Linking power transmission products to the supply chain

Power transmission products play an important role in overall bearing performance. They are the vital link between moving parts in equipment, and industry as a whole spends about twice as much on these products as it does on the actual bearings.

By creating its own range of power transmission products, SKF can offer well-matched products that give engineers a wide design choice considering performance and cost. SKF is the first bearing manufacturer to consolidate the sales and supply of power transmission products in this way. The product range, sold under the Group’s existing brand, is the result of a thorough analysis of the market and customer requirements.

Bringing power transmission products under a single brand offers significant user benefits as well as the confidence that comes from a well-known brand. SKF can provide a convenient single supply source for products and services with a large stock of products. This, in turn, offers the chance to simplify logistics to end users and reduce administrative work.

SKF already has its own sophisticated worldwide warehousing and logistics systems through which power transmission products are supplied. This currently can provide easy access to about 30,000 power transmission products which enables distributors and end customers to have smaller stocks and less capital invested in inventory.

As bearings and other power transmission components work together in many industries, many bearing problems and failures can be identified through SKF’s knowledge of power transmission. A few examples of those industries are food and beverage, oil and gas, pulp and paper, textile, metalworking, packaging, mining, mineral processing and cement, agriculture and material handing.

Combining an understanding of bearing systems with power transmission gives SKF the opportunity to enhance the support it gives to users.

The SKF Power transmission range covers most common types of products, which can be divided into six main categories – belts, pulleys, chains, sprockets, couplings, as well as bushings and hubs. All SKF Power transmission products are identified by an SKF specific designation prefix. Apart from that, the designation follows international standards for easy recognition and cross-referencing.

Why are power transmission products from SKF so unique?

To complement our well-known, high quality line of bearings, SKF extended its range of solutions to fulfill your rotating equipment needs.

Supply rationalization

A major part of your transmission needs can today be sourced from one place: less inventory and maintenance costs, more speed and focus on critical issues.

To reach peace of mind

An extensive range of products is available, well identified, well packed, traceable and accessible via your SKF Authorized Distributor whenever you need it.

Reduced maintenance

By using SKF Power transmission and SKF Maintenance Products together, you can mount, lubricate, align and maintain your application more efficiently.

Energy saving

SKF’s strong focus on sustainability is also reflected in this product line. Let SKF help you to reduce your energy consumption.

Design optimization

A unique set of calculation tools provides you with the most efficient and economical solution for your belt or chain drive.
No matter in which industry you operate, SKF has the right solution for your power transmission needs.

### Industry coverage

- **Food and beverage**
- **Oil and gas**
- **Pulp and paper**
- **Textile**
- **Metalworking**
- **Packaging**
- **Mining, mineral processing and cement**
- **Agriculture**
- **Material handling**
- **And many others**

### Example 1: Pulp and paper

**Areas of use:**
- Wood yard
- Pulp preparation
- Packaging

**Main applications:**
- Conveyor drives
- Agitators
- Pumps

### Example 2: Mining, mineral processing and cement

**Areas of use:**
- Mining
- Mineral processing
- Cement production

**Main applications:**
- Crushers
- Conveyors
- Fans
- Pumps and compressors
- Mobile equipment

### Example 3: Food and beverage

**Areas of use:**
- Beverages
- Meat and poultry
- Sugar
- Pet food
- Dairy
- Palm oil

**Main applications:**
- Conveyors
- Fans
- Freezers
- Packaging lines
- Clarifiers and separators
- Dryers

### Example 4: Metalworking

**Areas of use:**
- Steelmaking
- Continuous casting
- Rolling

**Main applications:**
- Smelting
- Milling
- Handling of finished goods
By developing its own range of solutions for power transmission, SKF is able to offer well matched products thus giving engineers a wide choice for better performance at an optimum cost level.

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Oltchim SA, Rm. Valcea, Romania

Belts
- Oil and heat resistance/anti-static properties (except SKF Cogged Raw Edge Belts).
- Globally sourced rubber along with stringently controlled tension members provide the superior performance expected from SKF.
- State-of-the-art electronic rubber blending/mixing processes maintain superior quality.
- Tight tolerance stability during the manufacturing process along with superior raw material eliminates the requirement to match individual belts to a single drive.

Pulleys
- Pulleys are all statically balanced to provide true running tolerances at higher speeds.
- Dynamic balancing is also available on request.
- Pulleys, with an outside diameter less or equal to 300 mm are boxed. Pulleys with an outside diameter greater than 300 mm or over 30 kg are on a wooden pallet.

Chains
- From the raw material to the finished product, our chains superior by design: 100 % pre-stressing, 100 % pre-loading and running prior to packaging.
- SKF uses a heavy pre-lubrication process to enable optimum storage life. All SKF Chains are fully wrapped in plastic prior to being boxed.
- A very large range of plating is available: Dacromet, nickel, zinc and stainless steel.
- SKF also supplies a full range of conveyor chains for every application.

Bushings
- Bushings are available in many variants: Taper bushings, OD bushings, FX Keyless bushings, weld-on hubs and bolt-on hubs. They are made from high quality steel and most types are phosphate coated or blackened for improved corrosion resistance.
- All bushings are designed for quick and easy installation and removal with basic tools, resulting in minimum downtime each time they are fitted.

Sprockets
- All sprockets are oiled, bagged, sealed and then boxed. This allows the product to reach the customer in perfect condition every time.
- Sprockets are also available with hardened teeth, bored and keyed to size.
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Couplings
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- Suitable for corrosive conditions.

Nickel-plated
- Improved wear resistance. Recommended for outdoor conditions, such as exposure to rain.

Zinc-plated
- A cost-effective way to increase corrosion resistance.

Stainless steel
- Used in food processing applications, high/low temperature conditions (-20 to 400 °C / -4 to 752 °F) and in corrosive environments.

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Supply rationalization

Through an SKF Authorized Distributor, “one-stop shopping” is a reality.

With a complete range of power transmission components, you are able to reduce transactional and other related logistics expenses. Good quality products can also improve the performance of your rotating equipment and decrease your maintenance costs. With the right product, at the right place and at the right time, SKF enables you to focus on what really matters to your core business.

We are always looking for partners who are able to decrease our total costs. By ordering a full package of power transmission products from SKF, we have moved another step forward. The upgrade we made with SKF Belts, Pulleys, Chains and Sprockets resulted in a significant increase in performance and helped us to increase our profitability.

Mikrossin Makine, Istanbul, Turkey
To reach peace of mind

Step 1: Identify
Don’t waste any time searching for products. Find what you are looking for in a matter of seconds.

Our comprehensive online catalogue (also available in a printed version) is translated into more than 20 languages and contains about 30,000 different products. Through a user friendly search engine, you will be able to find the parts you need, even if you don’t have a part number. Technical data and drawings will guide your choice.

Step 2: Order
The world’s most efficient bearing supply chain is also meeting your needs for power transmission products.

And your SKF Authorized Distributor is the most important link to it. Quick access to the products you need is a critical factor in reducing downtime. Supported by the advanced logistics of the SKF supply chain, your SKF Authorized Distributor has the systems in place to deliver on time, every time. Thanks to unique e-business portals, collaborative logistics, inventory management, programs and a transport network that functions with astounding efficiency, the product you need for your drive unit is typically waiting for you on your distributor’s shelf. And if it’s not, your SKF Authorized Distributor can get it quickly by tapping into a global SKF inventory capable of one of the fastest deliveries in the transmission business.

Step 3: Replace
The old days of inconsistency and lack of information are gone.

A considerable amount of the power transmission components traded at present in the industry come without a part number or an identification of the source. Looking at the end users’ needs, SKF steps up as the leader in classification, marking, packaging and traceability of those products, including pulleys, sprockets and bushings.

We have found that SKF’s online PT catalogue is a fantastic resource. Having all the product information in one place for the first time, in an easy-to-use format, has had real tangible benefits for our personnel.

AFC Ltd., Bristol, United Kingdom

I was having difficulties in finding a supplier for a non-standard type of chain. My need was fulfilled as soon as I called an SKF Authorized Distributor and found out they had it available for immediate delivery.

Multiserv, Châtelet, Belgium
Belt-driven machinery downtime caused by misalignment is a problem of the past. The SKF Belt Alignment Tool, TMEB 2, aligns the pulleys where it counts most – in the grooves. V-guides and powerful magnets allow the TMEB 2 to be fitted in the grooves of the pulley. With only two components, a laser-emitting unit and a receiver unit, the TMEB 2 is easy and fast to attach. The three-dimensional target area on the receiver identifies horizontal, vertical, parallel or combined misalignment quickly and easily.

- Aligns grooves of the pulley rather than its face, allowing the alignment of pulleys of unequal width or with dissimilar faces – even fits applications where the pulley face cannot be used as a reference.
- No trial and error. The laser position indicates the nature of misalignment allowing easy and accurate adjustment.

We had severe problems with four critical pumps and due to the use of low quality couplings and bad alignment, we were forced to replace all of them in one year. SKF came in and performed vibration measurements and offered its Flex coupling solution. I’m happy with SKF’s intervention.

Alpha Wood, Greneva, Greece

Pinpoint accurate alignment simply achieved
The SKF Shaft Alignment Tools, TKSA series, offer you simplicity with a high degree of accuracy.

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By their very nature, bearings make a positive contribution to the natural environment, enabling machinery to operate more efficiently, consume less power, and require less lubrication. By raising the performance bar for our own products, SKF is enabling a new generation of high-efficiency products and equipment, which includes power transmission components.

Have a look at this success story which is a result of an SKF contribution to a customer in Argentina.

### Forestry

**Industry:** Forestry  
**Application:** Draft fans

**Situation before SKF intervention:**
- High energy consumption  
- Low belt drive performance

**Actions:**
- New belts mounted  
- Introduced SKF tools into the maintenance process to maintain proper belt tension and pulley alignment

**Overall analysis:**
- Pulleys worn and misaligned

**Results after SKF intervention:**
- Reduced energy consumption by 3 % (average)  
- Improved fan reliability

### Pulp & Paper

**Industry:** Pulp & Paper  
**Application:** Roof fans

**Situation before SKF intervention:**
- Low performance and reliability of roof fans which were critical to the production process  
- Extra cost and downtime because of belts and bearing failures  
- Improper maintenance procedures

**Overall analysis:**
- Type of failure detected: bearing damage
- Main cause: high tension of belts
- Others: The pulley diameter in the motor was below the minimum diameter required for the type of belts installed; the pulleys were also misaligned

**Actions:**
- Recalculate the drive  
- Create guidelines for mounting and tensioning belts  
- Introduce SKF tools into the maintenance process to maintain proper belt tension and pulley alignment

**Results after SKF intervention:**
- Improved fan reliability  
- Improved process reliability  
- 6 % energy savings

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**Fan type** | **Initial electric current (A)** | **Final electric current (A)** | **Initial tension (V)** | **Final tension (V)** | **Saving**
---|---|---|---|---|---
A (208 HP) | 239.5 | 233.0 | 402.4 | 400.8 | 3.1 %
B (300 HP) | 261.4 | 252.0 | 402.1 | 400.8 | 3.9 %
C (268 HP) | 258.2 | 254.7 | 400.9 | 401.1 | 1.3 %

This is another reference case taken from a customer in Chile which was an early adopter of the SKF Power transmission solution.
Using your data, the program will select the most efficient and economical solution for your application. At the end of your calculation, you are able to print and save a complete report for your documentation. The calculation tools can be found at www.skfptp.com.

To start off you need to pick your preferred language and click on the calculation tool of your choice. See examples on the following pages.
Design optimization

Chain drives

Add your company data (optional)

Fill in the basic data of your application

Press "Automatic Design"

The system will show you a list of possible solutions for your drive which can be ranked by weight or price index

The solution of your choice will be prompted in this area; if not satisfied, you can go back and choose an alternative

Thanks to the on-line calculation tools offered through the SKF website, we are able to optimize the power transmission elements mounted in our machines. Those tools are very useful and easy to use.

Talleres Serrano, Castellón, Spain