GGB METAFRAM Range
Self-lubricating Sinter Bronze and Sinter Iron Bearing Solutions
GGB Bearing Technology

GGB’s history as the global leader in plain bearing technologies dates back more than 115 years, beginning with the founding of Glacier Antifriction Metal Company in 1899. GGB introduced the industry-leading DU® bearing in 1965. Since that time, GGB has continued to create innovative technologies and solutions that improve safety, performance and profitability in a wide range of markets. Today, our products can be found everywhere – from scientific vessels at the bottom of the ocean to racecars speeding down the tarmac to jumbo jets slicing through the sky to the Curiosity rover exploring the surface of Mars.

Throughout our history, safety, excellence and respect have formed the foundational values for the entire GGB family. They are of paramount importance as we seek to maximize personal possibility, achieve excellence and establish open, creative work environments with the highest safety standards in the industry.

Safety: GGB’s deep-rooted culture of safety places a relentless focus on creating a secure, healthy work environment for all. A core value of GGB, safety is critically essential at all levels of business in order to achieve our goal of having the safest employees in the industry.

Excellence: A world-class organization is built by fostering excellence throughout the company in all positions and functional areas. Our world-class manufacturing plants are certified in quality and excellence in the industry according to ISO 9001, TS 16949, ISO 14001, ISO 50001 and OHSAS 18001, allowing us to access the industry’s best practices while aligning our quality management system with global standards.

Respect: We believe that respect is consistent with the growth of individuals and groups. Our teams work together with mutual respect regardless of background, nationality or function, embracing the diversity of people and learning from one another.

The GGB Advantage

With manufacturing facilities around the world, including cutting edge R&D facilities, flexible production platforms and extensive customer support networks, GGB offers unmatched technical expertise combined with razor sharp responsiveness and customized solutions. Our global presence and local logistics networks ensure our customers receive only the highest quality bearing solutions, in a timely manner and with extensive engineering support. We don’t just make products, we build partnerships. That’s the GGB Advantage.

Quality/Certification

Our world-class manufacturing plants in the United States, Brazil, China, Germany, France and Slovakia are CERTIFIED IN QUALITY AND EXCELLENCE IN THE INDUSTRY according to ISO 9001, TS 16949, ISO 14001, ISO 50001 and OHSAS 18001. This allows us to access the industry’s best practices while aligning our quality management system with global standards.

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The Highest Standards in Quality

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A Long History of Innovation

From our modest beginnings over 115 years ago, GGB grew through innovation and technical expertise to become the world’s leading manufacturer of plain bearing solutions.

1899
Findlay and Battle founded Findlay Motor Metals. The company was renamed to Glacier Antifriction Metal Company two years later.

1906
Introduced DU®, the world’s first steel backed metal-polymer bearing material with bronze and PTFE lining offering excellent low friction and wear resistance performance. Introduced DU-B with bronze backing for improved corrosion resistance.

1965
Launched the marginally lubricated DX® metal-polymer material for greased applications.

1910s
Began making plain bearings in response to increased demand for internal combustion engines.

1958
Garlock Inc. was founded as a bearing distributor when an agreement was reached with Glacier.

1956
1996
Launched new EP™ solid polymer materials.

2003

2002
Goodrich Corporation spun off its engineered industrial products division, creating EnPro Industries Inc., the new parent company of Glacier Garlock Bearings.

2004
Glacier Garlock Bearings changed name to GGB. Opened new manufacturing plant Sučany, Slovakia.

2007
Introduced SBC (Sealed Bearing Cartridges) for off-highway equipment applications. Acquired Böhringer Kunststofftechnik GmbH precision injection molder of high-performance solid polymer solutions.

2008
Production facility opened in Suzhou, China; new DX10 with DuraStrong™ technology bearings won Frost & Sullivan’s product innovation of the year award in the Class 7-8 truck bearings category.
1970s
Glacier licensed technology to a number of overseas bearing manufacturers. Licenses included: SIC (France), Garlock Bearings (USA).

1974
Began continuous casting of the SICAL® range of aluminum alloys and high precision machining of bushing blocks in Dieuze, France.

1978
Introduced filament wound product range in the USA, including GAR-MAX®.

1976
Glacier and Garlock Inc. established joint venture company Garlock Bearings Inc.

1979
Launched HI-EX®, metal-polymer material, designed for high temperature applications.

1986
Introduced lead-free steel backed DP4 metal-polymer material for automotive shock absorbers and other hydraulic applications. Introduced DP4-B with bronze backing for improved corrosion resistance.

1995
Launched new self-lubricating metallic bearing materials GGB-CSM® and GGB-CBM® as well as FLASH-CLICK® two-piece, double-flanged solid polymer bearings.

2010
Acquired PI Bearing Technologies, now GGB Chicago, a producer of PICAL® aluminum alloy bushing blocks for demanding fluid power applications. GGB plants certified to OHS18001 for health and safety management systems.

2011
Filament-wound product range introduced to the European and Asian markets; GGB North America certified to AS9100B, the aerospace industry’s standard for quality management systems.

2012
Series of self-lubricating sintered bronze and sintered iron bearings introduced, including GGB-BP25, GGB-FP20 and GGB-SO16. Three plants mark milestone anniversaries: 40 years for Heilbronn, Germany and Dieuze, France and 10 years for Sučany, Slovakia.

2013
DTSIO® machinable metal-polymer bearings are launched for the fluid power and compressor markets. GGB bearings land on Mars aboard NASA’s Curiosity rover.

2014
Filament-wound product range introduced to the European and Asian markets; GGB North America certified to AS9100B, the aerospace industry’s standard for quality management systems.

2015
Launched new self-lubricating metallic bearing materials GGB-CSM® and GGB-CBM® as well as FLASH-CLICK® two-piece, double-flanged solid polymer bearings.

2016
Introduced HPMB®, a fully machinable, made-to-order filament wound bearing material. Also introduced the lead-free GGB-SZ®, for high specific loads with low-frequency, oscillating motion.
1 Introduction

The more and more demanding specifications of today’s high performance equipment and systems require that the bearings operate not only under severe working conditions with minimal or no maintenance but that they also offer increased reliability and durability with lower operating costs.

Self-lubricating META Fram® sinter bronze and sinter iron bearings are designed for applications with high sliding speeds, requiring a low coefficient of friction, good corrosive or seizure resistance and suited to frequent stop starts, as well as for applications for which customary lubrication is not possible.

Furthermore, these bearings can replace already installed traditional lubricated bearings and offer solutions where customary lubrication is not possible.

With more than 100 years of experience and expertise in tribology, GGB offers, along with the widest range of lubricated and self-lubricating bearing products, a comprehensive technical and application engineering knowledge.

In this respect, our Application Engineers can assist you in:

- Choosing the right type of plain bearing for your application
- Design of the bearing according to standard dimensions or to customer specific requirements
- Establishing a life time estimate
- Assembly and installation recommendations

Thanks to our global production and supply network, we are able to offer customers throughout the world the industry’s most extensive range of self-lubricating and prelubricated plain bearings for literally thousands of applications in scores of industries.

As a reliable supplier with flexible manufacturing, we can respond quickly to customer needs with either standard or customized products.

Our advanced R&D and testing facilities help us deliver comprehensive solutions and assure their performance, reliability and cost-effectiveness.

Our high performance bearing specialists have the experience and expertise to provide innovative solutions to even the most challenging applications.
2 Applications

The GGB sinter bearings from the METAFRAM® range are recommended for the following movements:

- Rotation
- Oscillation
- Linear

Other special material grades are available for specific requirements, for example:

- Higher speeds
- Higher loads

For more demanding requirements with lower or higher temperatures, increased speeds or loads, bearings can be impregnated with appropriate lubricants.

2.1 Characteristics and Benefits of GGB Sinter Bearings

Self-lubricating sinter bearings offer the following benefits depending on the grade of the metallic alloy and on the type of lubricant:

**Performance**

An extremely wide range of operating loads, speeds and temperatures:

- Dynamic loads from 6 to 75 MPa
- Linear speeds up to 8 m/s
- Operating temperatures from -180°C to +300°C

**Suitable for use in a wide range of environments**

- Marine environment
- Radio-active environments
- Contact with corrosive liquids or substances incompatible with oils
- Food preparation

**Reduce of design and ownership costs**

- Maintenance-free operation
- Lower cost compared to cast metal and machined bearings
- Complex designs and forms possible
- High dimensional accuracy
- Excellent surface finish
- Reduced weight compared to similar non-porous components

**Safety**

- Permanent oil film lubrication
- Low friction factor
- Quiet operation
- Good operation at low speed
- Corrosion resistance
2.2 Possible Applications

**Industrial:**
General assembly machinery, industrial vehicles, automation, farm machinery, sewing machines, bottling machines, key duplicating machines, electrical switchgears, mobility, toys, etc.

**Household appliances:**
Washing machines, fans, woodworking machines, vacuum cleaners, extractor fans, depilators, coffee machines, juicers, rostisserie, handtools, air conditioning, boilers, etc.

**Home appliances:**
Lawnmowers, roller shutters, office swivel chairs, locks, garage doors, awnings, sliding windows, hinges, furniture, gardening, etc.
2.3 Available Designs

Standard products
- Cylindrical plain bearings
- Flanged plain bearings
- Hollow and solid rod blanks for machining

Special parts on request
- Modified standard sizes
- Customized designs
- Sphericals

3 Material Properties

3.1 Material Structure

Sinter bronze and sinter iron self-lubricating bearings are made of two components which have different functions:
- The metallic alloy structure which supports and transfers the mechanical loads
- The liquid or solid lubricant which separates the two surfaces in relative motion and to reduce friction

Fig. 1: Microsection of Sinter bronze (left) and Sinter iron
3.2 Grade Selection

The metallic structure of the self-lubricating bearing can be made from a wide range of bronze or iron based alloys. To select the proper grade for a given application, it is necessary to check the maximum values of the material characteristics in comparison with:

- Shaft linear speed - \( v \)
- Applied load - \( p \)
- \( pv \) (load x speed) factor
- Shaft hardness and surface roughness and other parameters such as working temperature and type of lubrication, etc.

The following tables give the main physical and mechanical characteristics of GGB self-lubricating sinter bearings from the METAFRAM\textsuperscript{®} range.

3.3 Bronze based and Iron based Grades

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Standard material grades</th>
<th>Units</th>
<th>Bronze GGB-BP25</th>
<th>Iron alloy GGB-FP20</th>
<th>Iron alloy GGB-SO16 (blanks only)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Similar to AFNOR</td>
<td>FU-E10-62</td>
<td>FC10-U3-56</td>
<td>F50-U20-60</td>
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<td>Similar to DIN 30910</td>
<td>Sint A50</td>
<td>Sint A10</td>
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<td>Minimum density</td>
<td>g/cm(^3)</td>
<td>6.2</td>
<td>5.6</td>
<td>6.0</td>
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<td>Maximum load ( p )</td>
<td>MPa</td>
<td>20.0</td>
<td>45.0</td>
<td>120.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum sliding speed ( v )</td>
<td>m/s</td>
<td>6.0</td>
<td>4.0</td>
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<td>Maximum pv factor</td>
<td>MPa x m/s</td>
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<td>1.8</td>
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<td>Operating temperatures</td>
<td>°C</td>
<td>- 5 / 90</td>
<td>- 5 / 90</td>
<td>0 / 105</td>
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<td>Impregnation oil</td>
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<td>MT100</td>
<td>MT100</td>
<td>METADOP</td>
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<td>Minimum open porosity</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>20</td>
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Table 1: Standard material grades

Material Grade Selection

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<tr>
<td>Good coefficient of friction</td>
<td>Recommended for medium or low speeds</td>
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<tr>
<td>Good corrosion resistance</td>
<td>Good bearing strength</td>
<td>Good bearing strength</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Recommended for high speeds</td>
<td>Recommended for high loads</td>
<td>Recommended for very high loads</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shaft surface finish Ra ≤ 0.6 ( \mu m )</td>
<td>Shaft surface finish Ra ≤ 0.2 ( \mu m )</td>
<td>Shaft surface finish Ra ≤ 0.2 ( \mu m )</td>
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<td>Shaft hardness HB &gt; 240</td>
<td>Shaft hardness HB &gt; 355</td>
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Table 2: Material grade selection
4 Lubrication

4.1 Lubricant Selection

Significant development and improvement of lubricants allow the use of METAFRAM\textsuperscript{®} bearings in more and more applications and to comply with a wide range of working conditions in terms of temperature range and environment.

**Under high loads**

The use of lubricants using MoS\textsubscript{2} additives such as METADOP (Shell OM460 + MoS\textsubscript{2}) is recommended.

**Temperature range**

These lubricants are suitable for a temperature range from -40°C to 150°C. Lubricants offering a wider temperature range are available on request.

**Environment**

The lubricant PE1152 is compliant with FDA (Food and Drug Administration) regulation.

### Impregnation Lubricants

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Producer</th>
<th>Designation</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Pour Point °C</th>
<th>Flash Point °C</th>
<th>Viscosity cSt at 40°C</th>
<th>Viscosity cSt at 100°C</th>
<th>Temperature Range °C</th>
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<tr>
<td>Shell</td>
<td>MT100</td>
<td>Mineral</td>
<td>- 9</td>
<td>255</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>11.5</td>
<td>- 5</td>
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<td>Lubrilog</td>
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<td>Synthetic</td>
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<td>65</td>
<td>9.5</td>
<td>- 40</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shell</td>
<td>OM460</td>
<td>High pressure</td>
<td>- 12</td>
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<td>Lubrilog</td>
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<td>FDA</td>
<td>- 18</td>
<td>252</td>
<td>68</td>
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<td>- 18</td>
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*Table 3: most common oils. More oil grades are available on request for specific applications. For further information please contact our application engineering department.*

### Chemical and Physical Characteristics of Oil

Lubricants based on mineral oils comprise of an organic and inorganic compounds and their physical and chemical characteristics vary considerably.

A good understanding of the main characteristics hereafter mentioned is necessary to study difficult lubrication cases. The stability under oxidation and the viscosity are particularly important.

**Stability under oxidation**

Oxidation is a chemical reaction resulting from the combination of the oxygen contained in the air and with the mineral oil. The oxidized compounds can have an adverse effect on bearing operation. If soluble, they transform into acids and can generate corrosion on the metallic sliding counter face of the bearing. They can also form a resilient varnish which fills the the bearing porosities.
Acidity
Low acidity of the mineral oils is acceptable. However, the acidity will increase when running at high temperature for long periods of time due to oxidation.

Viscosity
The viscosity of a liquid can be defined as a resistance to pouring, or as a measure of the friction between the molecules of the liquid in relative motion.
In the oil industry, the two common measurements are the kinematic viscosity in centistokes (cSt) or in Engler degrees.

Viscosity index (VI)
An increase in temperature leads to weaker intermolecular links inside the fluid and a decrease in viscosity. The viscosity index indicates the evolution of the viscosity with temperature. The higher the index, the less sensitive is the oil to increases in temperature.

Pour point
A mineral oil does not change directly from a liquid state to a solid state when it is cooled down. It exhibits a plastic intermediate phase due to the crystallization of paraffin and the freezing of the different elements.
The pour point is approximately the lowest temperature at which the pouring of the liquid can be observed.
4.2 Principles of Lubrication

Hydrodynamic Lubrication (high Speed - low Load)

Stationary position (1)
- The shaft is in contact with the bearing
- An oil meniscus is present at the contact point resulting from capillary forces.
- This oil meniscus assists in instant lubrication during startup.

Rotating shaft (2)
- Oil is drawn out of the bearing in the upper suction zone.
- Oil is driven around by the rotation of the shaft and forms an oil wedge which produces the necessary pressure to lift the shaft.
- Part of the circulating oil is forced, under the action of the pressure, in the pores of the bearing.

After operation (3)
- The oil is reabsorbed by the porous bearing, under the action of capillary forces.
- The oil meniscus remains at the contact point ready for instant lubrication startup.
Boundary Lubrication (low Speed - high Load)

The features of this lubrication mode are as follows:

- Lubrication is provided by a lubricant film composed of molecular layers, with a strong force of adhesion to the surface and a low shear strength.
- Presence of metallic contact between the friction surfaces. Surface wear can be minimized using extreme pressure oils (eg. Shell OM460).

Solid Lubricants

In certain applications where the use of oil is not permitted (water presence, galvanic issues etc.) it is recommended to use solid lubricants such as molybdenum disulfide MoS$_2$, graphite Cg or fluoropolymers PTFE.

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<tr>
<th>Designation</th>
<th>Max. Speed m/s</th>
<th>Max. Load MPa</th>
<th>pv Load x speed MPa x m/s</th>
<th>Temperature Range °C</th>
<th>Load v=0 MPa</th>
<th>Shaft Ra max µm</th>
<th>HB min.</th>
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<tr>
<td>GGB-BP25 + PTFE</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>10.0</td>
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<td>-180 / 180</td>
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Table 4: Grades proposed with solid lubricants.
The following tables indicate the size of the cylindrical or flanged bearings, and give the tolerances of the main dimensions.

In case reduced tolerances are required due to working requirements such as noise or vibration reduction, please contact your local GGB representative.

### Cylindrical bearings

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Minimum weight per bearing: 0.2 g Minimum thickness: 1 mm
B = bearing length (mm) D<sub>o</sub>= bearing bore (mm)
D<sub>s</sub>= bearing outer Ø (mm) D<sub>o</sub>= sphere Ø (mm) S<sub>3</sub> = wall thickness: D<sub>o</sub>-D<sub>i</sub> (mm)
Flange tolerances: Flange outside diameter: js13 - Flange thickness: js14

### Surface Roughness

The surface roughness Ra of the inside diameter of a self-lubricated sinter bearing is between 1.2 µm and 3.2 µm, depending on the powder type (grain size) and on the density.

For standard grades (GGB-BP25, GGB-FP20), the surface roughness is between 2.5 µm and 3.2 µm.
6 Bearing Installation

Fitting with a stepped mandrel (Ground carbon steel – Surface finish: polished - Hardness > 60 RC)
The bearing is inserted into the housing with a press, using a stepped mandrel made to the recommended tolerances in order to avoid damage to the bearing and to obtain:

- A good guidance of the bearing which must be square to the housing
- The correct tolerance of the inside diameter of the bearing after assembly

Insertion forces
Estimated value with m6 mandrel, H7 housing with Ra < 3.2 µm and housing considered as rigid*:
10 MPa (surface equal to D x B of the bearing)
*Housing considered as rigid: steel or cast iron housing with thickness at least 3 times the wall thickness of the bearing.

Steel housing (rigid)
The inner diameter tolerances of the assembled bearing and the final tolerances of the inner diameter of the bearing are determined assuming a rigid housing made of steel or eventually in cast iron.

Housing made of light alloys (aluminium, zamak etc.)
The interference fit is to be increased to compensate for the deformation of the housing. Tests are required to define the tolerances of the housing.
In certain conditions, housing ID / mandrel OD fits of J7 / s7 or K7 / s7 enable a H7 tolerance of the inner diameter of the bearing after assembly.
In the case of an assembly into light alloys and to minimize the risks due to creep deformation, it is sometimes necessary to design special shapes.

Shafts recommendations
Mechanical recommendations of steel shaft according to bearing grades:
For GGB-BP25 Sinter Bronze bearings:
- Steel hardness HB > 240
- Surface roughness Ra < 0.6 µm
For GGB-FP20 Sinter Iron bearings:
- Steel hardness HB > 355
- Surface roughness Ra < 0.2 µm
**Mandrel**

\[ B = 1.2 \times B \text{ of bearing} \]

**Bearing in free state**  
(Standard bearings)

- Tolerance \( D_i \): F7 (for \( D_i > 50 \text{ mm} \): F8)
- Tolerance \( D_o \): s7 (for \( D_i > 50 \text{ mm} \): s8)

**Steel housing** (rigid)

- Tolerance \( D_{housing} \): H7

**Bearing after assembly**  
(Standard bearings)

- Tolerance \( D_i \): H7 for \( D_i > 50 \text{ mm} \): H8
- Tolerance \( D_o \): H8 for flanged bearings
- Tolerance \( D_{housing} \): H8

**Shafts recommendations**

- Tolerance \( D \): f7
- Tolerance \( D \): H7

Steel housing \(Ra \leq 3.2 \mu m\)

Bearing Installation
7 Machining

7.1 Machining of Self-lubricating Blanks

The sinter materials can be machined under the same conditions as for the corresponding solid metals. However, to protect the integrity of the porosities on the sliding surfaces (inner diameter or flange faces) it is recommended to apply the following specific machining conditions:

### Machining Conditions for Bronze based GGB-BP25

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### Machining Conditions for Iron based GGB-FP20 and GGB-SO16

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### Turning

#### Fixing

To avoid any deformation, especially for thin wall bearings, the machining of the inner diameters will be performed by fixing the part between grip clamps or soft jaws. For machining the outer diameter, the blanks must be fixed either on cantilevered mandrels or between centers mandrels (mandrel conicity 0.01%).

#### Facing and chamfering

After machining the faces with a very sharp tool, it is recommended to cut an internal and external chamfer in the range of 0.5 mm at 45°.
**Drilling**

When drilling through the bore, it is necessary to slow down the feed rate at the time of the release.

Bronze based GGB-BP25: no specific requirement.

Iron based GGB-FP20: HSS drill with 5% cobalt, with cutting speed between 25 and 30 m/min and feed rate of 0.1 to 0.3 mm/min.

**Tapping**

Bronze based GGB-BP25: no specific requirement.

Iron based GGB-FP20: nitrided taps with 5% cobalt, with cutting speed between 8 and 12 m/min.

**Grinding**

This machining type is not recommended for the finishing of the inner diameters. The reason is that the abrasive particles coming from the grinding wheels will be embedded in the sliding surface porosities and will accelerate the wear of the surfaces in motion.

**Cutting Oil**

The use of cutting oil is not necessary for the machining of the METAFRAM® blanks as the blank is impregnated with oil and therefore oil is present in the porosities of the sinter material. However, if the parts need to be cooled down, especially in the case of machining of high volumes, it is recommended to use the same oil as the one initially used for impregnation, or to use an air jet.

Any other cooling fluid should be avoided as it would risk to be incompatible with the original impregnation oil.

**Re-impregnation after Use**

All standard METAFRAM® blanks are supplied impregnated with mineral oils with a viscosity index higher than 95 cSt.

- To eliminate chips and dust, quickly wash the part with a volatile solvent such as Heptane or Biosane ECO 60R, then dry.
- Depending on the volume immerse the bearing for one or two hours in an oil bath at a temperature between 60°C and 120°C, depending on the oil viscosity.

However, to compensate the loss of oil during machining and handling, a re-impregnation is mandatory according to the following process:

- Cool down the part in this bath for a perfect saturation of porosities. It is recommended to use the same oil as the one used originally for the impregnation, or otherwise, engine oil type SAE 30.
Impregnation Oils

When the linear speed of the shaft is higher than 0.3 m/s, the standard impregnation oil is Shell Turbo T100 with a viscosity index equal to 98 cSt. For rotational speeds lower than 0.3 m/s, for linear or angular movements, specific impregnation can be made on request (extreme pressure oil, molybdenum disulfide additives).

Control of Surface Porosities

In practice, it is accepted that any machining will slightly diminish the porosities of the sliding surfaces without impacting the performance of the self-lubricating material if the above machining instructions are respected. The control after machining of the residual porosities should be performed:

- Either by a comparative examination of the machined surface versus the non-machined surface under magnification.
- Or by a temperature increase of the machined part by 30°C on a heating source.

The large difference of coefficient of thermal expansion between the sinter metal and the impregnation oil generates the exudation of the lubricant. The formation of a uniformly distributed oil film is the indication that the self-lubricating properties of the material are preserved.

7.2 De-impregnation and Re-impregnation of Self-lubricating Bearings

De-impregnation

To de-impregnate a self-lubricating bearing, the process is the following:

- Degrease and wash in appropriate solvent
- Eliminate the lubricant in an apparatus such as Soxbelt or in a furnace heated around 400°C for 40 minutes under a neutral atmosphere such as N₂, or with reducing agent such as N₂ + H₂

Re-impregnation

Simple method:

- Immerge during one hour the parts in an oil bath heated at a temperature between 60°C and 120°C, depending on oil viscosity.
- Let them cool down in an oil bath back to room temperature.
- Drain and dry the self-lubricating bearings.

The oil viscosity must be between 2 and 3 Engler degrees (10 to 20 cSt) at impregnation temperature.
8 Standard Dimensions

8.1 Bronze based GGB-BP25 Cylindrical Bearings

Cylindrical bushes with H7 (H8 for Ø > 50 mm) and flanged bushes with H8 inner diameter tolerance after being pressed into a housing with an inner diameter with H7 tolerance using a mandrel with m6 outer diameter tolerance.

Delivery tolerance in accordance with ISO standard F7/s7 for cylindrical bushes (for DΙ > 50 mm and DΟ > 50 mm F8/s8) and F8/s8 for flanged bushes.
### 8.2 Iron based GGB-FP20 Cylindrical Bearings

Cylindrical bushes with H7 (H8 for Ø > 50 mm) and flanged bushes with H8 inner diameter tolerance after being pressed into a housing with an inner diameter with H7 tolerance using a mandrel with m6 outer diameter tolerance.

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8.3 Bronze based GGB-BP25 Flanged Bearings

Cylindrical bushes with H7 (H8 for Ø ≥ 50 mm) and flanged bushes with H8 inner diameter tolerance after being pressed into a housing with an inner diameter with H7 tolerance using a mandrel with m6 outer diameter tolerance.

Delivery tolerance in accordance with ISO standard F7/s7 for cylindrical bushes (for Di > 50 mm and Do > 50 mm F8/s8) and F8/s8 for flanged bushes.

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8.4 Iron based GGB-FP20 Flanged Bearings

Cylindrical bushes with H7 (H8 for Ø ≥ 50 mm) and flanged bushes with H8 inner diameter tolerance after being pressed into a housing with an inner diameter with H7 tolerance using a mandrel with m6 outer diameter tolerance.

Delivery tolerance in accordance with ISO standard F7/s7 for cylindrical bushes (for D1 > 50 mm and D0 > 50 mm F8/s8) and F8/s8 for flanged bushes.

8.5 Cylindrical Blanks
8.6 Solid Rod Blanks

8.7 Spherical Bearings
Bearing Application Data Sheet

Not sure which GGB part fits your application requirements? Go to ggbpartfinder.com to complete a Bearing Application Data Sheet online, and one of our GGB bearing specialists will reach out to you with recommended options that meet your application requirements. You can also complete the form below and share it with your GGB sales person or distributor representative.

DATA FOR BEARING DESIGN CALCULATION

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- Spherical bearing
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- Shaft
- Bearing housing

LOAD

- Radial load F static
- Axial load F static
- Specific load p

MOVEMENT

- Rotational speed
- Speed
- Length of stroke
- Frequency of stroke
- Oscillating cycle
- Osc. frequency

MATING SURFACE

- Material
- Hardness
- Surface finish

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