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14. Cam Followers for Pallet Changer

Cam followers are often used on work piece transfer systems (such as pallet changers) of machine tools (such as machining centers) to handle the large loads generated by these systems.

NTN offers various types of cam followers that include a ready-to-install cam follower optimized for pallet changers.

14.1 Structure and features

14.2 Cam follower numbering

- The outer ring wall thickness is maximized for resistance to heavy load or impact load.
- Feature a compact design and can be easily mounted by tightening a setscrew.
- The outer ring outside diameter, outer ring width, and stud diameter are identical to the dimensions of NTN's standard cam followers (KR type).
- Because are actuated less frequently, they do not need to be relubricated. The oil hole has been deleted.
- Cost is reduced by removing the grease hole and the thread from the stud.



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The part number for cam followers for pallet changers is same as that of **NTN** special cam followers.



14.3 Accuracy

The accuracy of **NTN** cam followers for pallet changer is same as that of **NTN** standard cam followers (JIS Class 0).

14.4 Fits

The **NTN** pallet changer cam follower has a special stud that is readily secured with a setscrew. As shown example of mounting **Fig. 14.2**, a setscrew locks the pallet changer cam follower in the axial and circumferential directions.



Fig. 14.2 Example of mounting

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14.5 Radial internal clearance

The radial clearance of **NTN** cam followers for pallet changers is same as that of **NTN** standard cam followers (see **Table 14.1**).

Table 14.1. Radial internal clearance of cam followers Unit: µm

Nominal roll	er inscribed	Internal clearance								
$F_{\rm W}$ (i	mm)	CN (normal clearance)								
over	incl.	min	max							
3	6	3	17							
6	10	5	20							
10	18	5	25							
18	30	10	30							
30	50	10	40							

14.6 Lubrication

NTN cam followers for pallet changers are filled with lithium based grease and can be used in a temperature range of -20 to 120 °C (100 °C or less for continuous use).

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Under the assumption that the user does not perform relubrication with grease, the standard **NTN** pallet changer cam follower does not have an oil hole for relubrication (If necessary, the cam follower can be provided with an oil hole or a hole for mounting a grease nipple).

Upon request, **NTN** can also provide cam followers with a synthetic rubber seal.

Lubrication between the outside surface of bearing and track is also necessary. Failure to properly lubricate the outside surface of the cam follower could lead to premature wear of the bearing.



Example application of NTN cam followers for pallet changer (Photo: courtesy of Tsudakoma Corporation)

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Cam followers for pallet changers Sealed KRX type





Cylindrical outer ring type

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(Reference) Standard cam follower KR··H type (w/ hex socket)



The dimensions of standard cam followers (marked with the diagram above) are different from those of **NTN** pallet changer cam followers. Please see the reference dimensions in the table below.

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d_1 6–20 mm

Cam follower number			Dimensions							Dimensions				Basic loa	d ratings	Track loa		Reference dimensions						
Spherical outer ring	Cylindrical outer ring	d_1	Tolerance	D	Tolerance* (cylindrical outer ring)	$F_{\rm w}$	B_1	В	<i>B</i> ₂	C	C_1	mm L_1	L ₂	е	ل منابع ر ر ر	C_{0r}	k spherical outer ring	gf cylindrical outer ring	<i>B</i> ₁	<i>B</i> ₂	mm G	G_1	n	h
KRX 6×16×32-4/3AS	KRX 6×16×32-2/3AS	6	0 -0.012	16	0 -0.008	8	32	12	20	11	0.6	5	10	0.3	4 050 415	4 200 430	1 080 110	3 400 350	28	16	M6 ×1	8	- :	3
KRX 8×19×32-9/3AS	KRX 8×19×32-7/3AS	8	0 -0.015	19	0 -0.009	10	32	12	20	11	0.6	5	10	0.5	4 750 480	5 400 555	1 380 141	4 050 415	32	20	M8 ×1.25	10		4
KRX10×22×33-3/3AS	KRX10×22×33-1/3AS	10	0 0.015	22	0 -0.009	12	33	13	20	12	0.6	5	10	0.5	5 300 540	6 650 680	1 690 172	5 150 525	36	23	M10×1.25	12	4 4	4
KRX10×26×33-4/3AS	KRX10×26×33-2/3AS	10	0 -0.015	26	0 -0.009	12	33	13	20	12	0.6	5	10	0.5	5 300 540	6 650 680	2 120 216	6 100 620	36	23	M10×1.25	12	4	4
KRX12×30×35-3/3AS	KRX12×30×35/3AS	12	0 -0.018	30	0 -0.009	15	35	15	20	14	0.6	5	10	1.0	7 850 800	9 650 985	2 620 267	7 700 785	40	25	M12×1.5	13	6	6
KRX12×32×35-3/3AS	KRX12×32×35-1/3AS	12	0 -0.018	32	0 -0.011	15	35	15	20	14	0.6	5	10	1.0	7 850 800	9 650 985	2 860 291	8 200 835	40	25	M12×1.5	13	6	6
KRX16×35×44.5-1/3AS	KRX16×35×44.5-3/3AS	16	0 -0.018	35	0 -0.011	18	44.5	19.5	25	18	0.8	10	10	1.0	12 200 1 240	17 900 1 830	3 200 325	11 900 1 220	52	32.5	M16×1.5	17	6	6
KRX18×40×46.5-6/3AS	KRX18×40×46.5-4/3AS	18	0 -0.018	40	0 -0.011	22	46.5	21.5	25	20	0.8	10	10	1.0	14 000 1 430	22 800 2 330	3 850 390	14 500 1 480	58	36.5	M18×1.5	19	6	6
KRX20×47×50.5-1/3AS	KRX20×47×50.5-3/3AS	20	0 -0.021	47	0 -0.011	25	50.5	25.5	25	24	0.8	10	10	1.0	20 700 2 110	33 500 3 450	4 700 480	21 000 2 150	66	40.5	M20×1.5	21	8	8
KRX20×52×50.5-3/3AS	KRX20×52×50.5-1/3AS	20	0	52	0	25	50.5	25.5	25	24	0.8	10	10	1.0	20 700	33 500	5 550	23 300	66	40.5	M20×1.5	21	8	8