



# Rex™ and Link-Belt™ Type E Spherical Roller Bearings

OVERVIEW





# Advancing the Industry

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Since the mid-1970's, Regal Rexnord has served the aggregate industry with its solid-housed Rex and Link-Belt Type E Spherical Roller Bearings, in part due to their high load capacity and greater misalignment capabilities than competitive Type E tapered roller bearings.

The aggregate industry has always demanded reliable and affordable equipment, which led to the standardization of Type E tapered roller bearings 75 years ago, due to their low-cost and high thrust load capacity. While some improvements have been made to Type E tapered roller bearings over the years, even more have been made to spherical roller bearings to decrease your downtime and increase production — and Regal Rexnord has led the industry in this effort.

### Rex and Link-Belt Type E Roller Bearings provide you with:

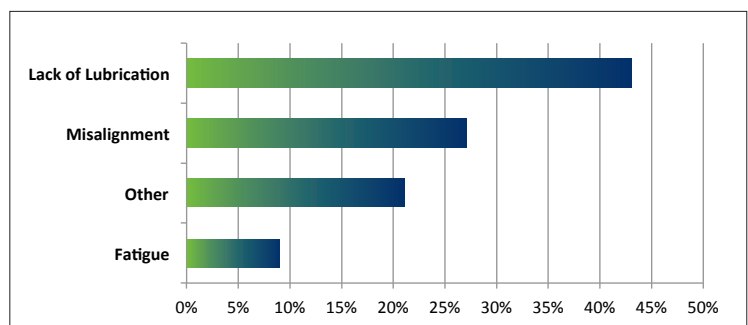
- Shaft sizes from 3/4 to 5 inches
- Multiple mounting options for application customization
- Self-aligning spherical roller bearing, featuring four degrees of total misalignment, allows for installation inaccuracies or shaft deflection, eliminating premature bearing, shaft, structure, pulley and other connected equipment failures
- Adjustable internal clearances for flexibility in your application
- Best-in-class load ratings for longer life
- Interchangeable seals for vast configurability, allowing customers to upgrade their Rex and Link-Belt Type E Spherical Roller Bearings to seals tailored to their specific application by purchasing a seal kit
- Dimensional interchangeability with competitive Type E bearings for ease of use
- Three shaft attachment options: single- and double-locking collar and adapter mount

### WHY CHOOSE REX AND LINK-BELT TYPE E SPHERICAL ROLLER BEARINGS?

#### Increased misalignment capacity.

Industry failure data shows (Figure 1) the second most common cause of bearing failure is misalignment. One characteristic of Rex and Link-Belt Type E Spherical Roller Bearings that has not changed over the years is that the misalignment capacity is much greater than that of any Type E tapered roller bearing without the added cost of an expensive, swiveling insert cartridge. Increased misalignment capabilities lead to easier installations and longer bearing life.

Figure 1 — Bearing Failure Root Causes



### Tolerates variation during operation.

Rex™ and Link-Belt™ Type E Spherical Roller Bearings provide higher thrust load and +/- 2 degrees of equivalent misalignment capacity without additional parts or cost like tapered roller bearings, which have no inherent misalignment capacity. To make a Type E tapered roller bearing with the same misalignment capacity as a Rex and Link-Belt Type E Spherical Roller Bearing, the Type E tapered roller bearing insert must be housed in a cartridge with a split-block housing. This significantly increases the cost and complexity of the bearing.

### Increased fatigue life.

Based on tests conducted by The Timken®\* Company<sup>1</sup> and Regal Rexnord, competitive Type E tapered roller bearings that are misaligned by .003 inches per inch, or by about 0.2 inches in a 5-foot conveyor pulley assembly, will fail at roughly 40 percent of their expected fatigue life. The damage to the bearing surfaces due to geometric stress concentrations, shown in **Figure 2** and **Figure 3**, will cause noise, vibration and elevated temperatures, potentially leading to smoke and damaging other components. In the 5-foot pulley scenario, Rex and Link-Belt Type E Spherical Roller Bearings would be able to handle static and dynamic misalignment up to 2 inches during operation without any loss of fatigue life.

### Higher thrust capacity.

Type E tapered roller bearings were historically selected for severe applications due to their thrust capacity. However, as Regal Rexnord and other Type E bearing manufacturer catalog data shows (**Figure 4**), the Rex and Link-Belt Spherical Roller Bearings' calculated thrust rating exceeds that of Type E tapered roller bearings as a result of their unique geometry and shaft attachment options. Higher thrust ratings mean that Rex and Link-Belt Type E Spherical Roller Bearings can handle more rugged loads and will ultimately last longer than tapered Type E bearings under the same conditions.

Figure 2 – Inner ring

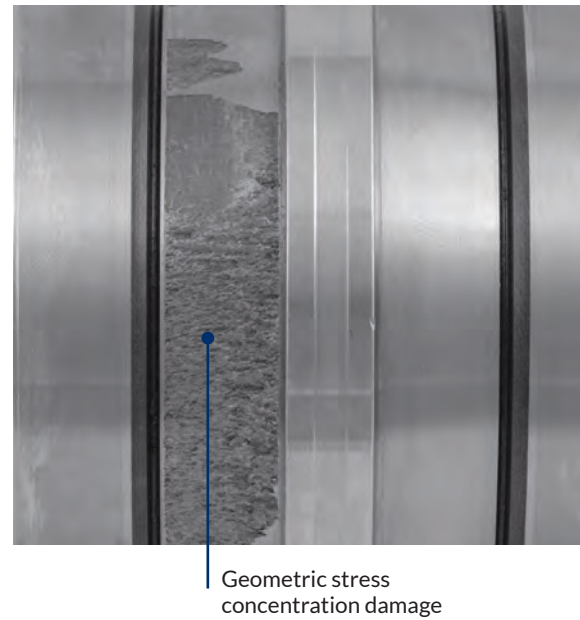


Figure 3 – Roller

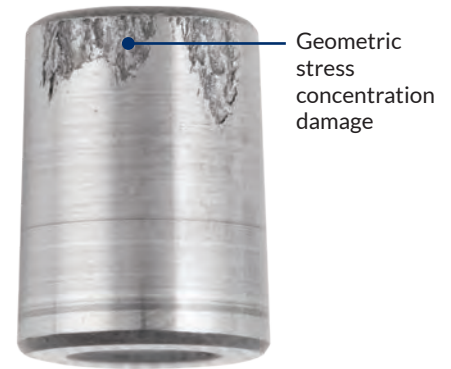
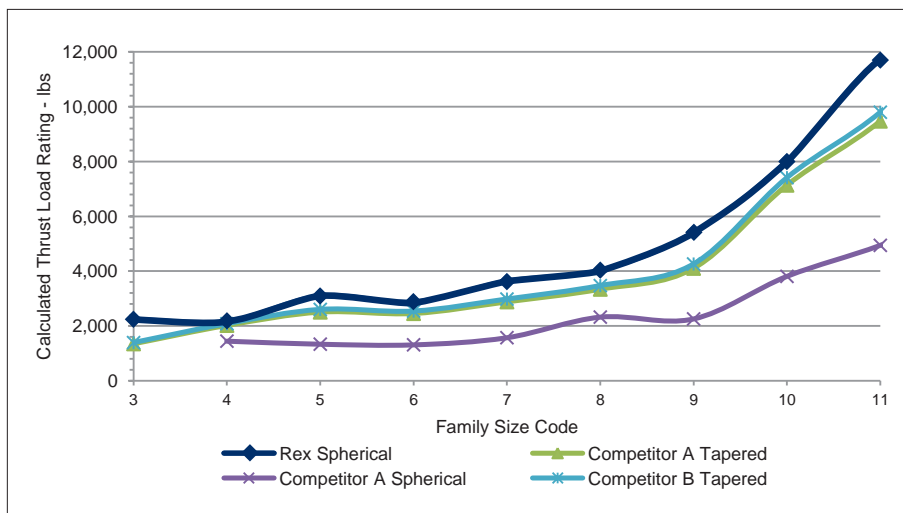


Figure 4 – Calculated Thrust Load Comparison<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup>“TECHNICAL PAPER: COMPARISON OF DIN 281 BEARING FATIGUE LIFE PREDICTIONS WITH TEST DATA”, The Timken Company, Michael Kotzalas and Gerald Fox, 2008.

<sup>2</sup>Based on Regal Rexnord and other Type E bearing manufacturer catalog data.

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## A BIG ADVANTAGE

### Gravel Guard Seal

This triple contact seal extends bearing life in dirty applications, to help reduce downtime and increase production. With a metal guard ideal for the aggregates industry, it protects the seal lips from abrasion and damage. Three heavy lips protect against abrasive sand, gravel, dust and moisture.



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