

Thomson RoundWay® Linear Roller Bearings

Designed to withstand extremes of load, speed, temperature and contamination.



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The patented RoundWay Linear Roller Bearing operates on 60 Case[®] LinearRace shafting, with over 20 times the load capacity of a conventional linear ball bearing. RoundWay has the unique advantage of providing high load capacity without the installation costs typical of Profile Rail products with much greater resistance to environmental contaminates.

- Dynamic Load rating of up to 70,000 lbf (310,800 N)¹
- Velocity up to 100 ft/s (31 m/s)
- Ability to handle exceptionally harsh environmental conditions
 - Extremely contaminant resistant
 - Maximum operating temperature of 500°F (260°C)
- Bearing height infinitely adjustable within up to +/- .030" (+/- .38 mm)¹
- Size range from ½" to 4"
- · Replacement parts available to reduce maintenance cost

(1) Applies to 6" RW "V" bearing

Mounting block available in single type, and dual 'V' type which allows side loading

Feature		Advantage	Application Benefits						
Concave Rollers	1	Double maximum contact ellipse maximizes load capacity of an anti-friction linear bearing. Can carry loads up to 70,000 lbs per bearing at a 10 million inch L10 rated travel life.	Ideal for extremely high load applications.						
Chain-linked Rollers	2	Ability to travel at speeds up to 100ft/s. Conventional linear bearings and guides are limited to top speeds of 10 ft/s.	High speed automation systems - high speed belt drives, rack systems, etc., are no longer limited by the max. speed of linear bearings and guides.						
	3	Ability to operate in severely contaminated environments without protective bellows. There are no pockets where debris can accumulate to bind up the bearing.	Open roller assembly is suited for metal removal, paper and wood processing, and granite quarrying. Metal chips, paper flour, wood chips, and abrasive dust would normally destroy conventional linear bearings and guides.						
All Steel and Iron Construction	4	Offers: • High temperature capacity to 500°F • Rugged use • Increased rigidity.	Durable in extreme environments.						
Circular Inner Race	5	Lateral self-alignment feature provides parallelism forgiveness. Rails for RoundWay bearings may be out of parallel as much as 0.1875". Ball Bushing Bearings require rails to be parallel within 0.0010". Profile Rail products require rails to be parallel within 0.0004".	Ideal for use in gantry systems where it is difficult to maintain 0.001" or better parallelism tolerances over long rail lengths that may be spread far apart.						
Eccentric Trunion Pin	6	 Enables: Pitch self-alignment ± 0.030" height adjustment which can be used to set preload in "locked-in" arrangements. 	 Self-alignment enables operation on inaccurate mounting surfaces Preload benefits applications requiring maximum stiffness and minimal deflection. 						
Recirculating Ground Roller Assembly		Ability to span across gaps in shaft.	Assembly and packaging systems - quicker and more efficient pallet changing is now possible.						
,	8	Dynamic coefficient of friction of 0.005 and a height tolerance of ±0.003", the equivalent to standard linear bearing tolerances.	Allows for energy efficient, high load and precision linear motion.						
	9	Quieter, smoother operation than anti-friction linear bearings and guides. Low capacity nylon balls not necessary.	Minimal noise while still maintaining high load capacity and very low friction.						
RoundRail Advantage	10	Round shafts enable bearing to rotate thereby eliminating the potential for induced torsional stresses.	Operates on inaccurate mounting surfaces						

RoundWay Load, Speed and Performance Capabilities

Environment	Cam Follower	Self-Lubricated Plain Bearing	Typical Ball Profile Rail	Thomson RoundWay		
Load Capacity	Poor	Good	Very Good	Excellent		
Maximum Speed	Good	Fair	Fair	Excellent		
Contaminants	Good	Very Good	Fair	Excellent		
Impacts/Vibration	Poor	Very Good	Very Good	Excellent		
High Temperature	Fair	Very Good	Fair	Excellent		

The RoundWay's rigid all-steel construction makes it ideal for unforgiving environments

Bearing Dynamic Load Capacity⁽¹⁾



The RoundWay 'V' dynamic load capacity exceeds other bearing technology types

Maximum Bearing Velocity



The RoundWay's chain guided rollers allow it to travel at incredibly high speeds – up to almost 70 mph!

(1) As calculated per ISO 14728-1, based on 10 million inches of travel at a speed of 30ft/min



RoundWay Specifications



RoundWay Linear Roller Bearings (Single Type) and 60 Case LinearRace (Dimensions in inches)

Par	Number		A																			<		Bearing	Dynamic ⁽¹⁾
RoundWay Bearing	60 Case LinearRace	Nom. Dia.		В	C	D	E	F	G	H	J		Hole	L	Mass Ib	Load Capacity Ib _f									
RW-8-S	1/2 L PD	.500	1.00	.45	3.0	2.38	1.50	1.25	.19	.94	.31	#6	.16	.88	.50	970									
RW-16-S	1 L PD	1.000	1.75	.80	5.0	3.75	2.50	2.13	.25	1.63	.50	#10	.25	1.50	2.20	3020									
RW-24-S	1 1/2 L PD	1.500	2.50	1.15	6.5	5.38	3.50	2.88	.31	2.13	.63	.31	.38	2.13	5.60	6020									
RW-32-S	2 L PD	2.000	3.25	1.50	8.5	7.38	4.50	3.63	.38	2.75	.75	.38	.44	2.88	12.40	12360									
RW-48-S	3 L PD	3.000	5.00	2.30	13.0	11.00	7.00	6.00	.50	4.25	1.25	.63	.69	4.25	48.00	24000									





RoundWay Linear Roller Bearings (Dual Type) and 60 Case LinearRace (Dimensions in inches)

Part N	umber		A																																							Bearing	Dynamic ⁽¹⁾
RoundWay Bearing	60 Case LinearRace	Nom. Dia.		В	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	Bolt		L	м	Mass Ib	Load Capacity Ib _f																										
RW-8-V	1/2 L PD	.500	1.00	.45	2.38	1.38	1.00	3.00	.19	2.25	.31	#8	.19	1.38	.69	1.10	1370																										
RW-16-V	1 L PD	1.000	1.75	.80	3.75	2.25	1.63	5.75	.25	4.0	.50	#10	.25	2.38	1.56	4.90	4300																										
RW-24-V	1 1/2 L PD	1.500	2.50	1.15	5.38	2.75	2.00	7.88	.31	6.0	.63	.31	.38	3.38	2.13	11.70	8600																										
RW-32-V	2 L PD	2.000	3.25	1.50	7.38	3.50	2.50	9.75	.38	7.5	.75	.38	.44	4.38	2.50	25.20	17500																										
RW-48-V	3 L PD	3.000	5.00	2.30	11.00	5.50	4.00	15.50	.63	12.00	1.25	.63	.69	7.00	4.25	90.00	35000																										
RW-64-V	4 L PD	4.000	6.50	3.00	14.88	7.00	5.00	19.25	.75	15.00	1.50	.75	.81	8.63	5.00	193.00	70000																										

(1) Dynamic Load Capacity is based on 10 million inches of travel.

RoundWay Linear Bearings Used Across Numerous Industries:



Steel Processing Heavy Assembly Refineries Woodworking



Application: Fiberglass Saw

- Designed using (4) Roundway 32V bearings benefits:
 Nigh load capacity 2 ton load
 - High contamination resistance fiberglass particles
 - Minimal installation time 60 Case LinearRace shafting can be mounted slightly out or parallel, eliminating the need for costly alignment procedures



Application: UV Curing System

- Designed using (4) Roundway 32V bearings benefits:
 - High load capacity 8 ton load
 - High contamination resistance rubber dust
 - Minimal replacement costs Roundway bearing components can be replaced without replacing bearing mount

Application: Machining Pallet Transfer

- Designed using (4) RoundWay 24V bearings benefits
 - Long life bearings in operation for 14 years without replacement
 - Bearing spans .080" gap between shafting in part loading area and transfer station









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