

SMT

AISI 440C
STAINLESS STEEL
BALL BEARINGS



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Resistant to Corrosion and High Temperature

As the performance level of precision machinery has risen, the range the applications using ball bearings has become broader, and the demand for higher performance and durability of bearings has increased. Industrial needs for ball bearings having high anti-corrosion technology and the ability to withstand fierce conditions while maintaining the preciseness of ball bearings originally required have also increased. “**SMT**” brand stainless steel ball bearings are the products to comply with present industrial needs.

■Special Features

1. High resistance to corrosion
2. High stability in high temperature

●Recommended temperature range

ZZ type	-40 ~ +150°C/-40 ~ +302°F
2RS type	-30 ~ +110°C/-22 ~ +230°F
Open type	Subject to lubrication

3. High resistance to chemicals

■Materials

AISI 440C martensitic stainless steel is used for inner rings, outer rings and balls. AISI 304 austenitic stainless steel is used for retainers, metal shields, and snaprings. Standard material of rubber seals is nitrile butadiene rubber (NBR), and other materials such as fluorinated rubber, etc. are available upon request. As for balls, ceramic balls (Si3N4) are also available.

*AISI 440C stainless steel is magnetized steel.

■Preciseness

Dimension tolerance and rotational precision grade over ISO Normal Class or ABMA (used to be AFBMA) ABEC-1 is guaranteed. ISO Class 6 or ABEC-3 and ISO Class 5 or ABEC-5 are also available upon request.

■Lubrication

Heat-resistant grease is prepacked in **SMT**’s shielded and sealed type stainless steel ball bearings. Special high temperature or chemical resistant grease such as fluorinated grease, etc. is available for special application upon request.

■Materials other than AISI 440C

Bearings might be used in unusual environment, such as rusty, vacuum or high temperature conditions. In such cases where AISI 440C stainless steel would be intolerable or short-lived, we offer high corrosion resistant bearings, that are all made of AISI 304 stainless steel or of which outer and inner rings are made of AISI 630 stainless steel or ASTM Grade 2 B348 pure titanium, and hybrid bearings using ceramic balls (Si3N4). Also, we offer the bearings with solid lubricants in case of vacuum or high temperature conditions where the conventional grease lubrication would be ineffective.



■Corrosion Resistance

The following list shows the comparison of corrosion resistance performance between AISI 440C stainless steel and AISI 52100 normal bearing steel. Please consult with us regarding any other chemicals not listed below.

Chemicals	Condition	Temperature	Materials	
			440C	52100
4-chloridated carbon	dry / wet	normal	○	×
Acetic acid			○	×
Acetone		normal	○	—
Air		normal	○	△
Carbonic acid gas			○	×
Chloric gas	dry	normal	△	△
Chloric gas	wet	100°C/212°F	×	×
Hydrochloric acid	75% solution		×	×
Hydrogen peroxide			○	△
Hydrogen sulfide gas	dry		○	△
Hydrogen sulfide gas	wet		○	△
Naphtha		normal	○	—
Natural water		normal	○	×
Nitric acid	thick	normal	○	×
Nitric acid	thick	boiling	×	×
Sea breeze		normal	○	×
Seawater		normal	△	×
Seawater	50% solution	normal / boiling	○	×
Sulfurous acid	thick	normal	○	△
Sulfurous acid	thick	boiling	×	×
Sulfurous acid	50% solution	normal / boiling	×	×
Sulfurous acid gas	dry		○	×
Sulfurous acid gas	wet		○	×
Water vapor		100°C/212°F	○	×

Note : ○ not effected △ slightly effected × effected — no data available

[Remarks]

This comparison list is provided as general guidance for the users. The performance level of corrosion resistance varies, depending upon the conditions of each application. Therefore, we recommend that the user conduct actual testing to see how 440C stainless steel works in the user-specific applications. We are not responsible for any claims taken place in the users' applications without actual testing.



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