

## What is C3 and C4 in bearing?

C3 and C4 are two types of internal clearance in a bearing. Both the C3 and C4 are related to the internal clearance, but they are different.

The C3 is the clearance between the outer ring and the inner ring. It is generally 0.1mm to 0.25mm larger than the minimum internal clearance (C2). The C4 is the maximum allowable difference between the outside diameter of an inner ring and an outer ring. If it exceeds this value, there may be problems such as galling or seizure of a shaft or bearing which may cause excessive wear or failure of parts.

C3 is usually about 1/10th to 1/5th of C2, but sometimes it may be 1/10th to 1/20th depending on the kind of bearing or its use environment.

### **C3 and C4 are the [bearing internal clearance](#).**

C3 is the clearance between the inner race and outer race of a bearing, which is a measure of how much room there is for the lubricant to flow within the bearing. A tight clearance means that there is less room for oil to flow through the bearing, and thus not as much pressure can be generated within the bearing. This leads to poor performance and excessive wear, since there is not enough force to keep everything moving smoothly.

C4 is the clearance between two rings on an angular contact ball bearing – it's the total amount of space inside an angular contact ball bearing ring so that oil can flow into the gap between them and around them.

### **C3 means that the internal clearance is too loose, the larger the C3, the larger the clearance.**

The C3 clearance is a measurement of the clearance between the races and balls in the ball bearing. It is often expressed as a percentage of the volumetric capacity of the bearing, e.g. 10% C3 means 10% of the volume of the bearing is empty space.

C3 is sometimes called dynamic clearance, because it changes as load is applied to the bearing (by its rotating shaft or housing). Static clearance refers to how much space there would be if there were no load on the bearing.

The larger the C3 value, the larger the clearance between races and balls. In some cases, this can cause problems if there are contaminants in this gap that could affect performance by causing friction or corrosion.

### **C4 represents small internal clearance.**

The small clearance allows for a wide range of operating temperatures and speeds, which makes C4 bearings an excellent choice for use in many applications.

C4 bearings are axial or radial bearings that have a small internal clearance. These bearings have a low friction level with high load carrying capacity. They are suited for applications where slow speeds and high loads are required.

Bearings with C4 clearance are also known as micro-precision bearings, miniaturized precision bearings, or micro-sized precision bearings.

## **Bearings with internal clearance C3 are suitable for medium speeds.**

A bearing with a small amount of internal clearance can withstand higher speeds than one with a large amount of internal clearance. C3 is the standard value for medium-speed bearings.

The speed rating of a bearing is determined by its internal clearance and the type of lubricating grease or oil used. The nominal design value for C3 is 0.0015 mm (0.0006 in.). The larger this number, the slower the bearing will operate.

In general, you should use bearings with as little internal clearance as possible to achieve maximum speed without damaging them. If you need to minimize friction, but not at the expense of durability or lifespan, then choose one with a C3 rating (. If you want maximum durability at low speeds — such as in rotary table applications — then choose one with a large amount of external clearance (C4).

## **Bearings with C4 internal clearance are used for high speeds and heavy radial loads.**

They are particularly suitable for use in the automotive industry, where they are typically found in powertrains, transmissions and suspension components. The C4 standard is a compromise between the two extremes of C3 and C5. A small amount of internal clearance allows for higher speeds without undue stress on the rolling element bearings themselves, but also minimizes the amount of friction generated by the moving parts inside the bearing.

When it comes to rolling element bearings, there is no single “best” choice — each type has its own set of advantages and disadvantages. For example, if you’re building a machine that will be subjected to high speeds and heavy loads, ball bearings may be the best option for you. However, if you’re building something that needs to operate at high temperatures or survive harsh environments, roller bearings may be more appropriate.

## **Internal clearance larger than normal can be detrimental to bearing life.**

This is because the increased clearance between the shaft and journal allows a greater amount of lubricant to pass through the bearing without being sealed in by the rubber seals. The result is that this excess oil can contaminate the journal, which can lead to accelerated wear or even failure of the bearing.

In addition, when there is more clearance between the journal and shaft, more heat will be generated in the bearing due to frictional losses. These additional losses increase with increasing speed and load on the bearing, so bearings with large clearances are usually found in high-speed applications where speeds are relatively low.

The most common cause of excessive internal clearance is poor installation practices. In many cases, improper installation procedures result in excessive interference fit during assembly (i.e., too much preload). However, some manufacturers recommend preloading beyond what is necessary for proper operation.

The C3 C4 clearance refers to the distance between the closest of two parallel surfaces of a bearing. The measurement is taken from the same side of the bearing, from the top of one roller (or outer ring), to the bottom of another roller (or inner race). Clearances are usually determined by the application load and RPM requirements.