

RKB expands technical support and coverage in Canada

RKB Bearing Industries is strengthening its presence in Canada by expanding technical support, distribution coordination, and customer service nationwide. This development builds on RKB’s long-established activity in the country through partnerships with distributors, technical service providers, and industrial customers.

Operating from its Montréal office and warehouse, RKB supports customers across Canada with a strong focus on the forestry sector, while increasing activity in steel, cement, and marine, its core global industries. The Canadian team has grown with additional sales personnel in Québec and increased coverage in Ontario. In Western Canada, RKB has supported the oil and gas sector for over a decade through an Alberta-based partner. Since 2025, our collaboration with a multi-provincial industrial distributor has extended our coverage to new customers. These initiatives also build on RKB’s long-term technical and customer partnership with Manulift.

RKB designs and manufactures rolling bearings for high radial and axial loads, shock loading, misalignment, and continuous-duty operation. The product portfolio includes spherical, cylindrical, and tapered roller bearings, as well as large, customized solutions. Products are engineered for harsh operating conditions typical of Canada, including low temperatures, contamination, and variable loading.



Manufacturing is vertically integrated, with critical processes such as steel selection, forging, heat treatment, machining, grinding, and inspection controlled in-house. Heat treatment parameters and internal geometries are optimized to support consistent microstructure, load distribution, fatigue life, and traceability across product families supplied to the Canadian market.

This expanded presence is intended to reinforce, not replace, existing partners. RKB works in coordination with established distributors and technical providers to improve response time, application support, and project execution. Local engineering resources support bearing selection, load and life calculations, lubrication strategies,

mounting practices, and root cause failure analysis.

Customization remains a core capability. Bearings can be supplied with modified internal clearances, special tolerances, coatings, cage designs, and surface treatments to address challenges such as vibration, edge loading, inadequate lubrication, or contamination, particularly relevant in remote operations and high-cost downtime environments.

RKB’s focus remains on engineered bearing solutions that deliver long service life, reduced maintenance requirements, stable performance, and consistent global manufacturing standards.

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RKB’s Canadian operations provide localized access to product expertise and application engineering for heavy-duty bearing applications. Support is provided to OEM and MRO customers across forestry, oil and gas, mining, energy, pulp and paper, steel, cement, and marine industries.

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