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PBC Linear

Supreme Performance in Small-Scale Applications

Miniature ball screw assemblies from PBC Linear have a range of leads with small screw diameters for high precision linear motion. Our ball screws are precisionrolled to achieve lead accuracy and consistency over the full length of the screw, making them a critical asset to laboratory machines, medical devices, and mechatronic applications.

Ball screws from PBC Linear are manufactured in America, avoiding the long lead times associated with overseas shipping.

Available Sizes



- 1050 steel ball screws
- Standard and special machined journals available
- End support blocks and bearings available
- Grade 5, 7, or 10 accuracy available Contact an Application Engineer for ordering a specific grade at application.engineering@pbclinear.com.

State of the Art Metrology & Inspection

Our commitment to thorough testing is applied to our line of ball screw assemblies.

Metrology Devices include:

- Keyence optical comparator
- Mitutoyo thread form tracer
- Custom dynamic lead checker



Compact Nut

Our compact nut designs utilize internal returns to minimize the nut size and provide quiet motion.



Flanged Nut

Standard Features:

- Flanged and cylindrical nut configurations
- Maximum of 0.05 mm backlash
- 100Cr6 steel nut bodies
- High axial load capacities

Optional Features:

 Contact a PBC Linear Application Engineer about reduced backlash options

Ball Screw Design Considerations

Wipers & Contamination Protection

Wipers are located at each end of the nut to help prevent the ingress of debris and particulates that could damage the internal balls and affect the ball screw and nut performance.



The wipers are designed to provide tight clearances that maximize contamination protection without adding drag or increased friction to the assembly.

Internal Ball Screw Return System

Ball screw nuts use an internal ball return that guides each turn of balls back to the same threads creating ball circuits within the nuts.



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Lubrication

Nuts and screws are shipped with only a light anti-rust protective coating applied. This anti-rust coating should be removed with a clean solvent wash and then a lubricant applied that is specific to your application and maintenance preferences.

Common, general-use lubricants would be a lithium based NLGI 2 grease with an EP additive (Example: Mobil Mobilux EP 2) or an oil such as Mobil DTE heavy medium oil.

Miniature Ball Screw Applications

Defense

Ball screws meet the required precision and accuracy for various controls and guidance systems. Light weight and compact, ball screws are ideal for tight spaces and provide predictable reliability in critical applications.



Medical

High load capacity in a small footprint (load density) is a requirement for many medical applications. Ball screws are ideal for medical applications where clean, quiet and smooth operation is critical.

Lab Automation

Testing and automation equipment requires high performance components capable of accurate and repeatable positioning.



3D Printing

Premium 3D printing equipment requires high accuracy ball screw assemblies built with minimal backlash to produce repeatable quality parts.

American Made

USA Made^{*} & Tested



Our ball screw production process offers shorter lead times, avoiding costly downtimes and delays getting to market! Standard ball screws and nuts ship assembled together, but can be ordered separetely.

Machined End Customization



Contact PBC Linear about custom machining options available at sales@pbclinear.com or call +1.815.389.5600.

PBC Linear has a Wide Range of Linear Solutions to Fit Your Application



	Lead Screw	Ball Screw	Simplicity Bearings	Roller Pillow Block	Cam Roller	Glide Surface	Integral-V	Mechatronics Systems
Inexpensive	٠	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Low Maintenance	•	•	•	•		•		•
Compact Size	•	•				•		•
Low Noise	•		•					•
Multiple Configurations	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Washdown Applications	•		•			•		•
Custom Design Support	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Moderate to High Speed	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Vacuum & Cleanroom Applications	٠	•**	٠			•		•
Food Processing	•	•**	•	•		•		
Ease of Installation	•	•			•		•	•

* PBC Linear ball screws are made in America using both domestic and foreign material sources.

** Only with special lubricants



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Dia.x Lead	ØD	ØA	В	L	L2	ØН	W	ØX
mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm
6 x 1	12	24	3.5	15	2.4	18	16	3.4
6 x 2	12	24	4.0	17	2.4	18	16	3.4
8 x 1	14	27	4.0	16	3.2	21	18	3.4
8 x 2	14	27	4.0	16	2.1	21	18	3.4
8 x 2.5	16	29	4.0	26	4.8	23	20	3.4
10 x 2	18	35	5.0	28	5.3	27	22	4.5

Load Ratings

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Dia.x Lead	Static	Dynamic	Dia.x Lead	Screw OD	Screw Root Ø	Lead	Ball Diameter	Starts x Circuits
mm	C _{oa} (kN)	C _a (kN)	mm	d ₁ (mm)	d ₂ (mm)	P _h (mm)	D _w (mm)	
6 x 1	0.97	0.74	6 x 1	5.95	5.37	1.0	0.8	1 x 3
6 x 2	1.14	1.05	6 x 2	5.95	5.13	2.0	1.2	1 x 3
8 x 1	1.34	0.90	8 x 1	7.95	7.29	1.0	0.8	1 x 4
8 x 2	1.70	1.32	8 x 2	7.95	7.08	2.0	1.2	1 x 3
8 x 2.5	1.70	1.32	8 x 2.5	7.95	7.07	2.5	1.2	1 x 3
10 x 2	2.18	1.49	10 x 2	9.95	9.09	2.0	1.2	1 x 3

Note: The static and dynamic load ratings of PBC Linear balls crews were determined by the ISO 3408 standard calculations.

The dynamic load rating, C_a, is the load at which 90% of properly lubricated identical ball screws will reach 1 x 10⁶ revolutions.

The static load rating, \bar{C}_{oa} is an axial static load which will produce a permanent deformation at contact points of the steel balls to ball grooves equal to 0.01% of the ball diameter.

Cylindrical Ball Screw and Nut Sets



Ø10 x 2

Ø8 x 2.5 Ø8 x 2 Ø8 x 1

Ø6 x 1





Ø6 x 2

Dimensions

Dia.x Lead	ØD	L	L1	L2	M x R (P9)
mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm
6 x 1	12	15	8	2.4	2 x 1.2
6 x 2	12	17	8	2.4	2 x 1.2
8 x 1	14	16	8	3.4	2 x 1.2
8 x 2	14	16	8	2.1	2 x 1.2
8 x 2.5	16	26	10	4.8	3 x 2.0
10 x 2	18	28	10	5.3	3 x 1.2

Load Ratings

Load Ra	atings		Geome	try				
Dia.x Lead mm	Static C _{oa} (kN)	Dynamic C _a (kN)	Dia.x Lead mm	Screw OD d ₁ (mm)	Screw Root Ø d ₂ (mm)	Lead P _h (mm)	Ball Diameter D _w (mm)	Starts x Circuits
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8 x 2	1.70	1.32	8 x 2	7.95	7.08	2.0	1.2	1 x 3
8 x 2.5	1.70	1.32	8 x 2.5	7.95	7.07	2.5	1.2	1 x 3
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Part Number Configurator



Sample Part Numbers



Machined Ends for Bearing Blocks



*Optional smaller size end block option, see page 11 for sizing of EF06. Must specify EF06 over standard EF08 end block if choosen.

Note: Contact Application Engineer for special journals.

Fixed Bearing Blocks

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EK Base Mount Fixed Bearing Blocks



Supported Journals: ALN - Fixed Journal End BLN - Fixed Journal End with Drive Extension CLN - Fixed Journal End with Drive Extension/Flat

Dimensions

Model No./Part	No.	d1	L	L1	L2	L3	В	н	b	h	B1	H1	Ρ	X	Y	Z	М	Т	Weight
		Diameter	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	±0.02	±0.02	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	Kgs
BSBLEB-05MMP	EK05	5	16.5	5.5	18.5	3.5	36	21	18	11	20	8	28	4.5	-	-	М3	11	0.10
BSBLEB-06MMP	EK06	6	20	5.5	22	3.5	42	25	21	13	18	20	30	5.5	9.5	11	М3	12	0.15
BSBLEB-08MMP	EK08	8	23	7.0	26	4.0	52	32	26	17	25	26	38	6.6	11	12	М3	14	0.26

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BLN - Fixed Journal End with Drive Extension CLN - Fixed Journal End with Drive Extension/Flat

Dimensions

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Model No./Part	NO.	Journal Diameter	mm	mm	mm	mm	-0.007 -0.02	mm	mm	mm	L1	T1	L2	T2	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	Kgs
BSALEB-05MMP	FK05	5	16.5	6	18.5	10.5	20	34	26	26	5.5	3.5	5	3	3.4	6.5	3.5	M3	11	0.08
BSALEB-06MMP	FK06	6	20	7	22	13	22	36	28	26	5.5	3.5	6.5	4.5	3.4	6.5	4	M3	12	0.10
BSALEB-08MMP	FK08	8	23	9	26	14	28	43	35	35	7	4	8	5	3.4	6.5	4	М3	14	0.15

Floating Bearing Blocks

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EF Base Mount Floating Bearing Blocks



Supported Journals: AFN - Float Journal End BFN - Float Journal End with Drive Extension CFN - Float Journal End with Drive Extension/Flat

Dimensions

Model No./Part	No.	d1 Journal Diameter	L mm	B mm	H mm	b ±0.02	h ±0.02	B1	H1	P mm	X mm	Y mm	Z mm	Bearing	Snap Ring	Weight _{Kgs}
BSBFEB-06MMP	EF06	6	12	42	25	21	13	18	20	30	5.5	9.5	11	606ZZ	S 06	0.10
BSBFEB-08MMP	EF08	6	14	52	32	26	17	25	26	38	6.6	11	12	606ZZ	S 06	0.15
BSBFEB-10MMP	EF10	8	20	70	43	36	25	36	24	52	9	-	-	608ZZ	S 08	0.33

FF Axial Mount Floating Bearings Blocks



Supported Journals: AFN - Float Journal End BFN - Float Journal End with Drive Extension CFN - Float Journal End with Drive Extension/Flat

Dimensions

Model No./Part	No.	d1 Journal Diameter	L mm	H mm	F mm	Dg6 -0.007 -0.02	A mm	PCD mm	B mm	X mm	Υ mm	Z mm	Bearing	Snap Ring	Weight _{Kgs}
BSAFEB-06MMP	FF06	6	10	6	4	22	36	28	28	3.4	6.5	3.5	606ZZ	S 06	0.06
BSAFEB-10MMP	FF10	8	12	7	5	28	43	35	35	3.4	6.5	4	608ZZ	S 08	0.10

Technical • MAX Speed Calculations

Calculating the Maximum Speed of a Ball Screw System

The maximum speed possible for a ball screw assembly depends on the ball screw diameter, the unsupported length of the ball screw, how the ball screw is supported, the type of lubrication system (oil or grease), and the construction of the ball return system in the ball nut.

I. Critical Speed of the Ball Screw

The critical speed of a ball screw is its first natural frequency. PBC Linear recommends operating below 80% of the ball screw's critical speed. The critical speed of a ball screw is dependent on its root diameter, its unsupported length, and how its ends are supported. Fig. 1 shows the 80% critical speed values for PBC ball screws corresponding to the formula below.

$$n_{max} = K \cdot 10^6 \cdot \frac{d_2}{l_a^2} \cdot S.F.$$

where:

 n_{max} = maximum rotational speed (rpm)

K = factor for the type of ball screw supports (see fig. 2)

 d_2 = screw thread root diameter (mm)

- l_a = maximum unsupported length (mm) (see fig. 2)
- S.F. = safety factor 0.8





Technical • MAX Speed/MAX Static Load Calculations



Types of Ball Screw Supports

II. Maximum Speed of the Ball Return System

The rotational speed characteristic for ball nuts with multiliner ball returns and rolled ball screws. If the ball screw is relatively lightly loaded and it is properly lubricated, the maximum possible speed allowed by the ball return system can be estimated by the formulas below.

 $D_m \cdot N \le 50,000$

$$n_{max} = \frac{D_m \cdot N}{d_1}$$

where:

n_{max} = maximum rotational speed (rpm)

 $D_m \cdot N$ = rotational speed characteristic of the ball return system (rpm \cdot mm)

 d_1 = ball screw's nominal (outside) diameter (mm)

Note: For maximum speeds greater than 3000 rpm, please consult with a PBC Linear Applications Engineer.

III. Maximum Traverse Speed

Once limiting n_{MAX} is found in I (Critical Speed) or II (Maximum Speed), the maximum traverse speed

can be calculated using the formula below with the lower n_{MAX} :

$$V_{max} = \frac{n_{max} \cdot P_h}{60}$$

where:

 V_{max} = maximum possible traverse speed (mm/sec)

 \boldsymbol{P}_h = thread lead (mm)

Maximum Static Loading Calculations

I. The maximum permissible static load, Fper

$$F_{per} = \frac{C_{\theta a}}{f_s} (N)$$

where:

 F_{per} = maximum permissible static load derated for application conditions (N)

 f_s = derate factor based on application conditions

Machine Type	Conditions	(f _s) Factor
General Machinery	No Vibration or Impacts	1.0 to 2.0
	with Vibration or Impacts	2.5 to 7.0
Machine Tools	No Vibration or Impacts	1.0 to 1.5
	with Vibration or Impacts	2.0 to 3.0

II. Permissible buckling force, F_B

Ball screws should be loaded in axial compression to levels below their maximum column loading. Exceeding the maximum column loading can result in instability due to screw bending or buckling.

$$F_B = \frac{K_B \cdot d^2}{S_B \cdot l_a^2} \cdot 10^5 (N)$$

where:

 K_B = factor for end support designs (see fig.2)

 d_2 = thread root diameter of the ball screw (mm)

 S_B = factor of safety for buckling. Normally 2...4

*l*_a = maximum screw length acted upon by axial force (mm)

Technical · Life Calculation

Calculating the Nominal Service Life ${\rm L}_{10}$ or ${\rm L}_{h}$

The formula to calculate the service life that 90% of identical, properly lubricated ball screws are expected to reach is given below:

$$L_{10} = \left(\frac{C_a}{F_m}\right)^3 \cdot 10^6 \text{ (revolutions)}$$

where:

 L_{10} = service life (revolutions) C_a = dynamic load rating (N)

 F_m = average axial load (N)

$$L_h = \frac{L_{10}}{n_m \cdot 60} \text{ (hours)}$$

where:

 L_h = service life (hours)

 \boldsymbol{n}_m = average rotational speed (rpm)

In applications where vibration or impact loading is present, or if the application speed is very high, then the nominal life calculations can be adjusted as follows:

$$L_{10} = \left(\frac{C_a}{f_w \cdot F_m}\right)^3 \cdot 10^6 \text{ (revolutions)}$$

Load Drate Factor (f_w)

Vibration or Impact	(f _w) Factor	
Minor	1.0 to 1.2	
Low	1.2 to 1.5	
Moderate	1.5 to 2.0	
High	2.0 to 3.5	

I. Average axial load F_m for constant rotational speed and varying axial load

$$F_{m} = \sqrt[3]{F_{1}^{3} \cdot \frac{p_{1}}{100} + F_{2}^{3} \cdot \frac{p_{2}}{100} + \dots + F_{n}^{3} \cdot \frac{p_{n}}{100}} (N)$$

where:

$$F_{1,2..n}$$
 = load per cycle unit (N)

$$p_{1.2..n} = \text{cycles}(\%)$$



$$L_{10} = \left(\frac{C_a}{F_m}\right)^3 \cdot 10^6 \text{ (revolutions)}$$
$$L_h = \frac{L_{10}}{n_m \cdot 60} \text{ (hours)}$$

II. Average rotational speed at constant axial load F_{const} and variable rotational speed

$$n_m = n_1 \cdot \frac{P_1}{100} + n_2 \cdot \frac{P_2}{100} + \dots + n_n \cdot \frac{P_n}{100}$$
 (rpm)
where:

 $n_{1,2..n}$ = rotational speed per cycle unit (rpm)

$$p_{1,2..n}$$
 = cycles (%)



Technical · Life Calculation-cont./Ball Screw Grading

II. Average rotational speed (cont.)

$$L_{10} = \left(\frac{C_a}{F_{const}}\right)^3 \cdot 10^6 \text{ (revolutions)}$$
$$L_h = \frac{L_{10}}{n_m \cdot 60} \text{ (hours)}$$

III. Average axial force and average rotational speed when the axial load and the rotational speed vary between different values.

$$F_{m} = \sqrt[3]{F_{1}^{3} \cdot \frac{p_{1}}{100} + F_{2}^{3} \cdot \frac{p_{2}}{100} + \dots + F_{n}^{3} \cdot \frac{p_{n}}{100}} (N)$$

$$n_{m} = n_{1} \cdot \frac{P_{1}}{100} + n_{2} \cdot \frac{P_{2}}{100} + \dots + n_{n} \cdot \frac{P_{n}}{100}$$

$$L_{10} = \left(\frac{C_{a}}{F_{m}}\right)^{3} \cdot 10^{6} (revolutions)$$

$$L_h = \frac{L_{10}}{n_m \cdot 60} \text{ (hours)}$$

Positioning or Transport Ball Screws

Ref: ISO 3408-3 E3

Checking of the travel variation V_{300} within an axial travel of 300 mm:



Permissible Deviations

Standard Tolerance	V _{300p} µm	
Grade 5	23	
Grade 7	52 ^a	
Grade 10	210 ^a	

^a = Only for transport ball screws

Positioning or Transport Ball Screws

Ref: ISO 3408-3

10 um



5 um

Positioning Ball Screws Ref: ISO 3408-3 E4

Checking of the travel variation $V_{2\pi P}$ within 2π rad:



Table D Journal Diameters

	D1	D2	Fermissible Deviations	
Turned	Nom22 um/-34 um	Nom. h7	Standard Tolerance	V _{2πp} μm
Ground	Nom8 um/-15 um	Nom. h7	Grade 5	8

Grade 7 and 10 ball screws have turned journals standard.

Grade 5 ball screws have ground journals standard.

Turned or ground journals can be requested where not standard.

Parmissible Deviations



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