

# Section 1

## **Basic Information**

This section covers both the basic technical information governing bearing selection and the part numbering system used in this catalog. When the part numbering is different from the basic system, that particular numbering is described in the pertinent section. The various ball bearing parts and components referred to in this catalog are illustrated with brief descriptions, the basic dimensional symbols shown are defined.

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### **Basic Technical Information**

#### BEARING SELECTION

There are several important considerations which must be evaluated simultaneously when choosing the proper bearing for a particular device. A detailed analysis of these considerations may be found in the Engineering Section; we will, however, briefly discuss some of the more important ones here.

Miniature and instrument ball bearings are normally made of either Stainless Steel or Chrome Alloy Steel. Life calculations are affected by bearing material as well as lubrication selection. These issues are discussed further beginning on page 4.12.

#### ABEC GRADE

Factors to be considered in selecting the ABEC Grade required for a bearing are Bore and O.D. fits, radial and axial runout requirements, and cost. The table below shows Bore and O.D. radial runout limits and size tolerances vs. ABEC Grade.

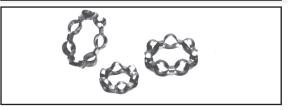
	MAXIMU RADIAL RU		MEAN DIAMETER TOLERANCE						
ABEC GRADE	INNER RING	OUTER RING	BORE	0.D.	O.D.SIZE				
1	.0003	.0006	+.0000	+.0000 0003 +.0000 00035	0-18mm over 18- 30mm				
3	.0002	.0004	+.0000	+.0000	0-30mm				
5	.00015	.0002	+.0000	+.0000	0-30mm				
7	.0001	.00015	+.0000	+.0000 0002	0-30mm				

The chart on page 4.19 gives a more complete description of the tolerances controlled by the ABEC. Note: A1 miniature and instrument bearings of both the metric and inch configurations meet the tolerances of ABMA Standard 20 for ABEC 1 metric series bearings.

#### TYPE OF CAGE

The two types of pressed steel ball cages are available for most bearings. "H" or metallic crown type, and "R" or two piece metallic ribbon type.





These two cage types are interchangeable in most common applications.



Also available for some sizes are cages made of molded and machined plastics. Our engineers can provide recommendations for any special requirements.

#### SHIELDS AND SEALS

Shields are available for most sizes, as shown on the listing pages. These closures will help to reduce the entrance of particulate contaminants into the bearing and will reduce the amount of lubricant leakage. Radial clearance between the shield bore and the inner ring O.D. is approximately .002 to .005 inch. The effect of shields on bearing torque or noise is insignificant.

Contacting seals made of synthetic rubber (DD) are available for most sizes. These seals provide the best protection from the entrance of contaminants, or exit of lubricant, but as a result, significantly increase operating torque. (DD) seals will withstand a slight amount of positive pressure differential.





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Non contacting seals made of synthetic rubber (SS), or re-inforced PTFE (LL), are also available for most chassis sizes. This type of seal offers better sealing than a metal shield, while keeping operating torque at the lowest possible levels. (LL) seals will contact the inner ring in some cases, but the nature of the seal material serves to keep torque at a minimum.



(LL)

#### RADIAL PLAY

Radial play is the free internal radial looseness between the balls and races. Radial play within a ball bearing is necessary to accommodate thermal expansions, the effects of interference fit, and to control axial play. In cases of extreme temperature, speed, load, or where axial play amount is important, our Engineering Department should be consulted for recommendations.

#### STARTING AND RUNNING TORQUE

The operating torque of a bearing can be described as starting and running torque. Starting torque is the force required to begin rotation from a bearing at rest. Running torque is the force required to rotate one ring at a known speed while keeping the other ring stationary. The main contributors to bearing torque are seal and lubrication type. For applications in which low starting and/or running torque is required, an Applications Engineer should be contacted for bearing specification recommendations.

#### STATIC (Cor) AND DYNAMIC (Cr) LOADS

In evaluating the static load conditions, any forces exerted during assembly and test must be considered along with vibration and impact loads sustained during handling, test, shipment and assembly. Dynamic loading includes built-in preload, weight of supported members, and the effect of any accelerations due to vibration or motion changes. The static and dynamic radial load ratings are shown for each chassis size on the product listing pages. Descriptions of these calculated load ratings can be found in the Engineering Information Section.

#### OPTIMUM LUBRICANT

Selection of the lubricant is extremely important. Many lubricants are available for varying conditions and requirements. An NMB Sales or Applications Engineer can help you select the lubricant best suited to your application.

Unless torque is a problem, the selection of a grease is much preferred in prelubricating bearings since it is less susceptible to migration and leakage. Grease can multiply the inherent bearing torque by a factor of 1.2 to 5.0, depending on the type and quantity of grease in the bearing. A discussion of lubrication and a partial listing of our most common greases can be found in the Engineering Information Section.



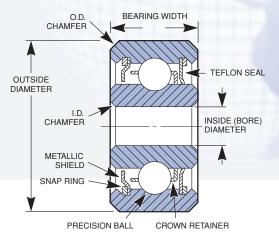


## **Ball Bearing Components**

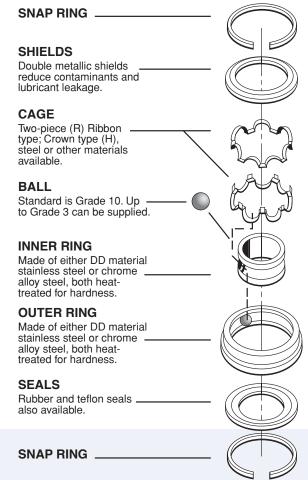
To assist in selecting the bearing with the proper components for a particular design or use, an exploded view of a standard ball bearing with component callouts is shown, below right. To further illustrate the relative positioning of these components in the ball bearing assembly, a cross section, right, is also shown. A detailed discussion of the various components, materials and dimensional tolerances can be found in Section 4, Engineering Information.



#### **Cross section view of ball bearing**



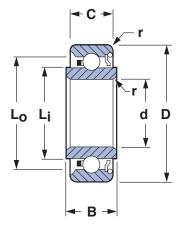
#### **Exploded view of ball bearing**

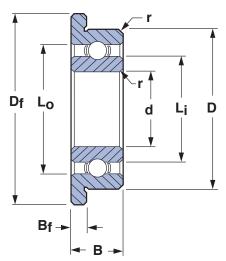




## **Basic Dimension Data**

The dimensions and their associated symbols used throughout the catalog are described and defined below. The listing of these dimensions establish bearing size and other bearing parameters so designers may choose the ball bearing most suited to their requirement.





# The Reference Codes shown in the figures below and used throughout this catalog are defined as follows:

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d	Insi	ide Di	ameter or Bore	

**D** — Outside Diameter – O.D.

B ——Inner Ring Width

C ——Outer Ring Width

**D**f ——Flange Outside Diameter

**B**f ——Flange Width or Thickness

Li ——Inner Ring Reference Diameter
Lo ——Outer Ring Reference Diameter

r ——Maximum Shaft or Housing Fillet Radius

that bearing corners will clear

**Z** ——Number of Balls

**D**<sub>W</sub> ——Nominal Diameter of Balls

N<sub>max</sub> —Maximum Speed (rpm)

f<sub>n</sub> ——Cage and Lubricant Factor. See page 1.2-1.3





# Part Numbering System

#### **EXAMPLE**

DD RIF-418 ZZEE H A7 P25 LY75 KJ R-1350 ZZ R A5 P25 L01 RI-5532 R A7 P25 LO1

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5	GROUP 6
MATERIAL	ТҮРЕ	BASIC SIZE	FEATURES	ANDERON METER TEST AND SPECIAL DESIGNS	CAGE
DD	RIF-	418	ZZEE		Н
KJ	R-	1350	ZZ		R
RI-	5532			R	
DD™ = NMB developed stainless steel material which falls within the 400 series Martensitic Stainless Steel grouping. KJ-MKJ3* chrome steel for inner and outer rings. Inner and outer ring material is NMB developed high carbon chromium bearing steel developed for HDDs and other specialty applications. Balls are made of 52100 or equivalent. NO CODE = Chrome alloy steel (52100 or equivalent) *US and foreign patents pending	RI, R, L = Radial ball bearings RIF, RF, LF = Flanged radial ball bearings RI, RIF = Inch Series R, L, RF, LF = Metric Series (exceptions: R-2, R-3, R-4 = inch series)	INCH SERIES First one or two digits indicates 0.D. in 16ths of an inch. The following two or three digits indicate the bore size in a fraction of an inch, the first digit being the numerator and the second or the second and third digits being the denominator.  METRIC SERIES First two digits indicate 0.D. in mm. Second two digits indicate I.D. in mm.  SPECIAL SIZE SERIES ZB = Integral shaft AS = Pulley type assembilies; shaft assembilies; shaft assembilies; special pivot type; special bearings X = Following basic size indicates special ball complement assigned in numerical sequence i.e., X1, X2, etc.	ENCLOSURES  Z = Single metallic shield-removable  ZZ = Double metallic shield-removable  D = Single rubber seal-contact  DD = Double rubber seal-contact  H = Single metallic shield non-removable  K = Single metallic shield non-removable  K = Single metallic shield non-removable  L = Single glass reinforced PTFE seal-contact  LL = Double glass reinforced PTFE seal-contact  S = Single rubber seal non-contact  S = Double rubber seal non-contact  LZ = Glass reinforced PTFE seal non-contact  LZ = Glass reinforced PTFE seal and shield with seal on flange side  ZL = Shield and glass reinforced  PTFE seal with shield on flange side  DZ = Rubber seal and shield  EXTENDED INNER  RING  EE = Both sides	ANDERON METER TEST MT = Motor quality GT = Extremely quiet-H.D.D. spindle motor only No Code = Non-critical application SPECIAL DESIGN SD = Special design bearing	H = Metallic Crown R = Metallic Ribbon J = Acetal crown type MN = Glass fiber reinforced molded nylor M7 = Molded nylon





# Part Numbering System

GROUP 7	GROUP 8	GROUP 9	GROUP 10
ABEC TOLERANCE	RADIAL PLAY	LUBRICANT	LUBE QUANTITY
A7	P25	LY75	L
A5	P25	L01	
A7	P25	L01	
A1 = ABEC 1 A3 = ABEC 3 A5 = ABEC 5 A7 = ABEC 7  Note A1 miniature and instrument bearings of both the metric and inch configurations meet the tolerances of ABMA Standard 20 for ABEC 1 metric series bearings.	P = Followed by two or three numbers indicate the radial play limits in ten thousandths of an inch. Example: P25 indicates radial play of .0002" to .0005"	Lubricant letter codes are followed by a number to indicate specific type.  LO = Oil  LG = Greases  LY = Other Oils and Greases  LD = Dry-No Lubrication  (DD Material Only)	X = 5-10% L = 10-15% T = 15 -20% No Code = 25-35% H = 40-50% J = 50-60% F = 100% Percentage of void volume

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

The NMB numbering system identifies ball bearing size and design. This system is not a guide to create a customized ball bearing. Please use the numbering system to decipher the basic bearing numbers listed in this catalog, or to define a number given to you by a representative of NMB. Bearing numbering systems which are different are explained in the pertinent sections of this catalog. Please consult a member of our Sales or Engineering staff to help you design a new bearing or to interchange another manufacturer's part number.





# Part Numbering System NMB Metric 600/6000

#### **EXAMPLE**

608 DD NR M3 SM A3 LY121 H

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5	GROUP 6
BASIC HASSIS IUMBER	CAGE	ENCLOSURE	EXTERNAL RETAINING RING	RADIAL PLAY	NOISE RATING
608	J	DD	NR	М3	SM
See pages 3-10 and 3-11 for listings of Metric 600/6000 Series	J = Molded plastic retainer MN = Glass fiber reinforced molded plastic retainer No Code = Ribbon retainer	Z = Single press type metal shield, non-removable D = Single contact rub- ber seal S = Single non-contact rubber seal Labyrinth design seal available on some sizes SSD21 = Labyrinth non- contact rubber seal DSD21 = Labyrinth contact rubber seal No Code = Double lip contact rubber seal No Code = Open bearing (Limited Availability) NOTE: Any combination of two enclosure types is available, i.e., ZZ, DD, SS, ZD, DS, ZS.	N = Groove only NR = Groove with retaining ring installed No Code = No groove or retaining ring NOTE: An external retaining ring is used where a flange effect is needed, but where the extra cost and stability of an integral flange are not required. Consult NMB for dimensions.	M2 = 0.003 - 0.008 mm M3 = 0.005 - 0.010 mm M4 = 0.008 - 0.013 mm M5 = 0.013 - 0.020 mm NOTE: Radial play is the internal radial looseness between the balls and the races. Radial play is necessary to accommodate differential thermal expansions, the effects of interference fits and to control axial play.	SM = Vibration critical applications MT = Extremely noise setive applications NOTE: Noise codes are t dynamic evaluation of t bearing's performance. I listening to the internal sounds of a bearing in motion (Anderon based testing), NMB can scientifically categorize bearings into noise leve By evaluating application needs, the product designer can no coordinate these noise codes and ABEC classes to achieve the most cos effective combination o noise and performance.



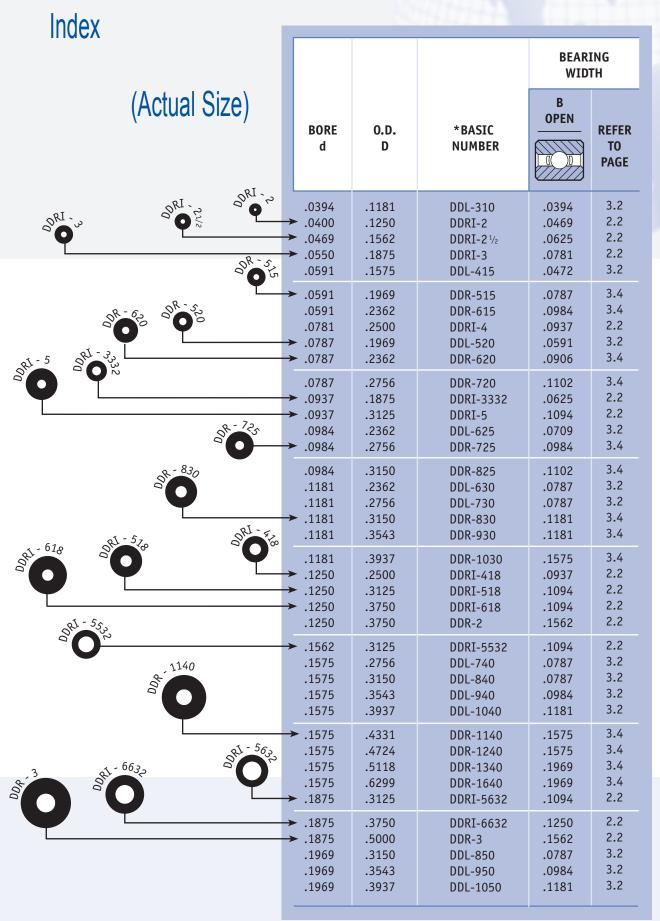


# Part Numbering System NMB Metric 600/6000

GROUP 7 ABEC CLASSES	GROUP 8 LUBRICANT	GROUP 9  LUBE QUANTITY
А3	LY121	Н
A1 = ABEC 1 A3 = ABEC 3 A5 = ABEC 5 A7 = ABEC 7 NOTE: ABEC classes do not specify noise limits. In certain applications, if runouts and fits are non-critical, it may be possible to achieve the dynamic effects of higher ABEC class bearings by specifying an ABEC 1 bearing with a SM or MT noise code. This could lead to a significant cost savings.	LG20 = Exxon Beacon 325, Synthetic Grease LY48 = Mobil 28 Synthetic Grease LY121 = Kyodo Yushi SRL Synthetic Grease	X = 5-10% L = 10-15% T = 15-20% No Code = 25-35% H = 40-50% J = 50-60% F =100% Percentage of void volume







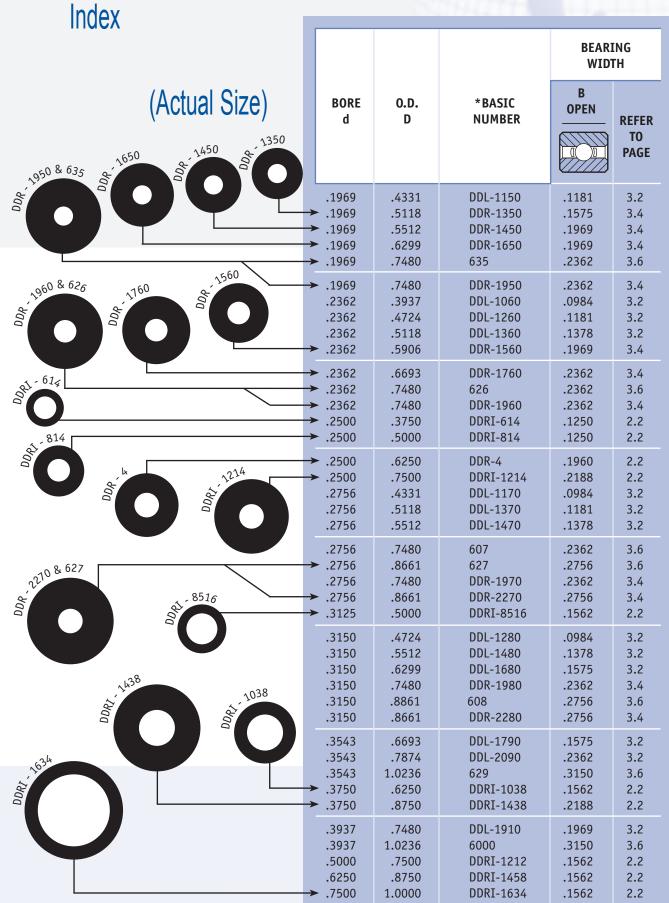




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# **Ultra-Precision Machining Technology**

The precision of a ball bearing is determined by several factors, including the raceway roundness of the inner and outer rings, the sphericity of the balls and the quality of the balls and the raw materials used in each of the bearing's components. Improving precision demands uncompromising strictness on all counts. Building on expertise amassed over 50 years, NMB has developed high-precision machining equipment, sophisticated maintenance technologies and efficient plant-line layout, enabling it to produce all parts of its bearings in-house and to aim constantly for higher levers of precision.



