

**ORKOT® COMPOSITE BEARINGS**  
SERVING THE WORLD'S ENGINEERING AND MARINE MARKETS



**ORKOT** manufacture a range of thermoset composite bearing materials incorporating advanced polymer technologies. These are made from technical fabrics impregnated with thermosetting resins, evenly dispersed solid lubricants and further additives to ensure the optimum solution is reached to satisfy many engineering applications.

Due to their good mechanical and physical properties **ORKOT** materials are outstandingly suited for use as guides and bearings subject to high loads. As guide rings in hydraulic applications, guides on slide ways for reciprocating pistons, rods, plungers, slide and guide rails and as bearings, thrust washers and bearing shells for rotating and oscillating drums, shafts, bushings, and spindles.

The wear of **ORKOT** materials can be less than that of conventional metallic bearing materials. Therefore, depending on the application, longer service life can be achieved with a simultaneous improvement in the properties of the component.



**ORKOT MARINE BEARINGS: ORKOT C322 (TLM) MARINE** incorporates solid lubricants which enable dry running to ensure outstanding wear life. The material will operate without lubrication at pressures of 30 N/mm<sup>2</sup> for short periods and has been tested at pressures of 14.5 N/mm<sup>2</sup> with a velocity of 1.3m/min for 1.5 million cycles with minimum lubrication. ORKOT C322 (TLM) Marine is also suitable for the majority of water lubricated stern shaft systems.

**ORKOT TXM MARINE** is a high performance material which exhibits lower friction and wear properties than the TLM Marine grade. It is approved to operate without lubrication in rudder bearing applications and has been tested, with lubrication against stainless steel for submarine steering gear at 57 N/mm<sup>2</sup> at 1m/min. In other areas without lubrication the ORKOT TXM Marine material has been especially effective in eliminating stick slip problems associated with dry running conditions giving the materials a broad range of hydro applications. ORKOT TXM Marine is especially suitable for low shaft velocities as used in submarine or naval surface ship stern shafts.

It should be noted that ORKOT materials are not suitable for use in high speed grease or oil lubricated stern shaft systems.

Orkot® TLM and TXM Marine is approved by all major marine classification societies including: Lloyds, DNV, ABS, GL, BV and NKK.



**KEY FEATURES:** Low Coefficient of Friction • High Load Capacity • Good Chemical Resistance • Fitting by Pressing, Freezing, Adhesives, & Mechanical Methods • Operates in Fresh and Salt Water without Lubrication • Damping of Vibration • Ease of Machining • Accommodation of Shaft Misalignment • Reduced Thermal Softening & Minimal Creep • Dimensional Stability • Does not Encourage Galvanic Corrosion • Swell in Water of many grades <0.1% • Contains no Asbestos or Environmentally Hazardous/Toxic Substances.



**TYPICAL APPLICATIONS:** Many successful applications for ORKOT involve highly loaded bearings or pads operating with intermittent or oscillating movements. ORKOT bearings are successfully used against many different counter face materials including hardened steel, stainless steel, gun metal, chrome plated steel, ceramic coated steel, and nitrided surfaces. In steel mills ORKOT C321 (TL Grade) is a suitable replacement for metallic bearings on cylinder rod ends as the outer ring due to its resistant to vibrations, dirt and hot water. ORKOT materials do not build up static charge and are suitable for applications in which interference with magnetic or electric fields must be prevented. ORKOT materials are resistant to many chemicals. They do not corrode and are unaffected by many solvents, inorganic solutions and weak acids. Water based chemicals can also act as lubricants.

**MACHINING:** ORKOT materials are readily machinable by conventional machine shop techniques. As a general guide methods used for brass, aluminium or lignum vitae apply for ORKOT materials. It is preferable to use tungsten carbide cutting tools with cutting speeds of 5.5 metres per second. ORKOT materials must be machined dry without the use of coolant. ORKOT materials are easily drilled using either conventional high speed steel or carbide tipped drills.

**APPLICATIONS:** Rudder Bearings | Stern Shaft Bearings | Staves | Linkage Bearings | Main Shaft Bearings | Shaft Seals & Bearings | Radial Bearings | Hinge Bearings | Seal Rings | Wear Pads | Thrust Washers & Bearings | Stabiliser Bearings | Deck Machinery Bearings | Sonar Bushing & Guide Strips | Crane Mast Bearings | Door Bushes | Steering Gear Bearings | Slipway Pads | Bushes | Wear Rings | Spherical Bearings Assemblies | Guide Ring for Pistons or Rod | Cylinder Rod & Bearing | Slide Pads

**DEFORMATION AND ELASTICITY:** ORKOT materials exhibit elastic deformation under compressive loads. The plastic or permanent deformation can be ignored as long as the permissible load of 120 N/mm<sup>2</sup> is not exceeded. Under the technically permissible load, elastic deformation is approximately 10% of the material thickness. These figures are valid for compressive loads perpendicular to the direction of lamination. It should also be noted that the permissible load and deformation are heavily dependent on temperature. Recommendations for the correct load direction as a function of the different types of load are shown in Figure 1.

**ORKOT composite materials are applicable for a wide range of markets to include:** Railways • Off-Road Vehicles • Process Equipment • Injection Moulding Machines • Pumps and Valves • Lifting and Handling Equipment • Paper Machines • Steel Mills • Water Filtration Plants • Hydraulic Cylinders • Food Industry (FDA Approved)

		RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
TYPES OF LOAD	COMPRESSIVE		
	TENSILE		
	FLEXURAL		
	SHEARING		

Figure 1: Types of load as a function of the fabric layers





**AVAILABILITY:** **ORKOT** is available as fully machined components or can be supplied as raw material in sheet / rod / tube form. Components supplied from flat laminate are available in lengths up to 3000mm. Tube and rod available in sizes from 10mm - 2000mm.

**ORKOT TXMM** bearing material is available in tube and sheet form or can be supplied fully machined to the customers drawing. The material can be supplied in sizes from 25mm - 1680mm diameter. Sheet sizes of 609mm x 1219mm and 406mm x 2997mm and in any thickness up to 100mm.

MATERIAL PROPERTIES	UNITS	ORKOT C322 (TLM MARINE)	TXM MARINE
<b>GENERAL</b>		Exceptional wear resistance Low swell rate, low friction	Excellent mechanical strength Exceptional wear resistance Virtually no swell in water Superior dimensional stability
<b>Compressive Strength</b> Normal to Laminate Parallel to Laminate	N/mm <sup>2</sup> N/mm <sup>2</sup>	346 92	>280 >90
<b>Tensile Strength</b>	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	60	>55
<b>Flexural Strength</b>	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	>65	>65
<b>Elastic Modulus</b> Bending Tensile	N/mm <sup>2</sup> x 10 <sup>4</sup> N/mm <sup>2</sup> x 10 <sup>4</sup>	0.19 0.32	0.18 0.32
<b>Shear Strength</b>	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	80	80
<b>Impact Strength Charpy Unnotched</b> Normal to Laminate	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	122	122
<b>Hardness Rockwell M</b>		100	100
<b>Density</b>	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.3	1.3
<b>Water Absorption</b>	%	<0.1	<0.1
<b>Coefficient of Linear Expansion</b> Temperature Range +20 °C to +100 °C Perpendicular to Laminate Parallel to Laminate	10 <sup>-5</sup> /°C	9-10 5-6	9-10 5-6
<b>Max. Operating Temperature</b>	°C	130	130
<b>Min. Operating Temperature</b>	°C	-40	-40
<b>Operating Temperature</b> Range for Normal use	°C	-30/65	-30/65
<b>Sliding Properties*</b>		0.13	0.05-0.10

\*Typical coefficient of friction running dry against a corrosion resistant surface such as a stainless steel. Bearing pressure 15 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

MATERIAL PROPERTIES	UNITS	C321 (TL GRADE)	C320 (TLG GRADE)
<b>GENERAL</b>		High compressive strength, low swell rate, resistant to gamma radiation	High Wear Resistance High permissible surface pressure, vibration damping
<b>Compressive Strength</b> Normal to Laminate Parallel to Laminate	N/mm <sup>2</sup> N/mm <sup>2</sup>	345 95	345 92
<b>Tensile Strength</b>	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	55	65
<b>Flexural Strength</b>	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	>65	>65
<b>Modulus of Elasticity Tension</b>	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	3200	3200
<b>Density</b>	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.25	1.30
<b>Water Absorption</b>	%	<0.1	<0.1
<b>Hardness Rockwell M</b>		100	100
<b>Coefficient of Linear Expansion</b> Temperature Range +20 °C to +100 °C Perpendicular to Laminate Parallel to Laminate	10 <sup>-5</sup> /°C	9-10 5-6	9-10 5-6
<b>Max. Operating Temperature</b>	°C	+130	+130
<b>Max. Application Temperature in Water</b>	°C	+100	+100
<b>Min. Operating Temperature</b>	°C	-40	-40
<b>Thermal Conductivity</b>	W/m <sup>2</sup> K	0.293	0.293
<b>Insulation Resistance</b>	MOhm	2000	-
<b>Dielectric Strength at 90°C</b> Perpendicular to Fabric	V/mm	210	-
<b>Dielectric Constant up to 1MHz (permittivity)</b>		3.1	-

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