

GMN Technical Information

High Precision Ball Bearings



The TXM cage -

A good alternative to the TA cage when grease lubrication is used

A new generation of cages has proved a success.

A new design has been added to the range of cages for GMN spindle ball bearings - the TXM cage.

This cage features a new material and an optimized geometry. The material of this injection-molded cage is Polyetheretherketone (PEEK), a partially cristaline, high temperature resistant thermoplastic material which is reinforced with carbon fibres. Compared to conventional material used for TA cages (textile reinforced resin) this results in a number of advantages:

- The maximum permissible operating temperature is 250°C while conventionally it is 120°C (150°C fro a short period). However, this material offers a high deformation stability under load at these high temperatures.
- · Apart from this, it is used in hybrid bearings and in case of grease lubrication it is recommended due to its high resistance to wear.
- An important feature is the improvement of the lubrication system. The special geometry of the ball pockets in case of grease lubrication causes the lubricant to be retained in the area between balls and cage.

An improved lubrication enhances the service life and increases the maximum speed.



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