	5	6	8	10	13	16	20	25	30
Minor diameter	ϕd	—	—	—	—	8.6	11.3	13.9	17.9	22.4	27
Major diameter	ϕD0	—	—	—	—	10	13	16	20	25	30
Ball Center-to-center Diameter	ϕdp	—	—	—	—	10.7	13.8	17.1	21.1	26.4	31.6
Hole diameter	ϕd4	—	—	—	—	4	5	7	10	12	16
Mass (g/m)		—	—	—	—	490	850	1220	1790	2820	3780

Sectional shape of Hollow Spline Shaft (Type N)

Unit: mm

Nominal shaft diameter		4	5	6	8	10	13	16	20	25	30
Minor diameter	ϕd	—	—	—	—	—	—	13.9	17.9	22.4	27
Major diameter	ϕD0	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	20	25	30
Ball Center-to-center Diameter	ϕdp	—	—	—	—	—	—	17.1	21.1	26.4	31.6
Hole diameter	ϕd4	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	14	18	21
Mass (g/m)		—	—	—	—	—	—	770	1190	1700	2630

Table 6 shows the section modulus (Z), polar section modulus (Zp), polar moment of inertia (Ip), and moment of inertia (I) of the spline shaft.

Table 6 Cross-sectional Characteristics of the Spline Shaft

Nominal shaft diameter		Section modulus Z mm^3	Polar section modulus Zp mm^3	Polar moment of inertia Ip mm^4	Moment of inertia I mm^4
4	Solid	5.7	11.8	23.2	11.2
5	Solid	11.3	23.3	57.2	27.7
6	Solid	19.6	40.4	119.1	57.7
8	Solid	45.0	93.9	366.2	175.6
10	Solid	86.5	183.8	896.9	422.3
	Type K	84.0	178.6	871.7	409.7
13	Solid	191.3	405.3	2574.6	1215.3
	Type K	186.5	395.6	2513.2	1184.6
16	Solid	350.8	749.7	5844.5	2734.3
	Type K	335.6	719.5	5608.8	2616.4
	Type N	258.6	565.4	4407.2	2015.6
20	Solid	716.5	1498.5	14731.7	7043.9
	Type K	666.6	1398.7	13749.9	6553.0
	Type N	524.7	1114.9	10960.2	5158.1
25	Solid	1404.2	2932.9	36067.4	17268.2
	Type K	1321.4	2767.4	34031.6	16250.3
	Type N	985.2	2094.8	25761.4	12115.2
30	Solid	2444.1	5086.3	75160.0	36115.8
	Type K	2226.4	4650.9	68726.1	32898.8
	Type N	1798.0	3794.2	56067.4	26569.7

Strength Design of the Spline Shaft

The spline shaft is a compound shaft capable of receiving a radial load and torque. When the load and torque are large, the spline shaft strength must be taken into account.

[Spline Shaft Receiving a Bending Load]

When a bending load is applied to the spline shaft, obtain the spline shaft diameter using the equation (1) below.

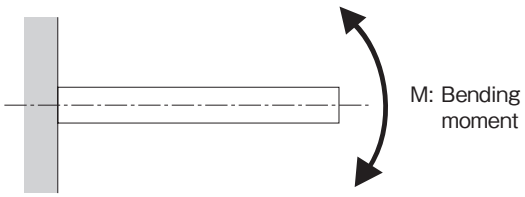
$$M = \sigma \cdot Z \text{ and } Z = \frac{M}{\sigma} \quad \cdots\cdots\cdots\cdots (1)$$

M : Maximum bending moment acting on the spline shaft (N·mm)
σ : Permissible bending stress of the spline shaft (98N/mm^2)
Z : Section modulus of the spline shaf t (See Table 6) (mm^3)

[Reference] Section Modulus (Solid Circle)

$$Z = \frac{\pi \cdot d^3}{32}$$

Z : Section modulus (mm^3)
d : Shaft outer diameter (mm)



[Spline Shaft Receiving a Torsion Load]

When a torsion load is applied to the spline shaft, obtain the spline shaft diameter using the equation (2) below.

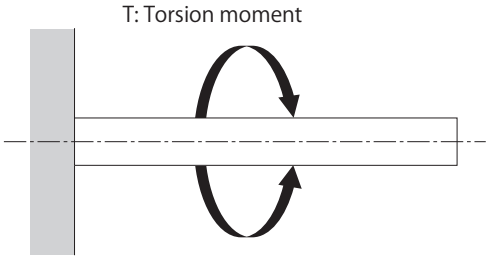
$$T = \tau_a \cdot Z_P \text{ and } Z_P = \frac{T}{\tau_a} \quad \cdots\cdots\cdots\cdots (2)$$

T : Maximum torsion moment (N-mm)
τ_a : Permissible torsion stress of the spline shaft (49N/mm^2)
Z_P : Polar section modulus of the spline shaft (See Table 6) (mm^3)

[Reference] Polar Section Modulus (Solid Circle)

$$Z_P = \frac{\pi \cdot d^3}{16}$$

Z_P : Polar section modulus (mm^3)
d : Shaft outer diameter (mm)



[When the Spline Shaft Simultaneously Receives a Bending Load and a Torsion Load]

When the spline shaft receives a bending load and a torsion load simultaneously, calculate two separate spline shaft diameters: one for the equivalent bending moment (M_e) and the other for the equivalent torsion moment (T_e). Then, use the greater value as the spline shaft diameter.

Corresponding Bending Moment

$$M_e = \frac{M + \sqrt{M^2 + T^2}}{2} = \frac{M}{2}\left\{1 + \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{T}{M}\right)^2}\right\} \quad \cdots\cdots\cdots\cdots (3)$$

$M_e = \sigma \cdot Z$

Corresponding Torsion Moment

$$T_e = \sqrt{M^2 + T^2} = M \cdot \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{T}{M}\right)^2} \quad \cdots\cdots\cdots\cdots (4)$$

$T_e = \tau_a \cdot Z_p$

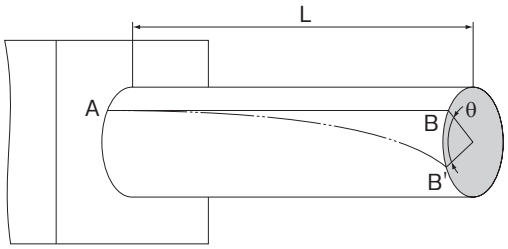
[Distortion and Rigidity of the Spline Shaft]

The torsion rigidity of the spline shaft is expressed as a torsion angle per meter of spline shaft. Its value should be limited within 1°/4.

$$\theta = 57.3 \times \frac{T \cdot L}{G \cdot I_P} \quad \cdots\cdots\cdots\cdots (5)$$

$$\text{Rigidity of the shaft} = \frac{\text{Torsion angle}}{\text{Unit length}} = \frac{\theta \cdot \ell}{L} < \frac{1°}{4}$$

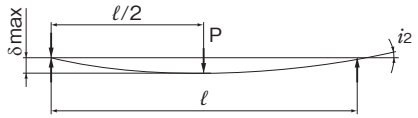
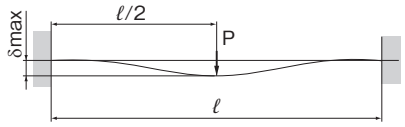
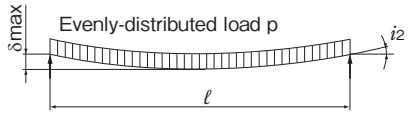
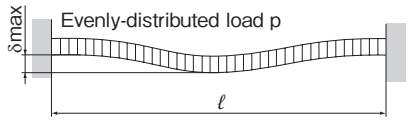
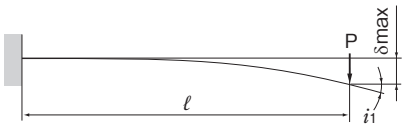
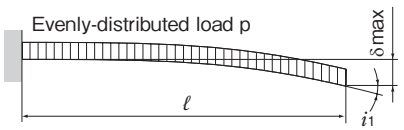
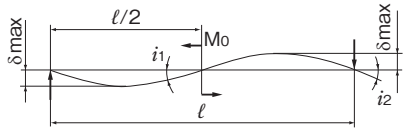
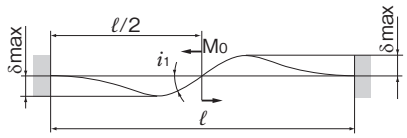
θ : Torsion angle (°)
L : Spline shaft length (mm)
G : Transverse elastic modulus (7.9×10^{4}N/mm^2)
ℓ : Unit length (1000mm)
I_P : Polar geometrical moment of inertia (See Table 6) (mm^4)



[Deflection and Deflection Angle of the Spline Shaft]

The deflection and deflection angle shaft need to be calculated using equations that meet the relevant conditions. Tables 7 represents these conditions and the corresponding equations.

Table 7 Deflection and Deflection Angle Equations

Support method	Usage conditions	Deflection equation	Deflection angle equation
Both ends free		$\delta_{max} = \frac{P\ell^3}{48EI}$	$i_1 = 0$ $i_2 = \frac{P\ell^2}{16EI}$
Both ends fastened		$\delta_{max} = \frac{P\ell^3}{192EI}$	$i_1 = 0$ $i_2 = 0$
Both ends free		$\delta_{max} = \frac{5p\ell^4}{384EI}$	$i_2 = \frac{p\ell^3}{24EI}$
Both ends fastened		$\delta_{max} = \frac{p\ell^4}{384EI}$	$i_2 = 0$
One end fastened		$\delta_{max} = \frac{P\ell^3}{3EI}$	$i_1 = \frac{P\ell^2}{2EI}$ $i_2 = 0$
One end fastened		$\delta_{max} = \frac{p\ell^4}{8EI}$	$i_1 = \frac{p\ell^3}{6EI}$ $i_2 = 0$
Both ends free		$\delta_{max} = \frac{\sqrt{3}M_0\ell^2}{216EI}$	$i_1 = \frac{M_0\ell}{12EI}$ $i_2 = \frac{M_0\ell}{24EI}$
Both ends fastened		$\delta_{max} = \frac{M_0\ell^2}{216EI}$	$i_1 = \frac{M_0\ell}{16EI}$ $i_2 = 0$

δ_{max}: Maximum deflection (mm)
M_0: Moment (N·mm)
ℓ: Span (mm)
I: Polar moment of inertia (See Table 6) (mm^4)
i_1: Deflection angle at loading point
i_2: Deflection angle at supporting point
P: Concentrated load (N)
p: Uniform load (N/mm)
E: Modulus of longitudinal elasticity 2.06×10^5(N/mm^2)

[Critical Speed of the Spline Shaft]

When a Ball Spline shaft is used to transmit power while rotating, as the rotational speed of the shaft increases, the rotation cycle nears the natural frequency of the spline shaft. It may cause resonance and eventually result in inability to move. Therefore, the maximum rotational speed of the shaft must be limited to below the dangerous speed that does not cause resonance.
The dangerous speed of the spline shaft is obtained using the equation (6).
(0.8 is multiplied as a safety factor)

If the shaft's rotation cycle exceeds or nears the resonance point during operation, reconsider the spline shaft diameter.

●Critical Speed

$$N_c = \frac{60\lambda^2}{2\pi \cdot \ell_b^2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{E \times 10^3 \cdot I}{\gamma \cdot A}} \times 0.8 \quad \cdots (6)$$

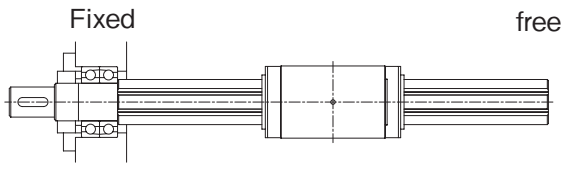
N_c: Critical speed (min^{-1})
ℓ_b : Distance between two mounting surfaces (mm)
E : Young's modulus (2.06×10^5N/mm^2)
I : Minimum moment of inertia of the shaft (mm^4)

$$I = \frac{\pi}{64} d^4 \qquad \text{d: Minor diameter} \quad (\text{mm})$$

γ : Density (specific gravity) (7.85×10^{-6}kg/mm^3)

$$A = \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 \qquad \text{d: Minor diameter} \quad (\text{mm})$$

A : Spline shaft cross-sectional area (mm^2)
λ : Factor according to the mounting method
(1) Fixed - free λ=1.875
(2) Supported - supported λ=3.142
(3) Fixed - supported λ=3.927
(4) Fixed - fixed λ=4.73



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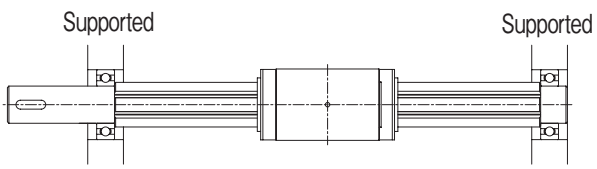

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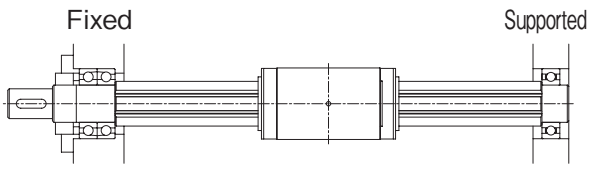

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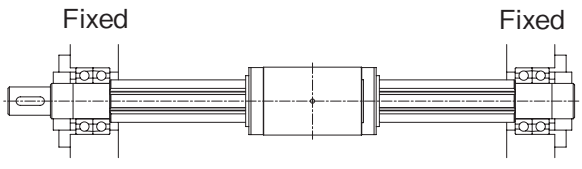


Fixed - Fixed

Predicting the Service Life

●Calculating the Static Safety Factor

To analyze a load applied to the ball spline, the average load required for calculating the service life and the maximum load needed for calculating the static safety factor must be obtained first. In particular, if the system starts and stops rapidly if impact loads occur or if a large moment or torque caused by an overhung load is applied to the system, it may receive an unexpectedly large load. When selecting a model number, make sure that the desired model is capable of receiving the required maximum load (whether stationary or in motion). The reference value of static safety factor is shown in the table below.

$$f_s = \frac{f_T \cdot f_C \cdot C_0}{P_{max}} \quad \cdots\cdots\cdots (7)$$

f_s : Static safety factor
C_0 : Basic static load rating* (N)
P_{max} : Maximum load (N)
f_T : Temperature Factor
f_C : Contact Factor

For each factor, see the general catalog.

*The basic static load rating is a static load with a constant direction and magnitude whereby the sum of the amount of permanent deformation of the rolling element and that of the raceway on the contact area under the maximum stress is 0.0001 times the rolling element diameter.

Table 8 Reference Values of Static Safety Factor (f_S)

Machine using the Ball Spline	Load conditions	Lower limit of f_S
General industrial machinery	Without vibration or impact	3.0 to 6.0
	With vibration or impact	4.0 to 7.0
	With vibration or impact under combined loads	5.0 to 8.0

*The reference value of the static safety factor may vary according to the conditions such as the environment, lubrication condition, accuracy and rigidity of the mounting part, etc.

[Nominal Life]

The service life of a Ball Spline varies from unit to unit even if they are manufactured through the same process and used in the same operating conditions. Therefore, the nominal life defined below is normally used as a guidepost for obtaining the service life of a Ball Spline. Nominal life is the total travel distance that 90% of a group of identical ball splines independently operating under the same conditions can achieve without showing flaking (scale-like pieces on a metal surface).

[Calculating the Nominal Life]

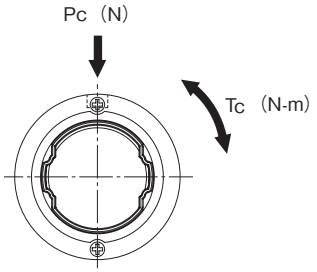
The nominal life of a Ball Spline varies with types of loads applied during operation: torque load, radial load and moment load. The corresponding nominal life values are obtained using the equations (8) to (12) below. (The basic load ratings in these loading directions are indicated in the specification table for the corresponding model number.)

●When a Torque Load is Applied

$$L = \left(\frac{f_T \cdot f_C}{f_W} \cdot \frac{C_T}{T_C}\right)^3 \times 50 \quad \cdots\cdots\cdots (8)$$

●When a Radial Load is Applied

$$L = \left(\frac{f_T \cdot f_C}{f_W} \cdot \frac{C}{P_C}\right)^3 \times 50 \quad \cdots\cdots\cdots (9)$$



L : Nominal life (km)
C_T : Basic dynamic torque rating (N-m)
T_C : Calculated torque applied (N-m)
C : Basic dynamic load rating (N)
P_C : Calculated radial load (N)
f_T : Temperature Factor
f_C : Contact Factor
f_W : Load Factor

For each factor, see the general catalog.

●Calculating the Service Life Time

When the nominal life (L) has been obtained in the equation above, if the stroke length and the number of reciprocations per minute are constant, the service life time is obtained using the equation (10) below.

$$L_h = \frac{L \times 10^3}{2 \times \ell_s \times n_1 \times 60} \quad \cdots\cdots\cdots (10)$$

L_h : Service life time (h)
ℓ_s : Stroke length (m)
n_1 : Number of reciprocations per minute (min^{-1})

●When a Torque Load and a Radial Load are Simultaneously Applied

When a torque load and a radial load are simultaneously applied, calculate the nominal life by obtaining the equivalent radial load using the equation (11) below.

$$P_E = P_C + \frac{4 \cdot T_C \times 10^3}{i \cdot dp \cdot \cos\alpha} \quad \cdots\cdots\cdots (11)$$

P_E : Equivalent radial load (N)
$\cos\alpha$: Contact angle i = Number of rows of balls under a load
α =65° i =2
dp : Ball center-to-center diameter (mm)

●When a Moment Load is Applied to a Nut or Two Nuts in Close Contact with Each Other

Obtain the equivalent radial load using the equation (12) below.

$$P_u = K \cdot M \quad \cdots\cdots\cdots (12)$$

P_u : Equivalent Radial Load with a moment applied (N)
K : Equivalent factor
M : Applied moment (N-mm)
However, M should be within the range of the static permissible moment.

●When a Moment Load and a Radial Load are Simultaneously Applied

Calculated the nominal life from the sum of the radial load and the equivalent radial load.

■Equivalent moment factor

Table 11 Equivalent moment factor

Model No.	Equivalent factor: K		
	Single nut	Two-nut block Without Seal	Two-nut block With Seal
LT4X	0.995	0.1688	0.1350
LT/LF5X	0.980	0.1563	0.1250
LT/LF5XL	0.430	0.0925	0.0740
LT/LF6X	0.660	0.1242	0.0993
LT/LF6XL	0.360	0.0792	0.0633
LT/LF8X	0.420	0.0783	0.0626
LT/LF8XL	0.210	0.0512	0.0409
LT/LF10X	0.251	0.0517	0.0470
LT/LF13X	0.241	0.0462	0.0420
LT/LF16X	0.173	0.0352	0.0320
LT/LF20X	0.129	0.0275	0.0250
LT/LF25X	0.114	0.0242	0.0220
LT/LF30X	0.101	0.0220	0.0200

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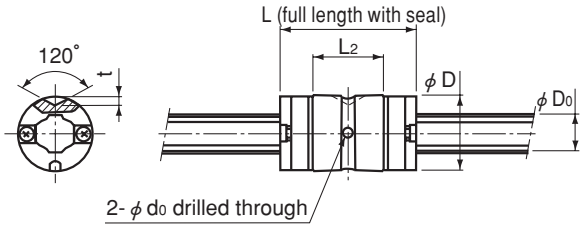
LT-X / LT-XL



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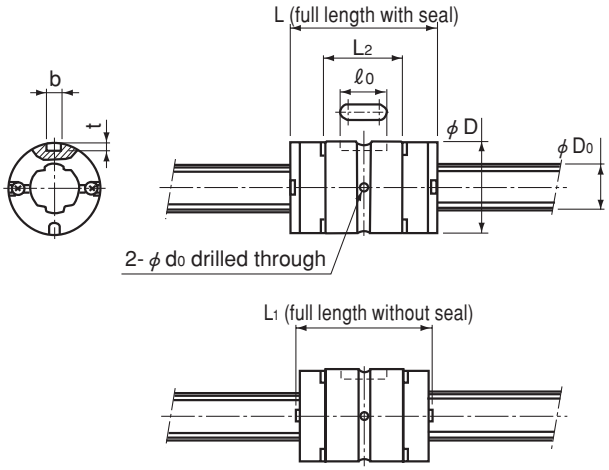


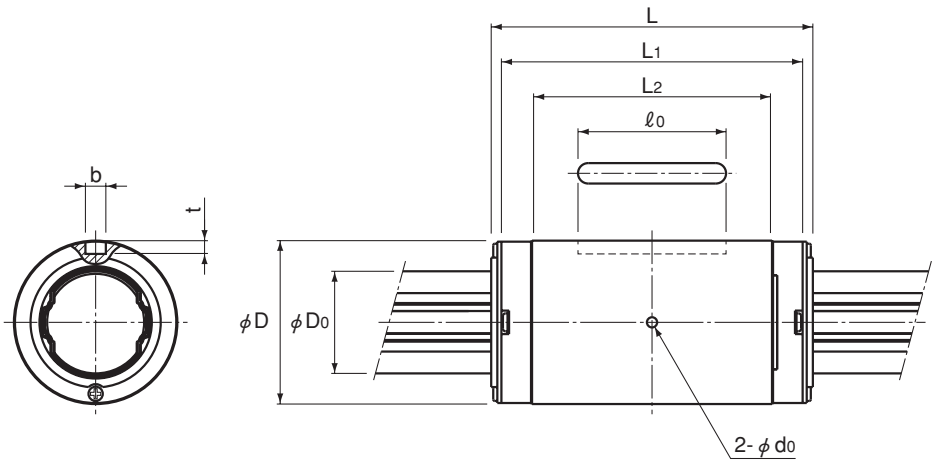
LT5X/LT5XL/LT6X
LT6XL/LT8X/LT8XL

Model No.	Spline shaft diameter	Nut Dimensions								
		Outer Diameter		Length			Keyway dimensions			Greasing hole
	D_0 h7	D	Tolerance	L (With seal)	L_1 (Without seal)	L_2	b H8	t	ℓ_0	d_0
LT4X	4	8	0 -0.009	14.4	12	7.5	—	1	—	1
LT5X	5	10	0 -0.009	15	13.6	7.3	2	1.2	4.7	1
LT5XL				26	24.6	18.3				1
LT6X	6	12	0 -0.009	19	17.6	10.2	2	1.2	6	1
LT6XL				30	28.6	21.2				1
LT8X	8	15	0 -0.011	25	23.8	14.6	2.5	1.2	8	1
LT8XL				40	38.8	29.6				1
LT10X	10	19	0 -0.013	33	30.8	23.9	3	1.5	13	1.5
LT13X	13	23	0 -0.013	36	32.4	24	3	1.5	15	1.5
LT16X	16	28	0 -0.013	50	46.4	35.4	3.5	2	17.5	2
LT20X	20	32	0 -0.016	63	59	47.4	4	2.5	29	2
LT25X	25	40	0 -0.016	71	67	52.6	4	2.5	36	3
LT30X	30	45	0 -0.016	80	75.6	59.6	4	2.5	42	3

Model Number Coding

2 LT20X UU CL +700L P K

- 2: Number of spline nuts attached to one shaft (Not displayed when a single slider is mounted only)
- LT20X: Model number
- UU: Contamination protection accessory symbol
- CL: Symbol for clearance in the rotational direction
- +700L: Overall spline shaft length (in mm)
- P: Accuracy symbol
- K: Hollow shaft symbol



LT10X to 30X

Unit: mm

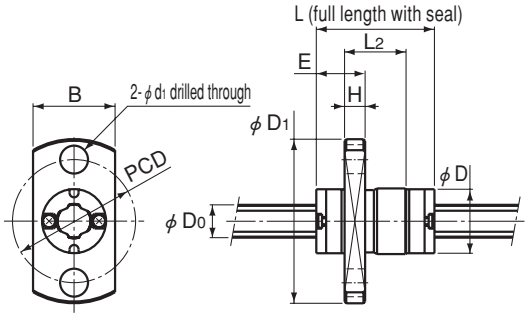
	Basic torque rating		Basic Load Rating		Static Permissible Moment			Mass
	C_T [N・m]	C_{0T} [N・m]	C [kN]	C_0 [kN]	M_{A1} [N・m]	M_{A2} (With seal) [N・m]	M_{A2} (Without seal) [N・m]	Spline Nut Note) (g)
	0.49	0.82	0.42	0.70	0.84	6.2	5.0	2.2
	0.82	1.25	0.56	0.85	1.04	8.2	6.6	3.3
	1.59	3.20	1.09	2.19	6.11	35.5	28.4	8
	1.73	2.77	0.98	1.58	2.85	19.0	15.2	6.6
	2.81	5.54	1.60	3.15	10.6	59.8	47.8	13.3
	6.00	9.23	1.39	2.15	5.13	34.3	27.4	14.3
	10.10	19.4	2.35	4.53	21.1	110.9	88.7	24.3
	9.41	17.3	2.94	5.40	21.5	114	104	30
	17.1	28.7	4.16	6.96	28.9	164	149	40
	42.9	68.6	8.40	13.4	77.4	419	381	81
	66.4	117	10.5	18.6	144	735	669	130
	125	207	15.9	26.2	230	1183	1077	235
	196	319	20.8	34.0	335	1714	1560	295

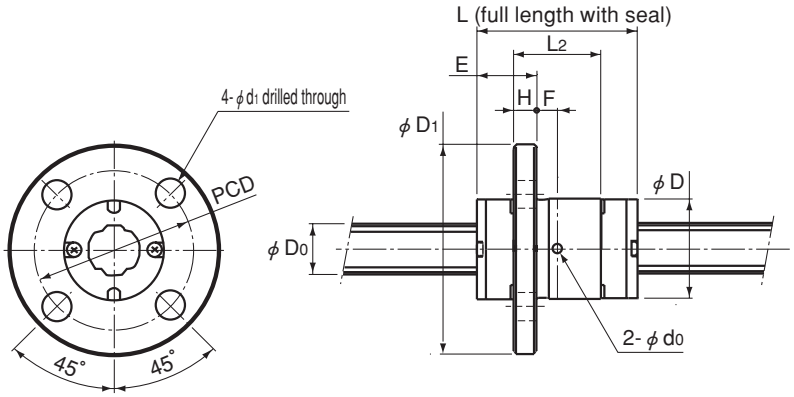
Note) The mass of the spline nut is that without seal.

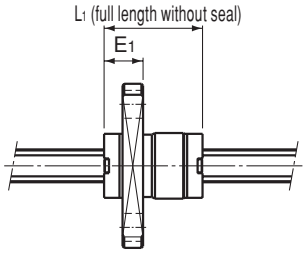
Maximum manufacturing length of the spline length Unit: mm

Nominal shaft diameter	Accuracy		
	Normal grade (No symbol)	High accuracy grade (H)	Precision Grade (P)
4	200	200	200
5	250	200	200
6	315	250	200
8	500	400	315
10	1000	630	500
13	1000	800	630
16	2000	1000	1000
20	2000	1500	1000
25	3000	1500	1000
30	3000	1600	1250

LF-X / LF-XL







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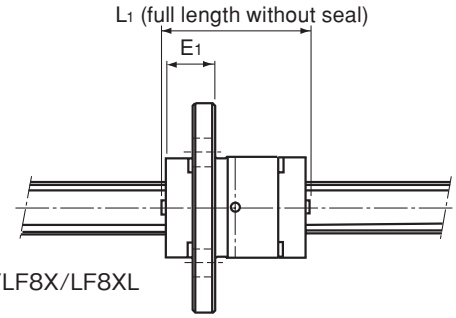


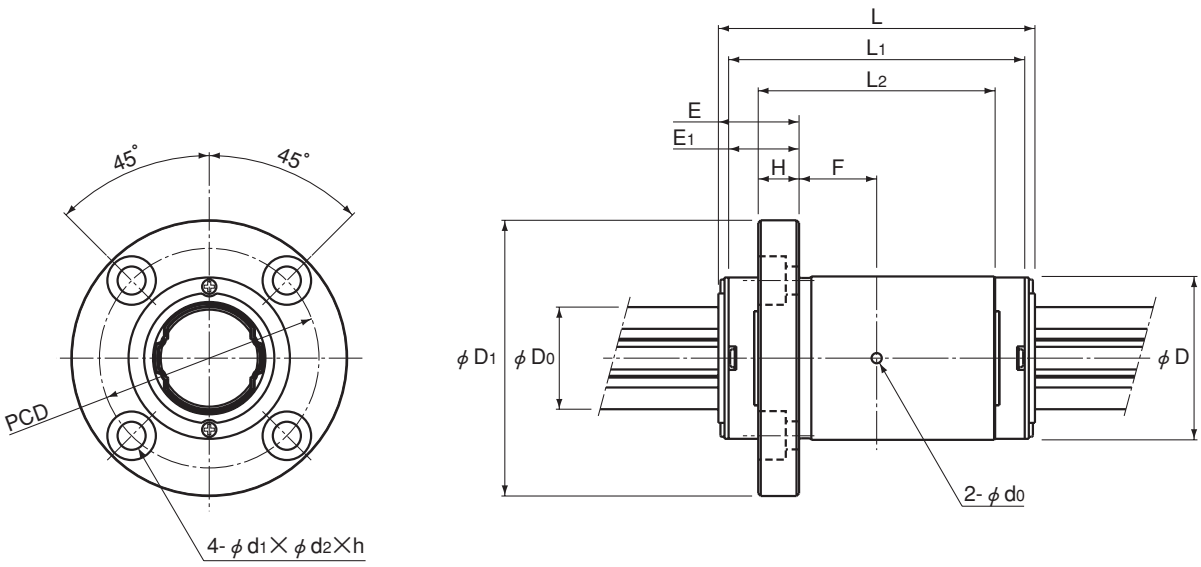
LF5X/LF5XL/LF6X/LF6XL/LF8X/LF8XL

Model No.	Spline shaft diameter	Nut Dimensions													
		Outer Diameter		Length			Flange Outer diameter					Greasing hole		Mounting hole	
	D_0 h7	D	Tolerance	L (With seal)	L_1 (Without seal)	L_2	D_1	H	F	E	E_1	d_0	PCD	$d_1 \times d_2 \times h$	
LF4X	4	8	0 -0.009	14.4	12	7.5	20	2.5	—	5.95	4.74	—	15	3.4 drilled through	
LF5X	5	10	0 -0.009	15	13.6	7.3	23	2.7	—	6.55	5.35	—	17	3.4 drilled through	
LF5XL				26	24.6	18.3			6.5			1			
LF6X	6	12	0 -0.009	19	17.6	10.2	25	2.7	2.4	7.1	6.4	1	19	3.4 drilled through	
LF6XL				30	28.6	21.2			7.9						
LF8X	8	15	0 -0.011	25	23.8	14.6	28	3.8	3.5	9	8.4	1.5	22	3.4 drilled through	
LF8XL				40	38.8	29.6			11						
LF10X	10	19	0 -0.013	33	30.8	23.9	39	6	5.95	10.55	9.45	1.5	29	4.5×8×4.4	
LF13X	13	23	0 -0.013	36	32.4	24	43	6	6	12	10.2	1.5	33	4.5×8×4.4	
LF16X	16	28	0 -0.013	50	46.4	35.4	48	6	11.7	13.3	11.5	2	38	4.5×8×4.4	
LF20X	20	32	0 -0.016	63	59	47.4	54	8	15.7	15.8	13.8	2	43	5.5×9.5×5.4	
LF25X	25	40	0 -0.016	71	67	52.6	62	8	18.3	17.2	15.2	3	51	5.5×9.5×5.4	
LF30X	30	45	0 -0.016	80	75.6	59.6	74	10	19.8	20.2	18	3	60	6.6×11×6.5	

Model Number Coding

2 LF20X UU CL +700L P K

- **2**: Number of spline nuts attached to one shaft (Not displayed when a single slider is mounted only)
- **LF20X**: Model number
- **UU**: Contamination protection accessory symbol
- **CL**: Symbol for clearance in the rotational direction
- **+700L**: Overall spline shaft length (in mm)
- **P**: Accuracy symbol
- **K**: Hollow shaft symbol



LF10X to 30X

Unit: mm

	Basic torque rating		Basic Load Rating		Static Permissible Moment			Mass
	C_T [N・m]	C_{0T} [N・m]	C [kN]	C_0 [kN]	M_{A1} [N・m]	M_{A2} (With seal) [N・m]	M_{A2} (Without seal) [N・m]	Spline Nut[Note] (g)
	0.49	0.82	0.42	0.70	0.84	6.2	5.0	4.7
	0.82	1.25	0.56	0.85	1.04	8.2	6.6	9.9
	1.59	3.20	1.09	2.19	6.11	35.5	28.4	14.6
	1.73	2.77	0.98	1.58	2.85	19.0	15.2	13.8
	2.81	5.54	1.60	3.15	10.6	59.8	47.8	20.5
	6.00	9.23	1.39	2.15	5.13	34.3	27.4	26.5
	10.10	19.4	2.35	4.53	21.1	110.9	88.7	36.5
	9.41	17.3	2.94	5.40	21.5	114	104	66
	17.1	28.7	4.16	6.96	28.9	164	149	82
	42.9	68.6	8.40	13.4	77.4	419	381	131
	66.4	117	10.5	18.6	144	735	669	212
	125	207	15.9	26.2	230	1183	1077	335
	196	319	20.8	34.0	335	1714	1560	489

Note) The mass of the spline nut is that without seal.

Maximum manufacturing length of the spline length Unit: mm

Nominal shaft diameter	Accuracy		
	Normal grade (No symbol)	High accuracy grade (H)	Precision Grade (P)
4	200	200	200
5	250	200	200
6	315	250	200
8	500	400	315
10	1000	630	500
13	1000	800	630
16	2000	1000	1000
20	2000	1500	1000
25	3000	1500	1000
30	3000	1600	1250

Precautions on Use

[Handling]

(1) Please use at least two people to move any product weighing 20 kg or more, or use a dolly or another conveyance. Otherwise, it may cause injury or damage the product.
(2) Do not disassemble the parts. Otherwise, it may reduce the functionality.
(3) Tilting a spline nut or spline shaft may cause them to fall by their own weight.
(4) Take care not to drop or strike the Ball Spline. Otherwise, it may cause injury or damage the product. If the product is dropped or impacted, functionality may be reduced even if there is no surface damage.
(5) When assembling, do not remove the spline nut from the spline shaft.
(6) To ensure personal safety, wear gloves and protective footwear when handling this product.

[Precautions on Use]

(1) Prevent foreign material, such as cutting chips or coolant, from entering the product. This may also cause damage to the product.
(2) If the product is used in an environment where cutting chips, coolant, corrosive solvents, water, etc., may enter the product, use bellows, covers, etc., to prevent them from entering the product.
(3) Do not use the product at temperature of 80°C or higher. Unless the product is specially designed to be heat-resistant, exposure to such temperatures may deform or damage plastic and rubber parts.
(4) If foreign material such as cutting chips adheres to the product, replenish the lubricant after cleaning the product.
(5) Micro-strokes can inhibit the formation of a film of oil between the raceways and the ball, resulting in fretting. So use grease with high fretting resistance. It is also recommended that a stroke movement corresponding to the length of the spline nut be made on a regular basis to make sure oil film is formed between the raceway and the ball.
(6) Do not forcibly drive a pin, key, or other positioning device into this product. This may generate permanent deformation on the raceway, leading to loss of functionality.
(7) Skewing or misalignment of the spline shaft support and spline nut can shorten service life substantially. Inspect the components carefully and make sure they are mounted correctly.
(8) The spline nut must contain all its balls when mounted on the spline shaft. Using a spline nut with any balls removed may result in premature damage.
(9) Please contact THK if any balls fall out of the spline nut; do not use the spline nut if any balls are missing.
(10) When installing the spline shaft into the spline nut, identify the matching marks on the spline shaft and the spline nut, and then insert the shaft straightforward while checking their relative positions. Note that forcibly inserting the shaft may cause balls to fall off. If the spline nut is attached with a seal or given a preload, apply a lubricant to the outer surface of the spline shaft.
(11) Manipulate the spline nut gently, using a jig, when inserting it into the housing, taking care not to strike the side plate, end cap, or seal.
(12) Insufficient rigidity or rough mounting surface accuracy of mounting components may cause unexpected load and may result in premature damage. Accordingly, give sufficient consideration to the rigidity/accuracy of the housing and base.
(13) If desiring to have a flanged-type Ball Spline additionally machined, such as having a dowel pin hole, contact THK.

[Lubrication]

(1) Thoroughly wipe off anti-rust oil and feed lubricant before using the product.
(2) Do not mix different lubricants. Mixing greases using the same type of thickening agent may still cause adverse interaction between the two greases if they use different additives, etc.
(3) When using the product in locations exposed to constant vibrations or in special environments such as clean rooms, vacuum and low/high temperature, use the grease appropriate for the specification/environment.
(4) To lubricate a product that has no grease nipple or oil hole, apply lubricant directly to the raceway surface and execute a few preliminary strokes to ensure that the interior is fully lubricated.
(5) The consistency of grease changes according to the temperature. Take note that the slide resistance and torque of the Ball Spline also changes as the consistency of grease changes.
(6) The Ball Spline may encounter increased slide resistance following lubrication, due to the lubricant's agitation resistance. Be sure to perform a break-in to let the grease spread fully, before operating the machine.
(7) Excess lubricant may spatter immediately after lubrication. If necessary, wipe off any spattered grease.
(8) The properties of grease deteriorate and its lubrication performance drops over time. Grease must be checked and added properly according to the use frequency of the machine.
(9) Although the lubrication interval may vary according to use conditions and the service environment, lubrication should be performed approximately every 100 km in travel distance (three to six months). Set the final lubrication interval/amount based on the actual machine.
(10) With oil lubrication, the lubricant may not always be thoroughly disseminated inside the Ball Spline, depending on its mounting position. If the preferred lubrication method is oil lubrication, please consult THK in advance.

[Storage]

When storing the Ball Spline, enclose it in a package designated by THK and store it in a room in a horizontal orientation while avoiding high temperature, low temperature and high humidity. After the product has been in storage for an extended period of time, lubricant inside may have deteriorated, so add new lubricant before use.

[Disposal]

Dispose of the product properly as industrial waste.

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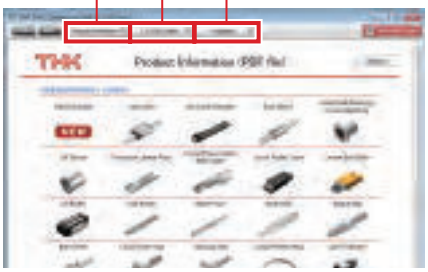

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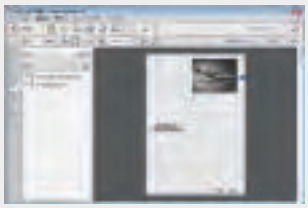

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