

SKF Maintenance and Lubrication Products

Extending the Bearing Life Cycle





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Our mission is to maximize our customer bearing performance through effective lubrication and maintenance solutions.

The SKF Bearing Life Cycle

Help your bearing achieve its maximum service life

Every bearing has a certain service life potential. However, research has shown that, for various reasons, not every bearing achieves it. Important stages which have a major impact on a bearing service life can be recognised during the bearing's lifecycle. These stages are mounting, lubrication, alignment, basic condition monitoring and dismantling.

The stages in a bearing life cycle are extremely important for achieving the maximum service life of the bearing. By applying the right maintenance practices and using the correct tools, you can considerably extend your bearing's service life and increase plant productivity and efficiency.



Mounting

Includes mechanical fitting tools, induction heaters and hydraulic equipment

Mounting is one of the critical stages of the bearing's lifecycle. If the bearing is not mounted properly using the correct method and tools, the bearing's service lifetime will be reduced. Individual applications may require mechanical, heat or hydraulic mounting methods for correct and efficient bearing mounting. Selecting the correct mounting technique for your application will help you extend your bearing's service life and reduce costs resulting from premature bearing failure, as well as potential damage to the application.



Lubrication

Includes bearing greases, manual and automatic lubricators and lubrication accessories

Correct bearing lubrication is an essential step in reaching the bearing's service lifetime. It is important to select grease suitable for the bearing's application, and to apply the correct quantity before commissioning the bearing. During operation, the bearing will require periodic relubrication. The right quantity of the right grease applied at the right intervals is essential to achieving optimum bearing performance and maximum service life. Using manual relubrication methods is common practice; however, continuous relubrication offers many advantages. Continuous relubrication can be performed by using automatic lubricators, which provide a more consistent, correct and contamination-free grease supply.



Alignment

Includes shaft and belt alignment tools and machinery shims

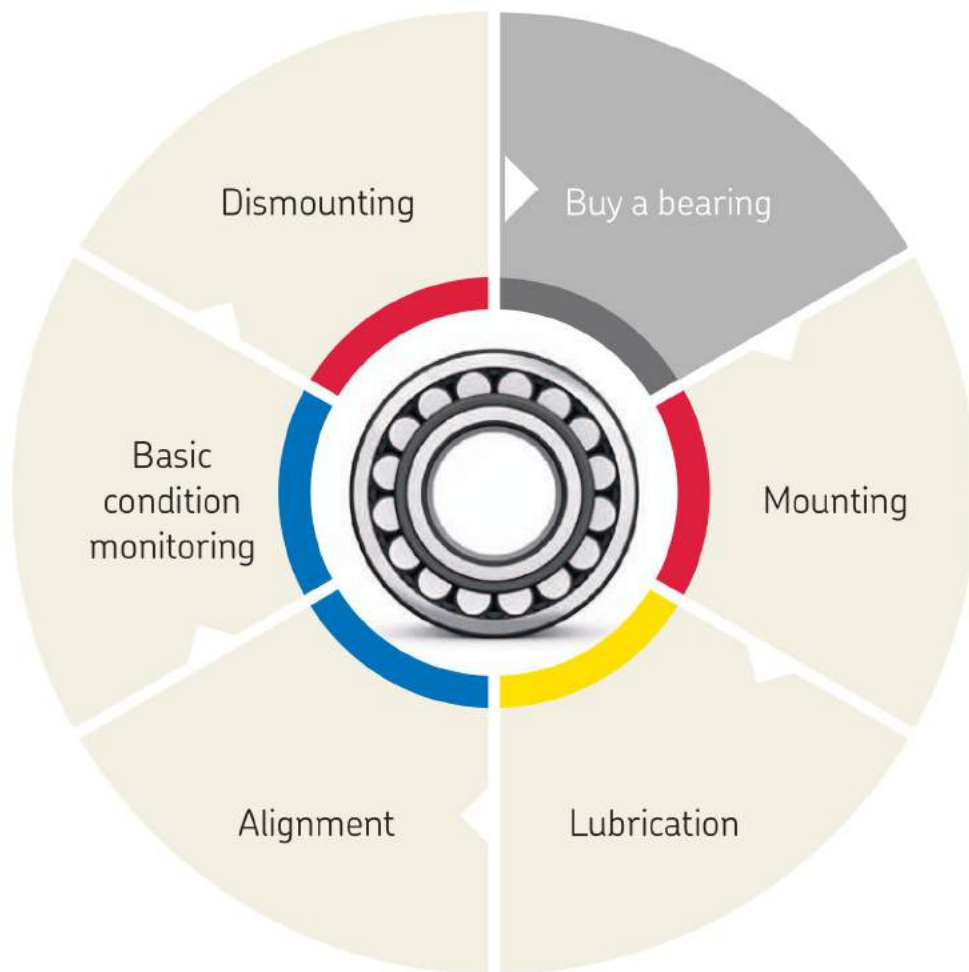
After the bearing has been mounted in an application such as a motor connected to a pump, the application should be aligned. If the application is not properly aligned, the misalignment can cause the bearing to suffer additional load, friction and vibration. These can accelerate fatigue and reduce the bearing's, as well as other machine components, service life. Furthermore, increased vibration and friction can significantly increase energy consumption and the risk of premature failures.



Basic condition monitoring

Includes temperature, sound, visual inspection, speed, electrical discharge and vibration measuring instruments

During operation, it is important to regularly inspect the condition of the bearing by performing basic condition monitoring measurements. These regular inspections will allow the detection of potential problems and help to prevent unexpected machine stops. Consequently, the machine maintenance can be planned to suit the production schedule, increasing the plant's productivity and efficiency.



Dismounting

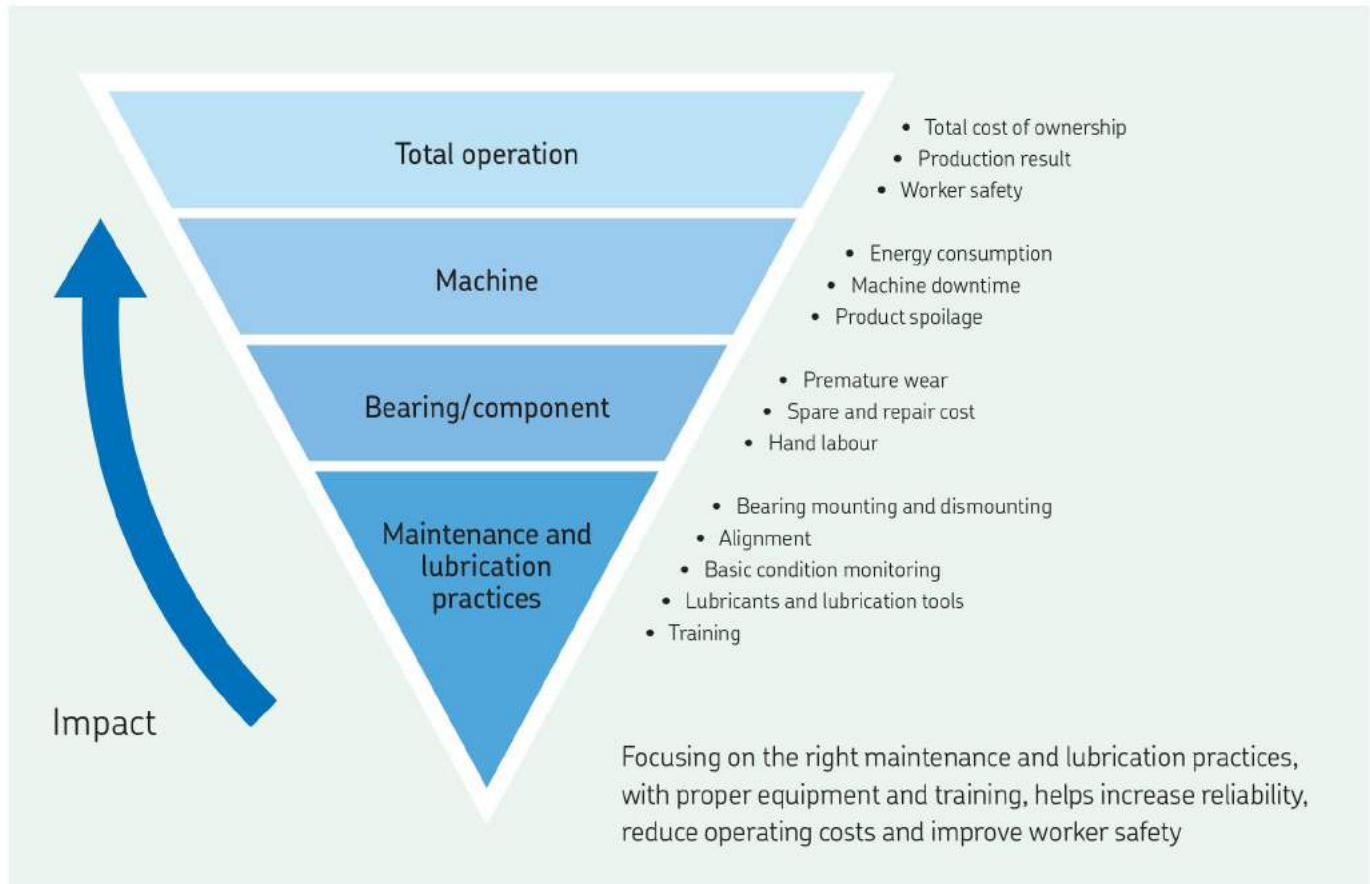
Includes pullers, both mechanical and hydraulic, induction heaters and hydraulic equipment

At some point, the bearing will reach the end of its service life and will have to be replaced. Although the bearing may not be used again, it is extremely important to dismount it correctly so that the service life of the replacement bearing is not compromised. Firstly, the use of proper dismounting methods tools will help prevent damage to other machine components, such as the shaft and housing, which are often re-used. Secondly, incorrect dismounting techniques can be hazardous to maintenance personnel.

Inside this catalogue, you will find SKF's complete range of maintenance products which can help you get the maximum service life from your bearings. For more information about SKF maintenance products or to order any of these products, please contact your local SKF authorised distributor or SKF sales company. On the Internet, SKF can be found at www.skf.com. SKF Maintenance Products can be found at www.mapro.skf.com.

The importance of maintenance and lubrication

The importance of maintenance and lubrication on the total cost of ownership is often underestimated



Thanks to SKF's unique knowledge of machinery operation and maintenance, we understand the issues that operators and maintenance personnel have to deal with every day.

With a focus on the bearing life cycle and machine operations, we develop and maintain a comprehensive product range to support you. Safety, ease of use, affordability and effectiveness are key product characteristics and drivers of our daily activities.

Continuous development and improvement of our products is made in cooperation with users and naturally we take account of regulatory bodies and applicable international standards to improve reliable rotating equipment performance and safety.



Main causes of premature bearing failures



Poor fitting

Around 16% of all premature bearing failures are caused by poor fitting (usually brute force...) and maintenance personnel being unaware of the availability of the correct fitting tools. Individual installations may require mechanical, hydraulic or heat application methods for correct and efficient mounting or dismounting. SKF offers a complete range of tools and equipment to make these tasks easier, quicker and more cost effective, backed up by a wealth of service engineering know-how. Professional fitting, using specialised tools and techniques, is another positive step towards achieving maximum machine uptime.



Poor lubrication

Although 'sealed-for-life' bearings can be fitted and forgotten, some 36% of premature bearing failures are caused by incorrect specification and inadequate application of the lubricant. Inevitably, any bearing deprived of proper lubrication will fail long before its normal service life. Because bearings are usually the least accessible components of machinery, neglected lubrication frequently compounds the problem. Wherever manual maintenance is not feasible, fully automatic lubrication systems can be specified by SKF for optimum lubrication. Effective lubrication and using only recommended SKF greases, tools and techniques helps to significantly reduce downtime.



Contamination

A bearing is a precision component that will not operate efficiently unless both the bearing and its lubricants are isolated from contamination. And, since sealed-for-life bearings in ready-greased variants account for only a small proportion of all bearings in use, at least 14% of all premature bearing failures are attributed to contamination problems. SKF has an unrivalled bearing manufacturing and design capability and can tailor sealing solutions for the most arduous operating environments.



Fatigue

Whenever machines are overloaded, incorrectly serviced or neglected, bearings suffer from the consequences, resulting in 34% of all premature bearing failures. Sudden or unexpected failure can be avoided, since neglected or overstressed bearings emit 'early warning' signals which can be detected and interpreted using SKF condition monitoring equipment. The SKF range includes hand-held instruments, hard-wired systems and data management software for periodic or continuous monitoring of key operating parameters.