

Water / Self Lubricated BEARINGS

Benefits of our Bearing: The Only Renewable Industrial Bearing

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NSF/ ANSI 61 Certified –Drinking Water System Components
Long Life • Low Friction • Excellent Startup Ability
Zero Tolerance –Touches the Shaft
Zero Pollution • Eliminates Oil or Grease
Operates in Dirty or Silty Environments
High Performance & High Edge Load



Operating Characteristics:

- Requires "ZERO" tolerance Especially important for older applications with some wear or
 instability, unlike composite bearings that require inordinate clearance for fear of touching and
 wiping or smearing the shaft.
- Contains guaiac gum that acts as the lubricant. This water impervious gum glazes the bearing surface, which stays intact for decades, even in dirty or silty water. Unlike other lubricants that are free to flow away from the bearing, guaiac gum is bound in a homogeneous fiber that cannot drain away.
- Contains no abrasives or composites requiring shaft treatments or special coatings.
- Known as the most steel friendly material in use. No moving parts, Nothing to rust or corrode
- Nature's perfect combination of hardness and lubricity for running against steel.
- "ZERO" wiping or smearing of material onto the shaft, thereby eliminating residual buildup and "thumping."
- Excellent performance in dirty and silty water, with documented case of 67 years of service on original bearing set in Army Corps of Engineers' application.
- No need to filter the water or add lubricants required by some composites.
- Easy to install, even when replacing old bearings in remote or crude conditions.





The Environment:

- The only renewable, natural, industrial underwater bearing.
- Requires no grease, oil or other lubricants, which may spill in surrounding water.
- No threat to air, water, or soil, with nothing going into landfill.
- No manufacturing pollution, toxic metals, PCBs, Plastic, VOCs, or exotic chemicals.
- The forest is actively managed to preserve the supply of Lignum Vitae into perpetuity through an internationally recognized agency.



Services Available:

Value Engineering, Reverse Engineering, Manufacturing, Hone & Lap shaft in place, Installation & Supervision On-Site, Immediate Delivery for unplanned Outages. Shaft and Bearing Assessment.



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Lignum Vitae Water Lubricated bearings commonly replaces composite, plastic, bronze, babbitt and oil filmed bearings. The material is the oldest bearing in service with unmatched longevity in water applications. It has tremendous load bearing qualities and unique shock absorbing qualities that no other material can match.

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Benefits of the Material

Self lubricating 100% bearing material Low maintenance

Clean or Dirty Water

Low friction
High shock load
High edge load
Easy to machine
Non conducting
Easy installation



Custom made to your specs

Shaft Sizes and Bearing Useful Life:

Lignum vitae bearings currently support shafts of any diameter, with a bearing useful life in excess of 60 years.

Types of Bearings

- Shell
- Hanger
- Thrust
- Mushroom
- Tube
- Stave
- Pillow Block
- Horizontal
- Split
- Seals and Wear Pads

Bearings for your Applications- What do you Need?









