

SOLUTIONS FOR THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE INDUSTRIES



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The NSK company

NSK commenced operations as the first Japanese manufacturer of rolling bearings back in 1916. Ever since, we have been continuously expanding and improving not only our product portfolio but also our range of services for various industrial sectors. In this context, we develop technologies in the fields of rolling bearings, linear systems, components for the automotive industry and mechatronic systems. Our research and production facilities in Europe, Americas and Asia are linked together in a global technology

network. Here we concentrate not only on the development of new technologies, but also on the continuous optimisation of quality – at every process stage.

Among other things, our research activities include product design, simulation applications using a variety of analytical systems and the development of different steels and lubricants for rolling bearings.

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Food and Beverage Industry



As one of the biggest rolling bearing manufacturers worldwide, NSK has a wide range of rolling bearings specifically for the food and beverage industry, whose construction features include, amongst others, rustproof materials, sealed construction with lifelong lubrication, and foodstuffs-compatible lubricants.

Continuous high-speed operation, the most stringent of hygiene standards and operating conditions where heat, cold and damp are the norm – these call for bearings that you can rely on to take extreme conditions in their stride, as well as making cost-effective production possible. NSK bearings for the food and beverage industries are robust, made of corrosion-resistant stainless steel and lubricated for life.

For trouble-free operation, bearings should be perfectly adapted to the relevant machines and production processes. Apart from the extensive product range specially developed for the food and beverage industries, engineering also plays an outstanding role. This way, we can work together with you to analyse possible weak points in the production process, measure and monitor efficiency and, where necessary, propose alternative products. Experts work ceaselessly in the NSK research laboratories to improve products and lubricants.

How can rolling bearings guarantee outstanding performance despite having to stand up to high temperatures, water and chemicals? How is foodstuffs contamination prevented safely and reliably? Through which measures can maintenance-free operation be achieved? We will be pleased to give you the correct answers to all these questions. Because, in everything we do, every single day, we strive for Total Quality.

Apart from long operating runs, hygiene, health and safety are the key factors in the food and beverage industries. This means that sealing discs on the belt drive bearings and sheaves must not be distorted during high-pressure cleaning. Bearings and their cages must be corrosion-resistant and lubricants should not leak.

This brochure highlights core products for this industry. We are also showing a selection of products made for special environments. On the following pages we present a generic process in the food and beverage industry.

Needs in Food Processing Lines

Raw Material Process

Features:

- Water resistance
- Dustproofing
- Easy maintenance

NSK Products:

- Stainless Steel Bearings
- Molded-Oil Bearings
- Linear Guides (with K1)*



Secondary Process (Molding)

Features:

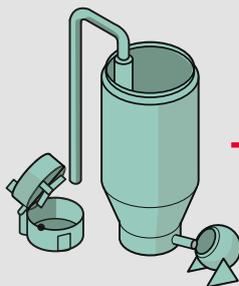
- Water resistance
- Dustproofing
- Low dust emission
- Easy maintenance

NSK Products:

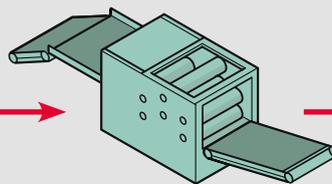
- Mounted Units
- Molded-Oil Bearings
- Stainless Steel Bearings
- Linear Guides (with K1)*
- Ball Screws (with K1)*
- Clean Grease (LG2 / LGU)



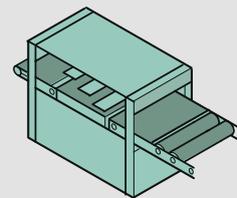
Raw Material Process



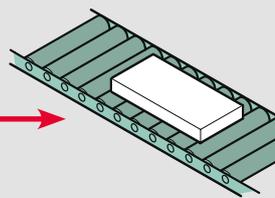
Primary Process



Secondary Process



Conveyance Process



Primary Process (Cutting, Mixing)

Features:

- Water resistance
- Dustproofing
- Easy maintenance

NSK Products:

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Conveyance Process

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- Water resistance
- Low dust emissions
- Easy maintenance

NSK Products:

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- Stainless Steel Bearings
- Linear Guides (with K1)*
- Ball Screws (with K1)*



*K1 = K1 Lubrication Unit

Inspection Process

Features:

- Water resistance
- Easy maintenance
- High accuracy

NSK Products:

- Mounted Units
- Stainless Steel Bearings
- Molded-Oil Bearings
- Linear Guides (with K1)*
- Ball Screws (with K1)*



Packaging Process

Features:

- Low dust emissions
- Easy maintenance
- High speed

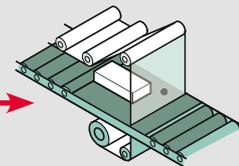
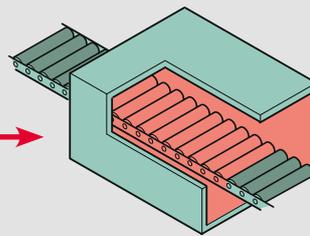
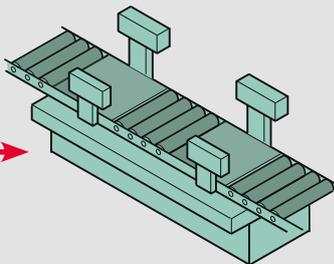
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- Mounted Units
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- Linear Guides (with K1)*
- Ball Screws (with K1)*
- Clean Grease (LG2 / LGU)

Inspection Process

Heating Process

Packaging Process



Heating Process

Features:

- Water resistance
- Heat resistance
- Easy maintenance

NSK Products:

- Stainless Steel Bearings
- KPM Grease

Needs in Beverage Processing Lines

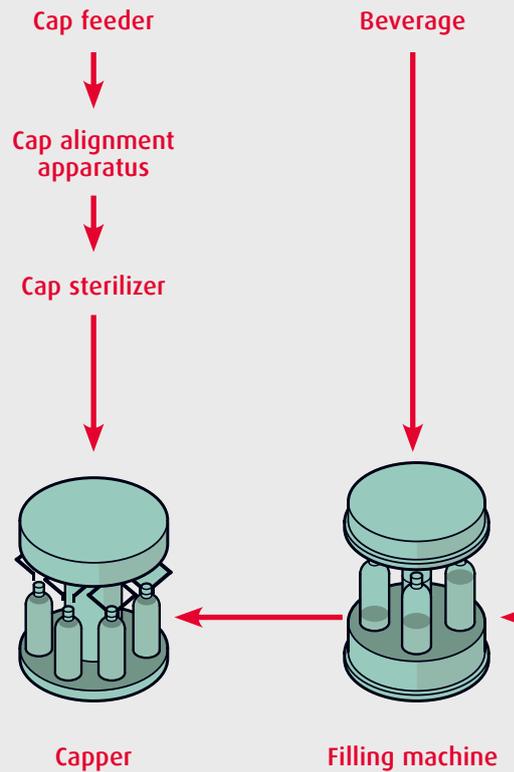
Filling and Sealing Process

Features:

- Dustproofing
- Waterproof
- Low dust emission
- Easy maintenance

NSK Products:

- Silver-Lube
- Life-Lube
- Molded-Oil Bearings
- Stainless Steel Bearings
- Linear Guides (with K1)*
- Clean Grease (LG2 / LGU)



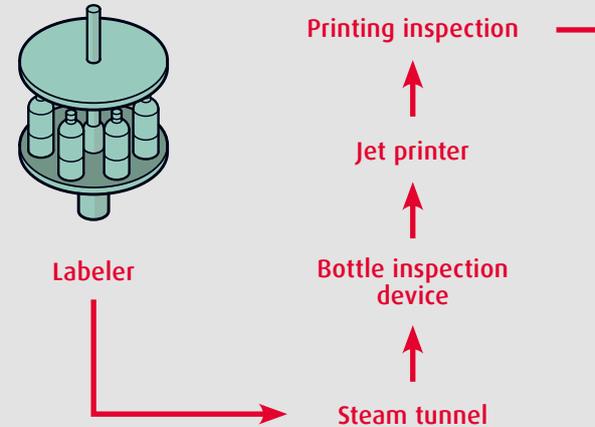
Inspection Process

Features:

- Waterproof
- High speed
- Easy maintenance

NSK Products:

- Silver-Lube
- Life-Lube
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- Linear Guides (with K1)*
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Bottle Molding Process

Features:

- Dustproofing
- Water resistance
- Low dust emission
- Easy maintenance

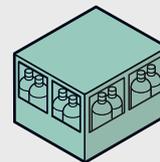
NSK Products:

- Silver-Lube
- Life-Lube
- Stainless Steel Bearings
- Aqua Bearings
- Linear Guides (with K1)*



Preform feeder

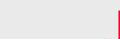
Blow molding machine



Molds bottles from preforms

Depalletizer

Bottle mouth ultraviolet pasteurizer

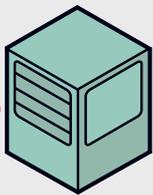


Bottom ultraviolet pasteurizer



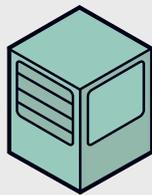
Empty bottle inspection device

FILLING PROCESS

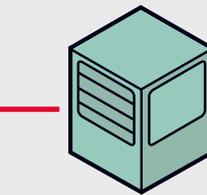


Rinser

Rinses inside of bottle with aseptic water



Warm air drier



Bottle sterilizer

Sterilizes inside of bottle

Caser

PC coder

Packing Process

Features:

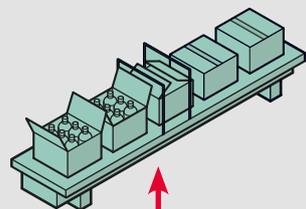
- High speed
- Easy maintenance
- High-load operation

NSK Products:

- Self-Lube
- Molded-Oil Bearings
- NSKHPS Deep Groove Ball Bearings
- Linear Guides (with K1)*
- Ball Screws (with K1)*



WRAPPING PROCESS



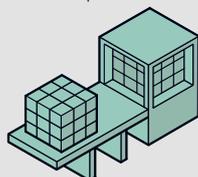
Carton feeder

Packs products in cardboard boxes

Weight checker

Palletizer

Stacks products on pallets



Core Products for the Food and Beverage Industry



Mounted Units

- Range of diverse casting and pressed steel housings
- Inserts - 3 main locking arrangements and 2 inner ring length options
- 3 main sealing options: standard, triple lip, flinger
- Positively located steel end cap available for units up to 60 mm shaft
- All cast iron housings supplied with regreasing facility



Triple-lip sealed inserts

- Inserts interchangeable with standard items
- Longer bearing life through superior sealing performance
- Extended relubrication intervals
- Suitable for areas with strong dust or water pollution



NSKHPS Single Row Deep Groove Ball Bearings

- Suitable for the use under radial loads
- Can withstand moderate axial loads in either directions
- Low torque
- Suitable for applications where high speed and low power loss is required
- NSKHPS - High Performance Standard



Life-Lube

- Combine corrosion resistance of Silver-Lube housing with sealing and lubricating attributes of Molded-Oil Bearings
- Suitable for wet environments
- Suitable for areas with process fluids and chemicals



Silver-Lube

- High grade stainless steel bearing-rings, cage & balls, seal core & grub screws, grease nipple & holt hole liners
- Nitrile rubber seals and stainless steel flingers
- Thermoplastic polyester resin housing; plastic end covers available
- Factory filled with a wide temperature USDA H1 food grade grease
- Silver-Lube is available in four different geometries



Molded-Oil Bearings

- Excellent performance in water and dust contaminated environments
- Environmentally friendly
- Low torque



Stainless Steel Bearings

- Stainless Steel E51
- Higher corrosion resistance than ordinary steel
- Available as open, shielded and contact-seal type
- Suitable for wet and damp environments
- Grease Lubrication



Linear Guides

- Excellent running characteristics - friction optimised, smooth and accurate
- Highest Load capacity and best rigidity values

Ball Screws:

- Large product range
- Minimal dynamic torque variation
- High reliability and precision



K1 Lubrication Unit

- Long-term, maintenance-free operation
- Available in accordance with the FDA
- Effective sealing function
- Applicable to all the linear guide models

Products for special environments



Aqua Bearings

- Corrosion resistant in water, alkali, acid environments
- Self lubricating special fluoresin for inner, outer ring and cages



Corrosion-Resistance through Nickel-Plating

- Nickel coating on outer and inner rings
- Suitable for alkaline and mildly acidic environments
- Suitable for applications with water rinsing

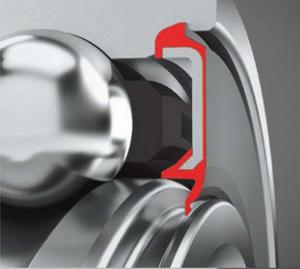
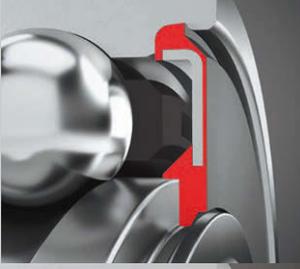


Chrome-Plated Corrosion Resistant Bearings

- Extremely high corrosion resistant through nickel plating
- Suitable for constant underwater operations

Sealing Technology

NSK offers several different seal/shield designs and materials, each developed to meet specific needs of your application. As an example, we offer seals with varying degrees of contamination resistance and drag characteristics, including our full-contact DU seals, light-contact DW seals and non-contact V seals.

Seals and shields comparisons						
		Dustproofing	Waterproofing	Torque	Constant revolutions	Protection against lubrication leakage
DU/DDU*		Excellent	Excellent	Normal	Normal	Excellent
DW/DDW*		Excellent	Normal	Low	Good	Excellent
V/VV*		Good	Unsuitable	Very low	High	Good
Z/ZZ*		Normal	Unsuitable	Very low	High	Normal

* double sided seals / shields

Molded-Oil Technology

The difference is in the lubrication: NSK’s patented Molded-Oil grease is specifically developed for situations requiring high levels of hygiene, such as in the food and beverage industries. As such, the Molded-Oil lubricant is transported by a substance that releases the lubricant gradually. This way, the required amount of lubrication is provided to the bearing over a long period of time. At the same time, the risk of oil leakages is minimised, making the bearings outstandingly smooth-running. Optionally, lubricants with USDA H1 (L21) certification can be used.

Features of Molded-Oil Bearings

› Excellent performance in water- and dust-contaminated environments

The bearings are designed to prevent liquids such as water (which can wash the lubricating oil out) and dust from getting inside the bearings. Sealed types can be used in environments exposed to water and dust.*

› Environmentally friendly

Because they can be lubricated with minute quantities of oil that exudes from Molded-Oil, the bearings are able to minimise oil leakage.

› Low torque

Packing with Molded-Oil after providing the bearing surface with special treatment realises smooth rotation of rolling elements.

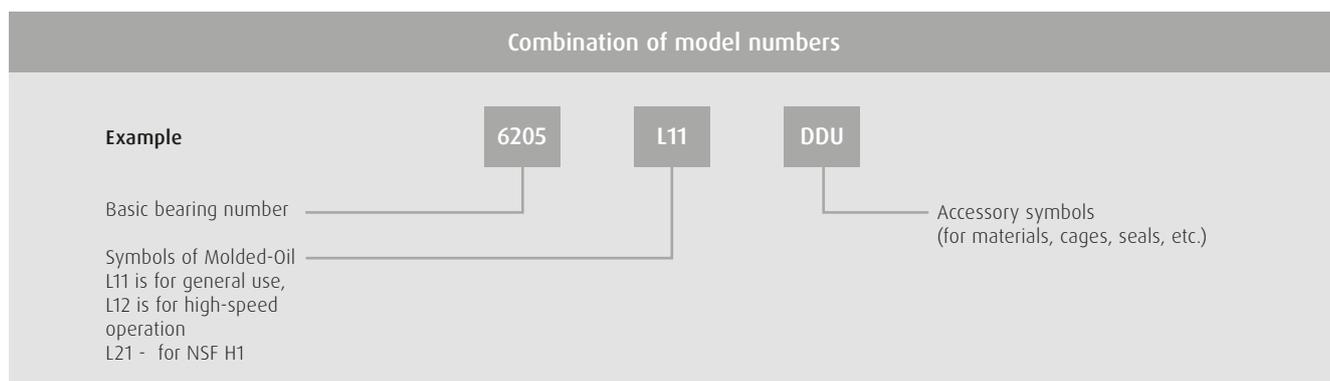
› Optimal composition and molding methods enable high-speed operation of Molded-Oil bearings

Optimisation of composition and molding method of Molded-Oil improves strength and enables high-speed operation of Molded-Oil bearings.

Applications

- › Food-processing equipment
- › Steel mill equipment
- › Paper mill equipment
- › Liquid crystal display and semiconductor manufacturing equipment
- › Agricultural machines
- › Cleaning equipment and lines
- › Conveying equipment

* Water and dust dramatically accelerate bearing damage. In order to realise stable operation, we recommend using seals to prevent water and dust from getting into the bearing.



Model numbers				
Bearing types		Molded-Oil types	Model numbers	Remarks
Deep groove ball bearings	●	For general use	6205L11DDU	-
			6001L11-H-20DDU	Stainless steel bearing
	●	For high-speed operation	6205L12DDU	-

Thanks to Molded-Oil technology, a snack foods manufacturer saved more than €50.000 a year

A snack foods manufacturer in the UK was experiencing a short service life of only 4 months in standard deep groove ball bearings used in a 7-lane food-processing conveyor system.

Key Facts

- Food conveyor system
- Frequent washdown cycles using aggressive cleaning fluids causing standard bearings to fail prematurely
- 84 bearings used within the equipment, replaced 3 times per year – totalling 252 bearings annually
- Maintenance time of 24 hours per breakdown (2 engineers working for 12 hours)
- Loss of production: 14 hours per breakdown
- Standard bearings replaced with Molded-Oil deep groove ball bearings increased bearing life from 4 to 12 months

Breakdown of cost savings			
Before	Cost p.a.	NSK Solution	Cost p.a.
Deep groove ball bearings, replaced 3 times per year	€684	Stainless steel Molded-Oil deep groove ball bearings replaced once annually	€4,253
Engineering costs	€3,218	Engineering costs	€1,073
Potential profit loss	€53,627	Potential profit loss	€0
Total costs	€57,529		€5,326

Greases for Food Processing Machinery

NSK has developed the world's first 100% food-derived grease lubricant, 'EXCELLA GREEN FOOD GRADE GREASE H3G', and adapted it to bearings for food-processing machinery. H3G grease is NSF-certified under category H3. H3G grease has low torque, excellent water resistance and little leakage in environments where the machine is exposed to water. H3G grease can be used up to 90°C, H1R grease up to 120°C and H1B grease up to 200°C. H1R grease and H1B grease are certified according to Muslim halal and Jewish kosher standards.

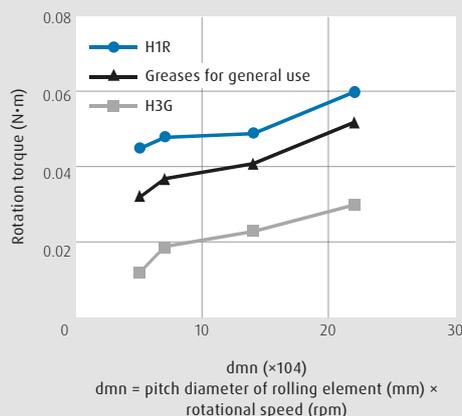


NSF lubricant categories for food-processing machinery

- Safety High** ↑
- H3: Lubricants intended for food contact.
 - H1: Lubricants used in locations where the lubricant may accidentally come into contact with food.
- Low** ↓
- H2: Lubricants used in locations where there is no possibility that the lubricant will come into contact with food.

NSF (National Sanitation Foundation) International: US-based third-party certification body that is internationally recognised in the field of public health and safety.

H3G grease has lower torque than greases for general use.



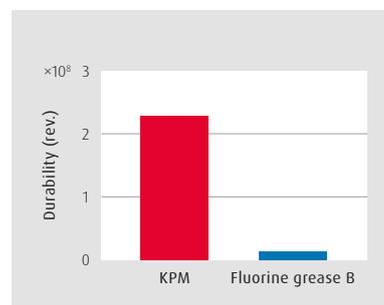
Heat-Resistant Grease (KPM)

- Heat resistance: can be used up to 230°C
- Life: about 5 times longer than commercially available fluorine greases

Durability

KPM life is very long, about five times longer than fluorine greases on the market.

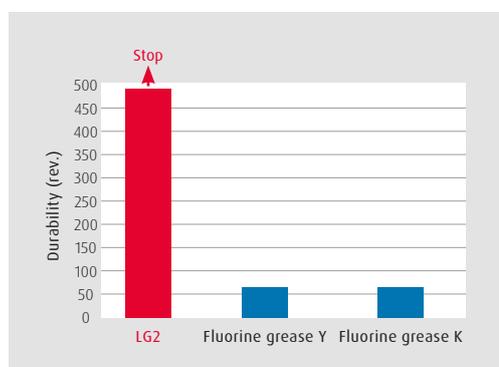
Test bearing: 6305
 Rotational speed: 10,000 rpm
 Axial load: 1,500N
 Temperature of outer ring: 200°C
 In normal atmosphere



All greases are not available as a standard grease from NSK. Please contact NSK for more information.

Clean Grease (LG2, LGU)

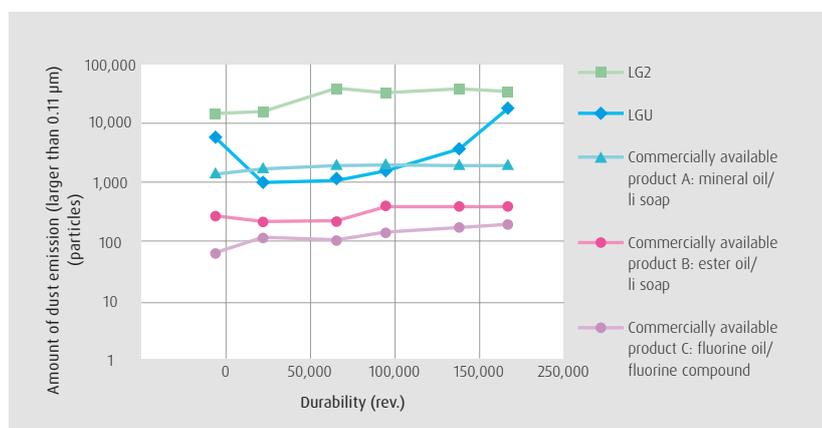
- Low dust emissions: lower than other fluorine greases on the market
- Life: over 10 times longer than other fluorine greases on the market



Durability in the atmosphere

LG2 and LGU greases have longer life in normal atmosphere.

Test bearing: 608
 Rotational speed: 1,000 rpm
 Rotation direction: forward/reverse rotation
 Axial load: 196 N
 In normal atmosphere
 Temperature: normal temperature



Dust emission in the atmosphere

The dust emissions of LG2 and LGU greases are lower in normal atmosphere.

Test bearing: 695VV
 Rotational speed: 3,600 rpm

Table of greases

Name	Operating temperature range, °C	Feature	Base oil kinematic viscosity (40°C), mm ² /s	Consistency
H3G	0-90	For food-processing machinery (NSF category H3)	14.8	255
H1R	0-120	For food-processing machinery (NSF category H1)	150	280
H1B	0-200	For food-processing machinery (NSF category H1)	415	280
NS Hi-Lube	-40 - +130	Wide-range grease	26	250
LG2	-20 - +70	Clean grease	32	199
LGU	-40 - +120	Wide-range clean grease	96	201
KPM	-20 - +230	Grease for high-temperature use	420	290

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