



Cam Follower

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Features of the Cam Follower

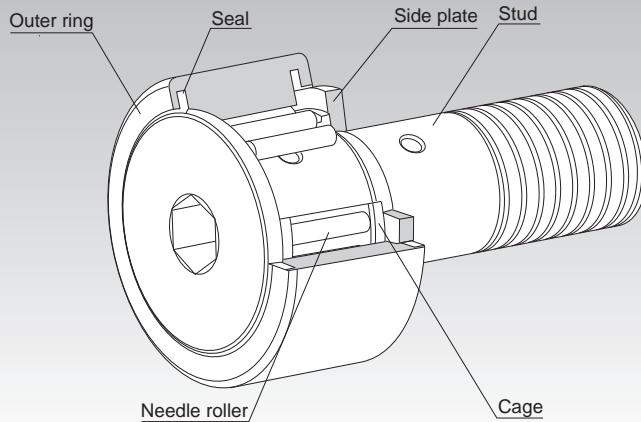


Fig.1 Structure of Cam Follower Model CF...UU-A

Structure and Features

The Cam Follower is a compact and highly rigid bearing with a shaft. It contains needle rollers and is used as a guide roller for cam mechanisms or straight motion.

Since its outer ring rotates while keeping direct contact with the mating surface, this product is thick-walled and designed to bear an impact load.

Inside the outer ring, needle rollers and a precision cage are incorporated. This prevents the product from skewing and achieves a superb rotation performance. And, as a result, the product is capable of easily withstanding high-speed rotation.

There are two types of the outer ring in shape: spherical and cylindrical. The spherical outer ring easily absorbs a distortion of the shaft center when the cam follower is installed and helps lighten a biased load.

The Cam Follower is used in a wide range of applications such as cam mechanisms of automatic machines, dedicated machines as well as carrier systems, conveyors, bookbinding machines, tool changers of machining centers, pallet changers, automatic coating machines, and sliding forks of automatic warehouses.

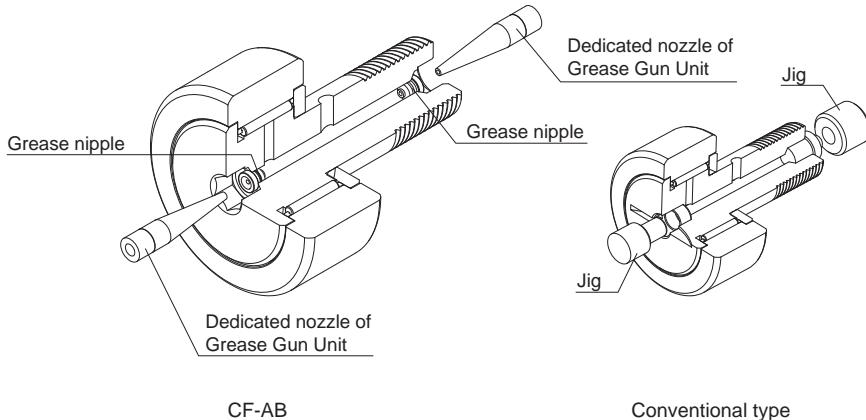
Features and Types

Features of the Cam Follower

Cam Follower with Grease Nipple

With previous models it was necessary to fabricate a jig in order to install a plug or grease nipple. The Model CF-AB Cam Follower with grease nipples comes equipped with grease nipples on both sides, so it can be used immediately, without modification.

An Allen wrench can be used to anchor the stud from either the head or the threaded end, and it can be lubricated from either end as well. This ensures that there will be adequate space to install the unit and perform maintenance, improving work efficiency.



Cam Follower Containing Thrust Balls

Even a slight mounting error in a high speed cam mechanism operating in a harsh environment could cause abnormal wear to the thrust unit of the cam follower. In such a case, using Cam Follower Containing Thrust Balls model CFN will bring about a significant effect in increasing the durability.

Models CFN5 to 12 are standard-stock items. If desiring a size other than the standard items, contact THK.

Model CFN is capable of receiving a thrust load caused by a slight mounting error. However, it is necessary to minimize a component of thrust force, or prevent it from occurring, when designing the cam mechanism and installing the Cam Follower.

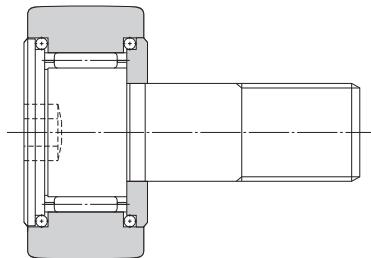


Fig.2

Types of the Cam Follower

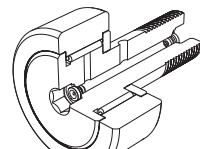
Types and Features

Cam follower with grease nipple model CF-AB

A hexagonal socket is provided on both stud ends, and a grease nipple for greasing is fitted to the inside. Therefore, lubrication and mounting from both directions is possible.

An eccentric type (CFH-AB) is also available.

Specification Table⇒ A19-14

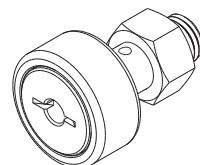


Model CF-AB

Popular Type Cam Follower Model CF

It is a popular type of Cam Follower provided with a driver groove on the head of the stud. A highly corrosion resistant stainless steel type (symbol M) is also available.

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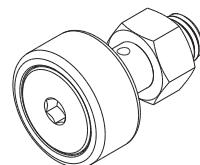


Model CF

Cam Follower with a Hexagon Socket Model CF-A

Since the stud head has a hexagon socket, this model can easily be installed using a hexagon wrench.

Specification Table⇒ A19-18

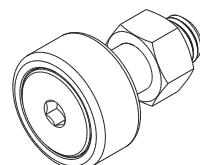


Model CF-A

Eccentric Cam Follower with a Hexagon Socket Model CFH-A

This model can be installed in the same mounting hole as that of model CF. Since the mounting shaft of the stud and the stud head are eccentric by 0.25 mm to 1.0 mm, the position of this model can easily be adjusted simply by turning the stud. Thus, it is a compact, highly accurate eccentric cam follower with an integral structure. As a result, the man-hours for machining and assembly can significantly be reduced because it is unnecessary to align the cam follower with the cam groove and machine the mounting-hole area with precision.

Specification Table⇒ A19-22



Model CFH-A

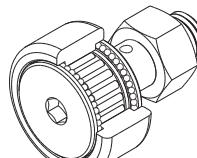
Features and Types

Types of the Cam Follower

Cam Follower Containing Thrust Balls Model CFN-R-A

Based on the popular type Cam Follower, this model is incorporated with thrust load balls.

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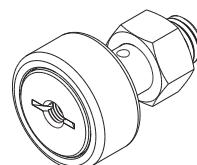
Model CFN-R-A

Cam Follower with a Tapped Hole for Greasing Model CFT

Basically the same as the popular type Cam Follower, this model is provided with tapped holes for piping on the stud head and the thread.

It is optimal for locations where an integrated piping for greasing is required.

Specification Table⇒ **A19-26**



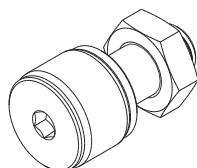
Model CFT

Outer ring compact cam follower model CFS

Specification Table⇒ **A19-28**

This Cam Follower contains extremely fine needle rollers.

The outer ring external diameter is extremely small relative to the stud diameter, allowing a compact design.

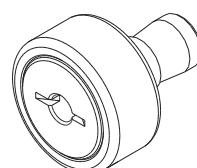


Model CFS

Easy-mount cam follower model CF-SFU

Specification Table⇒ **A19-30**

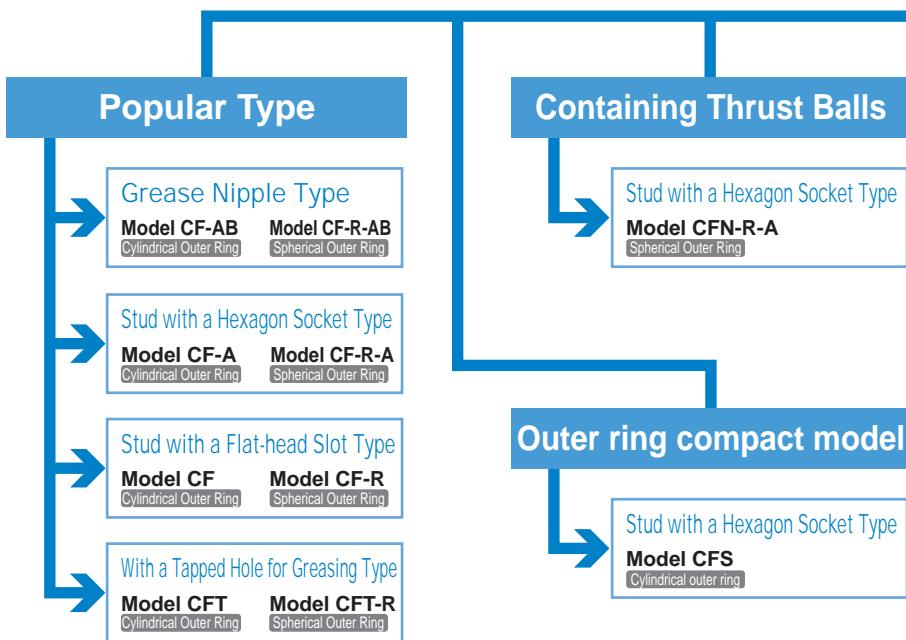
To simplify installation, a flat-head slot has been machined into the stud so that it can be secured with a screw. This is ideal for units where there is no space to fasten the stud. Model CF-SFU is only available with seals.



Model CF-SFU

Classification Table

Cam Follower



Features and Types

Classification Table

Eccentricity Type**Grease Nipple Type**

Model CFH-AB
Cylindrical Outer Ring **Model CFH-R-AB**
Spherical Outer Ring

Stud with a Hexagon Socket Type

Model CFH-A
Cylindrical Outer Ring **Model CFH-R-A**
Spherical Outer Ring

Stud with a Flat-head Slot Type

Model CFH
Cylindrical Outer Ring **Model CFH-R**
Spherical Outer Ring

With a Tapped Hole for Greasing Type

Model CFHT
Cylindrical Outer Ring **Model CFHT-R**
Spherical Outer Ring

Easy-mount model**Stud with a Flat-head Slot Type**

Model CF-SFU
Cylindrical outer ring **Model CF-SFU-R**
Spherical outer ring

Nominal Life

[Static Safety Factor]

The basic static load rating C_0 refers to the static load with constant direction and magnitude, under which the calculated contact stress in the center of the contact area between the roller and the raceway under the maximum load is 4000 MPa. (If the contact stress exceeds this level, it will affect the rotation.) This value is indicated as " C_0 " in the dimensional tables. When a load is statically or dynamically applied, it is necessary to consider the static safety factor as shown below.

$$\frac{C_0}{P_0} = f_s$$

f_s : Static safety factor in relation to C_0
(see Table1)

C_0 : Basic static load rating (kN)

P_0 : Radial load (kN)

The permissible load (F_0) indicates the permissible value of the applied load determined by the strength of the stud section of the Cam Follower. Therefore, it is necessary to consider the static safety factor f_M against F_0 as well as f_s .

$$\frac{F_0}{P_0} = f_M$$

f_M : Static safety factor in relation to F_0
(see Table1)

F_0 : Permissible load (kN)

P_0 : Radial load (kN)

Table1 Static Safety Factor (f_s , f_M)

Load conditions	Lower limit of f_s and f_M
Normal load	1 to 2
Impact load	2 to 3

[Nominal Life]

The service life of the Cam Follower is obtained from the following equation.

$$L = \left(\frac{f_T \cdot C}{f_w \cdot P_c} \right)^{\frac{10}{3}} \times 10^6$$

L : Nominal life

(The total number of revolutions that 90% of a group of identical Cam Follower units independently operating under the same conditions can achieve without showing flaking from rolling fatigue)

C : Basic dynamic load rating (kN)

P_c : Radial load (kN)

f_T : Temperature factor
(see Fig.1 on **A19-11**)

f_w : Load factor
(see Table2 on **A19-11**)

* The basic dynamic load rating (C) of the Cam Follower shows the load with interlocked direction and magnitude, under which the nominal life (L) is 1 million revolutions when a group of identical Cam Follower units independently operate. The basic dynamic load rating (C) is indicated in the corresponding specification table.

Track Load Capacity

The track load capacity means the permissible load at which the outer ring of a bearing and the mating surface are capable of withstanding repeated use over a long period.

The track load capacity provided in the specification table indicates the value when using a steel material with tensile strength of 1.24 kN/mm² as the mating material. Therefore, it is possible to increase the track load capacity by increasing the hardness of the material. Fig.2 shows the hardness of the mating material and the track capacity factor in relation to tensile strength. To obtain the track load capacity of each mating material, multiply the track load capacity shown in the corresponding specification table by the respective track load factor.

Note) For the mating material, we recommend using those materials with the raceway hardness of 20 HRC or higher and the tensile strength of 755 N/mm² or higher.

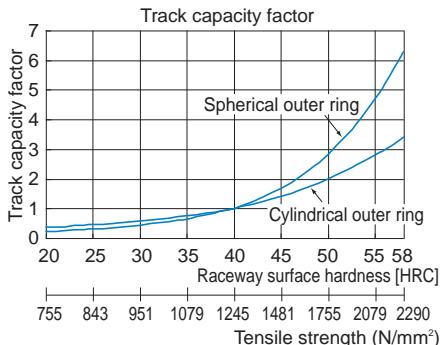


Fig.2 Track Capacity Factor

Radial Clearance

The radial clearance of Cam Followers is based on the value indicated in Table5 (both full-roller type and caged type share the same radial clearance). The radial clearance of CFS is indicated in Table6.

Table5 Radial Clearance Unit: μm

Model No.	Radial Clearance (Caged type and full-roller type)	
	Min.	Max.
CF, CFN, CFH, CFT, CF-SFU	3	17
3 to 4	3	17
5 to 8	5	20
10 to 12-1	5	25
16 to 20-1	10	30
24 to 30-2	10	40

Table6 Radial clearance for model CFS Unit: μm

Stud diameter	Radial Clearance (Caged type and full-roller type)	
	Min.	Max.
2.5 to 5	3	17
6	5	20

Model CF-SFU is compatible with model CF(with cages).

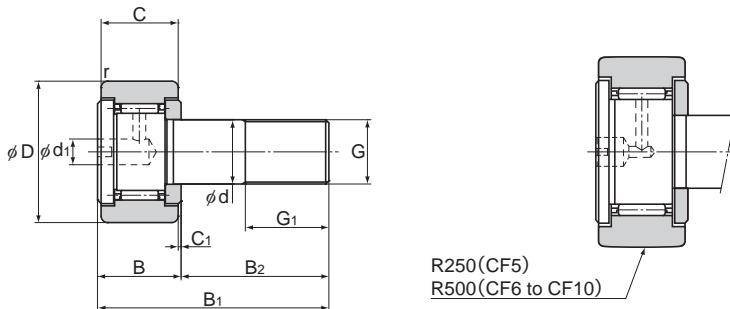
Point of Selection

Track Load Capacity

Cam Follower



Model CF (Popular Type (Cylindrical Outer Ring)), Model CF-M (Stainless Steel Type) Model CF-R (Popular Type (Spherical Outer Ring)), Model CF-MR (Stainless Steel Type)



Model CF-R

Stud diameter d	Model No.	Main dimensions									
		Outer diameter D	Outer ring width C	Threaded G	G ₁	B	Overall length B ₁	B ₂	C ₁	d ₁	r _{smin} (Min.)
5	CF 5	13	9	M5×0.8	7.5	10	23	13	0.5	3.1	0.3
6	CF 6	16	11	M6×1	8	12	28	16	0.6	4	0.3
8	CF 8	19	11	M8×1.25	10	12	32	20	0.6	4	0.3
10	CF 10	22	12	M10×1.25	12	13	36	23	0.6	4	0.3
10	CF 10-1	26	12	M10×1.25	12	13	36	23	0.6	4	0.3

Note) The seal must be used at temperature of 80°C or below.

Model number coding

CF6 V M UU R -N

Model number

No symbol: With cage
V : Full-roller Type

No symbol: Carbon steel
M : Stainless steel

no symbol: without seal
UU : With seal

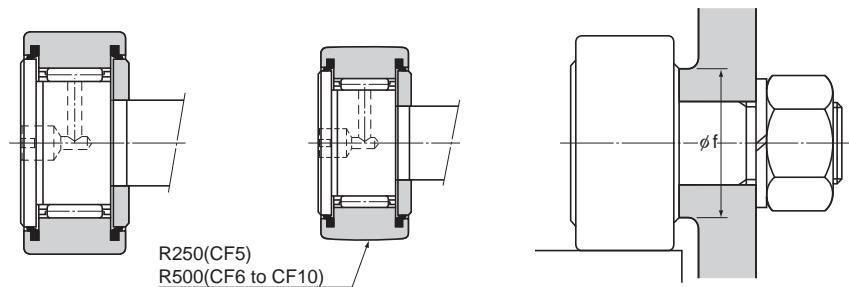
No symbol: No grease nipple

N : Dedicated grease nipple included (See **A19-34**)

No Symbol : Cylindrical outer ring

R : Spherical outer ring

Note) Full-roller Type is applicable for Stud Diameter 6 to 10.



Model CF···UU

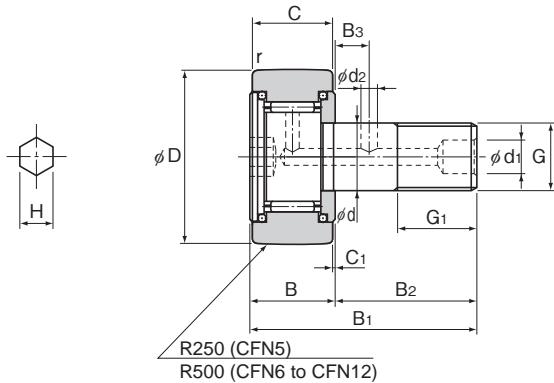
Model CF···UUR

Unit: mm

	Basic load rating				Maximum permissible load F_0 kN	Track load capacity		Rotational speed limit *		Mass		
	With cage		Full rollers			Cylindrical outer ring	Spherical outer ring	With cage	Full rollers	With cage	Full rollers	
	C kN	C_0 kN	C kN	C_0 kN		kN	kN	min ⁻¹	min ⁻¹	g	g	
3.14	2.77	—	—	—	1.42	2.25	0.53	29000	—	10.5	—	
3.59	3.58	6.94	8.5	2.11	3.43	1.08	25000	11000	18.5	19		
4.17	4.65	8.13	11.2	4.73	4.02	1.37	20000	8700	28.5	29		
5.33	6.78	9.42	14.3	5.81	4.7	1.67	17000	7200	45	46		
5.33	6.78	9.42	14.3	5.81	5.49	2.06	17000	7200	60	61		

Note) The rotation speed limit value in the table (*) applies to models that have no seal and use grease lubrication. With those models using oil lubrication, up to 130% of this value is permitted. With those attached with seals, up to 70% of this value is permitted.

Model CFN-R-A (Cam Follower Containing Thrust Balls)



Stud diameter d	Model No. Spherical outer ring	Main										
		Outer diameter D	Outer ring width C	Threaded	G	G_1	B	B_1	B_2	B_3	C_1	d_1
5	CFN 5R-A	13	9	M5×0.8	7.5	10	23	13	—	0.5	—*	
6	CFN 6R-A	16	11	M6×1	8	12	28	16	—	0.6	—*	
8	CFN 8R-A	19	11	M8×1.25	10	12	32	20	—	0.6	—*	
10	CFN 10R-A	22	12	M10×1.25	12	13	36	23	—	0.6	—*	
12	CFN 12R-A	30	14	M12×1.5	13	15	40	25	6	0.6	6	

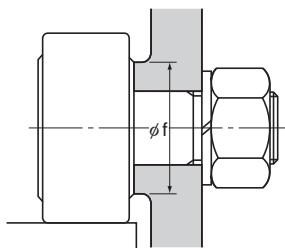
Note) Those models marked with "*" do not have a greasing hole and cannot be replenished with grease.

Model number coding

CFN12 R -A N

Model number R : Spherical outer ring N : Stud head with a hexagon socket

No Symbol : No grease nipple
 N : Dedicated grease nipple included (See **A19-34**)

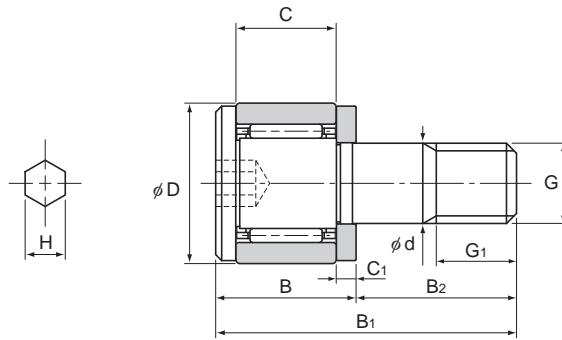


Unit: mm

dimensions					Basic load rating		Permissible thrust load	Maximum permissible load	Track load capacity	Rotational speed limit *	Mass
d_2	H	r_{\min}	Shoulder height f (Min.)	C	C_0						
kN	kN	N	kN	kN	min ⁻¹	g					
—*	3	0.3	10	3.14	2.77	160	1.42	0.53	29000	10.5	
—*	3	0.3	12	3.59	3.58	250	2.11	1.08	25000	18.5	
—*	4	0.3	14	4.17	4.65	290	4.73	1.37	20000	28.5	
—*	5	0.3	16.5	5.33	6.78	400	5.81	1.67	17000	45	
3	6	0.6	21.5	7.87	9.79	680	9.37	2.45	14000	105	

Note) The rotation speed limit value in the table (*) applies to models using grease lubrication. With those models using oil lubrication, up to 130% of this value is permitted.

Outer ring compact model cam followers Models CFS-A, CFS-MA (stainless steel)



Stud diameter	Model No.	Main dimensions									
		Outer diameter D	Outer ring width C	Threaded	G	G ₁	B	B ₁	B ₂	C ₁	H (Min.)
2.5	CFS 2.5-A	5	3	M2.5×0.45	2.5	4.5	9.5	5	0.7	0.9	4.8
3	CFS 3-A	6	4	M3×0.5	3	5.5	11.5	6	0.7	1.5	5.8
4	CFS 4-A	8	5	M4×0.7	4	7	15	8	1	2	7.7
5	CFS 5-A	10	6	M5×0.8	5	8	18	10	1	2.5	9.6
6	CFS 6-A	12	7	M6×1.0	6	9.5	21.5	12	1.2	3	11.6

Model number coding

CFS3 V M -A

Model No.

No symbol: With cage

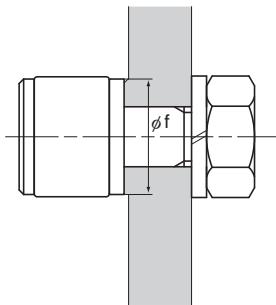
V : Full-roller Type

No symbol: Carbon steel

M : Stainless steel

Stud head with a hexagon socket

Note1) Model CFS is only compatible with cylindrical outer ring types without seals and with stud head hexagon sockets.
Note2) Full-roller Type is applicable for Stud Diameter 2.5 to 6.



Unit: mm

	Basic load rating				Maximum permissible load F_0 kN	Track load capacity	Mass		
	With cage		Full rollers			Cylindrical outer ring kN	With cage g	Full rollers g	
	C kN	C_0 kN	C kN	C_0 kN					
0.41	0.335	1	1.08	0.26	0.3	1	1		
0.63	0.61	1.37	1.77	0.36	0.48	2	2		
1.08	1.08	2.35	3.04	0.78	0.77	4	4		
1.57	1.86	3.14	4.71	1.42	1.18	7	7		
2.06	2.16	4.61	6.27	2.11	1.54	13	13		

* Since model CFS does not have a greasing hole, it cannot be replenished with grease.

Point of Design

Cam Follower

Fit

For the dimensional tolerance of the Cam Follower in stud-mounting hole, we recommend the following fitting.

Table1 The dimensional tolerance of the stud-mounting hole

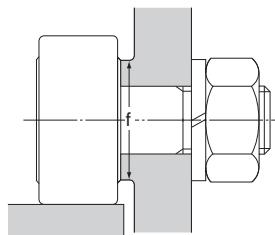
Model No.	The dimensional tolerance of the stud-mounting hole
Models CF, CFN, CFH, CFT, and CF-SFU	H7
Model CFS	H6

Installation

[Mounting Section]

Establish perpendicularity between the stud-mounting hole and the mounting surface, and chamfer the mouth of the hole to the smallest possible radius, preferably C0.5. Also, the diameter of the mounting surface should preferably be at least equal to the dimension "f" indicated in the specification table.

If the outer ring unilaterally or unevenly contacts the mating raceway, we recommend using model CF-R, whose outer ring circumference is spherically ground.



[Mating Raceway]

For the material of the mating raceway, see Track Load Capacity on **A19-12**.

[Mounting Precautions]

Do not tap the bracket and directly tighten the product without using a nut as shown in Fig.1. Doing so may result in an insufficient tightening torque, or cause the bending stress to concentrate in the male thread and damage the stud if the thread is loosened.

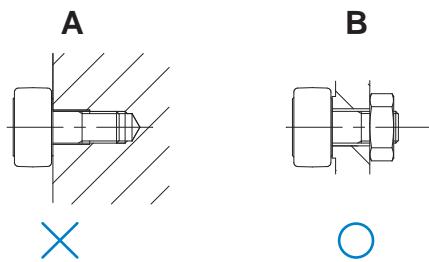


Fig.1

Point of Design

Installation

[Mounting model CF-SFU]

Refer to Fig.2 for information on how to mount CF-SFU models.

To the extent that CF-SFU models are designed for easy mounting and are therefore easy to remove, they are not suitable for uses where the loads applied are vibrating or involve impacts. For vibrating or impact loads, a normal cam follower secured by a nut is recommended.

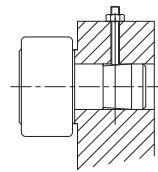


Fig.2

Model No.

Cam Follower

Model Number Coding

Model number configurations differ depending on the model features. Refer to the corresponding sample model number configuration.

[Cam Follower with Grease Nipple]

- Models CF-AB and CFH-AB

CF12	V	M	UU	R	-AB
Model number					Stud With Hexagonal Socket At Both Ends
No symbol: With cage					
V : Full-roller Type					
No symbol: Carbon steel					No Symbol : Cylindrical outer ring
M : Stainless steel					R : Spherical outer ring
No symbol: Without seal					
UU : With seal					

[Cam Follower]

- Models CF, CFH, CFN, CFT and CFS

CF12	V	M	UU	R	-A	N
Model number						
No symbol: With cage						No Symbol : No grease nipple
V : Full-roller Type						N : Dedicated grease nipple included(See A19-34)
No symbol: Carbon steel						
M : Stainless steel						No Symbol : Flat-head Slot
No Symbol : without seal					-A	-A : Stud head with a hexagon socket
UU : With seal						No Symbol : Cylindrical outer ring
						R : Spherical outer ring

* Because support will vary depending on the model number, please refer to each dimensional table for details.

[Easy-mount cam follower]

- Models CF-SFU and CF-SFU-R

CF-SFU-6 R

 Spherical outer ring

* CF-SFU models are fitted with UU seals even where no UU symbol is used.

Types and Model Numbers of Cam Followers

The Cam Follower is divided into several types as indicated in Table1.

Table1 Types and Model Numbers of Cam Followers

Type	Popular Type	Eccentric Cam Follower	Containing Thrust Balls
Shape			
Cylindrical outer ring	Stud with a hexagon socket CF-A (CF···UU-A) Stud with a Flat-head Slot CF (CF···UU)	CFH-A (CFH···UU-A)	_____
Spherical outer ring	With a Tapped Hole for Greasing CFT (CFT···UU) Made of stainless steel CF-M (CF···MUU)	CFH (CFH···UU)	_____
Cylindrical outer ring	Stud with a hexagon socket CF-R-A (CF···UUR-A) Stud with a Flat-head Slot CF-R (CF···UUR)	CFHT (CFHT···UU)	_____
Spherical outer ring	With a Tapped Hole for Greasing CFT-R (CFT···UUR) Made of stainless steel CF-MR (CF···MUUR)	CFH-M (CFH···MUU)	_____
Cylindrical outer ring	Stud with a hexagon socket CF-R-A (CF···UUR-A) Stud with a Flat-head Slot CF-R (CF···UUR)	CFH-R-A (CFH···UUR-A)	CFN-R-A
Spherical outer ring	With a Tapped Hole for Greasing CFT-R (CFT···UUR) Made of stainless steel CF-MR (CF···MUUR)	CFH-R (CFH···UUR)	_____
Cylindrical outer ring	Stud with a hexagon socket CFH-R-A (CFH···UUR-A) Stud with a Flat-head Slot CFH-R (CFH···UUR)	CFHT-R (CFHT···UUR)	_____
Spherical outer ring	Stud with a hexagon socket CFH-R-A (CFH···UUR-A) Stud with a Flat-head Slot CFH-R (CFH···UUR)	CFH-MR (CFH···MUUR)	_____

Type	Outer ring compact model	Easy-mount model
Shape		
Cylindrical outer ring	Stud with a hexagon socket CFS···A	_____
Spherical outer ring	Stud with a Flat-head Slot _____	CF-SFU···
Cylindrical outer ring	With a Tapped Hole for Greasing _____	_____
Spherical outer ring	Made of stainless steel CFS···M-A	_____
Cylindrical outer ring	Stud with a hexagon socket _____	_____
Spherical outer ring	Stud with a Flat-head Slot _____	CF-SFU···R
Cylindrical outer ring	With a Tapped Hole for Greasing _____	_____
Spherical outer ring	Made of stainless steel _____	_____

Note1) The symbols in the parentheses indicate model numbers of types with seals.

Note2) THK also manufactures low-speed full-roller types with long service lives. For these full-roller types, symbol "V" is indicated.

Note3) Symbol M indicates stainless steel type.

Example: CF 12 V UUR

 Full-roller type

Precautions on Use

Cam Follower

[Handling]

- (1) Do not disassemble the parts. This will result in loss of functionality.
- (2) Take care not to drop or strike the Cam Follower. Doing so may cause injury or damage. Giving an impact to it could also cause damage to its function even if the product looks intact.
- (3) When handling the product, wear protective gloves, safety shoes, etc., as necessary to ensure safety.

[Precautions on Use]

- (1) When securing the Cam Follower, use a torque wrench or the like to tighten the product at a torque equivalent to the corresponding value in **B19-14** on Table1.
- (2) Do not use the product at temperature of 80°C or higher. Exposure to higher temperatures may cause the resin/rubber parts to deform/be damaged.
- (3) Prevent foreign material, such as cutting chips or coolant, from entering the system. Failure to do so may cause damage.
- (4) If foreign material such as cutting chips adheres to the product, replenish the lubricant after cleaning the product.
- (5) Cam Followers are designed for use under a radial load. Do not use the product under a thrust load.
- (6) Micro-oscillation can prevent the lubricant from coating the surface where balls meet the raceway, which can lead to fretting. To prevent this, use a grease with superior fretting resistance. THK also recommends periodically rotating the Cam Follower at least once to ensure that the raceway and balls are coated with lubricant.
- (7) Insufficient rigidity or accuracy of mounting members causes the bearing load to concentrate on one point and the bearing performance will drop significantly. Accordingly, give sufficient consideration to the rigidity/accuracy of the housing and base and strength of the fixing bolts.

[Lubrication]

- (1) The Cam Follower uses lithium soap-based grease No. 2 as standard grease. (Model CFN uses THK AFC Grease.)
Replenish the lubricant whenever necessary. Do not combine different lubricants. Mixing lubricants can cause adverse interaction between disparate additives or other ingredients. (See **B19-15**, Dust-proofing and Lubrication.)
- (2) We recommend applying a lubricant to the mating surface where the Cam Follower travels.
- (3) CF24, CFH24 or larger Cam Followers with hexagon sockets (symbol - A, excluding SUS models) are constructed with a plug fitted into the through hole that links the hexagon socket to the greasing hole (see dimensional drawing ϕd_1 , ϕd_2 **A19-18**) to prevent grease leakages from the hexagon socket.
During lubrication, take care to ensure that the plug is not forced out of the hexagon socket by excessive pressure.
- (4) When using the product in locations exposed to constant vibrations or in special environments such as clean rooms, vacuum and low/high temperature, use the grease appropriate for the specification/environment.
- (5) The consistency of grease changes according to the temperature. Take note that the slide resistance of the Cam Follower also changes as the consistency of grease changes.
- (6) After lubrication, the slide resistance of the Cam Follower may increase due to the agitation resistance of grease. Be sure to perform a break-in to let the grease spread fully, before operating the machine.
- (7) Excess grease may scatter immediately after lubrication, so wipe off scattered grease as necessary.

- (8) The properties of grease deteriorate and its lubrication performance drops over time, so grease must be checked and added properly according to the use frequency of the machine.
- (9) The greasing interval varies depending on the use condition and service environment. Set the final lubrication interval/amount based on the actual machine.

[Storage]

When storing the Cam Follower, enclose it in a package designated by THK and store it in a room while avoiding high temperature, low temperature and high humidity.

After the product has been in storage for an extended period of time, lubricant inside may have deteriorated, so add new lubricant before use.

[Disposal]

Dispose of the product properly as industrial waste.



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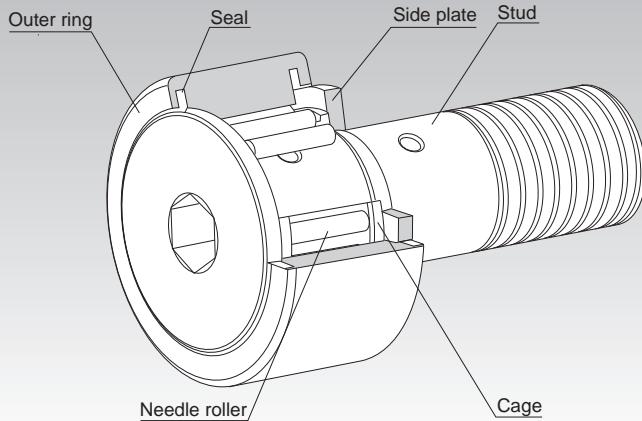


Fig.1 Structure of Cam Follower Model CF...UU-A

Structure and Features

The Cam Follower is a compact and highly rigid bearing with a shaft. It contains needle rollers and is used as a guide roller for cam mechanisms or straight motion.

Since its outer ring rotates while keeping direct contact with the mating surface, this product is thick-walled and designed to bear an impact load.

Inside the outer ring, needle rollers and a precision cage are incorporated. This prevents the product from skewing and achieves a superb rotation performance. And, as a result, the product is capable of easily withstanding high-speed rotation.

There are two types of the outer ring in shape: spherical and cylindrical. The spherical outer ring easily absorbs a distortion of the shaft center when the cam follower is installed and helps lighten a biased load.

The Cam Follower is used in a wide range of applications such as cam mechanisms of automatic machines, dedicated machines as well as carrier systems, conveyors, bookbinding machines, tool changers of machining centers, pallet changers, automatic coating machines, and sliding forks of automatic warehouses.

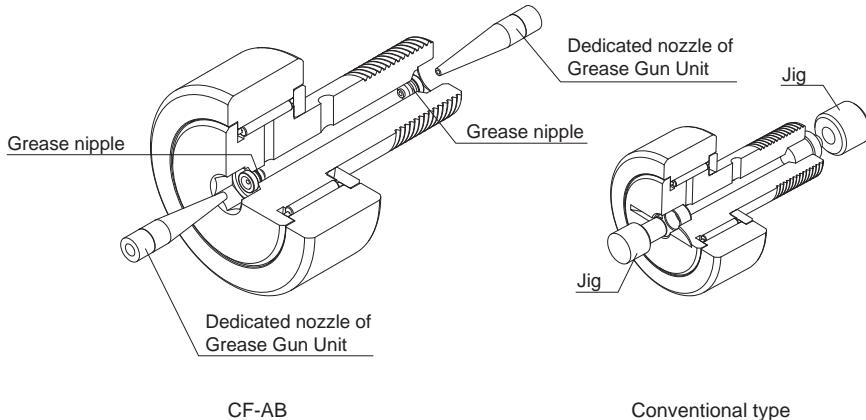
Features and Types

Features of the Cam Follower

Cam Follower with Grease Nipple

With previous models it was necessary to fabricate a jig in order to install a plug or grease nipple. The Model CF-AB Cam Follower with grease nipples comes equipped with grease nipples on both sides, so it can be used immediately, without modification.

An Allen wrench can be used to anchor the stud from either the head or the threaded end, and it can be lubricated from either end as well. This ensures that there will be adequate space to install the unit and perform maintenance, improving work efficiency.



Cam Follower Containing Thrust Balls

Even a slight mounting error in a high speed cam mechanism operating in a harsh environment could cause abnormal wear to the thrust unit of the cam follower. In such a case, using Cam Follower Containing Thrust Balls model CFN will bring about a significant effect in increasing the durability.

Models CFN5 to 12 are standard-stock items. If desiring a size other than the standard items, contact THK.

Model CFN is capable of receiving a thrust load caused by a slight mounting error. However, it is necessary to minimize a component of thrust force, or prevent it from occurring, when designing the cam mechanism and installing the Cam Follower.

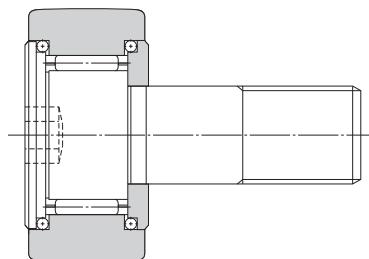


Fig.2

Types of the Cam Follower

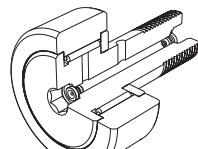
Types and Features

Cam follower with grease nipple model CF-AB

A hexagonal socket is provided on both stud ends, and a grease nipple for greasing is fitted to the inside. Therefore, lubrication and mounting from both directions is possible.

An eccentric type (CFH-AB) is also available.

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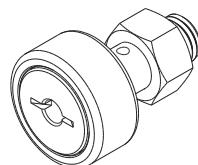


Model CF-AB

Popular Type Cam Follower Model CF

It is a popular type of Cam Follower provided with a driver groove on the head of the stud. A highly corrosion resistant stainless steel type (symbol M) is also available.

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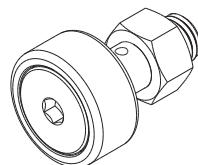


Model CF

Cam Follower with a Hexagon Socket Model CF-A

Since the stud head has a hexagon socket, this model can easily be installed using a hexagon wrench.

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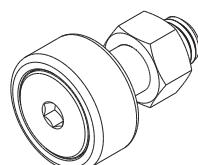


Model CF-A

Eccentric Cam Follower with a Hexagon Socket Model CFH-A

This model can be installed in the same mounting hole as that of model CF. Since the mounting shaft of the stud and the stud head are eccentric by 0.25 mm to 1.0 mm, the position of this model can easily be adjusted simply by turning the stud. Thus, it is a compact, highly accurate eccentric cam follower with an integral structure. As a result, the man-hours for machining and assembly can significantly be reduced because it is unnecessary to align the cam follower with the cam groove and machine the mounting-hole area with precision.

Specification Table⇒ A19-22



Model CFH-A

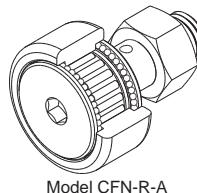
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Cam Follower Containing Thrust Balls Model CFN-R-A

Based on the popular type Cam Follower, this model is incorporated with thrust load balls.

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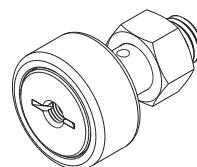
Model CFN-R-A

Cam Follower with a Tapped Hole for Greasing Model CFT

Basically the same as the popular type Cam Follower, this model is provided with tapped holes for piping on the stud head and the thread.

It is optimal for locations where an integrated piping for greasing is required.

Specification Table⇒ **A19-26**



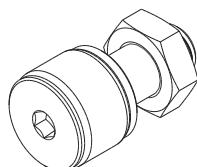
Model CFT

Outer ring compact cam follower model CFS

This Cam Follower contains extremely fine needle rollers.

The outer ring external diameter is extremely small relative to the stud diameter, allowing a compact design.

Specification Table⇒ **A19-28**

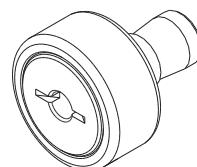


Model CFS

Easy-mount cam follower model CF-SFU

To simplify installation, a flat-head slot has been machined into the stud so that it can be secured with a screw. This is ideal for units where there is no space to fasten the stud. Model CF-SFU is only available with seals.

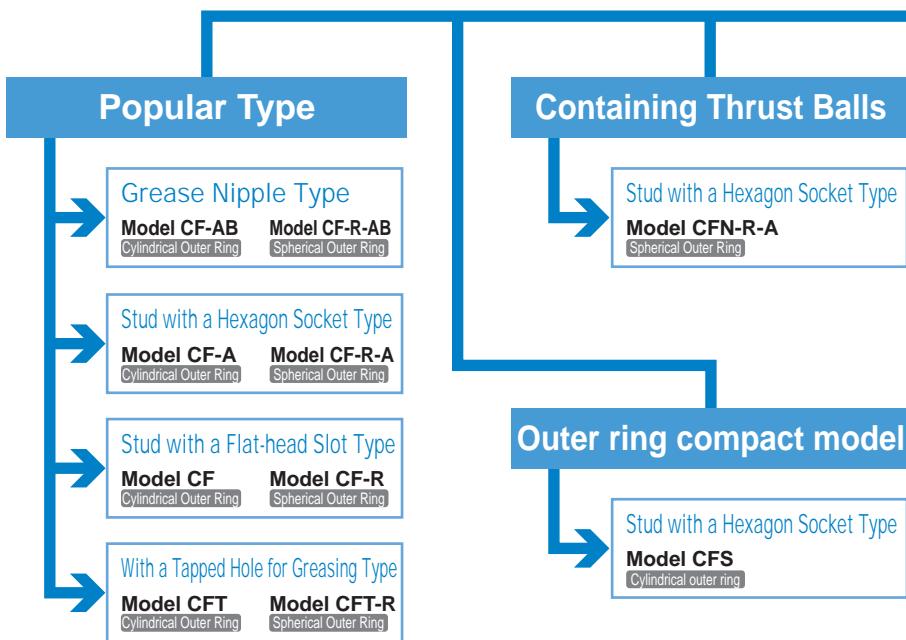
Specification Table⇒ **A19-30**



Model CF-SFU

Classification Table

Cam Follower



Features and Types

Classification Table

Eccentricity Type**Grease Nipple Type**

Model CFH-AB
Cylindrical Outer Ring **Model CFH-R-AB**
Spherical Outer Ring

Stud with a Hexagon Socket Type

Model CFH-A
Cylindrical Outer Ring **Model CFH-R-A**
Spherical Outer Ring

Stud with a Flat-head Slot Type

Model CFH
Cylindrical Outer Ring **Model CFH-R**
Spherical Outer Ring

With a Tapped Hole for Greasing Type

Model CFHT
Cylindrical Outer Ring **Model CFHT-R**
Spherical Outer Ring

Easy-mount model**Stud with a Flat-head Slot Type**

Model CF-SFU
Cylindrical outer ring **Model CF-SFU-R**
Spherical outer ring

Nominal Life

[Static Safety Factor]

The basic static load rating C_0 refers to the static load with constant direction and magnitude, under which the calculated contact stress in the center of the contact area between the roller and the raceway under the maximum load is 4000 MPa. (If the contact stress exceeds this level, it will affect the rotation.) This value is indicated as “ C_0 ” in the dimensional tables. When a load is statically or dynamically applied, it is necessary to consider the static safety factor as shown below.

$$\frac{C_0}{P_0} = f_s$$

f_s : Static safety factor in relation to C_0
(see Table1)

C_0 : Basic static load rating (kN)

P_0 : Radial load (kN)

The permissible load (F_0) indicates the permissible value of the applied load determined by the strength of the stud section of the Cam Follower. Therefore, it is necessary to consider the static safety factor f_m against F_0 as well as f_s .

$$\frac{F_0}{P_0} = f_m$$

f_m : Static safety factor in relation to F_0
(see Table1)

F_0 : Permissible load (kN)

P_0 : Radial load (kN)

Table1 Static Safety Factor (f_s, f_m)

Load conditions	Lower limit of f_s and f_m
Normal load	1 to 2
Impact load	2 to 3

[Nominal Life]

The service life of the Cam Follower is obtained from the following equation.

$$L = \left(\frac{f_T \cdot C}{f_w \cdot P_c} \right)^{\frac{10}{3}} \times 10^6$$

L : Nominal life

(The total number of revolutions that 90% of a group of identical Cam Follower units independently operating under the same conditions can achieve without showing flaking from rolling fatigue)

C : Basic dynamic load rating (kN)

P_c : Radial load (kN)

f_T : Temperature factor
(see Fig.1 on **B19-11**)

f_w : Load factor
(see Table2 on **B19-11**)

* The basic dynamic load rating (C) of the Cam Follower shows the load with interlocked direction and magnitude, under which the nominal life (L) is 1 million revolutions when a group of identical Cam Follower units independently operate. The basic dynamic load rating (C) is indicated in the corresponding specification table.

[Calculating the Service Life Time]

When the nominal life (L) has been obtained, the service life time (L_h) is obtained from the following equation.

● For Linear Motion

$$L_h = \frac{D \cdot \pi \cdot L}{2 \times l_s \cdot n_1 \times 60}$$

- L_h : Service life time (h)
 L : Nominal life
 D : Bearing outer diameter (mm)
 l_s : Stroke length (mm)
 n_1 : Number of reciprocations per minute (min^{-1})

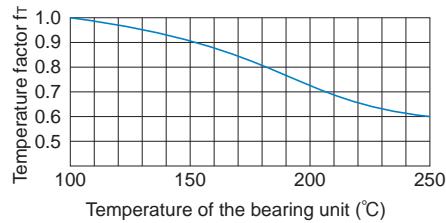


Fig.1 Temperature Factor (f_T)

Note) The normal service temperature is 80°C or below. If the product is to be used at a higher temperature, contact THK.

● For Rotary Motion

$$L_h = \frac{D \cdot L}{D_1 \cdot n \times 60}$$

- D_1 : Outer ring contact average diameter of the cam (mm)
 n : Revolutions per minute of the cam (min^{-1})

Table2 Load Factor (f_w)

Condition	f_w
Smooth motion without impact	1 to 1.2
Normal motion	1.2 to 1.5
Motion with severe impact	1.5 to 3

Track Load Capacity

The track load capacity means the permissible load at which the outer ring of a bearing and the mating surface are capable of withstanding repeated use over a long period.

The track load capacity provided in the specification table indicates the value when using a steel material with tensile strength of 1.24 kN/mm² as the mating material. Therefore, it is possible to increase the track load capacity by increasing the hardness of the material. Fig.2 shows the hardness of the mating material and the track capacity factor in relation to tensile strength. To obtain the track load capacity of each mating material, multiply the track load capacity shown in the corresponding specification table by the respective track load factor.

Note) For the mating material, we recommend using those materials with the raceway hardness of 20 HRC or higher and the tensile strength of 755 N/mm² or higher.

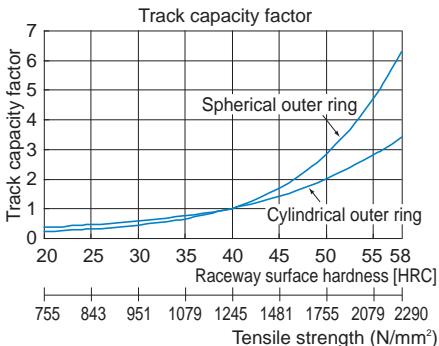


Fig.2 Track Capacity Factor

Example of Calculating a Track Load Capacity

Obtain the track load capacity when heat-treating the mating material, which a bearing whose outer ring has a track load capacity of 5.29 kN contacts, to hardness of 50 HRC.

The track capacity factor when the hardness is 50 HRC is 2.84, as indicated in Fig.2. Therefore, the desired track load capacity is calculated as follows.

$$\text{The track load capacity} = 5.29 \text{ kN} \times 2.84 = 15.0 \text{ kN}$$

Mounting Procedure and Maintenance

Cam Follower

Installation

[Installing the Cam Follower]

If the Cam Follower is to be used under a heavy load, it is necessary to install the product so that the greasing hole on the stud is out of the loaded area. To help identify the position of the greasing hole, the THK logo is marked on the side face of the stud collar. (See Fig.1.)

The vertical hole in the middle of the stud is used as a whirl stop or a greasing hole.

Make sure that the outer ring is evenly in contact with the mating surface. When installing the Cam Follower, also make sure its axis is perpendicular to the traveling direction.

● Using spring washers

If a spring washer is used to secure a cam follower, take care to check that the spring washer has no burrs or sharp edges. If there are burrs or sharp edges, contact between burrs or edges and the nut or flash washer used for mounting will cause abrasion and the abraded fragments will adhere to the stud screw. This will result in damage or incomplete tightening when the nut is tightened and may damage the screw section.

● About the installation procedure

When mounting the Cam Follower, secure the flat-blade screwdriver groove and the hex wrench and turn the nut using a spanner.

If turning the flat-blade screwdriver groove and the hex wrench side, the flat-blade screwdriver groove or the hexagon hole of the Cam Follower may be fractured.

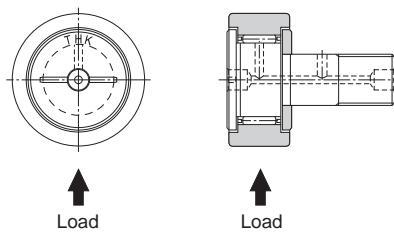
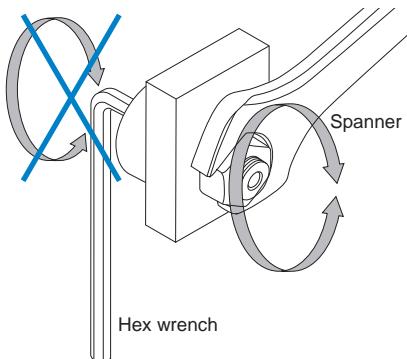


Fig.1 Positions of the THK Logo and the Greasing Holes



Cam Follower

Mounting Procedure and Maintenance

Contamination Protection and Lubrication

Contamination Protection and Lubrication

The Cam Follower models include seal types (model numbers: “…UU”), which are incorporated with special synthetic rubber seals that are highly resistant to wear in order to prevent foreign material from entering the interior of the cam follower and the lubricant from leaking.

Since the Cam Follower contains high-quality lithium soap based grease No. 2, you can start using the product without replenishing grease. Model CFN contains THK AFC Grease.

To replenish the Cam Follower with grease, fill grease into the greasing hole on the stud. However, note that some of the models with stud diameters of 10 mm or less do not have a greasing hole and are provided with initial lubrication only, and therefore do not allow replenishment of grease.

Please note that when replenishing lubricant from the grease nipple, the dedicated attachments (included with grease gun unit MG70) vary depending on the cam follower model number. (See Table2)

Table2 Table for Supported Model Numbers

Model number	Corresponding nipple model number	Attachment Type
CF(H)-AB	—	Type P
CF	NP3.2×3.5, PB1021B, NP6×5, NP8×9	Type N
CFH		
CFN		
CF-SFU		
CFT	M6F, PT1/8	Type H

* Model CF(H)-AB features a pre-embedded grease nipple.

Note) For the dimensions and shapes of the attachments, see **Fig.24-24**.

The appropriate fill quantity is a half to one third of the space inside the bearing. The lubrication interval varies depending on the operating conditions. As a guide, however, replenish grease of the same group every six months to two years for types with a cage, or every one to 6 months for full-roller types.

Even with types equipped with seals (“…UU”), surplus grease may seep during the initial operation period or immediately after resumption of grease replenishment. If desiring to avoid contamination of the surrounding area of the machine by grease, first perform seasoning or the like in advance, and then wipe the seeping surplus grease.

When driving the dedicated grease nipple onto the Cam Follower, use a jig like the one shown in Fig.3 to provide pressure to the flange of the nipple.

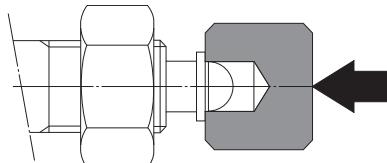


Fig.3

Accessories

Cam Follower

Accessories for the Cam Follower

Table1 shows accessories for standard types of Cam Followers. The dedicated grease nipple is attached at your request. If desiring the dedicated grease nipple, add symbol "N" to the end of the model number.

Example: CF 12 UUR -N



Note) Because grease nipples are already embedded for model CF(H)-AB, those without an N symbol also include nipples.

Table1 Accessories

Model number	Plug Note 1	Plug Note 2	Nut JIS Class 2	Grease
CF(H)-AB	—	—	Included	Filled
CF (H)	Included	Included	Included	Filled
CFN	Included	Included	Included	Filled
CFT	—	—	Included	Filled
CFS	—	—	Included	Filled
CF-SFU	Mounting bolt	Included	—	Filled

Note1) The plug is used to prevent grease from leaking. However, it is not included in the packages of model CF5 and hexagon socket types of models CF(H)10-1-A and CFN10R-A or lower.

Note2) The plug is used for sealing the unused greasing holes. Since it cannot be removed once inserted, care should be taken. Not included for models CF(H)10-1 and lower.

Table2 Specification Table for Grease Nipples

Supported models	Nipple dimensions						Nipple model No.
	d	b	D	h	L	L ₁	
CF, CFN, CFH							
5	3.1	6	7.5	1.5	9	5.5	NP3.2×3.5
6 to 10	4	6	7.5	1.5	10	5.5	PB1021B
12 to 18	6	6	8	2	11	6	NP6×5
20 to 30	8	6	10	3	16	7	NP8×9

Note) It cannot be attached to models CF(H)10-1-A, CFN10R-A or lower.

Table3 lists grease nipples that can be attached to models CFT6 to 30. When ordering the product, specify the corresponding nipple model number.

Table3 Dedicated grease nipple for model CFT

Supported model number	Corresponding nipple model number
CFT 6 to 12	A-M6F,B-M6F,C-M6F
CFT 16 to 30	A-PT1/8,B-PT1/8,C-PT1/8

Note) For the dimensions and shapes of the grease nipples, see the General Catalog **A24-26**.

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Model Number Coding

Model number configurations differ depending on the model features. Refer to the corresponding sample model number configuration.

[Cam Follower with Grease Nipple]

- Models CF-AB and CFH-AB

CF12	V	M	UU	R	-AB
Model number					Stud With Hexagonal Socket At Both Ends
No symbol: With cage					No Symbol : Cylindrical outer ring
V : Full-roller Type					R : Spherical outer ring
No symbol: Carbon steel					No symbol: Without seal
M : Stainless steel			UU		: With seal

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- Models CF, CFH, CFN, CFT and CFS

CF12	V	M	UU	R	-A	N
Model number						No Symbol : No grease nipple
No symbol: With cage						N : Dedicated grease nipple included (See B19-16)
V : Full-roller Type						No Symbol : Flat-head Slot
No symbol: Carbon steel					-A	: Stud head with a hexagon socket
M : Stainless steel						No symbol : Cylindrical outer ring
No symbol : without seal				R		: Spherical outer ring
UU : With seal						

* Because support will vary depending on the model number, please refer to each dimensional table for details.

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- Models CF-SFU and CF-SFU-R

CF-SFU-6 R

Spherical outer ring

* CF-SFU models are fitted with UU seals even where no UU symbol is used.

Types and Model Numbers of Cam Followers

The Cam Follower is divided into several types as indicated in Table1.

Table1 Types and Model Numbers of Cam Followers

Type	Popular Type	Eccentric Cam Follower	Containing Thrust Balls
Shape			
Cylindrical outer ring	Stud with a hexagon socket	CF-A (CF···UU-A)	CFH-A (CFH···UU-A)
	Stud with a Flat-head Slot	CF (CF···UU)	CFH (CFH···UU)
	With a Tapped Hole for Greasing	CFT (CFT···UU)	CFHT (CFHT···UU)
	Made of stainless steel	CF-M (CF···MUU)	CFH-M (CFH···MUU)
	Stud with a hexagon socket	CF-R-A (CF···UUR-A)	CFH-R-A (CFH···UUR-A)
	Stud with a Flat-head Slot	CF-R (CF···UUR)	CFH-R (CFH···UUR)
	With a Tapped Hole for Greasing	CFT-R (CFT···UUR)	CFHT-R (CFHT···UUR)
	Made of stainless steel	CF-MR (CF···MUUR)	CFH-MR (CFH···MUUR)

Type	Outer ring compact model	Easy-mount model
Shape		
Spherical outer ring	Stud with a hexagon socket	CFS···A
	Stud with a Flat-head Slot	_____
	With a Tapped Hole for Greasing	_____
	Made of stainless steel	CFS···M-A
	Stud with a hexagon socket	_____
	Stud with a Flat-head Slot	_____
	With a Tapped Hole for Greasing	_____
	Made of stainless steel	_____

Note1) The symbols in the parentheses indicate model numbers of types with seals.

Note2) THK also manufactures low-speed full-roller types with long service lives. For these full-roller types, symbol "V" is indicated.

Note3) Symbol M indicates stainless steel type.

Example: CF 12 V UUR

Full-roller type

Precautions on Use

Cam Follower

[Handling]

- (1) Do not disassemble the parts. This will result in loss of functionality.
- (2) Take care not to drop or strike the Cam Follower. Doing so may cause injury or damage. Giving an impact to it could also cause damage to its function even if the product looks intact.
- (3) When handling the product, wear protective gloves, safety shoes, etc., as necessary to ensure safety.

[Precautions on Use]

- (1) When securing the Cam Follower, use a torque wrench or the like to tighten the product at a torque equivalent to the corresponding value in **B19-14** on Table1.
- (2) Do not use the product at temperature of 80°C or higher. Exposure to higher temperatures may cause the resin/rubber parts to deform/be damaged.
- (3) Prevent foreign material, such as cutting chips or coolant, from entering the system. Failure to do so may cause damage.
- (4) If foreign material such as cutting chips adheres to the product, replenish the lubricant after cleaning the product.
- (5) Cam Followers are designed for use under a radial load. Do not use the product under a thrust load.
- (6) Micro-oscillation can prevent the lubricant from coating the surface where balls meet the raceway, which can lead to fretting. To prevent this, use a grease with superior fretting resistance. THK also recommends periodically rotating the Cam Follower at least once to ensure that the raceway and balls are coated with lubricant.
- (7) Insufficient rigidity or accuracy of mounting members causes the bearing load to concentrate on one point and the bearing performance will drop significantly. Accordingly, give sufficient consideration to the rigidity/accuracy of the housing and base and strength of the fixing bolts.

[Lubrication]

- (1) The Cam Follower uses lithium soap-based grease No. 2 as standard grease. (Model CFN uses THK AFC Grease.)
Replenish the lubricant whenever necessary. Do not combine different lubricants. Mixing lubricants can cause adverse interaction between disparate additives or other ingredients. (See **B19-15**, Dust-proofing and Lubrication.)
- (2) We recommend applying a lubricant to the mating surface where the Cam Follower travels.
- (3) CF24, CFH24 or larger Cam Followers with hexagon sockets (symbol - A, excluding SUS models) are constructed with a plug fitted into the through hole that links the hexagon socket to the greasing hole (see dimensional drawing ϕd_1 , ϕd_2 **A19-18**) to prevent grease leakages from the hexagon socket.
During lubrication, take care to ensure that the plug is not forced out of the hexagon socket by excessive pressure.
- (4) When using the product in locations exposed to constant vibrations or in special environments such as clean rooms, vacuum and low/high temperature, use the grease appropriate for the specification/environment.
- (5) The consistency of grease changes according to the temperature. Take note that the slide resistance of the Cam Follower also changes as the consistency of grease changes.
- (6) After lubrication, the slide resistance of the Cam Follower may increase due to the agitation resistance of grease. Be sure to perform a break-in to let the grease spread fully, before operating the machine.
- (7) Excess grease may scatter immediately after lubrication, so wipe off scattered grease as necessary.

- (8) The properties of grease deteriorate and its lubrication performance drops over time, so grease must be checked and added properly according to the use frequency of the machine.
- (9) The greasing interval varies depending on the use condition and service environment. Set the final lubrication interval/amount based on the actual machine.

[Storage]

When storing the Cam Follower, enclose it in a package designated by THK and store it in a room while avoiding high temperature, low temperature and high humidity.

After the product has been in storage for an extended period of time, lubricant inside may have deteriorated, so add new lubricant before use.

[Disposal]

Dispose of the product properly as industrial waste.