

Bear With Us: Bearings 101

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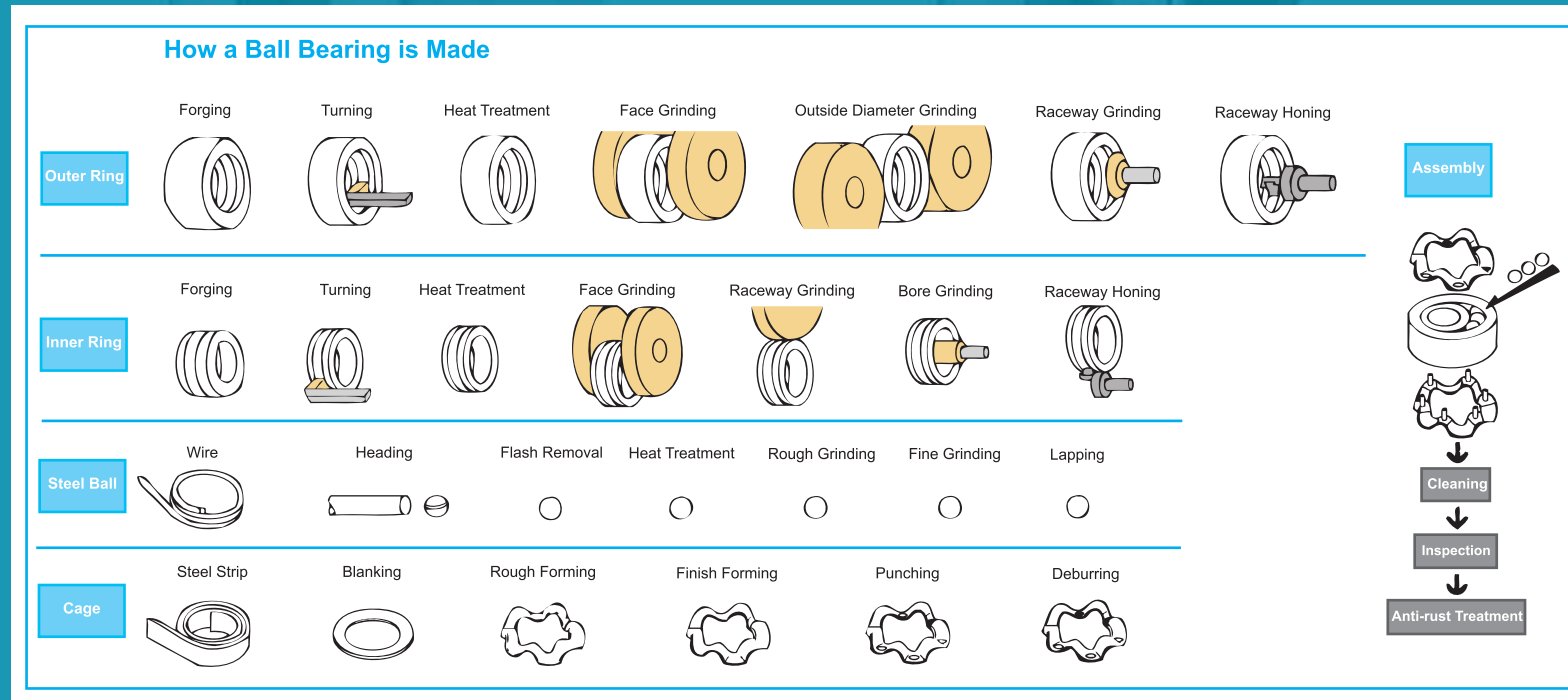
BEARING, derived from the verb “to bear,” being a machine element that allows one part to bear (support) another

History:

Ball bearings can be found in ANCIENT EGYPTIAN drawings as well as DA VINCI’s and GALILEO’s notebooks.

Anatomy:

A standard BEARING consists of FOUR essential elements. • **Outer Ring** • **Inner Ring** • **Steel Ball** • **Cage**



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Types: Rolling bearings have evolved to include a wide variety of special TYPES for unique applications.



Single Row Deep Groove Ball Bearings

These bearings have deep and continuous raceway grooves, which in turn have a close osculation with the balls, allowing them to accommodate axial and radial loads in either direction.



Double Row Self Aligning Ball Bearings

Designed for use in applications involving severe misalignment from either shaft deflection or mounting, these bearings feature a concave outer ring with two rows of balls that operate on a variety of contact angles.



Super Precision Angular Contact Ball Bearings

These bearings are ideal for applications needing precise accuracy of rotating parts and high speeds.



Cylindrical Roller Bearings

Despite a wide variety of series, designs, and sizes, the basic form of this bearing is a single row with a cage, which can support heavy radial loads, high speeds, and rapid acceleration.



Spherical Roller Bearings

These bearings have two rows of rollers as well as a circular outer and two inner ring raceways. The center point of the outer raceway is at the bearing axis, making these bearings self-aligning and great for both heavy radial and axial loads in both directions.



Tapered Roller Bearings

With tapered inner and outer ring raceways as well as tapered rollers, these bearings can handle simultaneous axial and radial loads, providing low friction and true rolling.



Needle Roller Bearings

These bearings feature cylindrical rollers that are smaller than the diameter of the bearing and slightly relieved at the end to modify the line contact between raceways and rollers, preventing stress peaks and helping extend service life.

Applications: Rolling bearings serve INDUSTRIES of all kinds.



Aggregate/
Concrete/Mining



Electric
Motor Repair



Machine
Tools



Marine
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Material
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Metal
Processing



Packaging/
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and Forming



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