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Bearing Life - Calculation

- The size of a bearing is initially selected on the relation of its load carrying capacity and the carried load with the life and reliability requirement.
- Load carrying capacity is specified for each bearing in a catalogue with:
 - » C basic dynamic load rating for variable loads and high speeds
 - » Co basic static load rating for static loads and low speeds
- The load calculated from free body diagrams or by other means.
- Rating life can be calculated from the life equation. The form of the life
 equation depends on the accuracy required. Basic rating life is:

$$L_{10} = \left(\frac{C}{P}\right)^{a} \qquad [10^{6} \text{ rev}]$$

$$L_{10h} = \frac{10^{6}}{60n} L_{10} \qquad [hours]$$

$$L_{10e} = \frac{\pi D}{1000} L_{10} \qquad [10^{6} \text{ km}]$$

a = 3 - for ball bearings
a = 3.33- for roller bearings
P [N] - equivalent dynamic load rating
n [rpm] - rotational speed

n [rpm] - rotational speed D [m] - wheel diameter

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Adjusted Bearing Life

Design web

If a bearing is not operating in the ideal conditions then the basic rating life should be adjusted:

$$L_{adj} = a_T a_R a_{OC} L_{10}$$
 [10⁶ rev]

Temperature [°C]	150		200			250	300	
a _T	1.00		0.90			0.75	0.60	
Reliability [%]	90		95	96		97	98	99
a _R	1.00	(0.62	0.53		0.44	0.33	0.21

 Coefficient a_{OC} represents means of lubrication and dust prevention. It varies from 0.20 – 2.20. Values depend on relative viscosity of lubricant. Values higher the one are possible for special lubricants and cooling.

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Equivalent dynamic bearing load

	bear
$P = x F_r + y F_a$	Dou ball
	Four

P [N] - equivalent dynamic bearing load F,[N] - actual radial bearing load F, N - actual axial bearing load x - radial load factor y - axial load factor

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Bearing type	Condition	х	у
	F _a /F _r <=0.5	1	0
Deep groove ball bearing	F _a /F _r >0.5	0.56	1-2
Calf alianian hall bensions	F _a /F _r <=e*	1	Y*
Self aligning ball bearings	F₂/F _r >e*	0.65	y*
Angular contact ball	F ₈ /F _r <=1.14	1	0
bearings	F ₈ /F _r >1.14	0.35	0.57
Double row angular contact	F _a /F _r <=0.86	1	0.73
ball bearings	F _s /F _r >0.86	0.62	1.17
Four-point contact ball	F _a /F _r <=0.95	1	0.66
bearings	F _s /F _r >0.95	0.6	1.07
Cylindrical roller bearing	F _a /F _r <=0.2	1	0
(with flanges)	F _a /F _r >0.2	0.92	0.6
Needle roller bearings	-	1	0
Trust roller bearings	-	0	1
Tanan sallan hansiana	F _a /F _r <=e*	1	0
Taper roller bearings	F _a /F _r >e*	0.4	Y*
Taper roller bearings	1.00	0.75	0.60

Direc		irection of Load			Ratio of Load/Bulk			alignme apacity			Design web
	radial	axial	both	high	med	low	high	med	low		
Thrust Ball		у			У				У		
Deep Groove Ball	у		У		У			У			
Cylindrical Roller	у		certain types		У				у		
Needle Roller	у			у					у		
Tapered Roller	у	у	У		У				У		
Self-aligning Ball	У		У			У	у				
Self-aligning Spherical Roller	у		У		У		у				
Angular Contact Ball		у	у			у			у		
	Machine Usage Type								Life Required of Bearings (Hours)		
l	household appliances — intermittent use									300 - 3000	
hand tools, construction equipment — short period use								period use	3000 - 8000		
lifts, cranes — high reliability for short periods								ds	8000 - 12000		
8h/day gears, motors — full day partial use								10000 - 25000			
l	8h/da	8h/day machine tools, fans — full day full use							20000 - 30000		
l	continuous use								40000 - 50000		
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