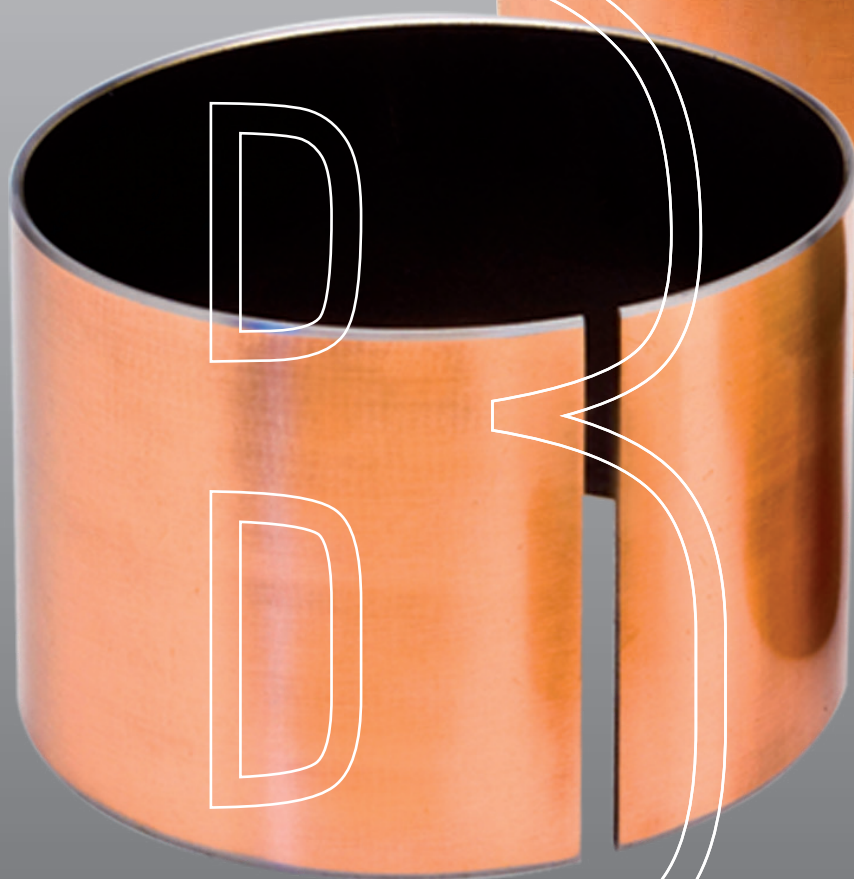
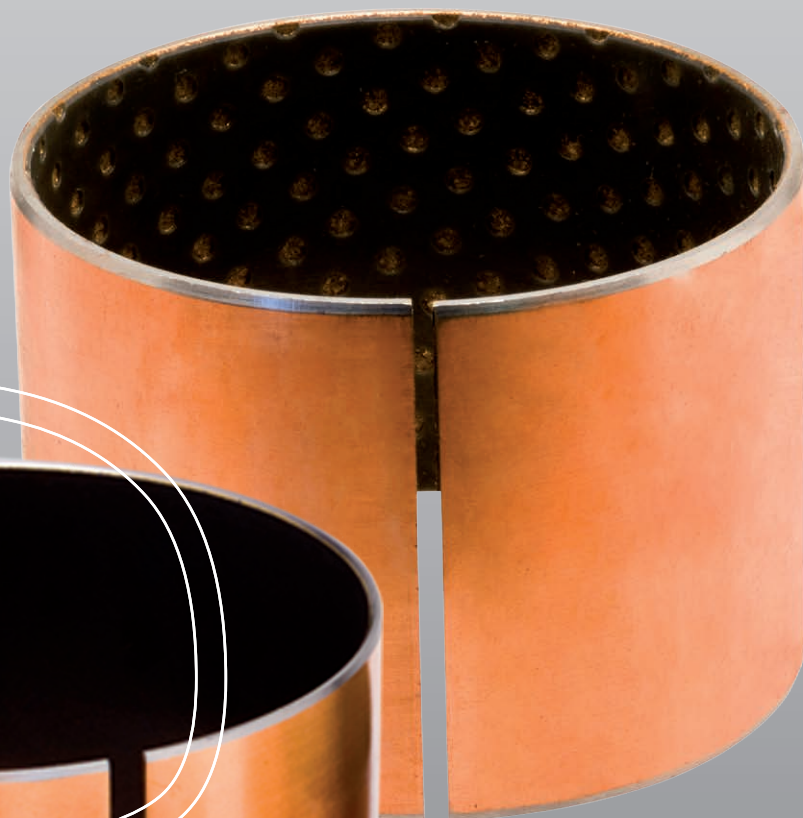




# MBI



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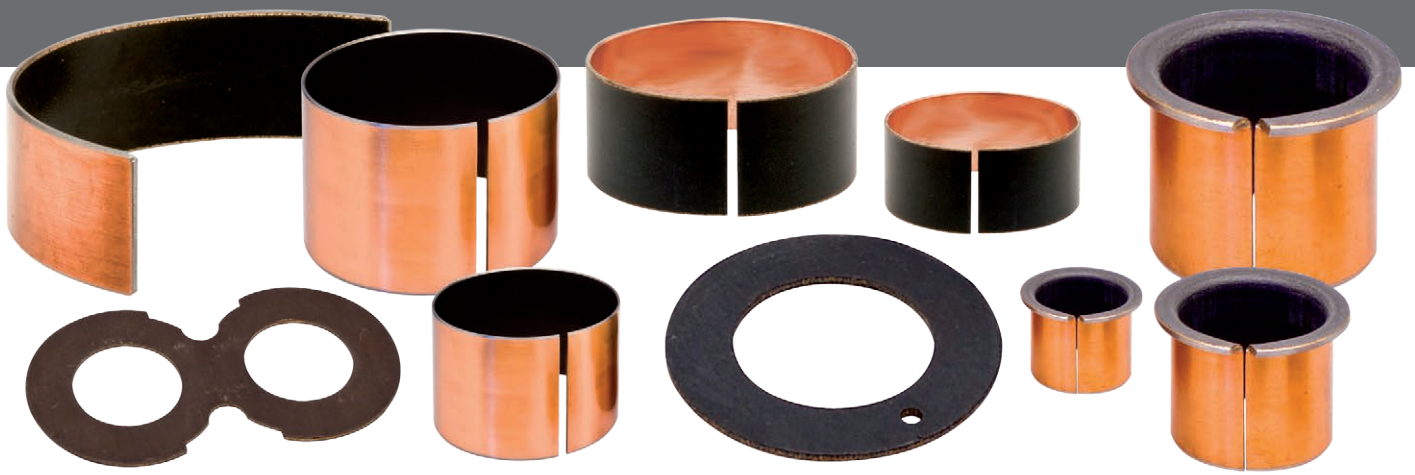
## BUSHINGS

**Self-Lubricating  
and relubricable bushings  
catalogue**





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## PBF

**PBF** is the MBI material that forms the basis for the production of our self-lubricating bushings.

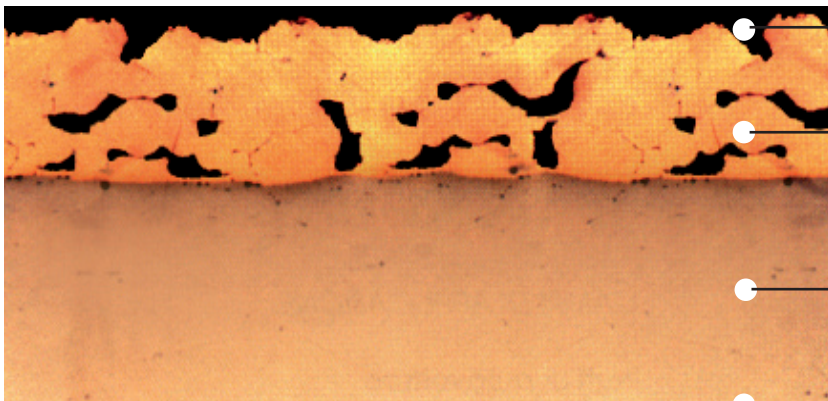
This product is made using advanced multi-step sintering techniques of bronze and a blend of additive-enhanced PTFE.

The performance of PBF has evolved over the years to meet customer requirements for both lubricant-free applications and applications with grease or oil.

The backing metal can be made of various materials, with the standard being low carbon steel.

Alternatives in stainless steel or bronze are also available.

## BUSHING CROSS SECTION (MULTI-LAYER)



Ethylene polytetrafluoride (PTFE)

Porous bronze layer

Steel Strip

External coating  
(Copper or tin)

## MBI MATERIALS

MBI Material	Backing Metal	Layer	Polymer
PBF	Low Carbon Steel	Sintered Bronze	PTFE + Additives
304-PBR	AISI 304	Sintered Bronze	
316-PBR	AISI 316	Sintered Bronze	
BZ-PBF	Bronze	Sintered Bronze	
PBK	Low Carbon Steel	Sintered Bronze	PEEK + Additives

## FEATURES

1. The low coefficient of friction, free from stick-slip, allows the bearing to be used without any lubrication, increasing its longevity.
2. The steel strip quickly dissipates heat generated in the working area, keeping thermal expansions within extremely low limits. The external coating of copper or tin protects the sliding bearing from oxidation and corrosion, maintains light weight and compact size, and makes this product ideal for compact and versatile design.
3. Suitable for high loads, rotating, oscillating, and sliding movements, it also prevents noise and vibrations.
4. PTFE has the highest heat resistance, allowing the bushing to operate in a wide range of conditions and temperatures. The limited thickness improves thermal conductivity, preventing temperature rise at contact points.
5. Economical solution and easy to install.
6. The self-lubricating bearing is inert to most gases and chemical solvents, and it does not accumulate static electricity.

## REFERENCE STANDARDS

The wrapped bushings are sized according to **ISO 3547** or **DIN 1494** standards. The strips used have the following properties:

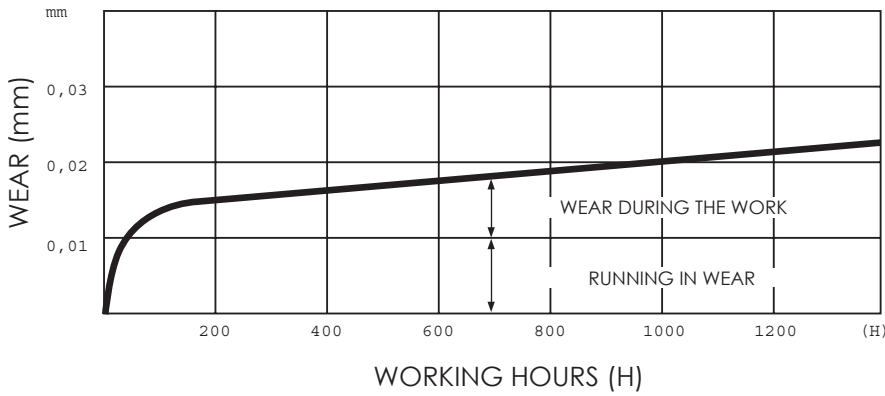
Wall Thickness [mm]	Tolerance
1	0 / -0.02
1.5	0 / -0.03
2	0 / -0.03
2.5 up to Ø 60	0 / -0.03
2.5 up to Ø 65 ÷ 115	-0.01 / -0.05
2.5 up to Ø 120 ÷ 300	-0.035 / -0.085



### INNER DIAMETER OF THE BUSHINGS AFTER INSTALLATION

- min. inner  $\varnothing$  = min. housing  $\varnothing$  - 2 x max. bushing thickness
- max. inner  $\varnothing$  = max. housing  $\varnothing$  - 2 x min. bushing thickness

# SERVICE LIFE DIAGRAM



## - SLIDING

V= (1 represents the sliding action in 1 minute)

## - OSCILLATION

The oscillation angle can be converted into rpm using the following formula:

$$N = \frac{20^\circ C}{360}$$

N= expressed in rpm  
 0°= oscillating angle (theta)  
 C=cycles/min

## PV PRODUCT AND WEAR

In self-lubricating bushings, the pressure (P) \* velocity (V) product, also known as the PV value, is a key parameter for determining the load capacity and lifespan of the bushing.

The PV value is often expressed in units such as N/mm<sup>2</sup> \* m/s and indicates the severity of the working conditions for a bearing. A high PV value indicates that the bearing is subjected to high loads and speeds, which can lead to greater wear and a shorter lifespan.

The sliding bearing requires an initial running-in period, after which the bushing stabilizes dimensionally with linear wear.

The diagram indicates the variation of wear over time. The increased wear severity during the running-in phase is due to the transfer of part of the PTFE surface layer into the cavities of the mating surface (shaft).

This new layer formed on the shaft generates a lower coefficient of friction and less wear.

The following are the equations for calculating pressure, velocity, and PV in cylindrical bushings or thrust bearing:

### Cylindrical Bushing

$$V = \frac{\pi d N}{10^3}$$

$$P = \frac{W}{Ld}$$

$$PV = \frac{\pi W N}{10^3 L}$$

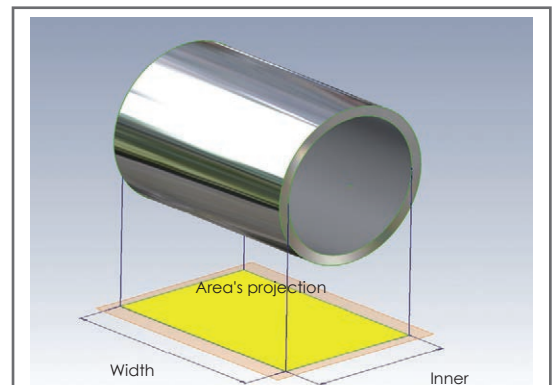
### Washer

$$V = \frac{\pi (d+D) N}{2 \times 10^3}$$

$$P = \frac{4 W}{\pi (D^2 - d^2)}$$

$$PV = \frac{4 W N}{10^3 (D^2 - d^2)}$$

V= Speed (m/s)  
 π= Pi (3,14)  
 N= rot. speed (rpm)  
 P= pressure (N/mm<sup>2</sup>)  
 W= Load (N)  
 L= Width (mm)  
 D= Outer diameter (mm)  
 d= Inner diameter (mm)



### Area projection

$$P = \frac{W \text{ (Load)}}{\text{Area Projection (mm}^2\text{)}}$$

Area Projection = dxL (see drawing)

V= Shaft speed (m/s)

## TECHNICAL DATASHEET OF PBF MATERIAL

Continuous service (dynamic load)

Low-speed service (static load)

Oscillations

Max PV in dry conditions:

Intermittent application

Continuous application

Max PV in oil lubrication

Operating temperature

Coefficient of friction

**140 N/mm<sup>2</sup>**

**250 N/mm<sup>2</sup>**

**60 N/mm<sup>2</sup>**

**3,6 N/mm<sup>2</sup>\*m/s**

**1,8 N/mm<sup>2</sup>\*m/s**

**50 N/mm<sup>2</sup>\*m/s**

**- 195 + 270 °C**

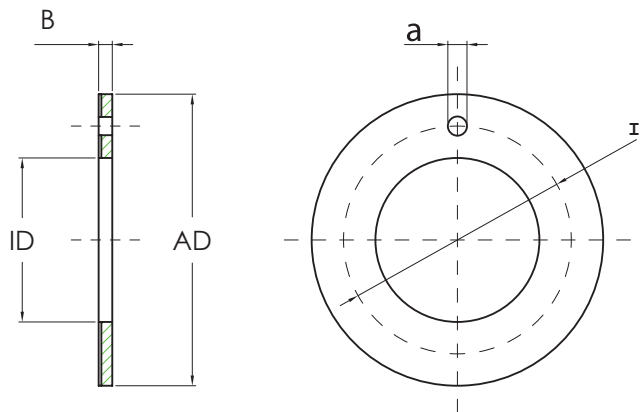
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Recommended Housing:  
 From Di 12 up to Di 42 mm 1  
 From Di 48 up to Di 52 mm 1.5

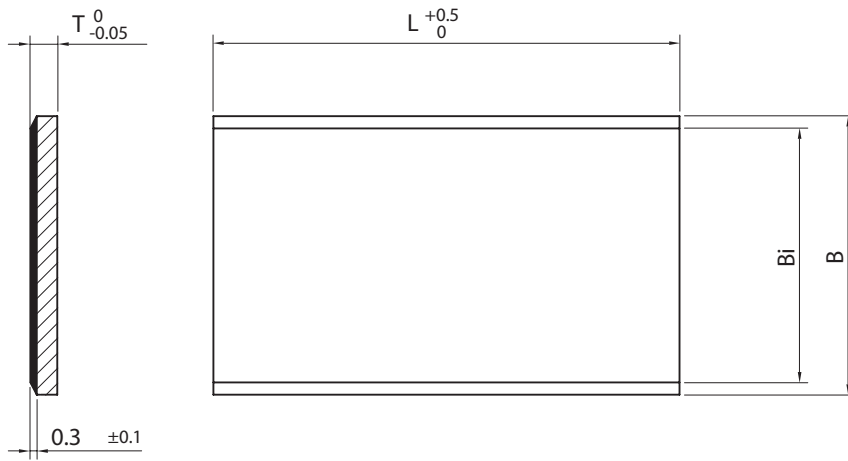
"PBF"- TW ○ ○ M  
 TYPE  
 MBI DESIGNATION

## Standard thrust washers sizes

MBI Definition	Type	Dj + 0,25 mm	De - 0,25 mm	Sp - 0,05 mm	a +0,2 mm	I ± 0,12 mm
PBF	TW8M	10	20	1,5	1,5	15
PBF	TW10M	12	24	1,5	1,5	18
PBF	TW12M	14	26	1,5	2	20
PBF	TW14M	16	30	1,5	2	23
PBF	TW16M	18	32	1,5	2	25
PBF	TW18M	20	36	1,5	3	28
PBF	TW20M	22	38	1,5	3	30
PBF	TW22M	24	42	1,5	3	33
PBF	TW24M	26	44	1,5	3	35
PBF	TW25M	28	48	1,5	4	38
PBF	TW30M	32	54	1,5	4	43
PBF	TW35M	38	62	1,5	4	50
PBF	TW40M	42	66	1,5	4	54
PBF	TW45M	48	74	2	4	61
PBF	TW50M	52	78	2	4	65
PBF	TW60M	62	90	2	4	76

### Example:

**316-PBR - TW 16M**  
**PBF - TW 16M**



## Strip sizes

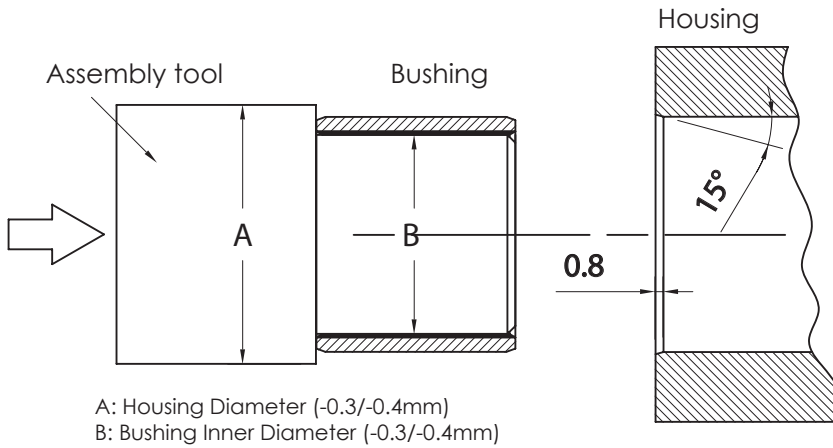
Designation	Type	Sizes			
		T mm	B mm	B <sub>i</sub> mm	L mm
PBF	125 10	1,0	125	120	500
PBF	125 15	1,5	125	120	500
PBF	125 20	2,00	125	120	500
PBF	125 25	2,5	125	120	500
PBF	125 30	3,00	125	120	500
PBF	170 10	1,0	170	165	1000
PBF	170 15	1,5	170	165	1000
PBF	170 20	2,0	170	165	1000
PBF	170 25	2,5	170	165	1000

### Example:

**PBF - 125 10**

**304-PBR - 125 10**

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



## PRESS-FITTING FORCE

The sliding bearings can be either press-fitted into the housing. For easy and correct press-fitting of the bushing, it is recommended to use a guide mandrel (see picture) and to clean and deburr the mounting housing beforehand.  
Note: During this phase, pay attention to the tolerances as indicated in the dimensional table.

$$F = t \times 0,8 \times L \times \delta \text{ max.}$$

t = Wall thickness (mm)

L = total width (mm)

$\delta \text{ max.} = \text{max. } \delta \text{ circumferential force (Kg/mm}^2\text{)} = 10$

$$= 10^4 \times 1,9 \times \frac{\text{max. bushings } \phi - \text{min. housing } \phi}{\text{max. bushings } \phi}$$

## CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

### 1) Recommended Tolerances for Shaft and Housing

The sliding bearing is suitable for being housed according to the following parameters:

- **Housing tolerance: H7**

- **Shaft tolerance: Consult the dimensional table**

In cases where other assembly principles need to be followed, the clearance between the shaft and housing should be adapted equivalently to the value **H7** (housing) and **f6** (shaft).

### 2) To determine the operational clearance, three factors must be considered:

- Housing size
- Bushing wall thickness
- Shaft size

For rigid housing:

- Minimum clearance = (min. housing diameter tolerance - max. bushing wall thickness x 2) - max. shaft tolerance value.

- Maximum clearance = (max. housing diameter tolerance - min. bushing wall thickness x 2) - min. shaft tolerance value.

In the presence of lubrication, a clearance of 0.03 mm or more on the shaft is recommended.

For operations at temperatures greater than or equal to 180°C, the thermal expansion of the bearing wall support metal should be considered.

### 3) Shaft Execution

**a) For normal applications, the following materials can be used:**

- Carbon steel (C35)
- Nickel-chromium alloy steel (35NiCr9)
- Nickel-chromium-molybdenum steel (30NiCrMo8)
- Chromium-plated steels

Soft or non-ferrous metals are less suitable because they limit the bushing's lifespan, maintaining it at acceptable but not optimal levels. These metals can be used with coatings or heat treatments to increase surface hardness and consequently wear resistance.

### b) Permissible Roughness:

The surface roughness of the shaft is crucial for the bearing's lifespan. High surface roughness can irreparably damage the self-lubricating overlay and compromise its performance prematurely. For optimal bearing performance, a high level of surface finish on the shaft is recommended.

The recommended roughness varies from **0.6 to 0.8**  $\mu\text{m}$ .



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