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Rolling Bearing Failures and Their Causes







Phenomenon: Fretting Corrosion (Left)



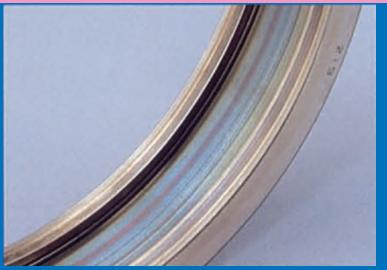
Phenomenon: Creep (Right)

Cause: Less Interference Fit with Shaft



Surface Cause: Excessive Interference Fit with Shaft

2 Improper Lubrication

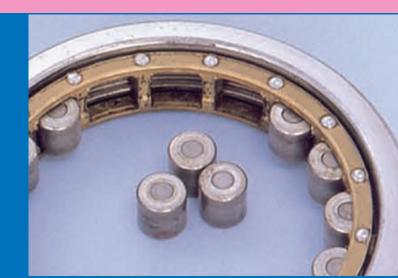


Phenomenon: Heat Discoloration on Raceway/Guide Surface of Retainer



Phenomenon: Scuffing on Roller End Surface and Inner Ring Rib

Cause: Improper Lubrication Method or Inappropriate Lubricant



Phenomenon: Wear on Retainer Pocket Surface/Guide Surface

3 Improper Adjustment



Phenomenon: Smearing on Raceway

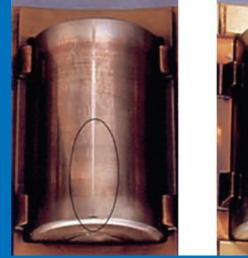
Cause: Improper Preload

Phenomenon: Seizure at Roller End Surface and Inner Ring Rib Cause: Insufficient Bench End Play

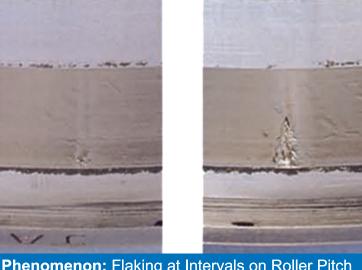


Phenomenon: Dents on Retainer

Cause: Retainer Received Impact



Phenomenon: Scratches (Left)/Scuffing (Right) on Roller Surface



Phenomenon: Flaking at Intervals on Roller Pitch (Due to Scratches and Scuffing)



Phenomenon: Scuffing on Bore Surface Cause: Diagonal Assembly or Foreign Matter on Fitting Surface

5 Misalignment (Inclination of Bearings)



Phenomenon: Symmetrical Fretting on Upper and Lower Sides



Cause: Abnormal Load Due To Misalignment



Phenomenon:Flaking on Opposite **Faces of Raceway** Cause: Diagonal Assembly



Phenomenon: Rust Generated on Raceway at Intervals on Roller Pitch

Cause: Bearings Left Unused for Long Period Under Moist Conditions



Phenomenon: Rust Generated on One Row of Raceway

Cause: Water Contamination During Operation

6 Corrosion (continued)

Cause: Misalignment



Phenomenon: Flaking Generated Around Half the Raceway

Cause: Flaking Caused by Rust



Cause: Excessive Vibration or Impact During Operation



Phenomenon: Flaking at Intervals on Ball Pitch Cause: Indentations Caused by Impact Load Develop into Flaking

9 Dirty Lubricant



Phenomenon: Cracks and Chips on Inner and Outer Rings and Rollers (Left) / Seizure Caused by Chips on Ribs (Right)

Cause: Excessive Axial Impact Load



Phenomenon: Electric Pitting (Pit or Ridge) and Staining Cause: Current Passed Through Inside of Bearing

8 Electric Pitting (continued)



Phenomenon: Electric Pitting (Pit or Ridge) and Staining Cause: Current Passed Through Inside of Bearing



Phenomenon: Indentations on Raceway



Cause: Contamination by Foreign Matter or Flakes from Other Bearing



Cause: Careless Handling During Assembly

Phenomenon: Smearing/Wear on Roller Cause: Lubricant Contaminated by Water or Other Foreign Matter



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