



KIS Slewing Rings



Rethinking Rotation.



Established in 1990 in Dortmund, Germany, **KIS Antriebstechnik GmbH & Co. KG** offers a broad variety of customised rotating solutions and product developments in bearing technology to customers worldwide.

A family-owned 2nd generation company founded 34 years ago, KIS has demonstrated niche leadership by becoming a global success story with its products distributed in over 45 countries worldwide. Developed in close collaboration with the client for specific applications, KIS products are not standardised catalogue goods but individually optimised solutions.



KIS Bearings and Slewing Rings :

- ✓ Development and design of customer-specific system or individual part solutions
- ✓ Meticulous prototyping process
- ✓ Monitoring of production and assembly
- ✓ Extensive quality checks and practical tests



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- ✓ Self-sufficiency through sector coupling with PV systems, high-tech heat pumps & modern storage systems
- ✓ Carbon neutrality through self-supply in Scopes 1 & 2 from 2027 at the latest

Fully Equipped Measurement Laboratory:

- ✓ Hardness test
- ✓ Lubricant analysis
- ✓ Profiling and dimensional inspection
- ✓ Noise & vibration
- ✓ Material analysis
- ✓ Surface texture
- ✓ Microscopic examination
- ✓ Function test
- ✓ Wear analysis



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KIS in Numbers



- Headquarters**
Germany | China | Singapore
- Commercial Agencies**
Netherlands | Turkey | Spain ...

1990



Established in Germany

40%



Sales abroad

60%



Sales in Germany

9.000



Products

5.500



Custom bearings

80



Employees
worldwide

45



Customers in 45
countries worldwide

Slewing Rings



Slewing rings are structural elements used as rotating joints in large machines and systems. As versatile roller bearings with a large diameter, they ensure the simultaneous transmission of axial, radial and tilting moment loads with low friction.

Installation:

Not mounted on a shaft or in a housing like ball/roller bearings, but axially fastened via bolted connection of the rings to the adjacent structure

Mounting positions:

Usually horizontal, but also possible in suspended or vertical orientations

Basic design:

Single-row → inner and outer ring

Multi-row → up to three rings

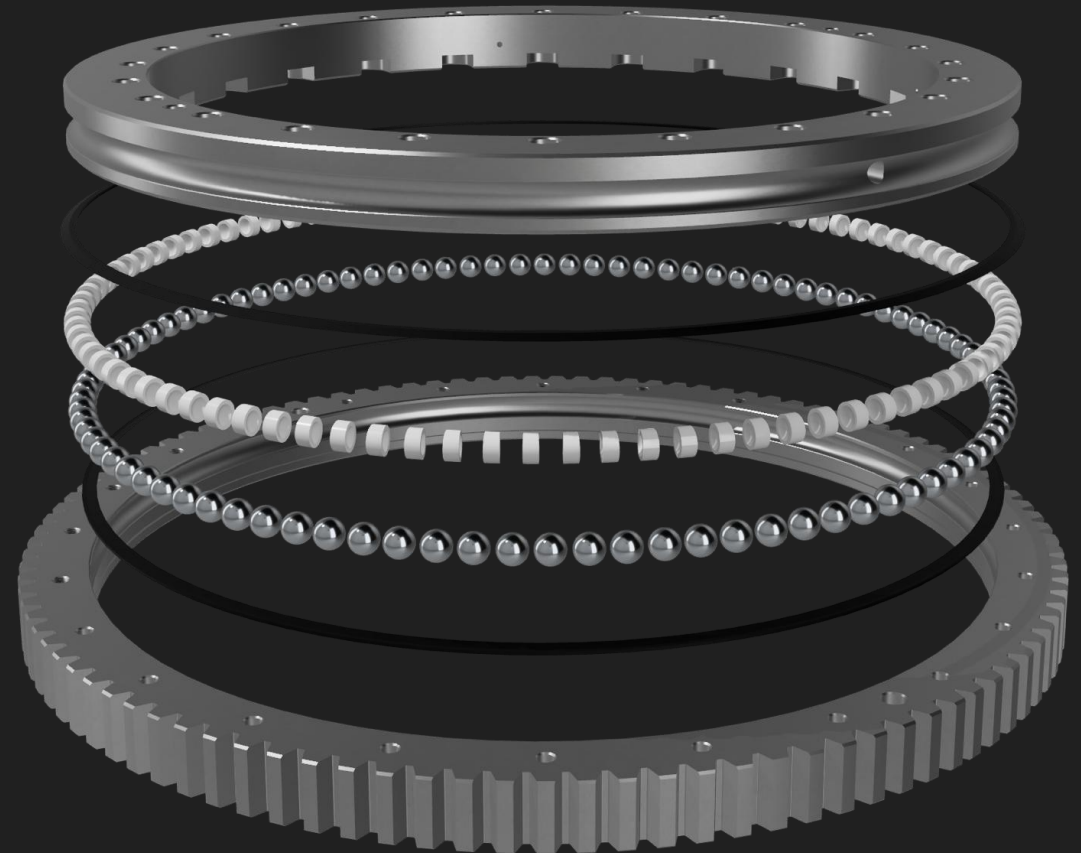
Rolling elements guided and separated by retainers, retainer segments or spacers, sealed raceways with grease lubrication

Types:

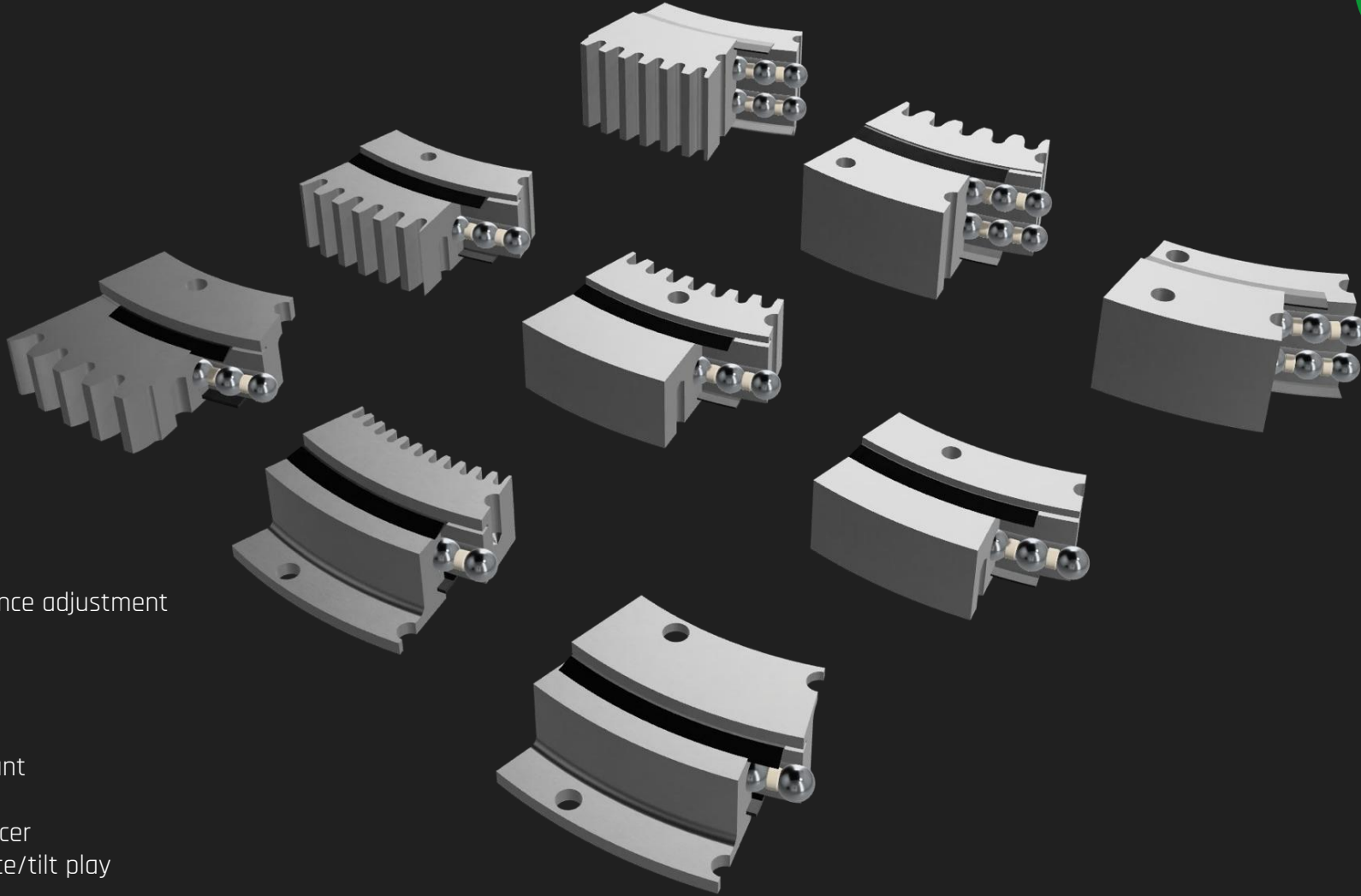
Ball slewing bearings

Roller slewing bearings

⚠ Special designs for application-specific requirements



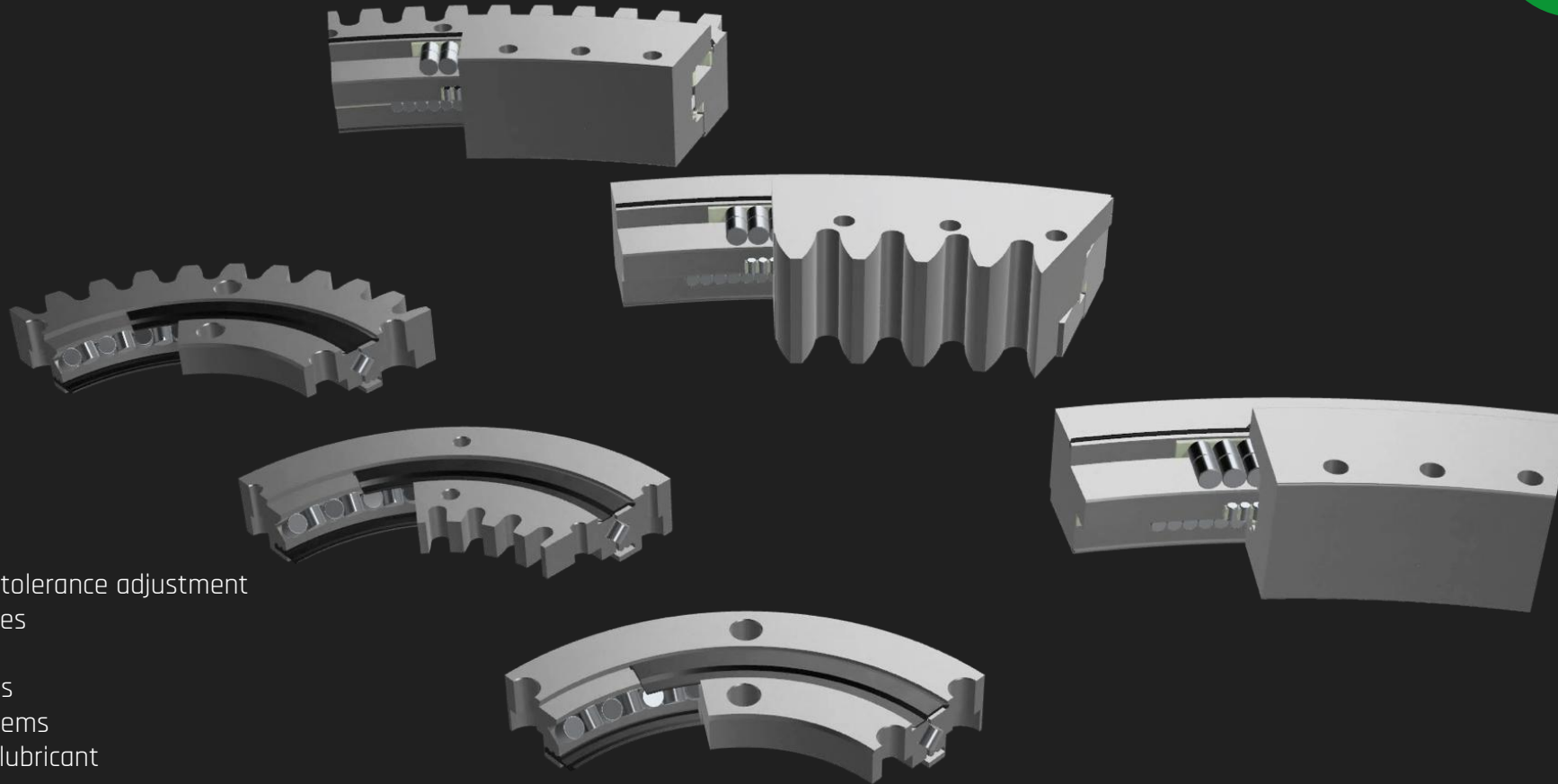
Ball Bearing Slewing Rings



Manufacturing options (with-/out flange, double row)

- Special dimensions
- Application-specific tolerance adjustment
- Specific gear qualities
- Indiv. bore patterns
- Material adaptations
- Special sealing systems
- Application specific lubricant
- Coating variants
- Special cage variants/spacer
- Specified bearing clearance/tilt play
- Paint finish

Roller Bearing Slewing Rings



Manufacturing options (double/triple row)

- Special dimensions
- Application-specific tolerance adjustment
- Specific gear qualities
- Indiv. bore patterns
- Material adaptations
- Special sealing systems
- Application specific lubricant
- Coating variants
- Special cage variants/spacer
- Specified bearing clearance/tilt play
- Paint finish

Ring Materials



Standard Ring Materials

- Low-alloy, heat-treatable steels
- Seamless rolled rings, commonly:
 - **42CrMo4**
 - **50Mn**
 - **C45**
- Temperature application range: **-20 °C to +120 °C**
 - **Short-term up to +150 °C** (depending on lubrication & sealing)

Heat Treatment & Application

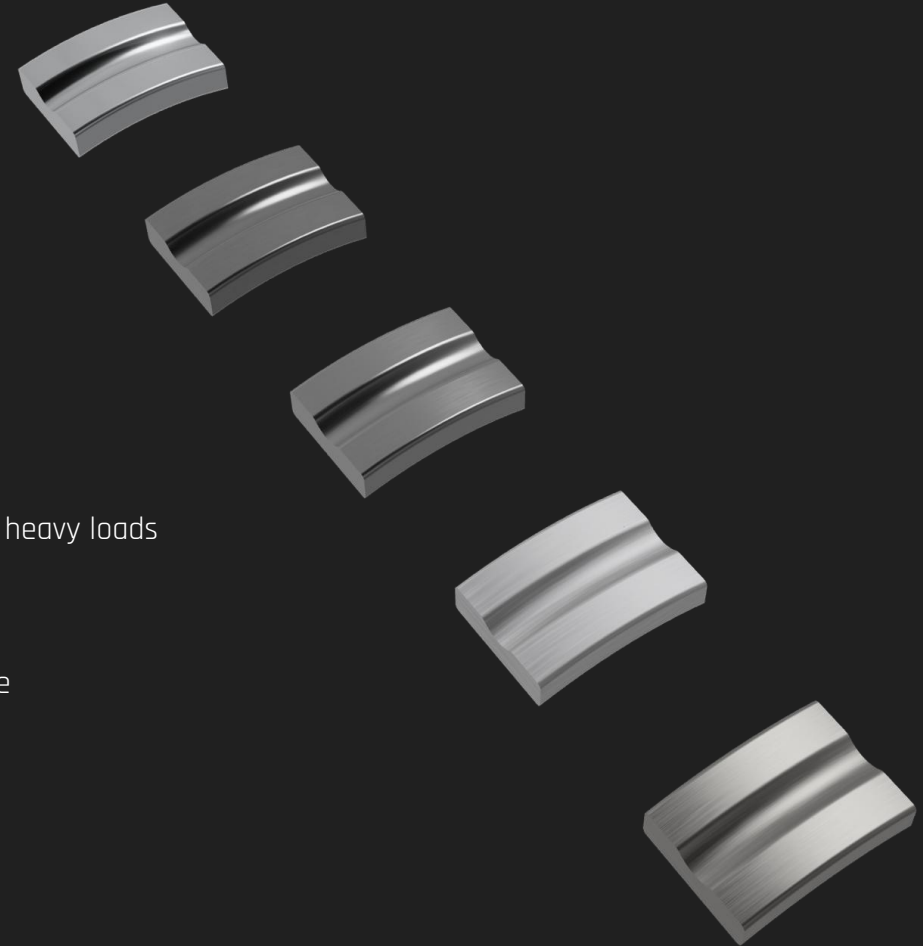
Normalized steels: suitable for general applications

Quenched & tempered steels: higher strength, preferred for slewing bearings and gears under heavy loads

Special Materials for Demanding Environments

- **Stainless steel** (e.g. martensitic chromium steel 1.4034) → high humidity, saline atmosphere
- **Hardened steel alloys** → increased wear resistance
- **Case-hardened or nitrided steels** → improved surface hardness
- **Steels for cryogenic applications** → extreme low temperatures

Note: KIS provides material solutions tailored to application-specific requirements.



Retainer and Spacers



Function

Separation and uniform arrangement of rolling elements
Reduction of friction and wear by preventing direct contact between rolling elements
Ensuring defined raceway kinematics

Materials

Plastics (PA6, PA1010, PVC)

- lightweight, corrosion-resistant, cost-effective
- application range: ≤ 70 °C, low to medium loads

Brass

- high dimensional stability, good sliding properties, temperature resistant
- suitable for > 70 °C, medium to high loads

Steel

- very high strength and stiffness
- for extreme loads and demanding operating conditions

Manufacturing Options

Injection molding (plastics): economical for large series, complex geometries

Turning/milling (metals): high precision, suitable for small series

Stamping/bending (sheet cages): cost-efficient for series production, robust design

Properties & Design Criteria

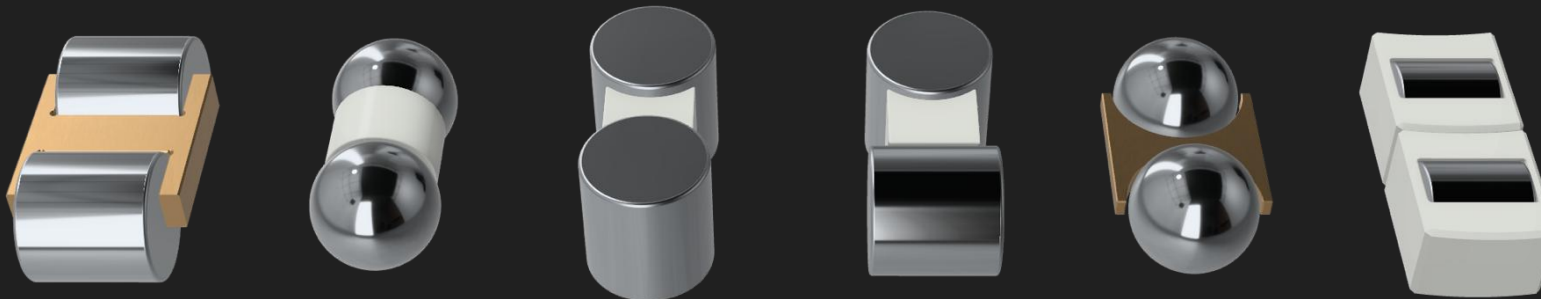
- Temperature and media resistance
- Weight and mass inertia
- Wear and friction behavior
- Noise generation during operation
- Service life depending on lubrication and load profile

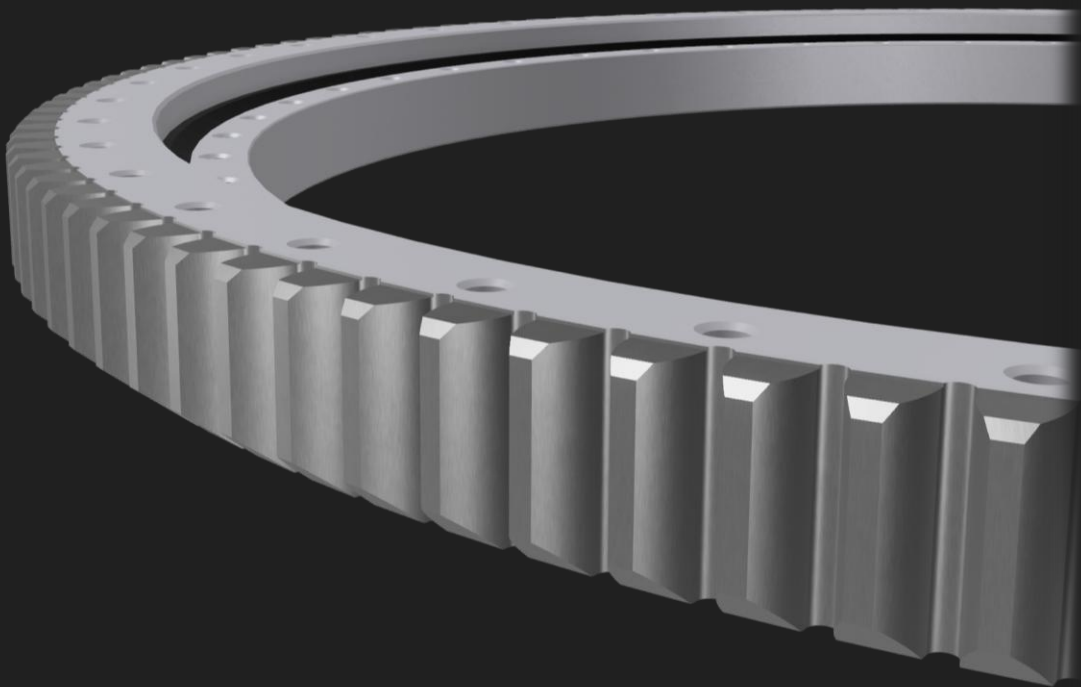
Customised Solutions

Application-specific design of cages and spacers

Adaptation of geometry, material, and manufacturing process

Development of special solutions for challenging loads and environmental conditions

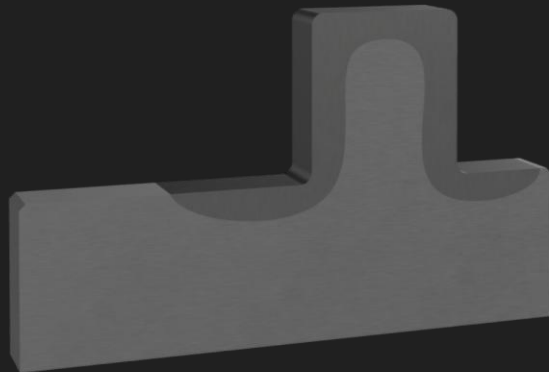
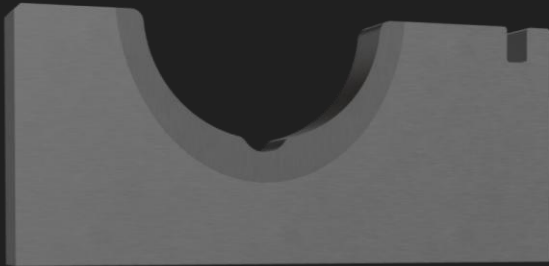




Surface solutions according to DIN EN ISO 12944 - including corrosion protection coatings, preservation and customized paint finishes (RAL or color palette)

Corrosivity Category	Environmental Description	Corrosivity Level
C1	Dry indoor areas	Very low, non-aggressive
C2	Indoor areas with occasional humidity/sheltered outdoor areas	Low to moderately aggressive
C3	Industrial atmosphere, urban outdoor climate	Moderately aggressive - indoor/outdoor
C4	Chemically polluted industrial environment/coastal areas with low salinity	High
C5 (industrial)	Aggressive industrial atmosphere with high humidity	Very high, strongly aggressive
C5 - M (marine)	Coastal and offshore areas with high salt concentration	Very high, marine strongly aggressive

Raceway Hardening and Performance



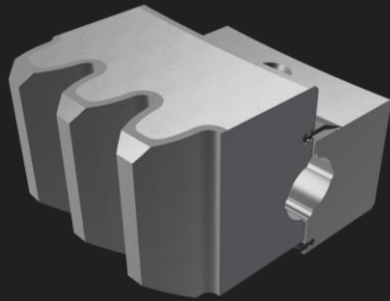
The ball and roller raceways of the rings are manufactured from alloyed, quenched-and-tempered steel, precision-finished and induction hardened to ensure maximum load-carrying capacity and extended service life.

- Surface hardening is one of the decisive factors for the functional reliability and lifetime of a slewing ring
- Achieved hardness level: min. 55 HRC, providing high wear resistance under rolling contact fatigue
- Effective hardening depth is defined by the maximum shear stress location according to Hertzian contact theory and size of the rolling elements
- Due to the induction process, each raceway contains a soft transition zone, an unhardened section between the start and end of hardening. This zone is technologically unavoidable, but considered in the design to maintain operational safety

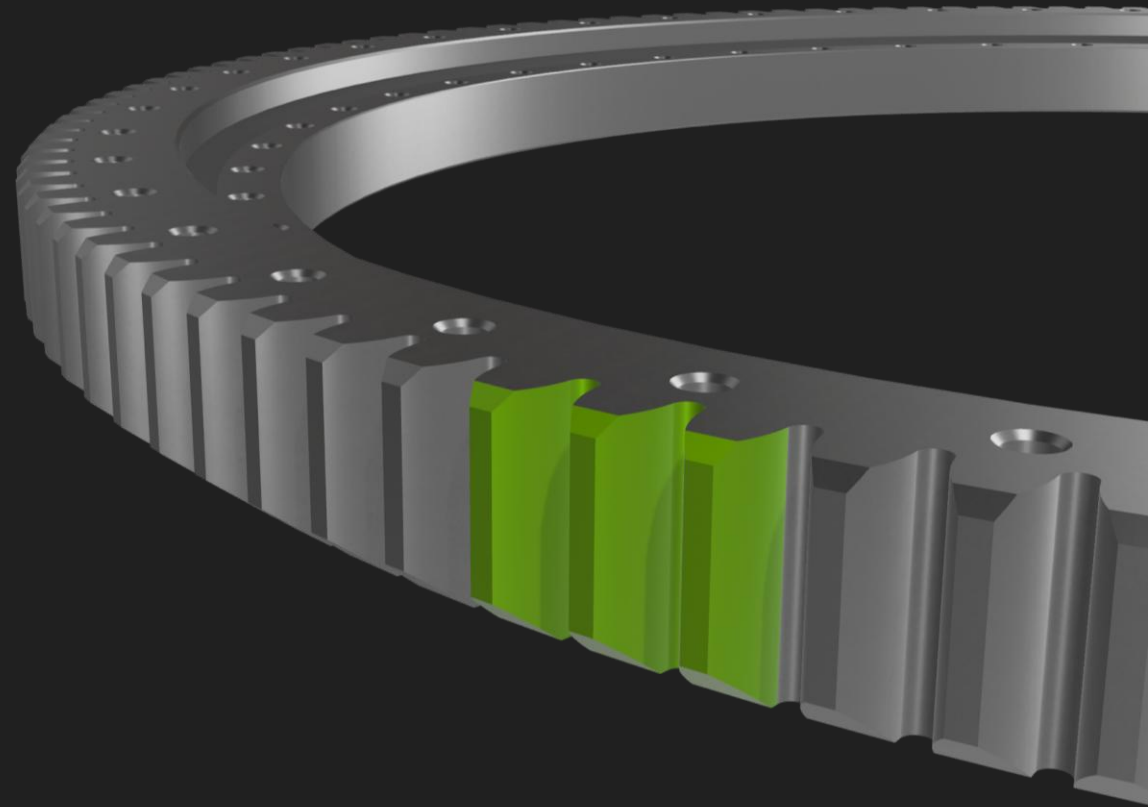
Gears



- Straight, helical or special gearing
- Gear hardness: Either normalized (base material) or induction-hardened



- Hardening mainly at tooth root/flanks, depending on module size
- Surface hardness: 55 ± 4 HRC, with depth optimized to prevent pitting and tooth breakage
- Runout accuracy influenced by machining & heat treatment
- Max. runout deviation marked by 3 coloured teeth
- Center tooth = peak deviation



Gears

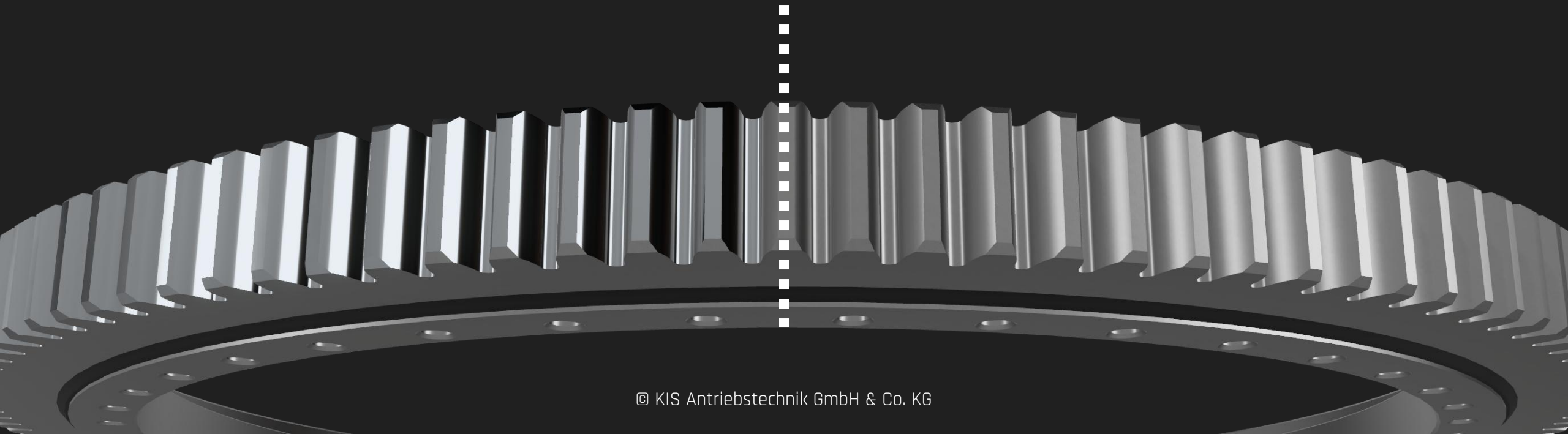


Ground gears:

- Higher profile and flank accuracy → Improved tooth geometry, leading to lower pitch and runout deviation
- Reduce surface roughness (R_a , R_z) → Less friction, lower noise emission
- Improved load distribution across tooth flanks → Reduced risk of local stress peaks and premature wear
- Increased transmission accuracy
- Lower backlash variation
- Extended service life
- Better compatibility with hardened surfaces

Milled gears:

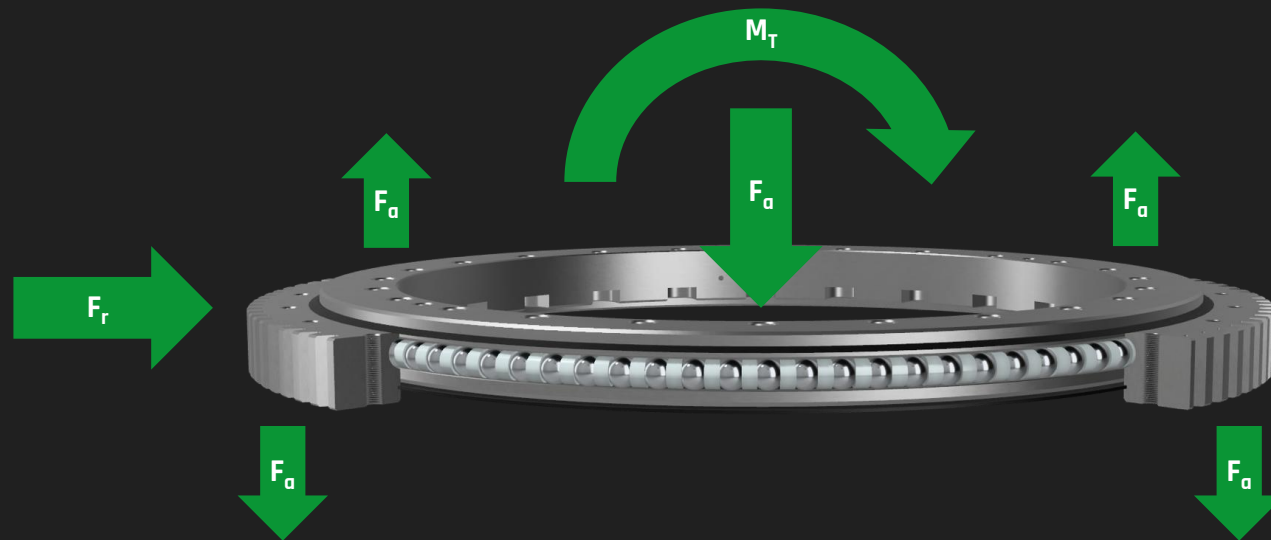
- Well suited for moderate loads and speeds
- Precise tooth profiles for exact power transmission
- Robust surface finish
- Can be used without tooth corrections
- Flexibility in geometry
- Cost-effective solution for standard applications



Individual Load Profiles



- Application specific raceway profiles for complex load collectives
- Optimized induction hardening depth based on Hertzian contact mechanics
- Robust cross-section design provides reliable absorption of radial forces
- Large diameter combined with multi-row design offers high resistance to tilting moments
- High load safety factors
- Precision finishing
- Special design for hanging applications
- Manufactured with optimized flatness and runout accuracies
- Reduced bearing clearance (axial/radial) or with precise defined preload

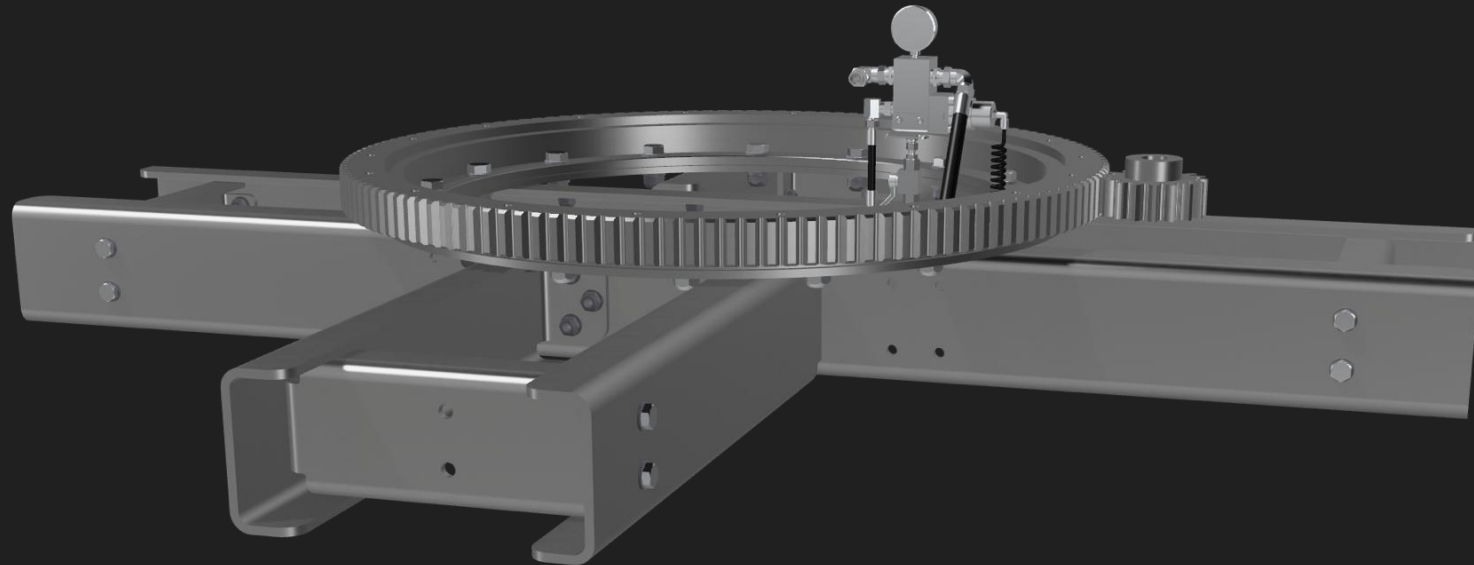


Turnkey Solutions



Application specific system solutions including ...

- Slewing ring
- Pinion
- Lubrication solution
- Sealing systems
- Fastening solutions
- Surface protections
- Integration of sensors
- Connecting elements (e.g. pre-assembled steel frames and constructions)
- Turnkey assembled modules
- Reconditioning/Lifecycle Service



80% of Bearing Failures are Lubrication-Related



$$L_{10m(h)} = a_1 a_{ISO} \left(\frac{C}{P} \right)^p$$






$$a_{ISO} = 0.1 \times \left[1 - \left(2.5671 - \frac{2.2649}{\kappa^{0.154381}} \right)^{0.83} \times \left(\frac{e_c \cdot C_u}{P} \right)^{1/3} \right]^{-9.3}$$

für $0.1 \leq \kappa < 0.4$

The **a_{ISO}-Extension of lifetime equation** (ISO 281) takes into account:

1. **Lubrication quality: Viscosity, depending on temperature (κ)**
2. **Lubricant purity (e_c)**
3. **Material quality & internal design (C_u)**

This ensures that the classic L10 service life (based on load only) is more **practice-oriented**, as **80%** of bearing failures are caused by lubrication/contamination.

20%	 Unsuitable lubricant
20%	 Aged lubricant
15%	 Insufficient quantity
20%	 Solid contamination
5%	 Fluid contamination



Peter Kohl | Head of Application Technology

At KIS, we consider lubricant selection as crucial as the choice of bearing and internal design for every application development.
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KIS Expertise



The KIS engineering department develops **customized rotary solutions** tailored to the most demanding applications.

All designs are created according to customer requirements while complying with **international standards and regulations**:

- Validation of service life in accordance with **ISO TS 16281**
- Validation of bolts in accordance with **VDI 2230**
- Validation of gears in accordance with **ISO 6336**

Depending on the application, **advanced calculation and simulation methods** are applied to evaluate:

Load & Stress Analysis

- Load distribution in rolling elements (incl. pressure distribution on rollers)
- Stress levels in rings and interfaces
- Deformations and stiffness of the overall model
- Contact pressures and safety factors in raceways
- Bearing life calculation for each row and the complete system (ISO 16281)

Bolt & Gear Verification

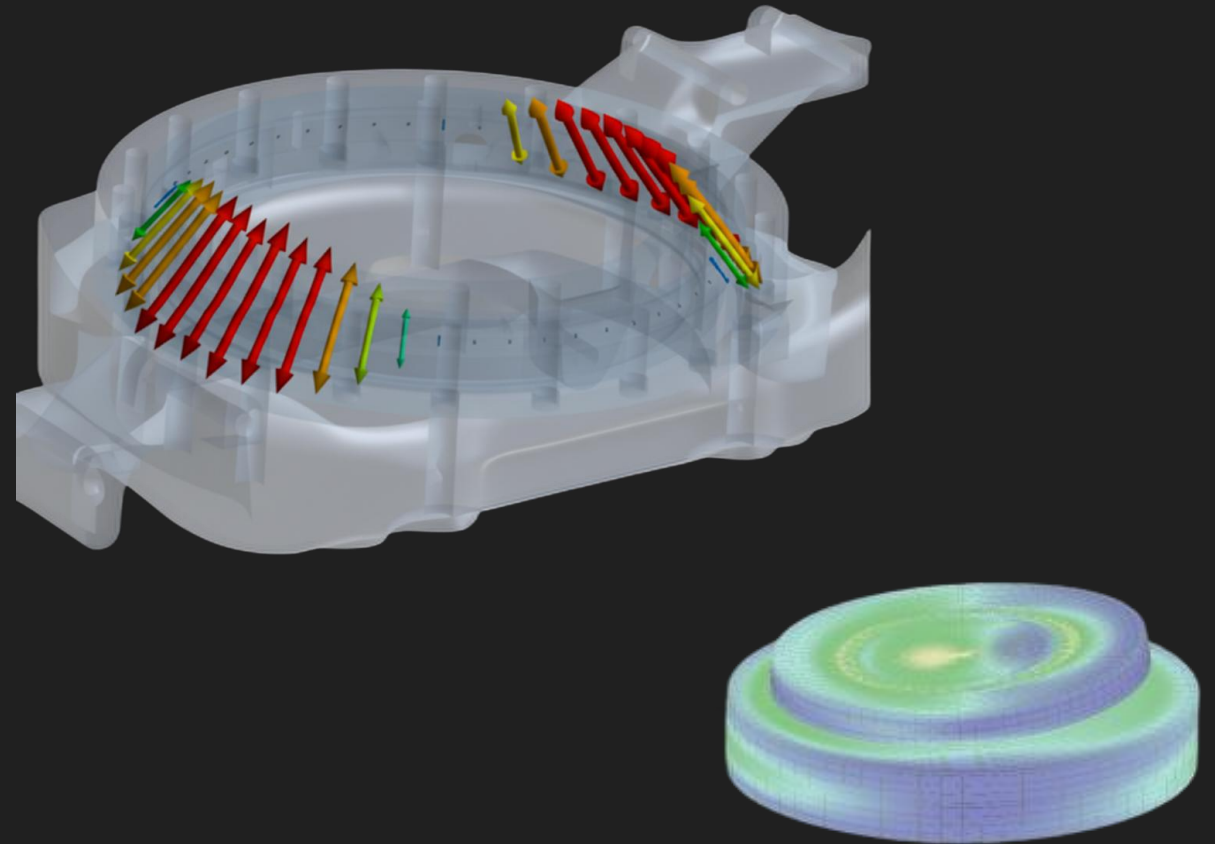
- Dimensioning and verification of gearings and bolt connections
- Consideration of bolt pretension and load variation effects

Geometry & Boundary Conditions

- Definition of bearing ring geometry (polygonal cross-sections)
- Application of loads on surfaces or single points
- Evaluation of geometric tolerances and alignment sensitivity

Operational Parameters

- Friction torque calculation
- Lubrication concept evaluation
- Safety against fatigue and wear
- Corrosion protection concepts
- Adaptation to extreme environments
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Batch Traceability

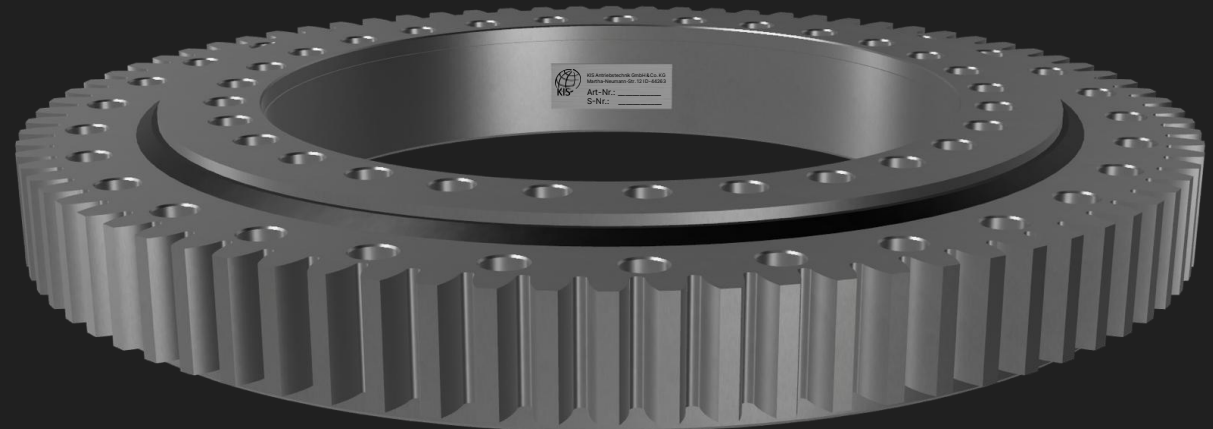


Our IT-supported Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) system, fully integrated with our production facilities, enables continuous monitoring of quality standards as well as seamless control of production and process flow. Each bearing type is assigned a **unique identification number (ID)**, which is permanently linked to all relevant manufacturing and material data.

In addition, comprehensive **batch traceability** ensures that every component and material lot can be clearly identified, tracked, and documented across the entire value chain – from raw material input through heat treatment and machining to final assembly. This enables precise **root-cause analysis** in the event of deviations, full **compliance with quality audits**, and guarantees **process transparency** for our customers.

By combining ID-based product identification with batch-level documentation, we achieve maximum traceability, reduce risk in the supply chain, and provide our customers with a verifiable foundation for **long-term operational reliability and safety**.

- 1 Standardized identification with durable nameplate
- 2 Alternative: Direct laser engraving for permanent marking
- 3 Customer-specific labelling to secure your spare parts business





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We look forward to receiving your technical specifications and designing the optimal KIS solution for you!



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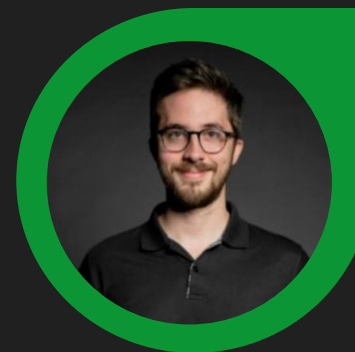


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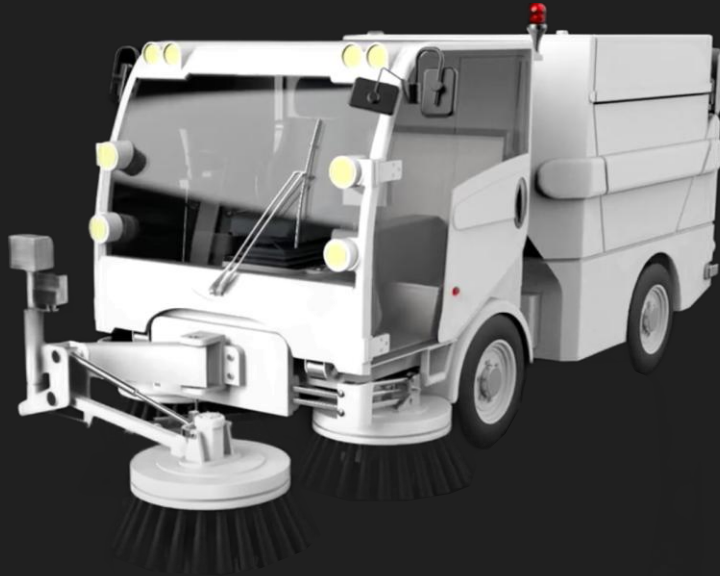
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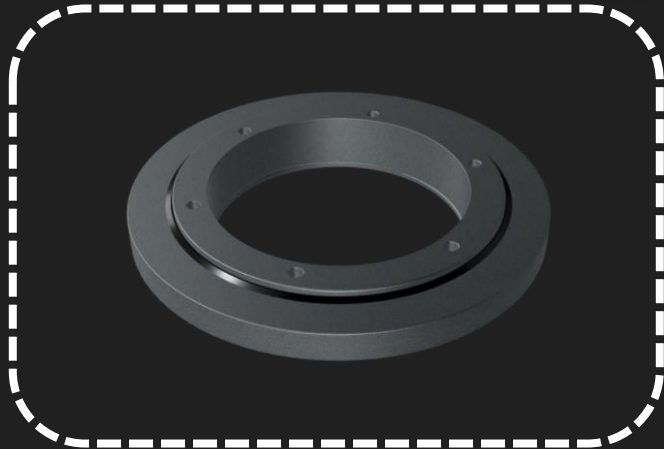
Applications

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Typical Product:

Ball slewing ring, without gear
Outer diameter: 350mm - 500mm



Urban Street Sweepers

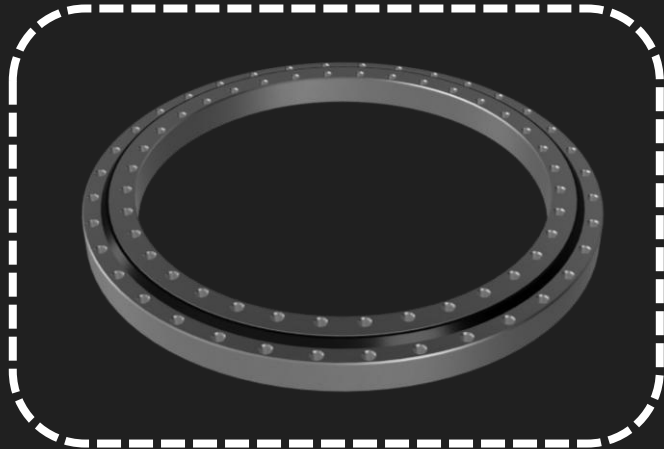
- Fe/Zn25/Cr3+ Coating against corrosion with tightly tolerated layer thickness
- Tighter tolerated internal clearance
- Grease optimization for longer service life
- Customized bore pattern
- Precise coaxiality of the bolt circle
- Groove at inner ring for pressure-tight shaft sealing
- Inner ring groove for anti-rotation pin
- Optimized inner geometry
- Individual relubrication options through application-specific lubrication-holes

Applications



Typical Product:

Ball slewing ring, without gear
Outer diameter: 800 mm - 1.500 mm



Heavy-Duty Mobile Crane

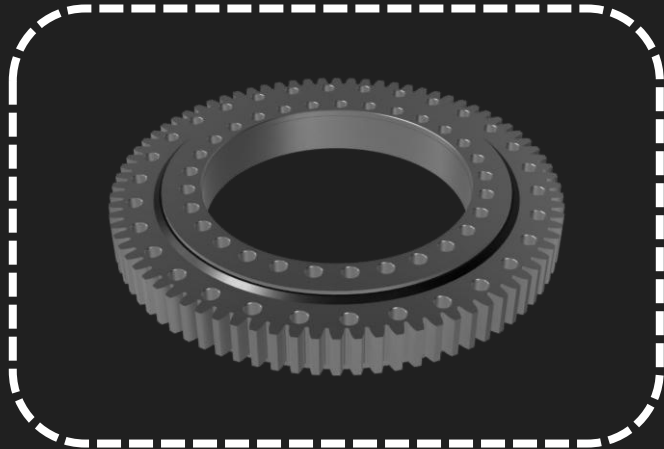
- Tightly controlled tilting clearance
- Optimized sealing system for demanding external conditions
- Optimized inner geometry
- Customized hole pattern including mounting holes for easier assembly
- Application-specific spacer geometry for rolling elements
- Tightly controlled bearing clearance
- Special outer geometry
- 100% pre-lubricated with defined lubricant

Applications



Typical Product:

Ball slewing ring, with gears
Outer diameter: 500 mm - 1.000 mm



Jet Sweeper

- Application-specific gear module
- Special design (outer geometry)
- Customized gearing
- Tightly controlled axial and radial clearance
- Application-optimized lubricant
- Lightweight design through reduced cross-section

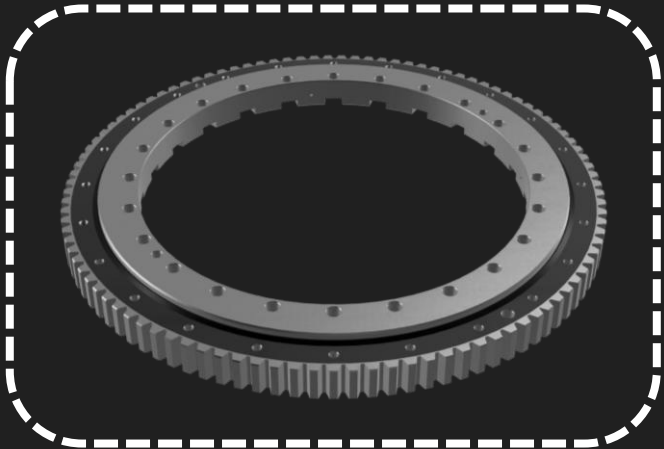
Applications



Typical Product:

Slewing ring, with gears

Outer diameter: 500 mm – 1.500 mm



Mobile Cranes and Height Access Technology

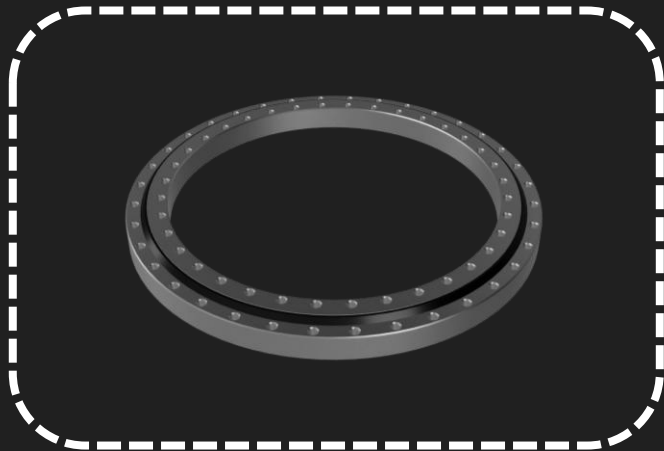
- Customized gear module
- Customer-specific coating in RAL color tone
- Tightly controlled axial and radial slewing ring clearance
- Tightly controlled flatness and runout
- Optimized inner geometry
- Optimized sealing lip system
- Customized bore pattern

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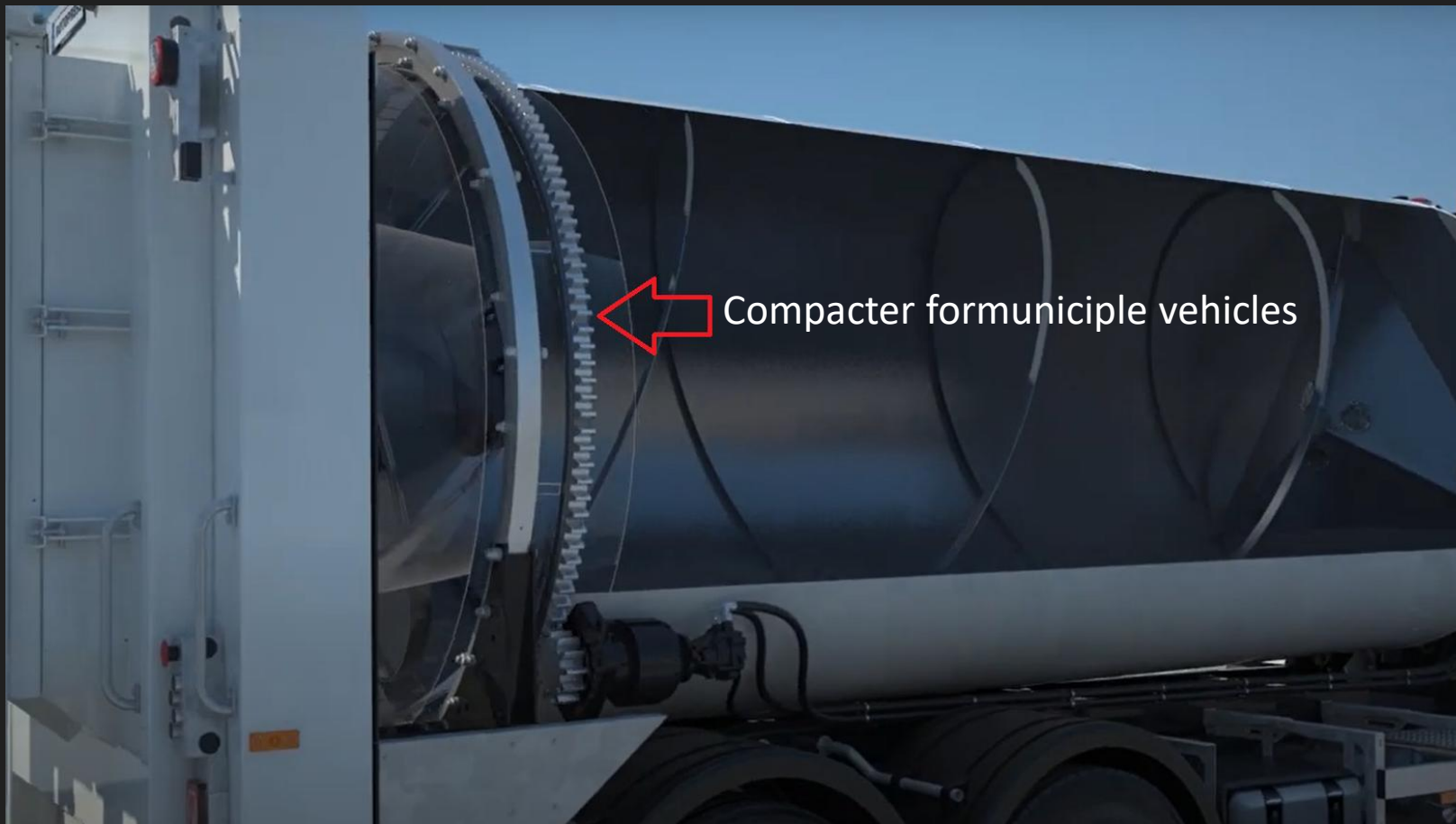
Typical Product:

Four point bearing, without gears
Outer diameter: 500 mm - 1.200 mm



Articulation Systems for Buses

- Lightweight design through reduced cross-section
- Four-point contact design for high rigidity and load capacity; operational reliability; extended service life
- Optimized sealing lip system
- Tightly controlled axial and radial clearance
- Grease optimization for longer service life
- Customized drilling pattern for easy maintenance



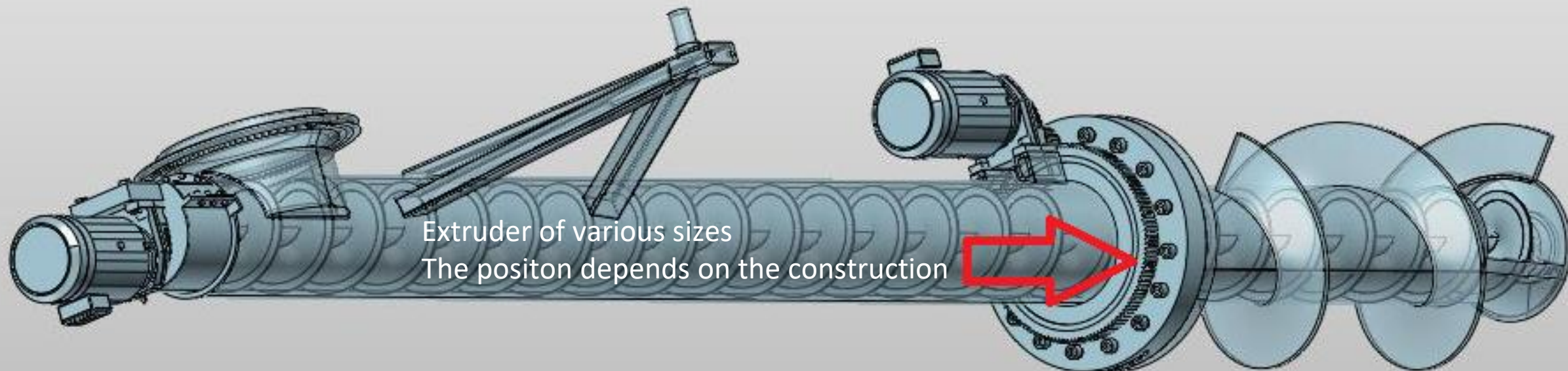


Rotating tower for cleaning
vehicles

The image shows a specialized orange truck, likely a mobile car wash or maintenance unit. It features a large rotating tower on its chassis, which houses various cleaning or maintenance equipment. A long, articulated boom extends from the tower, ending in a specialized tool head. The truck is parked on a paved road next to a grassy area. The text 'Rotating tower for cleaning vehicles' is overlaid on the side of the truck's body. The brand name 'MULLER' is visible on the side panel, and 'CANALMASTER' is visible on the rear section.

Forklift attachments for
Rotating and moving
pallets and heavy material

Malik



Extruder of various sizes
The position depends on the construction



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