Koyo. Rolling Bearing Failures and Their Causes







Phenomenon: Fretting Corrosion (Left)



Cause: Less Interference Fit with Shaft



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



Cause: Improper Preload



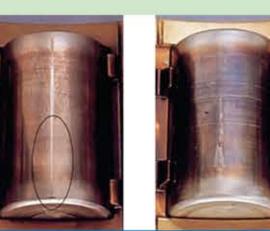
Phenomenon: Seizure at Roller End Surface and Inner Ring Rib Cause: Insufficient Bench End Play

4 Mishandling

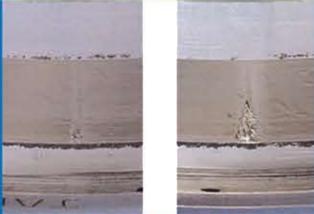


Phenomenon: Dents on Retainer

Cause: Retainer Received Impact



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



Phenomenon: Flaking at Intervals on Roller Pitch (Due to Scratches and Scuffing) Cause: Careless Handling During Assembly



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

5 Misalignment (Inclination of Bearings)



Cause: Misalignment



Cause: Abnormal Load Due To Misalignment

Phenomenon: Broken Retainer

Phenomenon:Flaking on Opposite

Faces of Raceway Cause: Diagonal Assembly

Phenomenon: Rust Generated on Raceway at Intervals on Roller Pitch

6 Corrosion



Cause: Bearings Left Unused for Long Period Under Moist Conditions



6 Corrosion (continued)



Phenomenon: Flaking Generated Around Half the Raceway

Cause: Flaking Caused by Rust 8 Electric Pitting (continued)



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



Phenomenon: Broken Retainer

Cause: Excessive Vibration or Impact During Operation



Cause: Indentations Caused by Impact Load Develop into Flaking



Phenomenon: Cracks and Chips on Inner and Outer Rings and Rollers (Left) / Seizure Caused by Chips on Ribs (Right) Cause: Excessive Axial Impact Load

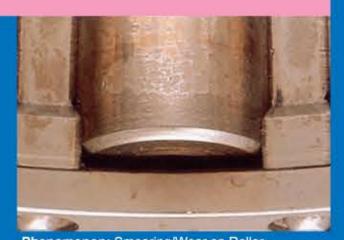


9 Dirty Lubricant

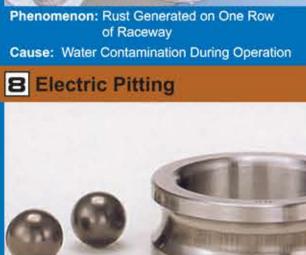


Cause: Contamination by Foreign Matter or Flakes from Other Bearing





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



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

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