

SKF Hydraulic nuts for marine applications

for fitting propellers, rudder pintles and tillers













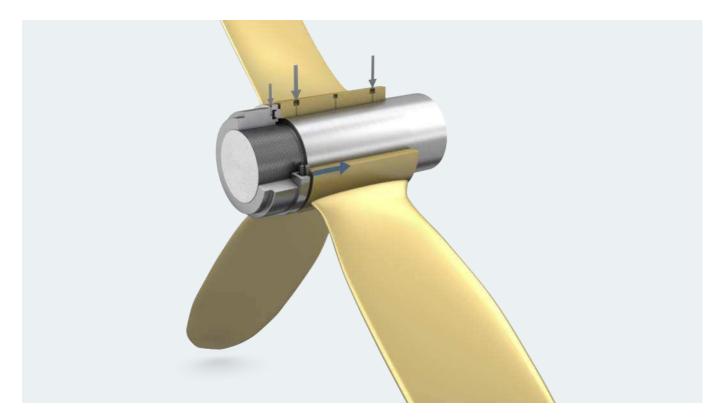
20 minutes for driving a 50-ton propeller up the shaft and just 10 minutes for dismounting

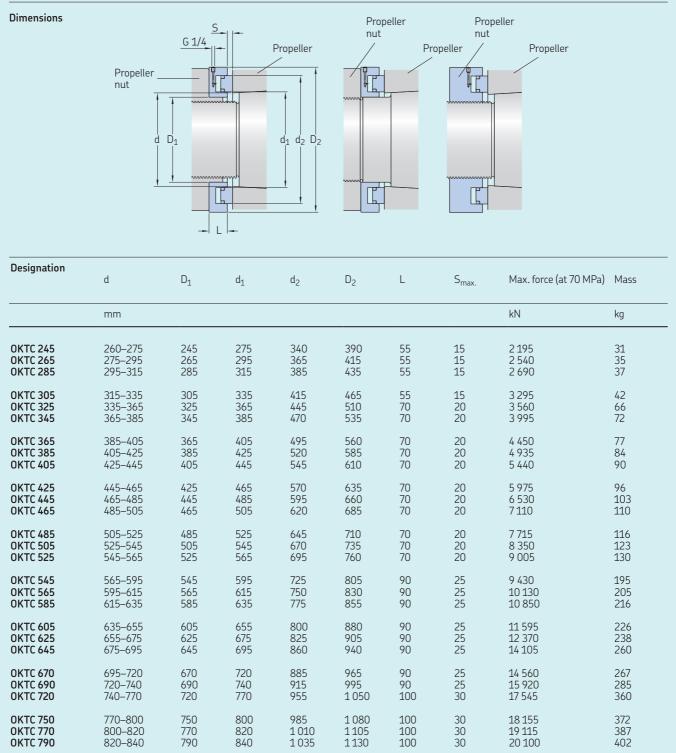
Operations that used to take hours or even days have been replaced by a fast, accurate and controllable procedure by using the SKF oil injection method for mounting and dismounting heavy marine components.

Comprehensive range of hydraulic rings and nuts are available

The table shown in this brochure gives examples of our standard heavy duty hydraulic rings (type OKTC) for marine applications. Hydraulic nuts (type OKTH) for marine applications are also available and these are individually designed to suit your application.

Hydraulic nuts are supplied with a nut locking device as standard. Both the hydraulic rings and nuts are supplied with low maintenance teflon bronze seals, which are superior to O-rings and rubber type seals.





Tailor-made for you

This list is designed as a guide. If the ring you require is not listed, please contact your local SKF partner and we will design a ring for you on receipt of the following information:

- a. Dimensions of propeller boss.
- b. Maximum power, kW.
- c. Speed, r/min.
- d. Safety factor.

- e. Modulus of elasticity for boss and shaft respectively, N/mm².
- f. Temperature coefficient of linear expansion for boss and shaft respectively.
- g. Yield point for shaft and boss, N/mm².

N.B: If drive-up force and drive-up length are to be calculated by the customer, that information together with the propeller shaft thread and the small inner diameter of the propeller boss only are required.

SKF pumps for trouble-free operation

728619 E hand pump*

Can be used for mounting most propellers, rudder stocks and pintles, where a pressure of up to 150 MPa is required. May also be used with the hydraulic ring or nut (sizes OKTC 485 and smaller).

It is supplied complete with a 3 m hose, quick connection coupling and nipple (G 1/4 external thread) and is pre-filled with SKF mounting fluid LHMF 300 (300 CSt at 20 °C). Supplied in a metal box. Weight: 11,4 kg.

226400 E oil injector

Can be used when higher pressures, up to 300 MPa are required. Typical applications include gearhubs and SKF OK couplings.

It is supplied complete with an injector, oil reservoir, handle and repair kit. Packed in a robust plastic case. Weight: 2,2 kg.

729101/300MPA oil injector kit

The kit consists of the 226400 E oil injector, adapter block, high pressure pipe, various connection nipples (G 1/4 female to G 1/8 male, G 1/2 male and G 3/4 male) and a pressure gauge (0–300 MPa) packed in a sturdy plastic carrying case.

Type 729101/400MPA for pressures up to 400 MPa is also available. Weight: 10 kg.

THAP air driven pumps and injectors

Are used in applications where a large volume of oil is required, and can save considerable time compared to hand pumps or oil injectors. Application examples include large propellers and nuts over size OKTC 505.

They are available in four different types giving a maximum oil pressure output of 30 MPa, 150 MPa or 300 MPa.

The THAP pumps are available individually or in sets that include hoses or high pressure pipes, pressure gauges and other equipment.

Designations are THAP 030E, THAP 150E* , THAP 300E and THAP 400E. Use suffix/SK1 for THAP sets.

Packed in a sturdy carrying case. Weight: 11,5–24,5 kg depending on type.



Oil injection kit



* Suitable pumps for fitting propellers with hydraulic nuts are the 728619 E hand pump and the THAP 150E/SK1 air-driven pump set







THAP E air driven pump series

Traditionally, ship propellers are mounted on a tapered shaft end with a nut and key. The torque is transmitted through friction of the mating surfaces and the key performs a stand-by function if the friction is insufficient.

On mounting, the propeller is driven up the taper by heating the propeller hub and driving in keys between the nut and the hub, or by using a hydraulic press or even flogging the nut to achieve the required axial drive up.

All these methods are time-consuming and difficult to manage due to the high forces required. For large propellers these out-dated methods are unsuitable.

These conventional methods are especially troublesome when dismounting propellers from shafts. Withdrawal forces are high and fretting damage often occurs on the contact surfaces. Due to the high forces, withdrawal tools are often bulky, expensive and difficult to handle. The dismounting process is therefore very time consuming.

Time-saving technology from SKF

The well-proven SKF oil injection method combined with a hydraulic ring or nut from SKF, solves all these problems and simultaneously eliminates the use of keys and keyways.

Using the SKF oil injection method, the propeller is pressed onto the tapered seating by a hydraulic ring or nut. The high drive up force needed to obtain the interference fit is greatly reduced by the oil forced between the mating surfaces during the entire assembly procedure. The thin film of oil that separates the surfaces not only reduces the friction forces but also minimises the risk of fretting damage to the contact surfaces.

When the required axial drive up is reached, the oil between the contact surfaces is released. A powerful grip is thus established between the hub and the shaft and all shaft surfaces can be utilized for power transmission.

Simple dismounting

When dismounting, oil is injected between the surfaces, and the propeller is released from its tapered seating by the axial component of the compression force. For safety reasons the hydraulic ring or nut is used to brake the propellers axial travel.

The same technique can be used for mounting components like rudder pintles and tillers.

It is very reassuring for the user to know that SKF can supply all the equipment to fit components by SKF oil injection method. A complete range of hydraulic rings and nuts, pumps and high pressure oil injectors are available.

Accepted by all leading societies

This method is fully accepted by all leading classification societies worldwide, and hundreds of references for all types of vessels are available.



- No need for machining of keys and keyways
- No weakening of shafts
- No high friction forces
- Reduces the risk for fretting damage
- No complicated and cumbersome tools
- Time saving and controllable





SKF Coupling System was established in the early 1940s when SKF's Chief Engineer, Erland Bratt, invented the SKF oil injection method. As a result of continuous development, SKF is currently a world leader in selected market niches.

Our business concept is to develop, produce and supply, products based on the SKF oil injection method. These products significantly reduce downtime and decrease maintenance costs of the capital intensive equipment in which they are used.

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