

Keyless Locking Devices Eliminates the Need for Keyways in the Oil & Gas Industry

Climax Keyless Locking Devices used in place of keyways when mounting shaft components for manufacturing cold rolled steel and welded pipes eliminate fretting and associated equipment damage.



Traditionally, manufacturers of cold rolled steel and welded pipes in gas transmission use multiple hydraulic motors to drive the steel conveying rolls. These hydraulic motors are typically mounted onto a shaft with the use of keyways. The application subjects the motor/shafting to frequent and severe shock loading which causes a systemic problem of keyway failure. Due to reverse bending moment, the slip fit rigid flanged coupling with a standard keyway and two set screws often faces issues such as fretting, resulting in catastrophic failures. These failures cause the manufacturer unnecessary expenses in damaged equipment, including extensive labor and loss of production.

Climax Metal Products decided to look for alternate solutions to prevent keyway failures. Climax C600E keyless rigid couplings with a step-bore inner ring provides this solution. A Climax keyless rigid coupling creates a high pressure high capacity mechanical interference fit that eliminates the "slop" from the connection while providing the reassurance that a keyway failure is avoided. Additionally, the zero backlash connection is unaffected by shock load which contributes to the failure of the traditional keyed approach. Easy to install with simple hand tools, Climax keyless rigid couplings provide a simplified disassembly and repair when the need arises saving time and money.

Climax carries an extensive inventory of straight bore keyless rigid couplings. Step-bore components are available upon request. Climax engineers have the ability to engineer custom designs to fit any application challenge you may have.

For Rotating Applications:

- Keys, keyways, and set screws are prone to shaft damage and fretting corrosion
- Splines, prone to fretting and require expensive machining
- Shrink or press fits that are difficult to install and remove
- QD/Taperlock bushings use keyways where wallowing occurs causing fretting and backlash
- Requires only the use of simple hand tools for installation and removal



RBC has been producing bearings in the USA since 1919. In addition to unique custom bearings, RBC offers a full line of standard industrial and aerospace bearings, including:



Tapered Roller Thrust Bearings

Case-hardened tapered roller thrust bearings for oilfield top drives and swivels. Available in full complement, maximum capacity versions.



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Cylindrical roller bearings designed for mud pump pinion and eccentric positions. Fully interchangeable to industry standards.



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Radial, angular contact, extended inner ring, high misalignment. **QuadLube**®, **ImpactTuff**®, **SpreadLock**® Seal, **CrossLube**®, **DuraLube**™, and self-lubricating bearings. Available in inch and metric sizes.



Keyless Locking Devices

Mechanical bushings used to connect power transmission components onto rotating shafts. Without the use of keyways, KLDs eliminate the problems associated with backlash including fretting, corroding, and wallowing.



Self-Lubricating Bearings

Radial, thrust, rod ends, spherical bearings, high temperature, high loads. Available in inch and metric sizes. **Fiberglide**® self-lubricating bearings.



Ball Bearings

Precision ground, semiground, unground. High loads, long life, smooth operation. **Nice**® branded products are offered in caged and full complement configurations.



Thin Section Ball Bearings

Standard cross sections to one inch. Bore sizes to 40 inches. Stainless steel and other materials are available. Seals are available on all sizes and standard cross sections. Super duplex configurations.



Needle Roller Bearings

Pitchline® caged heavy duty needle roller bearings ideal for cross head bearings applications. These double row bearings are available in single row and **Tandem Roller**® versions.



Tapered Roller Bearings

Single, double, & multi row versions available for main bearing positions in mud pumps, gear boxes, etc. Bearings are constructed of case hardened steel washers and rollers with bore size of 11" or greater.



Lubron® Bearings

Lubron® self-lubricating bearings designed and custom manufactured in most any size, material and bearing configuration. Applications include hydro power and water control, nuclear power generation, infrastructure, architecture, offshore marine, industrial, machinery and heavy equipment.



Rigid Couplings

Shaft couplings serve as components to time, join, or align shafts at lower speeds and torque, especially when zero backlash is desired. Made from mild steel with a black oxide finish, type 303 stainless steel, or aluminum. Available in inch and metric sizes.



Cam Followers

Standard stud, heavy stud, yoke type, caged roller followers. Patented **RBC Roller**® cylindrical roller cam followers, **HexLube**® universal cam followers, airframe track rollers.



Commercial Rod Ends

Commercial and industrial, precision, Mil-Spec series, self-lubricating, and aircraft. Sold under the **Heim**®, **Unibal**®, and **Spherco**® names. Available in inch and metric sizes.



TP Series Bearings

RBC's TP Series cylindrical roller thrust bearings ideal for crane hooks, oil well swivels, winch systems, and gear boxes. Fully interchangeable with industry standard offering.



Shaft Collars

Used to position or locate a component on a shaft. Made from mild steel, type 303 or 316 stainless steel, aluminum, or acetal. Available in inch and metric sizes.



Specials

RBC manufactures many specialty bearings for the aerospace, oil and energy, semiconductor equipment, packaging, transportation, and other industries.



PIC Design

Complete line of precision gears, precision hardware, timing belts, pulleys, and linear motion systems. Industries served include industrial, aerospace, defense, medical, robotics and automation, material handling, and assembly. Custom design support for unique applications.