



Plain Bearings and
Polymer Coatings
for Agricultural Equipment

Agricultural Equipment

The agricultural equipment industry is experiencing significant trends and facing various challenges, driven by technological advancements, sustainability goals, economic pressures, and changing agricultural practices:

Autonomous Machinery

The development of autonomous tractors, harvesters, and drones is transforming agricultural practices by reducing the need for manual labor and increasing efficiency.

Robotic Harvesting

Robots capable of picking fruits and vegetables are becoming more prevalent, addressing labor shortages and improving harvest timing and quality.

Eco-Friendly Equipment

There is a growing demand for agricultural equipment that reduces environmental impact, such as electric or hybrid tractors and machinery with lower emissions.

Investment and ROI

The high cost of advanced agricultural equipment can be a barrier for small and medium-sized farms, limiting their access to the latest technologies. Farmers need to consider the return on investment when purchasing expensive machinery. Rental of agricultural equipment is becoming more important.

Sustainability Goals

Meeting and exceeding sustainability goals while maintaining productivity and profitability is a balancing act for agricultural equipment manufacturers.

Equipment Longevity

Ensuring that equipment is durable and can withstand harsh agricultural conditions is crucial.

Maintenance Costs

Ongoing maintenance and repair costs can be a significant burden, especially for complex machinery.

The agricultural equipment industry is at a crossroads of innovation and challenge. Trends like automation, sustainability, smart technologies, and connectivity are driving significant advancements, offering the potential for increased efficiency, productivity, and environmental stewardship. However, these trends come with challenges, including high costs, technological integration issues, labor shortages, regulatory compliance, market volatility, and maintenance concerns. Navigating these trends and challenges requires a balanced approach, combining technological adoption with practical solutions to ensure the long-term sustainability and profitability of agricultural operations.



Agricultural Challenges. GGB Solutions.

Agriculture Challenges

Demanding operation conditions:

Exposure to harsh climates, resilience to a wide temperature range, contaminants, dirt and dust and the risk of lubrication contamination and corrosion influence bearing performance.

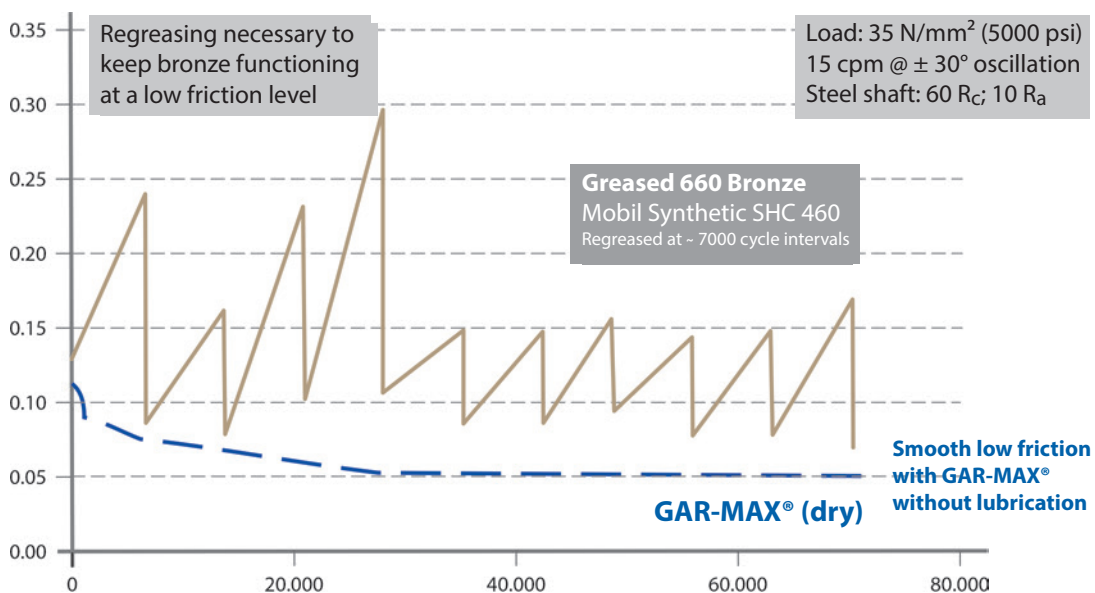
Equipment failure from wear and tear:

Consistent heavy loads, including shock load lead to excessive wear and tear. Friction caused by grease contamination accelerates the risk of premature failure and financial losses.

GGB Solutions

Replacing traditional bearings with e.g. **GAR-MAX®**

Coefficient of friction: **GAR-MAX® (dry)** vs. **bronze (greased)**



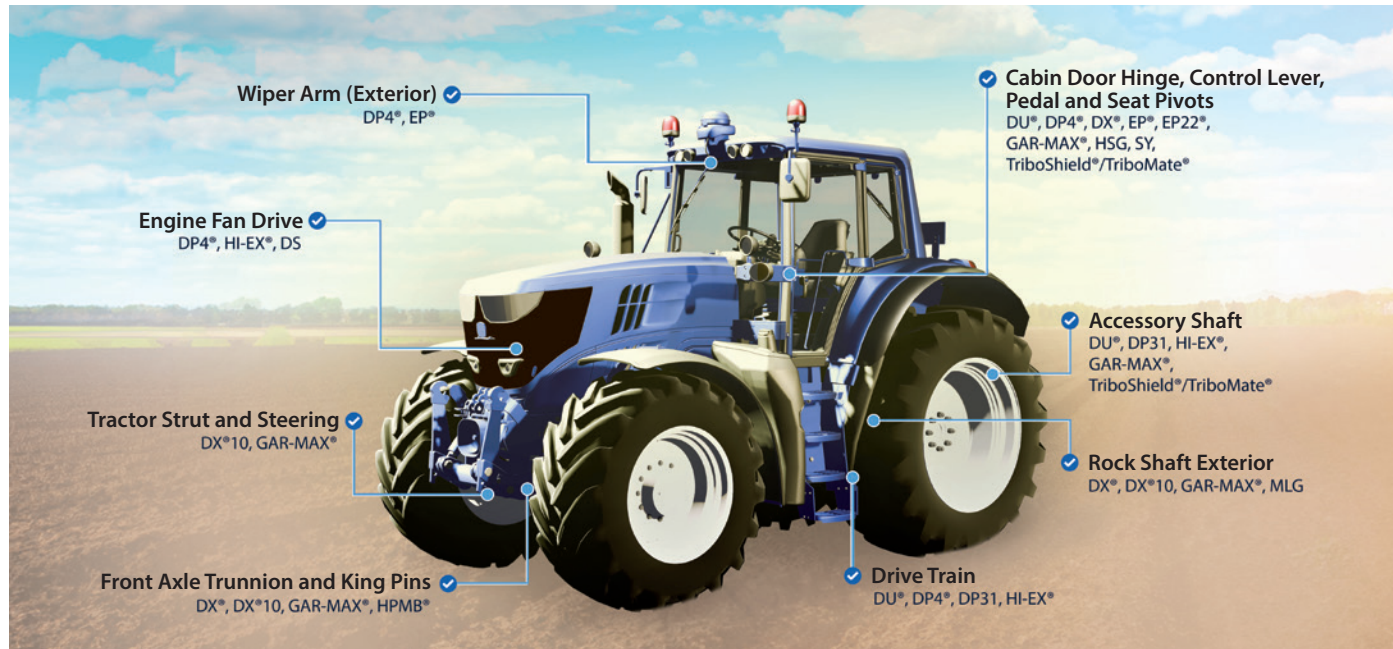
Plain Bearing Identifiers

- ✓ Low speeds / low high-loads
- ✓ Pivoting locations
- ✓ Shaft guidance
- ✓ Maintenance avoidance
- ✓ Elimination of constant greasing needs
- ✓ Eliminate fretting debris
- ✓ Oscillating motion
- ✓ Load and shock resistance



“Nobody understands the challenges that agricultural equipment manufacturers like you face better than GGB — from productivity and uptime to all-around dependability, maximum service life and reduced cost of equipment ownership.”

Agricultural Equipment Applications



- Tractors
- Tractor attachments
- Cultivator, baler
- Wagon or trailers
- Rotary tiller
- Harrow (disc, chain, roller)
- Plow (moldboard, disc)
- Mower
- Dozers
- Seeder, planter
- Fertilizer spreader

Steering Cylinder



Application Challenges

- Exposure to outdoors elements
- Wide range of temperature exposure
- Withstands pressure across a broad spectrum of loads
- Elimination of lubricants/grease

GGB Application Solution

GAR-MAX® bearings

- Reduced maintenance with self-lubrication
- Extended service life with a PTFE/High-Strength fiber liner for low wear rate
- Excellent resistance to shock loads
- Liner resistant to abrasion and damage from debris

Rockshaft



Application Challenges

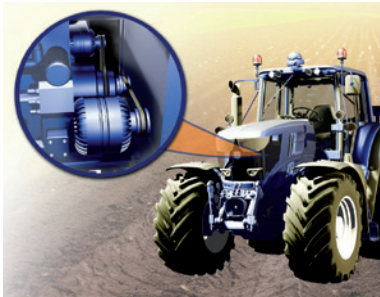
- Exposure to outdoors elements
- Wide range of temperature exposure
- Elimination of lubricants/grease

GGB Application Solutions

GAR-MAX®, MLG, DX®, DX®10 bearings

- Lubrication slots decrease the risk of contamination
- Outstanding resistance to impact and shock loads
- Liner resistant to abrasion and damage from debris

Engine Fan Drive



Application Challenges

- Requirements for linear motion
- Installation in environments susceptible to debris (e.g. engine compartments)
- Endurance of a diverse range of temperatures

GGB Application Solution

HI-EX® bearings

- Enhanced grease retention with pin-idented liner
- Optimal distribution of lubricant reduces friction and wear
- Simplified installation process
- Rated for high temperature use up to 250°C / 480°F

King Pins



Application Challenges

- Endure heavy thrust loads
- Operating in a lubricated environment
- Exposure to outdoor conditions
- Encounters wide range of temperature variations

GGB Application Solution

DX®, DX®10, HPMB® bearings

- The pin-idented liner in DX/DX10 prolongs re-greasing intervals, resulting in decreased maintenance requirements
- Peak performance under heavy loads and slow speeds
- Outstanding resistance to corrosion and chemicals

Rear Accessory Shaft



Application Challenges

- Lack of routine greasing can potentially destroy the implement's gearbox
- Improper installation can lead to premature failure
- Exposure to the elements, dirt and debris

GGB Application Solution

HI-EX®, DU®, DP31 bearings, TriboMate® paired coating solution

- The pin-idented liner in HI-EX extends time between re-greasing, minimizing maintenance requirements
- Liner resistant to abrasion and damage from debris
- Demonstrates outstanding resistance to flow erosion and cavitation

Windshield Wipers



Application Challenges

- Continual oscillating motion
- Exposure to the elements, dirt and debris
- Operating within a wide temperature range

GGB Application Solutions

DP4®, EP® bearings

- Excellent corrosion resistance
- Unlimited dimensions and design freedom
- Efficient performance in dry, oiled or greased applications

Cabin Door Hinge



Application Challenges

- Regular wear and tear can result in loosened hinges or failure
- Exposure to the elements, dirt and debris
- Noisy operation and grease build-up
- Potential for seizure due to elevated friction at contact points and exposure to a corrosive environment

GGB Application Solutions

DP4®, EP®22 bearings

- Endures corrosive environments and exposure to outdoor elements
- Demonstrates excellent wear resistance and low friction characteristics under various loads, speeds, and temperatures
- Eliminates grease

Foot Control Lever



Application Challenges

- Handling moderate loads with low frequency fatigue
- Pivoting / oscillating motion
- Operating at low speeds
- Dry running applications without grease
- Exposure to outdoor elements
- Operating within a wide temperature range

GGB Application Solutions

DU®, DP4®, EP® bearings

- Low and consistent friction prevents "slip-stick" resulting in smooth operation
- Increased load capacity and creep resistance
- Thin wall bearing minimizes design envelope providing space and weight savings

Power Control Lever



Application Challenges

- Managing moderate loads with low-frequency fatigue
- Pivoting / oscillating motion
- Operating at low sliding speeds
- Operating without grease in dry running applications
- Exposure to outdoor conditions and a wide temperature range

GGB Application Solutions

DU®, DP4®, EP® bearings

- Maintains low and consistent friction, preventing "slip-stick" for smooth operation
- Enhances load capacity and creep resistance
- Operates without the need for grease, ensuring maintenance-free operation

Seat Adjustments



Application Challenges

- Operating at slow sliding speeds
- Efficient operation under low loads and minimal friction
- Quieter operation
- Fatigue or erosion sensitivity
- Potential risk of grease contamination from neighboring components

GGB Application Solutions

DP4®, EP®22 bearings, TriboMate® paired polymer coatings

- Minimal friction for smooth movement
- Self-lubricating, as there is no active application grease
- Resilient against corrosion
- Outstanding resistance to temperature variations and wear

The GGB Difference

Application Engineering Expertise

GGB's engineers bring their cross-industrial expertise to a wide range of industries, including automotive, aerospace and industrial manufacturing.

Research and Development Expertise

With inhouse R&D and testing facilities worldwide, GGB partners with customers worldwide on customized solutions.

Manufacturing Excellence

It is always our goal to provide superior, high-quality solutions for our customers' needs, no matter where those demands take our products. By combining best practices and the best in quality management, our manufacturing plants are certified in quality and excellence.

Tribological Expertise

Tribological test results and surface analytical methods help us estimate the tribo-performance including friction and wear of existing materials and new prototypes.



The GGB Advantage



MAINTENANCE-FREE

GGB® bearings are self-lubricating, making them ideal for applications demanding extended bearing life without continuous lubrication.



LOW FRICTION, HIGH WEAR RESISTANCE

Low coefficients of friction eliminate the need for lubrication, while providing smooth operation, reducing wear and extending service life.



NVH (Noise, Vibration, Harshness)

Plain bearings provide a smooth sliding motion between surfaces and their material properties and simple design reduce noise, vibration and harshness.



LOWER SYSTEM COST

A one-piece design offers space and weight reductions and thanks to the material compositions and self-lubricating properties, less maintenance is needed.



REDUCED CO₂ FOOTPRINT

GGB's flexible and local production platforms facilitate timely deliveries and reduced CO₂ footprint.



PARTNER SUPPORT

GGB offers tribological, application and design support, and partners with our customers to provide the most efficient solutions.

Recommended Products



The GGB bearings and polymer coatings are ROHS compliant with the exception of DU.

Metal-Polymer Bearings			
DX®		DX bearing material for marginally lubricated applications. Optimum performance under relatively high loads and low speeds.	
DX®10		DX10 is perfect for heavy duty and harsh environments and offers excellent abrasive and erosion resistance as well as good fatigue strength.	
HI-EX®		Marginally lubricated bearing material with ultimate robustness and wear performance under highly loaded, thin film conditions. Available with non-indented overlay for hydrodynamic applications.	
DP4®		Lead-free all-purpose DP4 material offering low friction and good wear resistance in both dry and lubricated applications. Suitable for linear, oscillating and rotating movements.	
DP31		DP31 is ideal for oil lubricated applications as it offers superior flow erosion and cavitation resistance and fatigue strength.	
DU®		Original iconic all purpose metal-polymer product that offers exceptional wear resistance with low friction over a wide range of dry and lubricated running conditions.	
Fiber Reinforced Composite Bearings			
GAR-MAX®		GAR-MAX is known for its high load capacity and excellent shock and misalignment resistance.	
HSG		HSG offers twice as much high load capacity and excellent shock and misalignment resistance.	
HPMB®		HPMB provides machinable inner and outer diameters for application precision, circularity and cylindricity tolerances.	
MLG		MLG provides high load capacity, suitable for lighter duty applications.	

Engineered Plastics Bearings

EP®



General purpose EP material provides good bearing performance in dry as well as lubricated or marginally lubricated working conditions. Good choice for medium working conditions compared to other Engineered Plastics materials.



EP®22



EP22 bearings provide a good price/performance ratio . Good performance in low load applications, also a good choice for water lubricated applications.



Metal & Bimetal Bearings

AuGlide®



The machinable bimetal bearings are suitable for high loads and high temperatures, offer excellent fatigue strength under dynamic and shock load conditions, and are suitable for hydrodynamic operation.



GGB-DB®



Cast bronze bearings with solid lubricant inserts offer excellent performance under high loads and intermittent operation. Available with PTFE or graphite inserts for temperature above 250 °C.



Polymer Coatings

TriboShield®



Our TriboShield formulations cover the full spectrum of mechanical, thermal and chemical capabilities offered by today's coatings materials.



TriboMate®



Your bearing or coating performance can be enhanced with our TriboMate paired solutions.



OFFERING GLOBAL REACH WITH LOCAL SUPPORT.

We foster a global culture of **Teamwork, Excellence, Quality, Ethics and Integrity**, advancing people and planet, customer excellence, solution engineering and a focus on strategic markets.

We are **committed** to developing **sustainable** solutions for the next generation and advancing environmental sustainability through product innovation, tribology, operational excellence and technology.

We have taken efforts to increase our reliance on **renewable energy, reduce waste** and our overall **carbon footprint**.



Bearing Application Data Sheet



Please complete the form below and share it with your sales engineer.

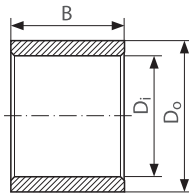
DATA FOR BEARING DESIGN CALCULATION

Application: _____

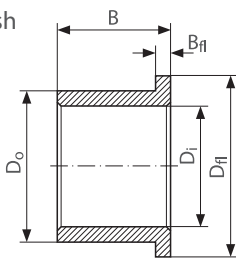
Project/No.: _____ Quantity: _____ New Design Existing Design
 Steady Load Rotating Load Rotational Movement Oscillating Movement Linear Movement

BEARING TYPE

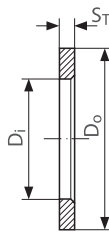
Cylindrical bush



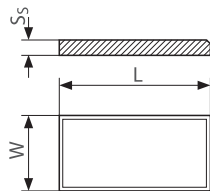
Flanged bush



Thrust washer



Slide plate



Special parts (sketch)

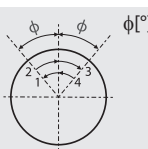
DIMENSIONS [mm]

Inside diameter	Di	
Outside diameter	Do	
Length	B	
Flange diameter	Dfl	
Flange thickness	Bfl	
Wall thickness	ST	
Length of slideplate	L	
Width of slideplate	W	
Thickness of slideplate	Ss	

LOAD

<input type="checkbox"/> Static load	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dynamic load	
Axial load F	[N]
Radial load F	[N]

MOVEMENT

Rotational speed	N [1/min]	
Speed	U [m/s]	
Length of stroke	Ls [mm]	
Frequency of stroke	[1/min]	
Oscillating cycle		
Osc. frequency	Nosz [1/min]	

MATING SURFACE

Material	
Hardness	HB/HRC
Surface finish	Ra [μm]

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Company _____
 Street _____
 City / State / Province / Post Code _____
 Telephone _____ Fax _____
 Name _____
 Email Address _____ Date _____

FITS & TOLERANCES

Shaft	Dj	
Bearing housing	DH	

OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

Ambient temperature	Tamb [°]	
Bearing housing material		
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing with good heating transfer properties		
<input type="checkbox"/> Light pressing or insulated housing with poor heat transfer properties		
<input type="checkbox"/> Non metal housing with poor heat transfer properties		
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate operation in water and dry		

OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

<input type="checkbox"/> Dry		
<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous lubrication		
<input type="checkbox"/> Process fluid lubrication		
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial lubrication only		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrodynamic conditions		
Process fluid		
Lubricant		
Dynamic viscosity	η[mPas]	

SERVICE HOURS PER DAY

Continuous operation	
Intermittent operation	
Operating time	
Days per year	

SERVICE LIFE

Required service life	LH [h]	
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Product Information

This document is provided to give you the analysis tools or information to assist you in product selection. Product performance is affected by many factors beyond the control of GGB. Therefore, you must validate the suitability and feasibility of all product selections for your applications.

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A detailed explanation of our commitment to REACH and RoHS directives can be found at <https://www.ggbearings.com/en/who-we-are/quality-and-environment>.

Polymer Fumes

At temperatures up to 250°C the polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) present in the lining material is completely inert so that even on the rare occasions in which DP4 bushes are drilled or sized after assembly there is no danger in boring or burnishing. At higher temperatures however, small quantities of toxic fumes can be produced and the direct inhalation of these can cause an influenza type of illness which may not appear for some hours but which subsides without after-effects in 24-48 hours. Such fumes can arise from PTFE particles picked up on the end of a cigarette. Therefore smoking should be prohibited where DP4 is being machined.

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