

BEARINGS

Ball Units

The following applies to all Ball Units unless mentioned in the appropriate section

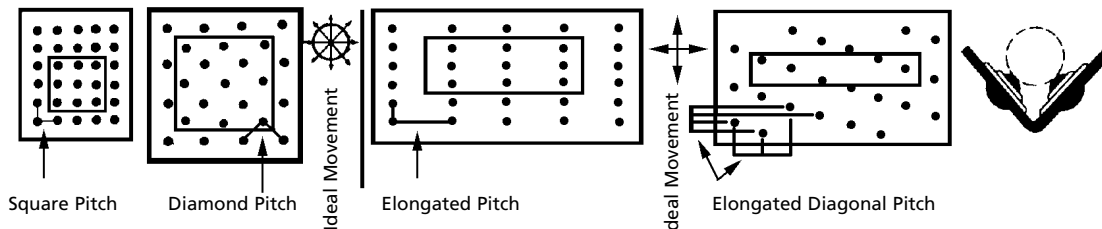
Ondrives Ball Units consist of a large ball seated on a quantity of small bearings in a hemispherical cup. NOT JUST A SINGLE RING OF BALLS. There are from 80 to 150 bearings according to ball unit size. This design enables the large ball to rotate freely and instantaneously in ANY direction. Extremely heavy load can be moved with the minimum of effort.

It should be noted that the load is supported through the centre line of the unit. It may also be applied offset, upwards, downwards or sideways, although this may affect stated loading. Tubes and bars of varying diameters can also be conveyed.

TO DETERMINE BALL UNIT CAPACITY the weight of the article to be conveyed should be divided by 3. The result gives the maximum load which any single ball unit may have to bear. If the Ball Units are levelled accurately, then a larger number than 3 may be applied. The surface hardness and condition of the article to be conveyed should be taken into consideration to avoid undue ball penetration.

SPACING OF BALL UNITS. The pitch is obtained by dividing the narrowest dimension by 3.5 i.e. narrowest dimension 14" divided by 3.5 = pitch of 4" between ball centres, this ensures 3 units are beneath the narrowest dimension at any one time.

SOME BALL UNIT ARRANGEMENTS



LUBRICATION Each Ball Unit is PRE-LUBRICATED during manufacture and normally does not require further attention. In certain applications we will advise on lubrication. Greasing or oiling points can be incorporated in some units.

CLEANING A suitable cleaning or release fluid should be used if dirty conditions prevail. Paraffin or suitable detergent for washing through and WD40 for freeing.

SHOCK LOADS When calculating loads bear in mind the possibility of impact from dropping, incorrect levels etc. **SPRING LOADING** will considerably reduce wear and tear to the Ball Units where they are subject to continuous harsh shock treatment. The shock will be absorbed by the springs but the article will move easily on the spring supported units. Shock loading can be reduced by fitting pads under each unit.

RETRACTABLE BALL UNITS Ball Units can be made retractable by means other than spring loading. Pneumatic or hydraulic cylinders and cams or levers can be fitted below units to enable them to be lifted. They can be programmed to operate in sequence with the movement of a machine.

SELF LEVELLING can be effected by fitting rubber pads under each unit. This allows any unit standing proud to be compressed to the mean level eliminating the possibility of excessive loading on a few units. Details on request.

SELF LOCKING. Spring loaded Ball Units permit an empty container to move freely into position, then stand firmly when additional load is applied (with Ball Units retracted).

SELF CLEANING. Most designs of our Ball Units have holes in the base of the bearing cup.

SEAL. A seal is incorporated to help resist ingress of dirt and swarf etc. Either Polyurethane foam or felt. Although it can be left out by request.

TEMPERATURE. (Minimum -30°C to maximum 70°C continuous or 100°C intermittent), do not affect the running qualities but special seals may have to be fitted to suit prevailing conditions. In clean conditions without seal 150°C-200°C is possible.

FINISHES. Standard Bright Zinc, Heviloal Black, other finishes available.

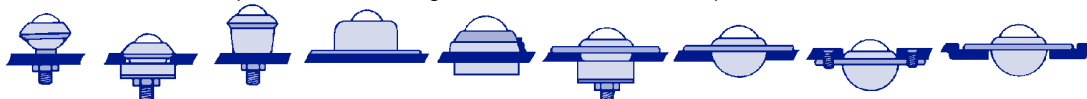
LARGE BEARINGS of Nylon, Phenolic, Bronze, Polypropylene, Hollow Steel etc. can be supplied.

FIXING. Refer to specific unit for method. Overtightening may cause damage.

BALL CASTORS. Many Castor applications can be solved with Ball Transfers.

15 Nm MAX TORQUE
ALL NUTS

Illustrated below are various methods of fixing the standard range of Ondrives Ball Units. A wide range of fittings enable them to be used with metals, wood, plastics and slotted angle, etc. Consult our technical department for further details.



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