



**RKB FOUR-ROW CYLINDRICAL  
ROLLER BEARINGS:**

**MULTIROLL NEW REINFORCED  
EXECUTION AF2D CLASS FOR  
ROLLING MILL STANDS**

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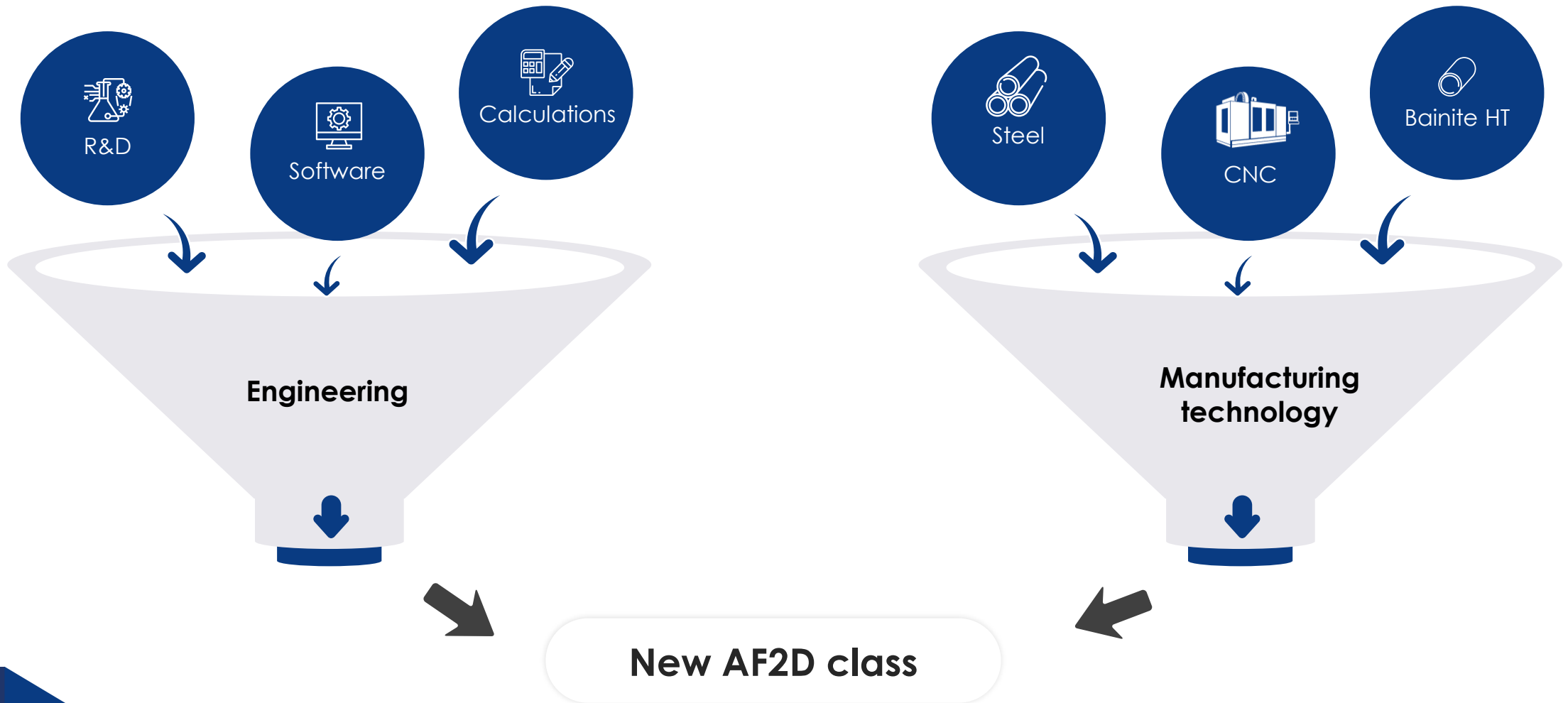
# RKB AF2D DESIGN – HISTORY

Activity	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
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The RKB AF2D design has been improved over the years!!!

# RKB LATEST TECHNOLOGY



# RKB NEW AF2D – BEARING DESIGN



## Bearing Design:

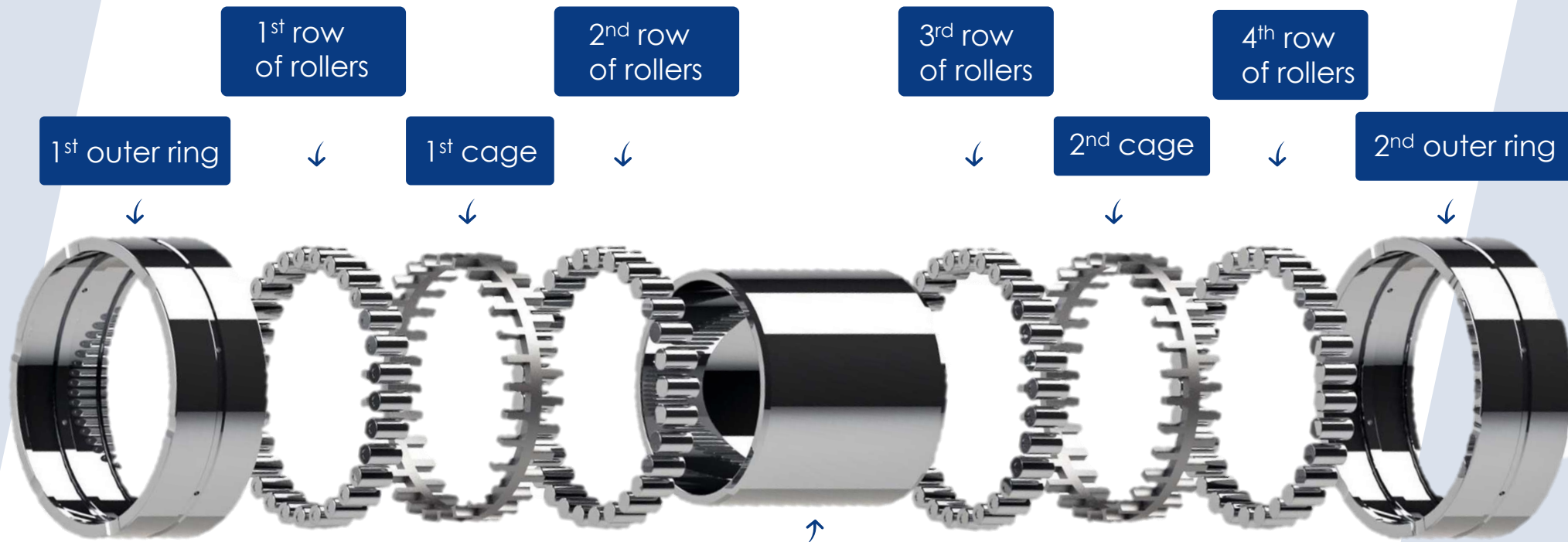
- Inner ring in one or two pieces, available with cylindrical or tapered bore
- Two double pronged machined steel cages\*, guided on rollers

*\*made from:*

- ISO C30
- ISO C35
- ISO C40
- ISO C45
- ISO 400-18

# RKB NEW AF2D – BEARING ASSEMBLY

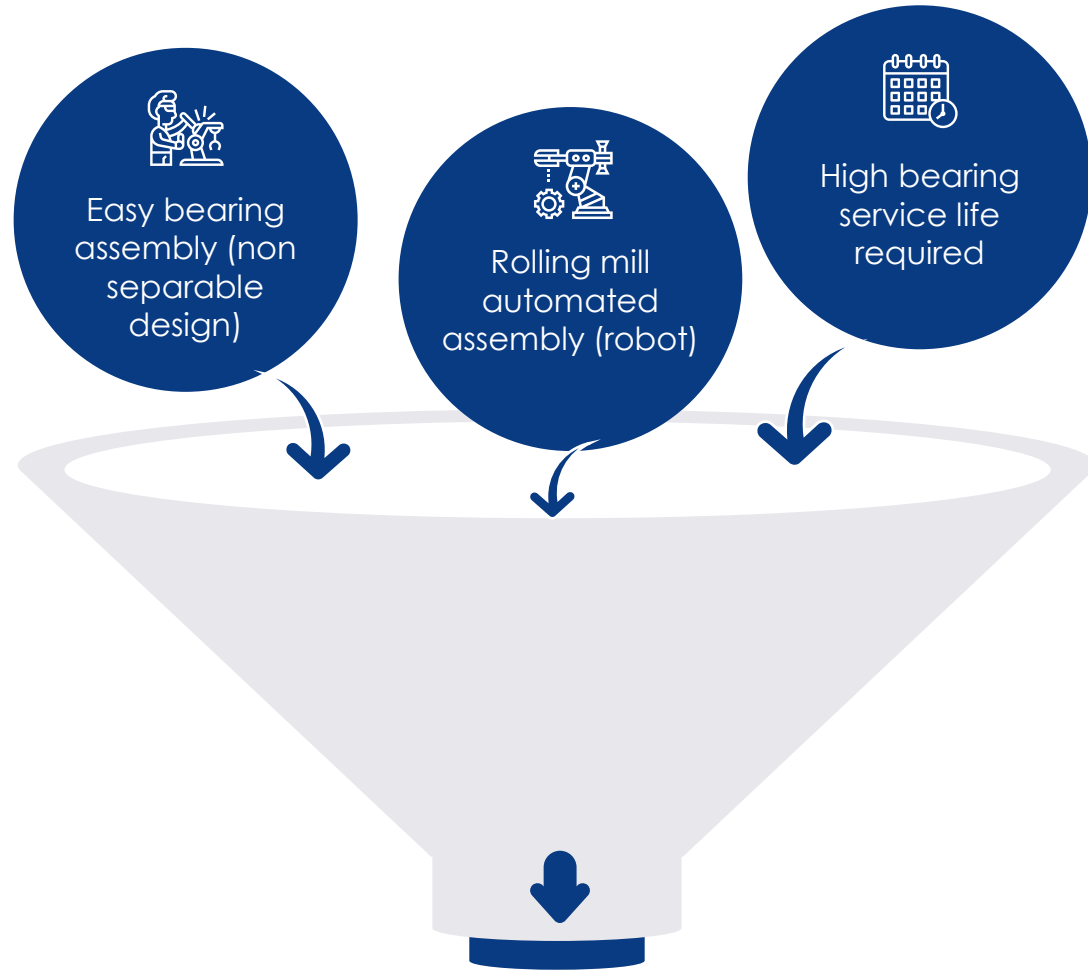
## Outer Assembly - R



Inner ring

## Inner Assembly - L

# RKB APPLICATION GUIDELINES



**New AF2D class**



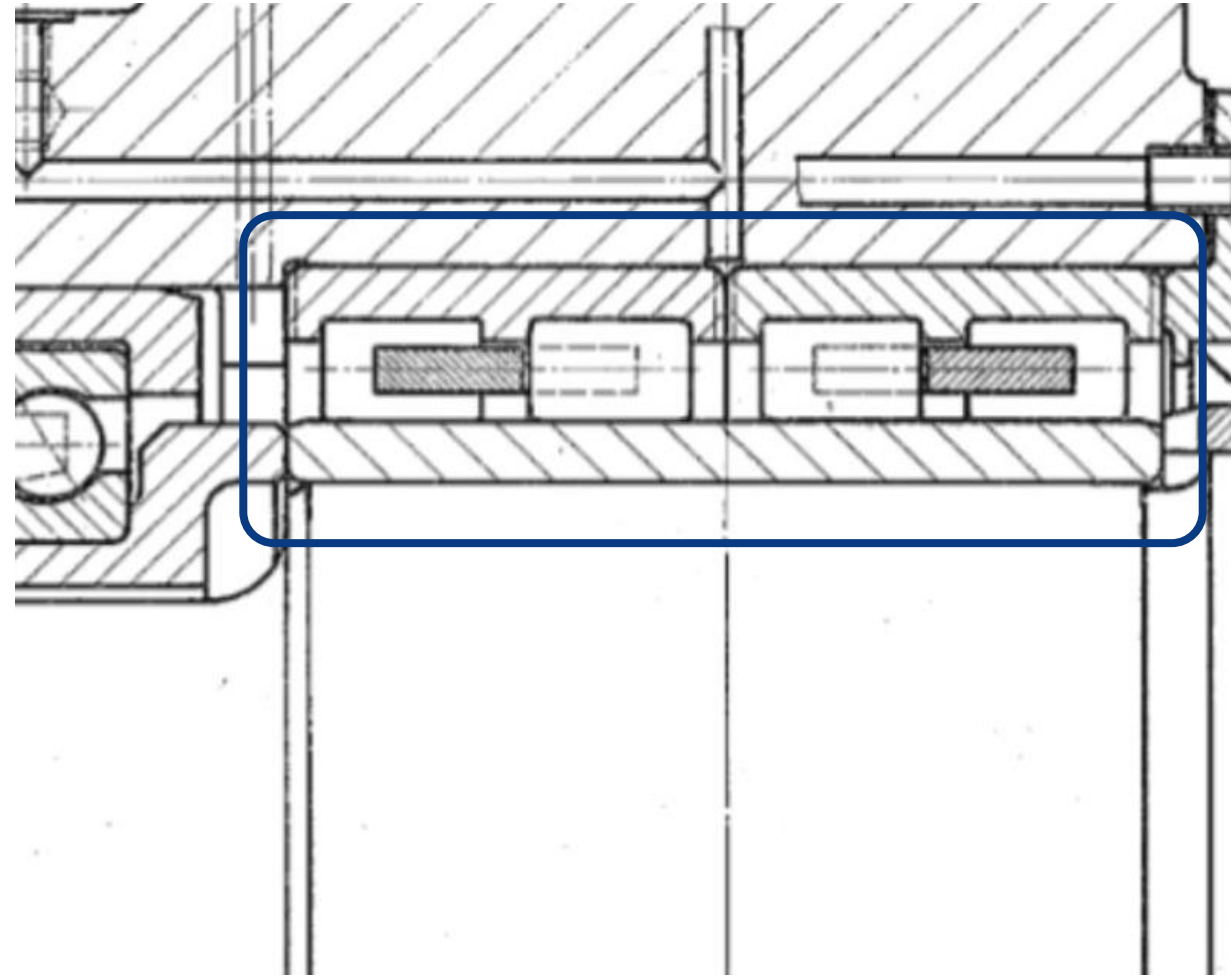
# ROLLING MILL STAND



**RKB R 313811** mounted on **Danieli** stand (Mexico) with oil mist lubrication



**RKB R 635194** mounted on **SMS Meer** stand (Germany) with grease lubrication



# ROLLING MILL STAND ASSEMBLY PROBLEM



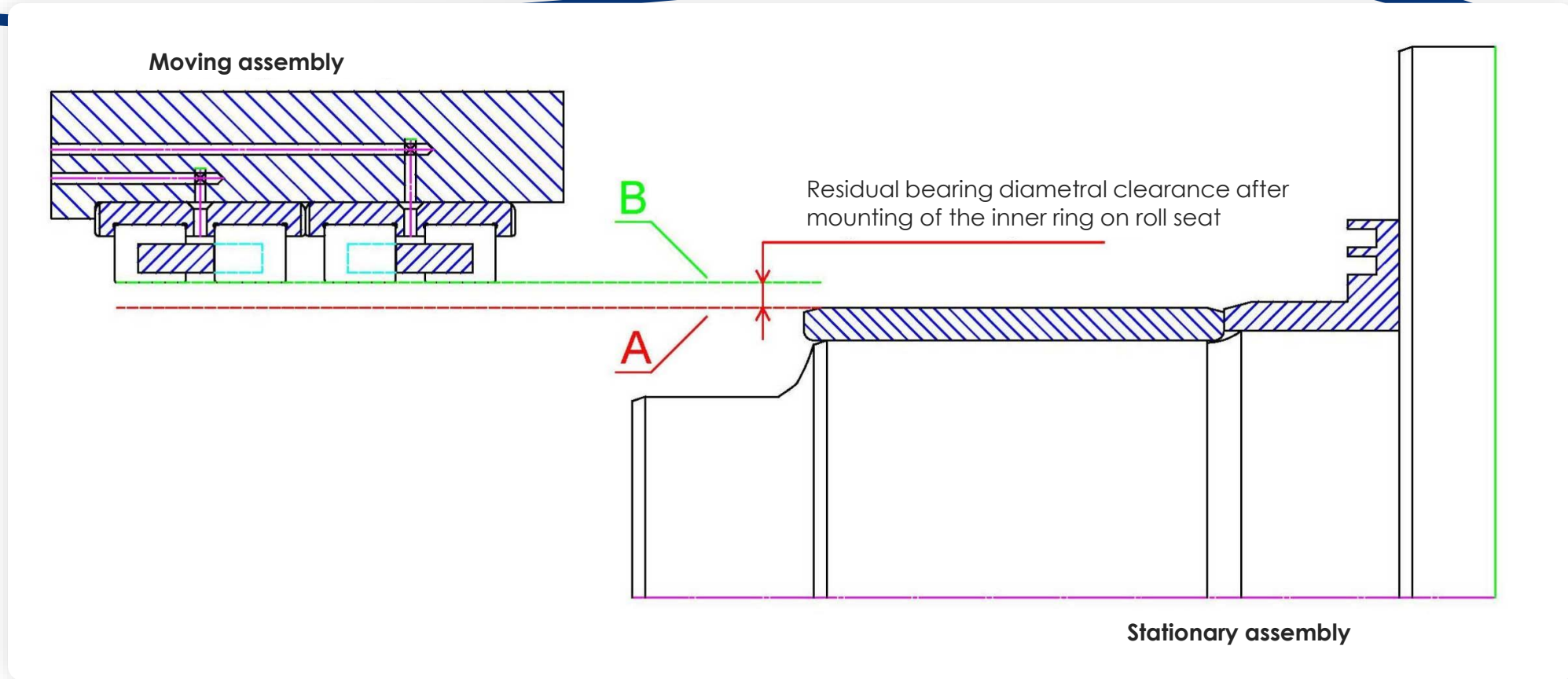
Assembly device of **Pomini** rolling mill stand (Italy) for stainless steel bars



The poor precision of the automatic assembly process (robot) leads to **MANY** early failures on not optimized multiroll bearings!!!



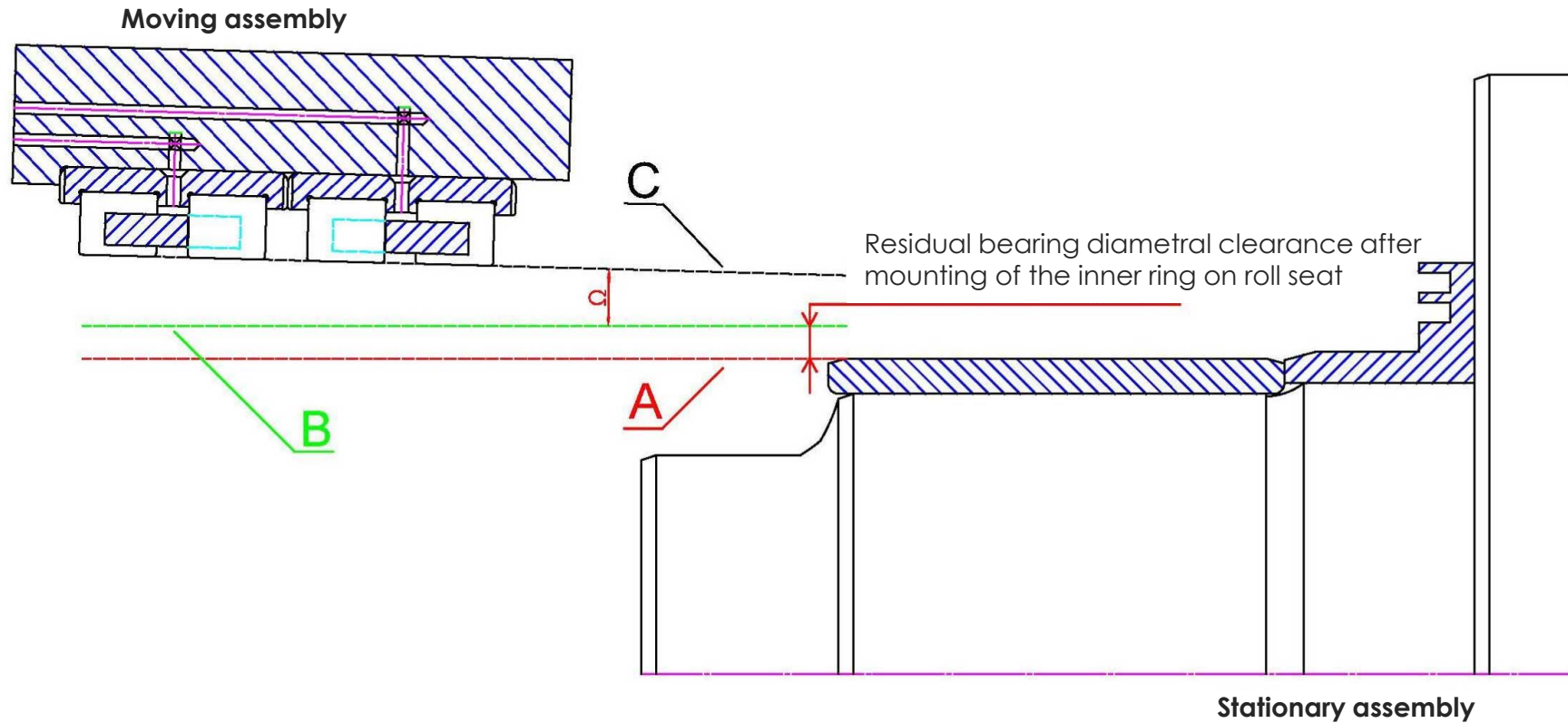
# ROLLING MILL STAND ASSEMBLY - THEORY



**A** Bearing inner ring fitted on roll

**B** **Theoretical** bearing outer ring assembly fitted on chock

# ROLLING MILL STAND ASSEMBLY - REALITY

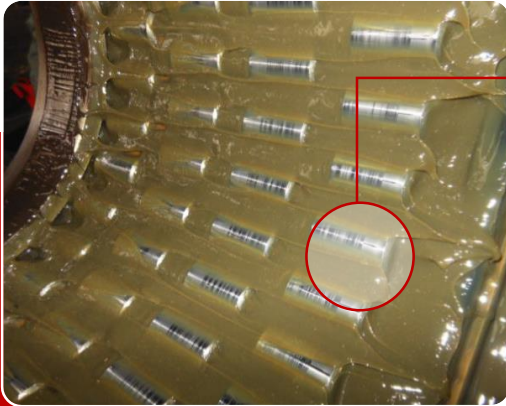


**A** Bearing inner ring fitted on roll

**B** **Theoretical** bearing outer ring assembly fitted on chock

**C** **Real** bearing outer ring assembly fitted on chock (**very poor alignment!!!**)

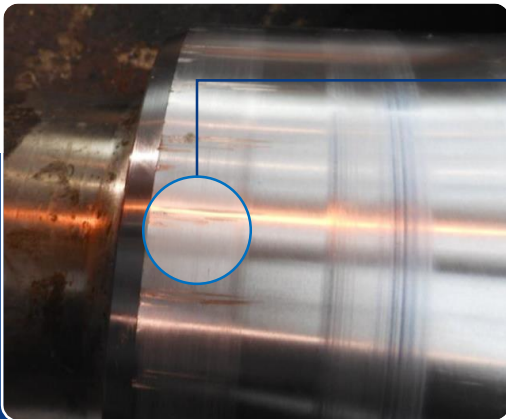
# COMMON DAMAGES ON NOT OPTIMIZED MULTIROLL



**Roller damage!**



**Cage tenon fracture!**

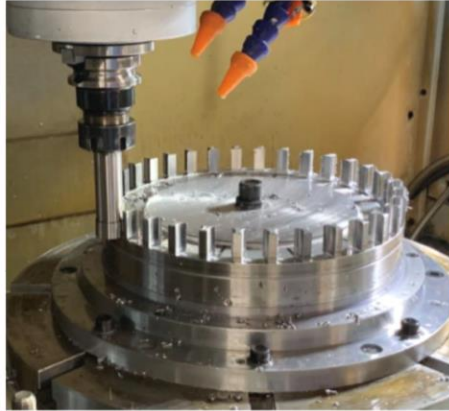


**Inner ring raceway damage!**



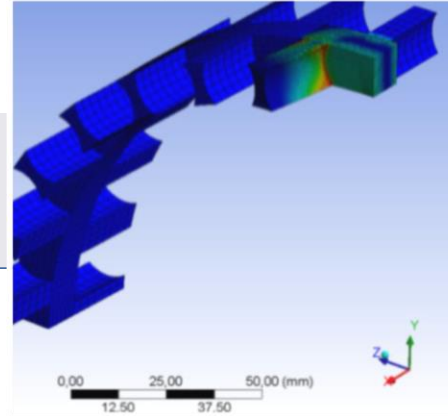
**Cage tenon damage!**

# RKB SOLUTION – NEW AF2D DESIGN



**RKB R 313891 cage from ISO 400-18**

**CNC milling technology  
of the highest level**



**RKB R 313891 cage FEM analysis  
(Ansys)**

**Designing phase**



**RKB R 313811 mounting assistance  
(Mexico)**

**On-field experience**



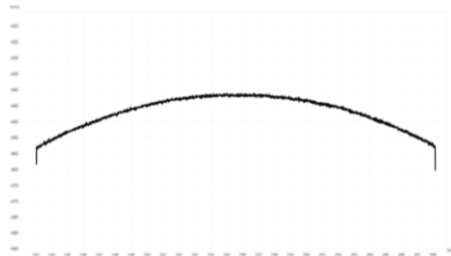
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**RKB R 313812**  
rollers profile



**Advanced super-finishing technology**  
(Longer service life)

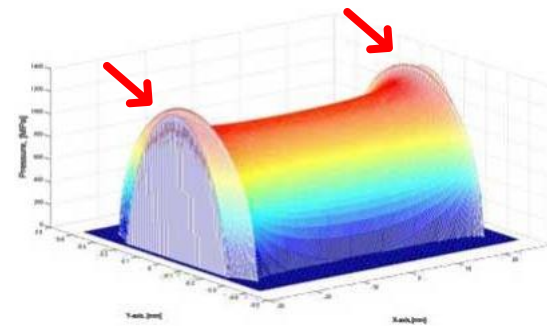
**RKB R 313812**  
outer ring  
crowned raceway  
profile



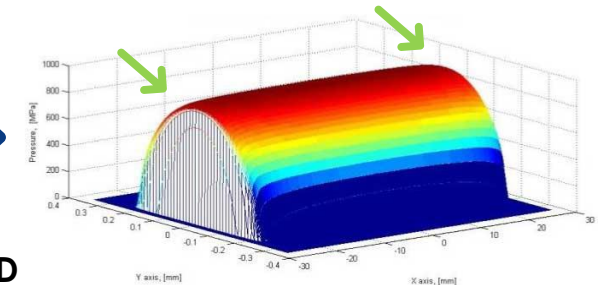
**Advanced grinding technology**  
(Longer service life)

**RKB R 313812** stress edge effect reduction for rollers and raceway due to profiles optimization (X and Y axes are dimensionless)

**Optimization**

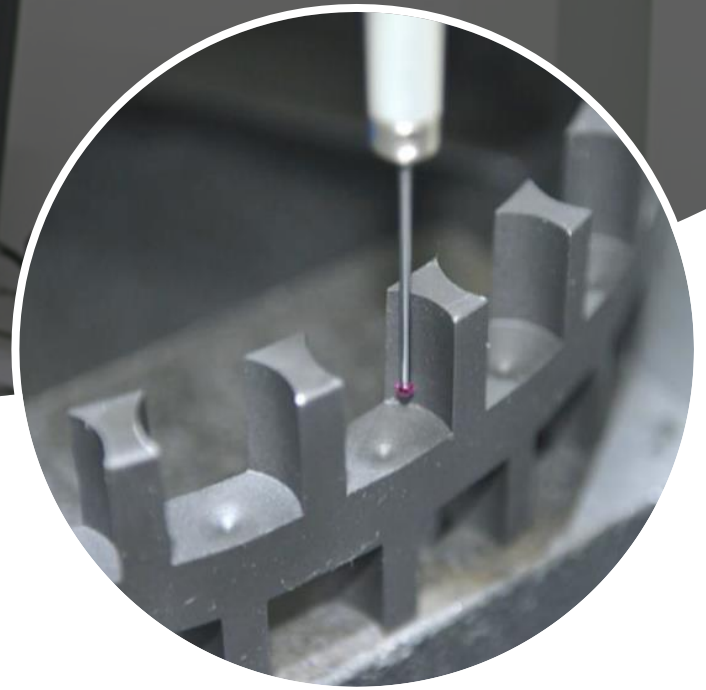
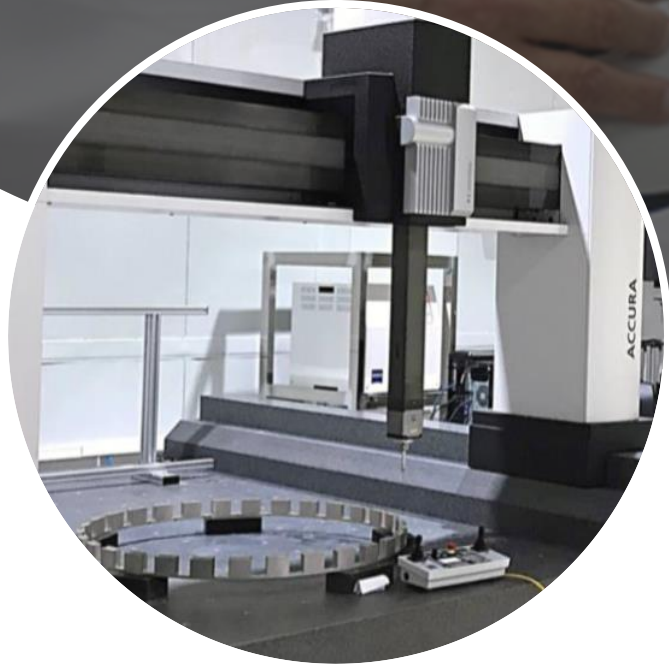


**R&D**



# RKB SOLUTION – NEW AF2D DESIGN

CMM measurement for cage manufacturing homologation process



Advanced cage inspection (manufacturing process quality)

# RKB SOLUTION – NEW AF2D DESIGN

## Bainite treatment

For rings and rollers



Continuous furnace for bainite hardening (HB) treatment



Salt baths for bainite hardening (HB) treatment



Liquid nitrogen tank for controlled atmosphere furnace

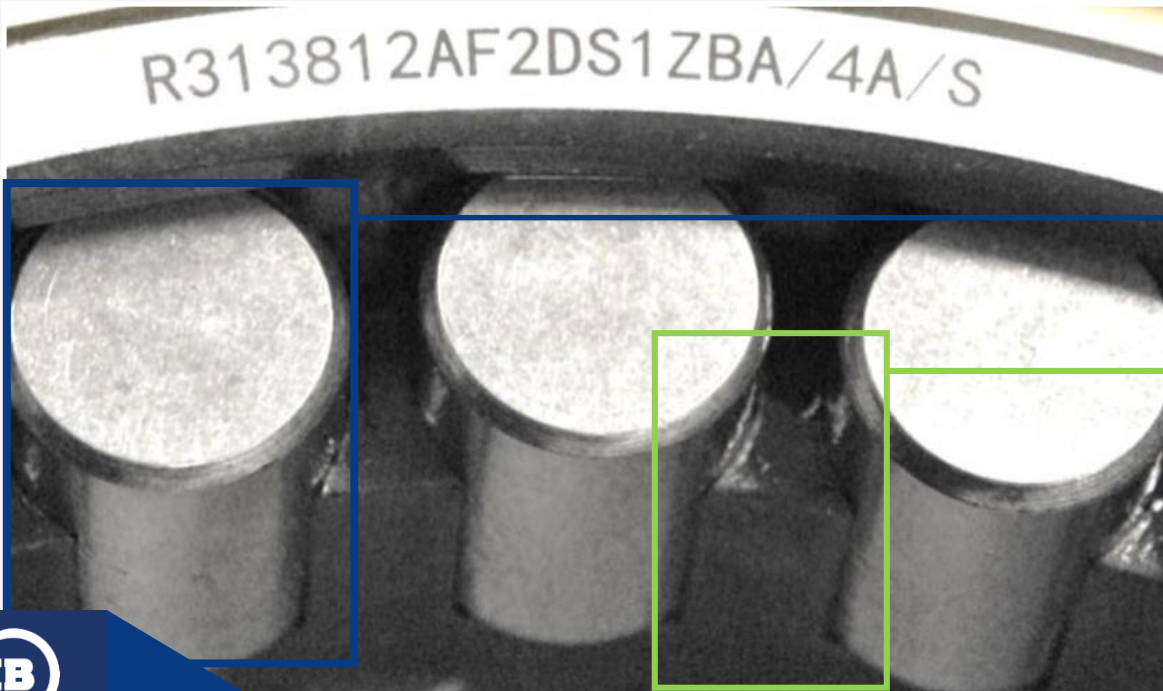
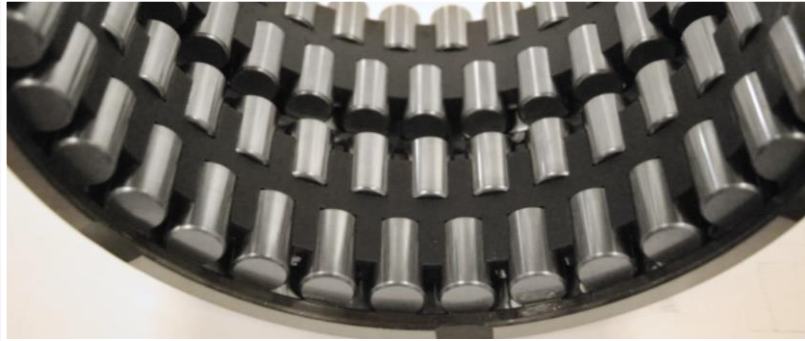


**Better resistance to impacts, wear and fatigue**

(compared to standard through-hardened martensite steel microstructure)

For further information refer to the related educational video "RKB special heat treatments for heavy duty applications"

# RKB SOLUTION – NEW AF2D DESIGN



Superfinished rollers



Optimized roller profile



Higher cage tenon stiffness



Enhanced cage manufacturing precision



Cage pocket optimization for reduced roller drop and better piloting



# RKB NEW AF2D – TF EXAMPLE

RKB Bearings Technical Fiche

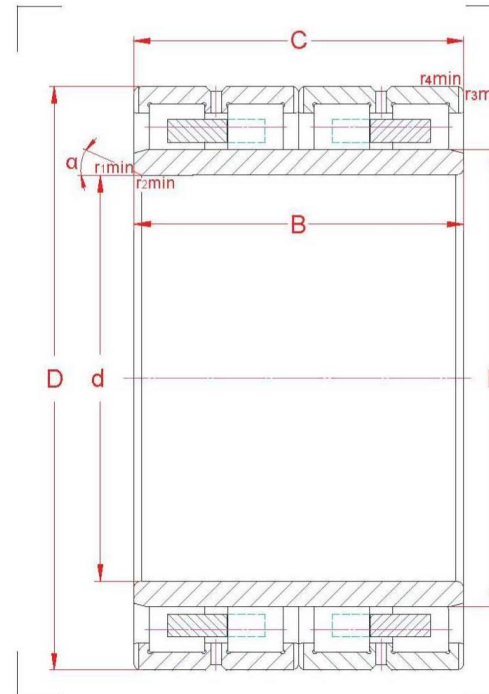
## Multi row cylindrical roller bearings

313811 AF2DS1ZB/4A/S

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Main boundary dimensions (mm)	
d	200
D	290
B	192
C	192
F	226

Technical data				
Basic load ratings (kN)	Dyn.	$C_1$	1526	
	Stat.	$C_{10}$	3190	
Mass (kg)		41,0		
Cage material		Steel		
Min chamfer dimensions (mm)	$r_1$	2,1	$\alpha$ (deg)	-
	$r_2$	2,1		
	$r_3$	2,1		
	$r_4$	2,1		
Precision class		P6		
e		-		
Bearing clearance (mm)		0,210/0,270		



### Technical notes

- Two outer rings each with three integral ribs. One inner ring
- Two double pronged reinforced machined steel cages guided on rollers
- Optimized roller profile for improved load distribution. Crowned raceways
- Annular groove and lubrication holes in outer rings
- Scallop in the side faces of outer rings
- Bainite hardened outer and inner rings and rolling elements
- Bearing rings heat stabilized for operating temperatures up to 200 °C

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# RKB NEW AF2D – THE NEW STANDARD IN THE FIELD



**SMS MEER** horizontal stand for rebar from 9,5 to 19,1 mm diameter (France)



**DANIEMI** horizontal stand for corrugated steel bars (grade 42) production (Italy)



**SIEMENS VAI** horizontal stand for S240, S340, S400 and S500 rebar from 5,5 to 28 mm diameter (Malaysia)



Longer bearing fatigue life



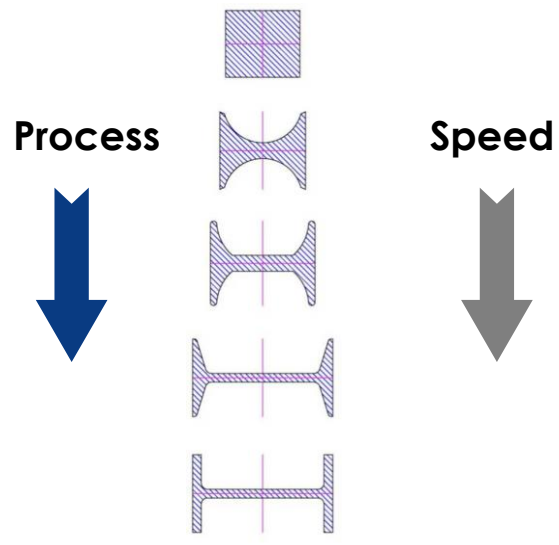
Prevention of bearing cage damages (due to automatic mounting process)



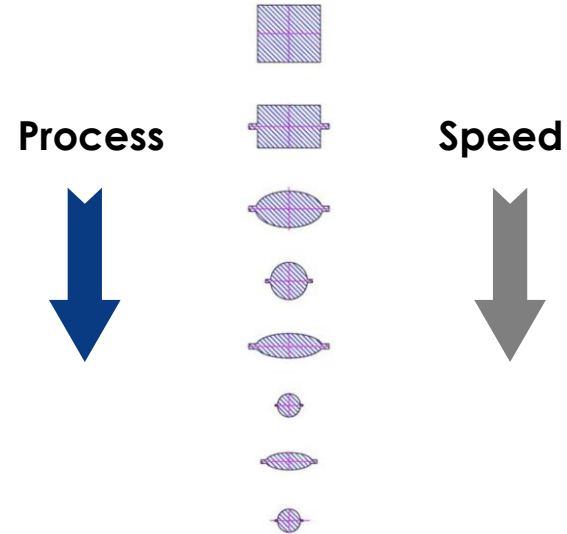
↓↓ TCO ↓↓  
(Total Cost of Ownership)



# RKB NEW AF2D – HIGH SPEED ROLLING MILL



For section rolling mill, AF2D design obtained satisfactory **results for all speed ranges!**



For bar rolling mill, AF2D design obtained satisfactory **results for all speed ranges!**



Please consider a bearing mounted, dimensioned and properly maintained and lubricated with oil mist or air-oil systems

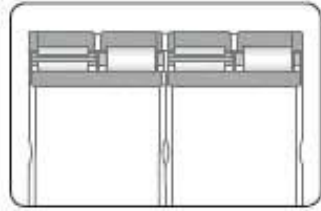


Under these working conditions, RKB AF2D design reached **16,5 m/s** of laminated product linear speed



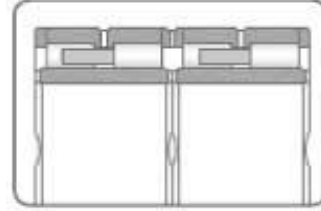
**For higher speed values, please consult RKB TTU**

# RKB MULTI-ROLL – ALTERNATIVE DESIGNS AVAILABLE



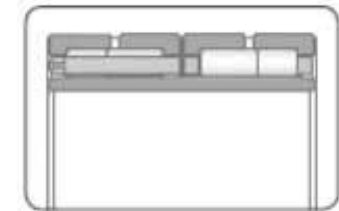
F2CII

- Design used for large-sized bearings
- Two-piece ribless inner ring with lubrication grooves in side faces
- Two-piece outer ring with separate side flanges and a central spacer
- Two-piece pin-type steel cage with lightened design for optimized lubrication
- Pierced rollers design for increased carrying capacities
- Available also with four window-type machined brass cages (EVO)



D2CII

- Design used for medium- and large-sized bearings
- Two-piece ribless inner ring with lubrication grooves in side faces
- Two-piece outer ring with separate side flanges and a central spacer
- Double pronged machined brass cage
- Available also with machined steel cage (DF2CII)
- Annular groove and lubrication holes in outer ring
- Design for facilitated mounting and dismounting



GB2DX

- Designed for rolling mill stands with automatic roll changing device
- One-piece ribless inner ring with increased length of chamfers to facilitate mounting
- Two-piece outer ring with integral ribs
- Two-piece reinforced window-type machined brass cage with integral rivets (AVH) for optimized roller drop
- Long-short roller arrangement for better load distribution and reduced edge stress
- Optimized for oil lubrication and automatic grease lubrication systems

# RKB MULTI-ROLL – DESIGN SELECTION GUIDE

RKB selection guide, suitable only for long product rolling mill stands



## Bearing working conditions

**RKB multi-roll design**  
(suitable for long product rolling mill stands)

**A2D**  
(double pronged machined steel cage)

**AF2D/A**  
(double pronged machined steel cage)

**AF2D/B**  
(double pronged machined steel cage)

**GB2D**  
(window-type cage)

	High load	High speed	Misalignment	Oil lubrication*	Grease lubrication	Bearing robot mounting process
A2D	++	++	++	++	++	+
AF2D/A	+++	++	+++	++	+++	++
AF2D/B	++	+++	++	++	+++	++
GB2D	++	+++	+	+++	+	+++

**Legend:** + Caution    ++ Good    +++ Excellent

\* Typically oil mist or air-oil systems





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