

7.2 Formulation of Bearing Numbers

Bearing numbers are alphanumeric combinations that indicate the bearing type, boundary dimensions, dimensional and running accuracies, internal clearance, and other related specifications. They consist of basic numbers and supplementary symbols. The boundary dimensions of commonly used bearings mostly conform to the organizational concept of ISO, and the bearing numbers of these standard bearings are specified by JIS B 1513 (Bearing Numbers for Rolling Bearings). Due to a need for more detailed classification, NSK uses auxiliary symbols other than those specified by JIS. Bearing numbers consist of a basic number and supplementary symbols. The basic number indicates the bearing series(type) and the width and diameter series as shown in Table 7.5. Basic numbers, supplementary symbols, and the meanings of common numbers and symbols are listed in Table 7.6 (Pages A56 and A57). The contact angle symbols and other supplementary designations are shown in successive columns from left to right in Table 7.6. For reference, some examples of bearing designations are shown here:

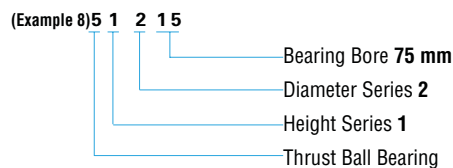
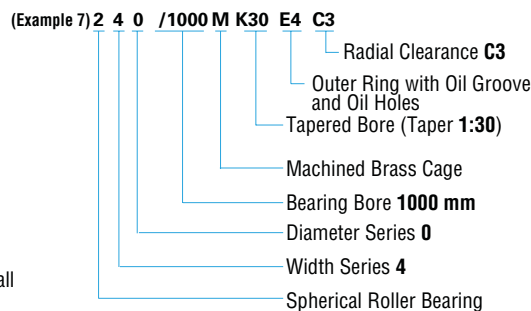
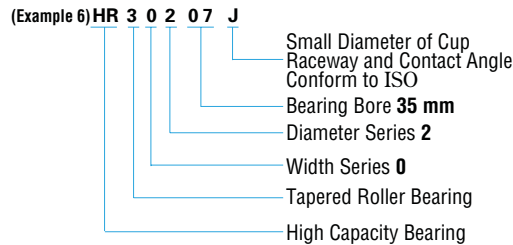
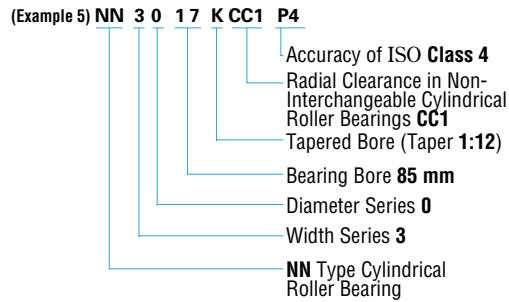
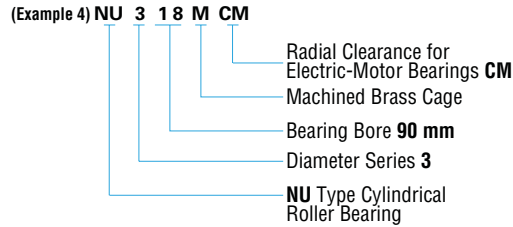
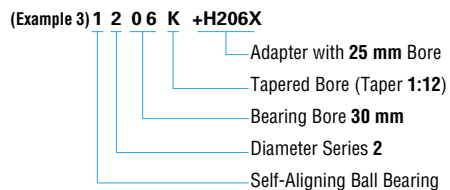
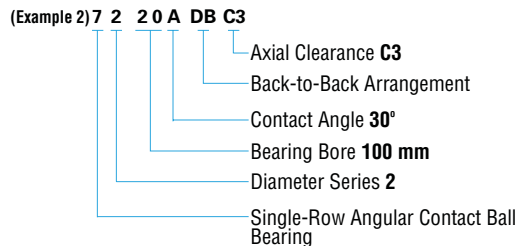
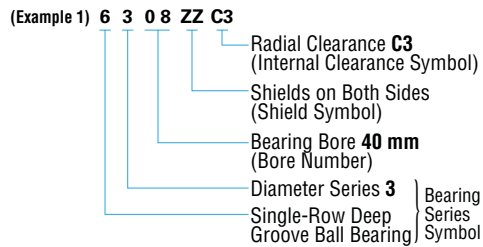


Table 7.5 Bearing Series Symbols

Bearing Type	Bearing Series Symbols	Type Symbols	Dimension Symbols	
			Width Symbols	Diameter Symbols
Single-Row Deep Groove Ball Bearings	68	6	(1)	8
	69	6	(1)	9
	60	6	(1)	0
	62	6	(0)	2
Single-Row Angular Contact Ball Bearings	63	6	(0)	3
	79	7	(1)	9
	70	7	(1)	0
Self-Aligning Ball Bearings	72	7	(0)	2
	73	7	(0)	3
	12	1	(0)	2
	13	1	(0)	3
Tapered Roller Bearings	22	(1)	2	2
	23	(1)	2	3
	NU10	NU	1	0
	NU2	NU	(0)	2
Single-Row Cylindrical Roller Bearings	NU22	NU	2	2
	NU3	NU	(0)	3
	NU23	NU	2	3
	NU4	NU	(0)	4
Spherical Roller Bearings	NJ2	NJ	(0)	2
	NJ22	NJ	2	2
	NJ3	NJ	(0)	3
	NJ23	NJ	2	3
Thrust Ball Bearings with Flat Seats	NJ4	NJ	(0)	4
	NUP2	NUP	(0)	2
	NUP22	NUP	2	2
	NUP3	NUP	(0)	3
Spherical Thrust Roller Bearings	NUP23	NUP	2	3
	NUP4	NUP	(0)	4
	N10	N	1	0
	N2	N	(0)	2
Double-Row Cylindrical Roller Bearings	N3	N	(0)	3
	N4	N	(0)	4
	NF2	NF	(0)	2
	NF3	NF	(0)	3
Needle Roller Bearings	NF4	NF	(0)	4
	NA48	NA	4	8
	NA49	NA	4	9
	NA59	NA	5	9
Tapered Roller Bearings	NA69	NA	6	9
	329	3	2	9
	320	3	2	0
	330	3	3	0
	331	3	3	1
	302	3	0	2
	322	3	2	2
	332	3	3	2
	303	3	0	3
	323	3	2	3
Spherical Roller Bearings	230	2	3	0
	231	2	3	1
	222	2	2	2
	232	2	3	2
	213 (1)	2	0	3
	223	2	2	3
Thrust Ball Bearings with Flat Seats	511	5	1	1
	512	5	1	2
	513	5	1	3
	514	5	1	4
	522	5	2	2
Spherical Thrust Roller Bearings	523	5	2	3
	524	5	2	4
	292	2	9	2
	293	2	9	3
Spherical Thrust Roller Bearings	294	2	9	4

Note (1) Bearing Series Symbol 213 should logically be 203, but customarily it is numbered 213.
 Remarks Numbers in () in the column of width symbols are usually omitted from the bearing number.

9.2 Bearing Internal Clearances

9.2.1 Internal Clearances and Their Standards

The internal clearance in rolling bearings in operation greatly influences bearing performance including fatigue life, vibration, noise, heat-generation, etc. Consequently, the selection of the proper internal clearance is one of the most important tasks when choosing a bearing after the type and size have been determined.

This bearing internal clearance is the combined clearances between the inner/outer rings and rolling elements. The radial and axial clearances are defined as the total amount that one ring can be displaced relative to the other in the radial and axial directions respectively (Fig. 9.1).

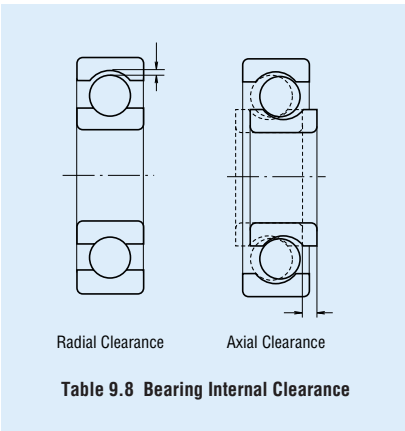


Table 9.8 Bearing Internal Clearance

To obtain accurate measurements, the clearance is generally measured by applying a specified measuring load on the bearing; therefore, the measured clearance (sometimes called "measured clearance" to make a distinction) is always slightly larger than the theoretical internal clearance (called "geometrical clearance" for radial bearings) by the amount of elastic deformation caused by the measuring load.

Therefore, the theoretical internal clearance may be obtained by correcting the measured clearance by the amount of elastic deformation. However, in the case of roller bearings this elastic deformation is negligibly small.

Usually the clearance before mounting is the one specified as the theoretical internal clearance.

In Table 9.8, reference table and page numbers are listed by bearing types.

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	With Tapered Bores (Matched)		
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Note (¹) Values given are axial clearances.

Table 9.9 Radial Internal Clearances in Deep Groove Ball Bearings

Units : μm

Nominal Bore Diameter <i>d</i> (mm)	Clearance										
	C2		CN		C3		C4		C5		
over	incl.	min.	max.	min.	max.	min.	max.	min.	max.	min.	max.
10 only		0	7	2	13	8	23	14	29	20	37
10	18	0	9	3	18	11	25	18	33	25	45
18	24	0	10	5	20	13	28	20	36	28	48
24	30	1	11	5	20	13	28	23	41	30	53
30	40	1	11	6	20	15	33	28	46	40	64
40	50	1	11	6	23	18	36	30	51	45	73
50	65	1	15	8	28	23	43	38	61	55	90
65	80	1	15	10	30	25	51	46	71	65	105
80	100	1	18	12	36	30	58	53	84	75	120
100	120	2	20	15	41	36	66	61	97	90	140
120	140	2	23	18	48	41	81	71	114	105	160
140	160	2	23	18	53	46	91	81	130	120	180
160	180	2	25	20	61	53	102	91	147	135	200
180	200	2	30	25	71	63	117	107	163	150	230
200	225	2	35	25	85	75	140	125	195	175	265
225	250	2	40	30	95	85	160	145	225	205	300
250	280	2	45	35	105	90	170	155	245	225	340
280	315	2	55	40	115	100	190	175	270	245	370
315	355	3	60	45	125	110	210	195	300	275	410
355	400	3	70	55	145	130	240	225	340	315	460
400	450	3	80	60	170	150	270	250	380	350	510
450	500	3	90	70	190	170	300	280	420	390	570
500	560	10	100	80	210	190	330	310	470	440	630
560	630	10	110	90	230	210	360	340	520	490	690
630	710	20	130	110	260	240	400	380	570	540	760
710	800	20	140	120	290	270	450	430	630	600	840

Remarks To obtain the measured values, use the clearance correction for radial clearance increase caused by the measuring load in the table below. For the C2 clearance class, the smaller value should be used for bearings with minimum clearance and the larger value for bearings near the maximum clearance range.

Units : μm

Nominal Bore Dia. <i>d</i> (mm)	Measuring Load (N) {kgf}	Radial Clearance Correction Amount						
		C2	CN	C3	C4	C5		
over	incl.							
10 (incl)	18	24.5	{2.5}	3 to 4	4	4	4	4
18	50	49	{5}	4 to 5	5	6	6	6
50	280	147	{15}	6 to 8	8	9	9	9

Remarks For values exceeding 280 mm, please contact NSK.

Table 9.10 Radial Internal Clearances in Extra Small and Miniature Ball Bearings

Units : μm

Clearance Symbol	MC1	MC2	MC3	MC4	MC5	MC6
	min. max.	min. max.	min. max.	min. max.	min. max.	min. max.
Clearance	0 5	3 8	5 10	8 13	13 20	20 28

Remarks 1. The standard clearance is MC3.
2. To obtain the measured value, add correction amount in the table below.

Units : μm

Clearance Symbol	MC1	MC2	MC3	MC4	MC5	MC6
Clearance Correction Value	1	1	1	1	2	2

The measuring loads are as follows :

- For miniature ball bearings* 2.5 N {0.25 kgf}
 - For extra small ball bearings* 4.4 N {0.45 kgf}
- *For their classification, refer to Table 1 on Page B 31.

Table 9.11 Radial Internal Clearances in Magneto Bearings

Units : μm

Nominal Bore Diameter <i>d</i> (mm)	Bearing Series	Clearance	
		min.	max.
over	incl.		
2.5	30	EN	10 50
		E	30 60

