

# BALL SPLINE

The NB ball spline is a linear motion mechanism utilizing the rolling motion of ball elements that can sustain loads and transfer torque simultaneously. It can be used in a wide variety of applications including robotics and transport type equipment.

## STRUCTURE AND ADVANTAGES

The NB ball spline consists of a spline shaft with raceway grooves and a spline nut. The spline nut consists of an outer cylinder (main body), retainer, side rings, and ball elements that is designed and manufactured to achieve a reliably smooth motion.

### High Load Capacity and Long Travel Life

The raceway grooves are machined to a radius close to that of the ball elements. The large ball contact area results in high load capacity and long travel life.

### Wide Variety of Configurations

Spline shaft sizes with diameters from 4mm to 100mm are available. Several types of Spline nut are available: cylindrical types (SSP/SSPM), and flange types (SSPF/SSPT). Material option of Stainless steel (SUS440C or equivalent) is also available. They can be specified to suit various applications.

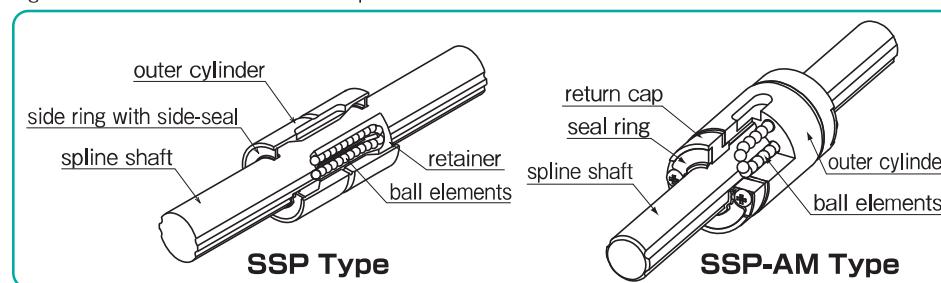
### Anti-corrosion Specification

In addition to the stainless steel version, you can also select the LB option with low-temperature black chrome treatment. The surface treatment is applied to the shaft and outer cylinder body for rust prevention.

### High Accuracy Torque Transmission

Due to the effective contact angle between the

Figure B-1 Basic Structure of NB Ball Spline



raceway grooves and the balls, the NB ball spline can transfer large torque. By adjusting preload it is possible to obtain a higher rigidity and a higher positioning accuracy.

### Ease of Additional Custom Machining

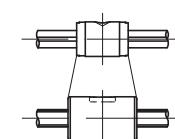
Since a round shaft with raceway grooves is used, NB ball spline shafts can be easily machined to customized specifications.

### High-Speed Motion and High-Speed Rotation

The outer cylinder is compact and well balanced, resulting in good performance at high speed.

### Light Weight and Compactness

The NB ball spline SSP-AM type has a smaller spline-nut diameter compared to the conventional SSP type nut on the same shaft diameter. The SSP-AM type is best suited for the chip-mounter head device and the multiaxial applications. Anti-corrosion type is also available.



comparison between  
SSP4AM and SSP4  
nut outer dia.  
20% smaller  
nut length  
25% shorter

## TYPES

### TYPES OF SPLINE NUT

A wide variety of spline nut designs are available and all spline nuts come with side-seals as a standard feature.

Table B-1 Types of Spline Nut

type of nut	shape and advantage		page
SSP SSPS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>cylindrical spline nut with key groove</li> <li>with special key</li> <li>nominal diameter: SSP4-100 : SSPS4-25</li> </ul>	P.B-18
cylindrical type SSP-AM SSPS-AM		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>light and compact nut</li> <li>countersink for fixing (SSP4AM)</li> <li>with special key</li> <li>nominal diameter: 4-10</li> </ul>	P.B-20
SSPM		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>cylindrical spline nut without key groove</li> <li>with two lock plates for fixing</li> <li>nominal diameter: 6-10</li> </ul>	P.B-22
SSPF SSPFS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>spline nut with flange</li> <li>nominal diameter: SSPF6-60 : SSPFS6-25</li> </ul>	P.B-24
flange type SSPT		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>spline nut with a two side cut flange</li> <li>nominal diameter: 6-10</li> </ul>	P.B-26
SSPT-AM SSPK-AM SSPTS-AM SSPKS-AM		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>light and compact nut with flange</li> <li>nominal diameter: 4-10</li> </ul>	P.B-28















### LP Type Lock Plate (Optional Plate)

The LP type lock plate is also available for purchase with the SSPM spline nut.

Material: SUS304CSP

Figure B-23 LP Type Lock Plate

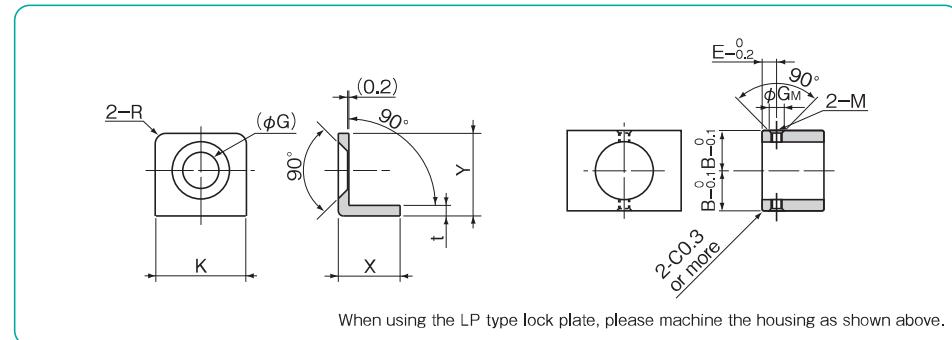


Table B-19 LP Type Lock Plate

part number	lock plate major dimensions						machined housing dimensions				applicable spline nut
	K mm	G mm	t mm	R mm	X mm	Y mm	B mm	E mm	G <sub>M</sub> mm	M	
LP 6	8.6	3.8	1.0	1	5.85	7.8	11.1	3.3	3.5	M2.5	SSPM 6
LP 8	9.15	4.5	1.2	1	6.45	9.2	12.3	4.0	4.2	M3	SSPM 8
LP10	9.15	4.5	1.2	1	6.45	9.2	14.8	4.0	4.2	M3	SSPM10

Figure B-24 Using Special Lock Plates (1)

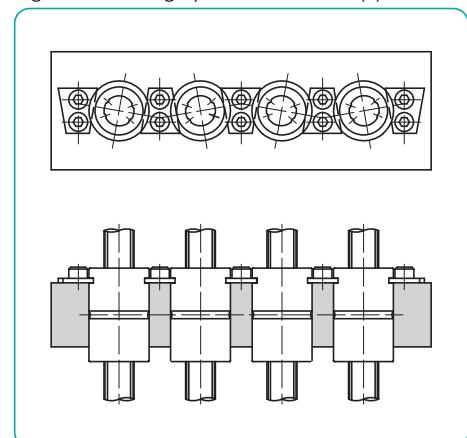
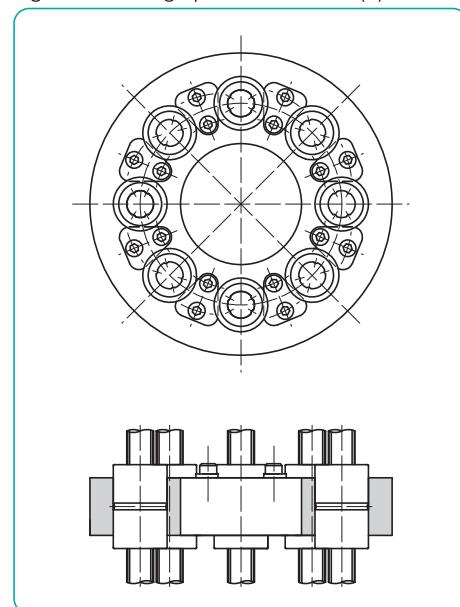


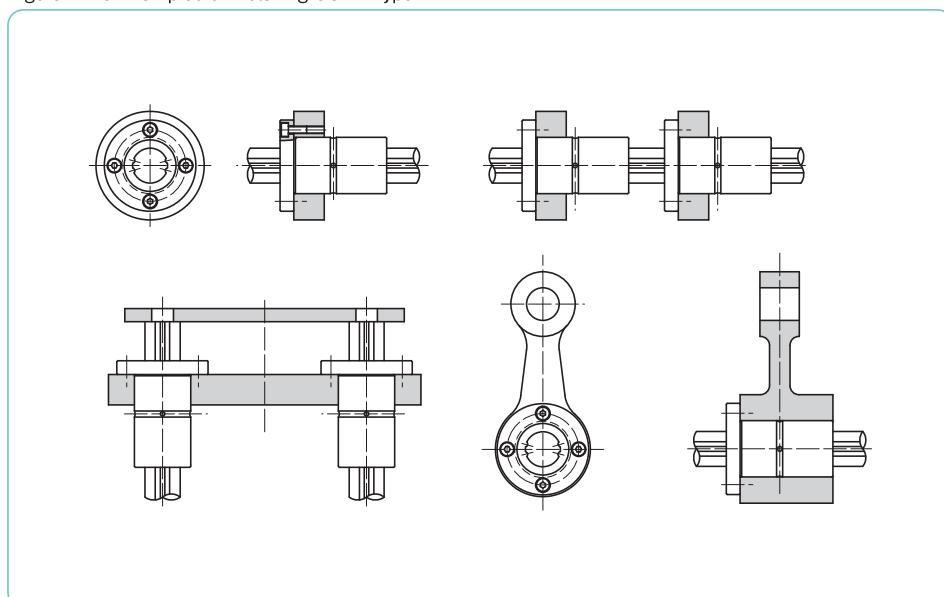
Figure B-25 Using Special Lock Plates (2)



### Mounting of SSPF Type

Examples of installing the SSPF type are shown in Figure B-26.

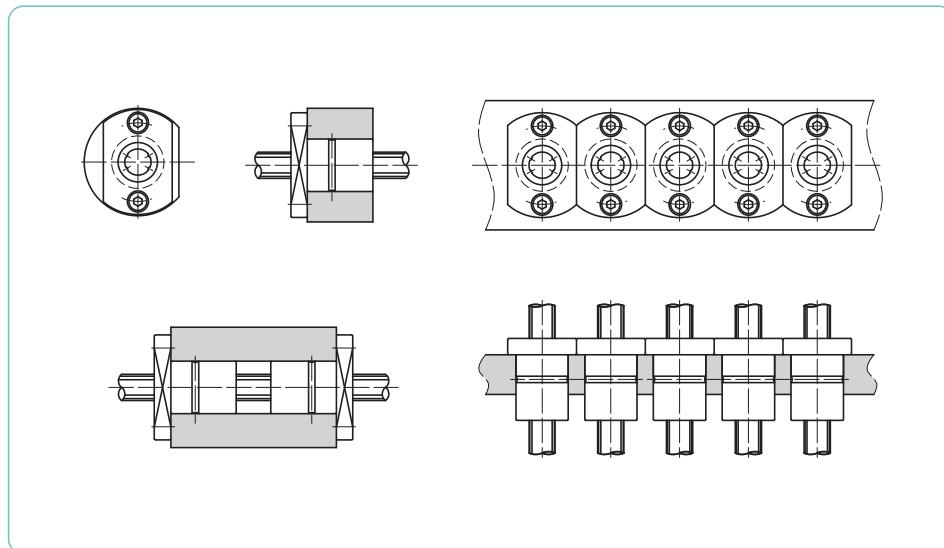
Figure B-26 Examples of installing SSPF Type



### Mounting of SSPT Type

Examples of installing SSPT type are shown in Figure B-27.

Figure B-27 Examples of installing SSPT Type







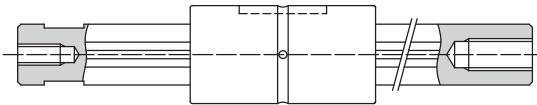
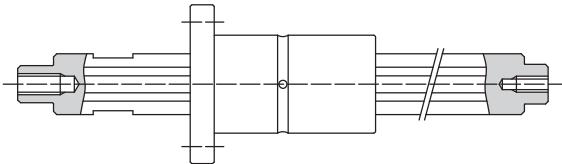
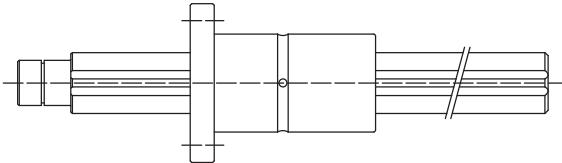
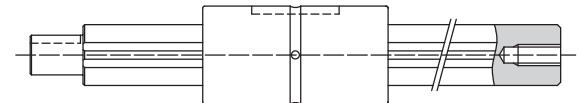
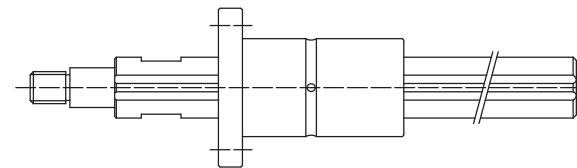
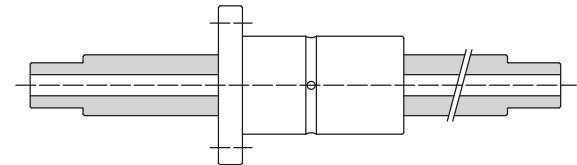










**EXAMPLES OF MACHINING****Center tap on both ends and milling****Step-down on both ends, center tap and milling****Ring groove on step-down****Step-down, center tap and key groove****Threading on step-down and milling****Step-down on both ends with hollow spline shaft**

We can also handle a variety of other machining. Additional machining to outer cylinder is also available. Please contact NB for details.