

Ball Splines - Overview

Overview of Ball Spline Alteration / Grease Application Services

Accuracy

■ Spline Shaft: Raceway Twist Tolerance (Max.) Unit: μm

| Material | Tolerance |
|----------------------|-----------|
| 52100 Bearing Steel | 13 |
| 440C Stainless Steel | 33 |

Spline groove twist is measured at an arbitrary 100mm section of the effective shaft length. If the length to be evaluated is longer or shorter than 100mm, proportionally add or subtract from the standard values in the table.

■ Rotational Clearance Unit: μm

| No. | Standard Preload | 52100 Bearing Steel | 440C Stainless Steel |
|-----|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 6 | -2~+1 | -1~+4 | |
| 8 | | | |
| 10 | | | |
| 13 | -3~+1 | -2~+5 | |
| 16 | | | |
| 20 | | | |
| 25 | -4~+2 | - | |
| 30 | | | |

■ Tolerance (Max) of Accuracies against Spline Shaft Supporting Portions Unit: μm

| No. | ① Spline Portion | ② Flange Mounting Surface | | |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---|----|---------|
| No. | ③ Max. Runout of Spline Axis Line | ④ Max. Runout of Spline Nut Outer Surface | | |
| 6 | 9 (22) | 11 (27) | 6 | 11 (27) |
| 8 | | | 8 | 13 (33) |
| 10 | | | 10 | 13 (33) |
| 13 | 11 (27) | 16 (39) | 13 | 16 (39) |
| 16 | | | 16 | 16 (39) |
| 20 | | | 20 | 19 |
| 25 | 13 | 19 | 25 | 19 |
| 30 | | | 30 | 19 |

① Perpendicularity of End Face of the Shafts
② Perpendicularity
③ -200, 201~, 316~, 401~, 501~, 631~, 801~, 1001~
④ Max. Runout of Spline Nut Outer Surface

Ⓜ Values in () are for 440C Stainless Steel.

Calculation of Life

Running Life

Radial Load

$$L = \left(\frac{f_t \cdot f_h \cdot f_p \cdot C}{f_w \cdot F} \right)^3 \cdot L_0$$

Torque Load

$$L = \left(\frac{f_t \cdot f_h \cdot Ct}{f_w \cdot T} \right)^3 \cdot L_0$$

Life Hours

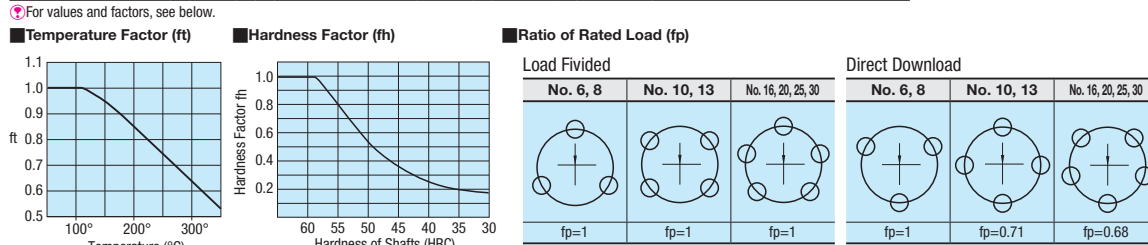
$$L_h = \frac{10^6 \cdot L}{120 \cdot St \cdot n}$$

Life Hours

Lh: Running Time (hr)
L: Running Life (km)
St: Stroke Length (mm)
n: Reciprocating Cycles per Minute (cpm)

L: Running Life (km)
ft: Temperature Factor
fh: Hardness Factor
fp: Ratio of Rated Load
fw: Load Factor
Lo: Rated Life (50km)
C: Basic Dynamic Load Rating (N)
F: Applied Radial Load (N)
Ct: Basic Dynamic Torque (N-m)
T: Applied Torque (N-m)

Ⓜ For values and factors, see below.



■ Load Factor (fw)

| Conditions of Use | Load Factor (fw) |
|--|------------------|
| Minimal vibrations / shocks (Low speed 15m/min or less) | 1~2 |
| Some vibrations / shocks (Medium speed 60m/min or less) | 2~3 |
| Significant vibrations / shocks (High speed over 60m/min.) | 3 or more |

■ Load Rating

| No. | Basic Rated Torque | | Basic Load Rating | | Allowable Static Moment | | Sectional Moment of Inertia mm ⁴ |
|-----|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---|
| | Dynamic C _t N-m | Static C _{0t} N-m | Dynamic C kN | Static C ₀ kN | M ₀₁ N-m | M ₀₂ N-m | |
| 6 | 3.8 | 7 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 5 | 36 | 6.2x10 |
| 8 | 4.8 | 8.7 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 5 | 36 | 1.97x10 ² |
| 10 | 19 (11) | 34 (21) | 3.8 (2.4) | 6.9 (4.3) | 26 (15) | 181 (102) | 5.57x10 ² |
| 13 | 28 (20) | 52 (37) | 4.6 (3.3) | 8.3 (5.9) | 36 (22) | 251 (149) | 1.55x10 ³ |
| 16 | 51 | 93 | 6.2 | 11.1 | 56 | 386 | 3.61x10 ³ |
| 20 | 85 | 154 | 8.5 | 15.3 | 83 | 611 | 8.74x10 ³ |
| 25 | 193 | 348 | 15.4 | 27.7 | 173 | 1248 | 2.13x10 ⁴ |
| 30 | 272 | 490 | 18.5 | 33.3 | 212 | 1581 | 4.37x10 ⁴ |

Ⓜ Values in () are for 440C Stainless Steel.
Ⓜ If the number of nuts is 1, check the M₀₁ column; and if the said number is 2, check the M₀₂ column.

Operating Temp.

Plastic components are used in ball spline assemblies. Avoid using in high temperature environments, keep below 80°C.

Annealing Range

Spline Shafts are already hardened, and are to be annealed upon machining. Annealing may lower hardness on the machined area +10mm fore and aft. (See the examples below). Furthermore, the annealing portions are out the guaranteed range of O.D. Tolerance. When calculating stroke, count out the dimensions of annealing portions.

(Ex.)

Annealing may lower hardness of the following parts:

- Threaded Ends
- Stepped Parts
- Tapped Ends
- Wrench flats, set screw flats, retaining ring grooves, tap alteration

Alteration Overview

■ Dimensions of Key Grooves on the Shaft Ends (P and Q)

| P, Q | b | Tolerance (N9) | t | Tolerance |
|-------|---|------------------|-----|-----------|
| 8, 10 | 3 | -0.004 -0.029 | 1.8 | |
| 12 | 4 | 0 | 2.5 | +0.1 0 |
| 13~16 | 5 | -0.030 | 3.0 | |
| 20 | 6 | | 3.5 | |
| 25 | 8 | 0 -0.036 | 4.0 | +0.2 0 |

■ Dimensions of the Retaining Ring Groove on the Shaft Ends (P and Q)

| P, Q | Tolerance | m | Tolerance | d | Tolerance | Applicable Retaining Ring |
|------|-------------|------|------------|------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 3 | 0 -0.010 | 0.5 | +0.05 0 | 2 | +0.06 0 | JIS E Type 2 |
| 4 | 0 | | | 3 | 0 | JIS E Type 3 |
| 5 | -0.012 | 0.7 | +0.1 0 | 4 | +0.075 0 | JIS E Type 4 |
| 6 | 0 | 0.9 | | 5.05 | 6.05 | JIS E Type 5 |
| 8 | -0.015 | | | 6.05 | | JIS E Type 6 |
| 10 | 0 | | | 9.6 | 0 -0.09 | JIS C Type 10 |
| 12 | 0 | 1.15 | +0.14 0 | 11.5 | 0 | JIS C Type 12 |
| 13 | -0.018 | | | 12.4 | 0 | JIS C Type 13 |
| 15 | 0 | | | 14.3 | -0.11 | JIS C Type 15 |
| 16 | 0 | | | 15.2 | | JIS C Type 16 |
| 20 | 0 | 1.35 | | 19 | 0 | JIS C Type 20 |
| 25 | -0.021 | | | 23.9 | -0.21 | JIS C Type 25 |

Lubrication

Ball splines are shipped greased. Administer lubrication maintenance with Lithium soap based grease (Alvania Grease S2 by Showa Shell Sekiyu K.K), etc. as needed.

Various Grease Application Services

The Lubricant used for Ball Splines can be changed to any of the following Special Greases. Service is provided to apply grease onto nuts and shafts. For performance of each grease, refer to the table below.

| Type | Grease Product Name | Main Feature |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---|
| L Type | ET-100K (Made by Kyodo Yushi) | High heat resistance and oxidation stability. Also high adhesion and cohesion with limited splash or leakage. |
| G Type | LG2 (Made by NSK Ltd.) | Suitable for clean environment due to low particle generation grease. Highly resistant to corrosion. |

■ Grease Performance

| Item | Conditions | Unit | Measurement Method | L Type | G Type | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|---|--------|
| Grease Performance | Thickener | - | - | Aromatic Diurea | Lithium Type | |
| | Base Oil | - | - | Ether Synthetic Oil | Mineral Oil + Synthetic Hydrocarbon Oil | |
| | Base Oil Kinetic Viscosity | 40°C | mm ² /s | JIS K2220 5.19 | 103 | 30 |
| | | 100°C | | | 12.8 | - |
| | Miscible Consistency | - | - | JIS K2220 5.3 | 280 | 207 |
| | Dropping Point | - | °C | JIS K2220 5.4 | <260 | 200 |
| | Evaporation Amount | 99°C x 22hr | wt% | - | 0.15% | 1.40% |
| | Oil Separation | 100°C x 24hr | wt% | JIS K2220 514 | 1.2% | 0.8% |
| | Operating Temp. | In Air | °C | - | -40~200 | -10~80 |

■ Precautions for Use

- For Particle Generation Amount upon grease application, refer to the "Comparison of Particle Generation (Experimental Values)" section on P.266, "Linear Bushings."
- If G Type grease, Low Miscible Consistency grease, is applied onto the small dia. portion (No. 6, 8, or 10), resistance may be increased, and thus, sliding motion may be degraded.

Ordering Example

Part Number

- BSSS8L-300** (L Type Greased)
- BSSS8G-300** (G Type Greased)

Please add L or G after part number of Regular Type when placing an order.

Price [Configure Online](#)

Days to Ship [Configure Online](#)

■ Grease Application Service Charges Table

| Part Number (No.) | Unit Price (Add to the price of Standard Type) | |
|-------------------|--|------------|
| | Nut 1 pc. | Nut 2 pcs. |
| 6≤No.≤13 | | |
| 16≤No.≤30 | | |

Alterations

Part Number: BSFS10G - L - M - (SC, FC ... etc.)
350 - M5 - SC15

Confirm the details of alterations from each page.