

# **Lead Screw Nut**

**THK** General Catalog

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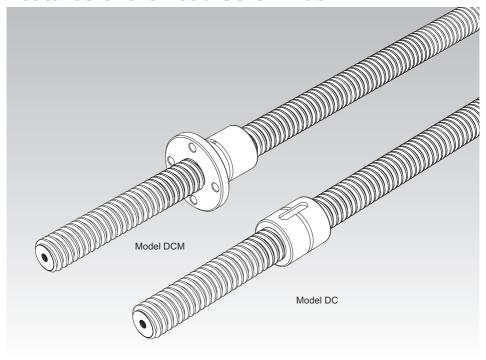
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Features Lead Screw Nut

## **Features of the Lead Screw Nut**



### **Structure and Features**

The lead Screw Nut models DCM and DC are manufactured to meet the standards for the 30° trapezoidal threads. They use a special alloy (see **A16-3**) for the nuts and have a precision male thread, formed through die casting, as the core. As a result, these bearings achieve less unevenness in accuracy and higher accuracy and wear resistance than the machined lead screw nuts. For the screw shafts to be used with this product, the rolled shafts are available as the standard. In addition, the cut screw shafts and the ground screw shafts are also available according to the application. Contact THK for details.

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Since each shaft is rolled, additional machining of the support bearing of the shaft end can easily be performed by lathing or milling.

### **High Strength Zinc Alloy**

The high strength zinc alloy used in the lead screw nuts is a material that is highly resistant to seizure and the wear and has a high load carrying capacity. Information on mechanical properties, physical properties, and wear resistance is presented below.

 $\hbox{$\star$ The figures shown are target values} \hbox{$-$these figures are not guaranteed}.$ 

#### [Mechanical Properties]

Table1

Item	Description					
Tensile strength	275 to 314 N/mm²					
Tensile yield strength (0.2%)	216 to 245 N/mm <sup>2</sup>					
Compressive strength	539 to 686 N/mm²					
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Fatigue strength	132 N/mm <sup>2</sup> ×10 <sup>7</sup> (Schenk bending test)					
Charpy impact	0.098 to 0.49 N-m/mm <sup>2</sup>					
Elongation	1 to 5 %					
Hardness	120 to 145 HV					

### [Physical Properties]

Table2

Item	Description					
Specific gravity	6.8					
Specific heat	460 J/ (kg•K)					
Melting point	390 ℃					
Thermal expansion coefficient	24×10 <sup>-6</sup>					

### [Wear Resistance]



Fig.1 Wear Resistance of the High Strength Zinc Alloy

Table3 [Test conditions: Amsler wear-tester]

Item	Description
Test piece rotational speed	185 min <sup>-1</sup>
Load	392 N
Lubricant	Dynamo oil

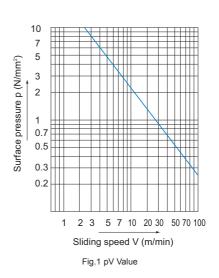
## **Selecting a Lead Screw Nut**

### [Permissible Dynamic Thrust]

The permissible dynamic thrust (F) is the level of thrust at which the contact surface pressure exerted by the bearing on the screw tooth surface is 9.8 N/mm². This value indicates the strength of the Screw Nut.

#### [pV Value]

With a sliding bearing, a pV value, which is the product of the contact surface pressure (p) and the sliding speed (V), is used as a measuring stick to judge whether the assumed model can be used. Use the corresponding pV value indicated in Fig.1 as a guide for selecting a lead screw nut. The pV value varies also according to the judgication conditions



### • fs: Safety Factor

To calculate a load applied to the lead screw nut, it is necessary to accurately obtain the effect of the inertia that changes with the weight and dynamic speed of an object. In general, with the reciprocating or the rotating machines, it is not easy to accurately obtain all the factors such as the effect of the start and stop, which are always repeated. Therefore, if the actual load cannot be obtained, it is necessary to select a bearing while taking into account the empirically obtained safety factors (fs) shown in Table1

Table1 Safety Factor (fs)

Type of load	Lower limit of fs
For a static load less frequently used	1 to 2
For an ordinary single-directional load	2 to 3
For a load accompanied by vibrations/impact	4 or greater

### ● f<sub>T</sub>: Temperature Factor

If the temperature of the screw nut exceeds the normal temperature range, the seizure resistance of the nut and the strength of the material will decrease. Therefore, it is necessary to multiply the dynamic permissible thrust (F) by the corresponding temperature factor indicated in Fig.2.

Accordingly, when selecting a lead screw nut, the following equations need to be met in terms of its strength.

Static permissible thrust(F)



 $\begin{array}{lll} f_s & : \mbox{ Safety factor (see Table1 on } \blacksquare 16\text{-}5) \\ f_T & : \mbox{ Temperature factor } & (\mbox{see Fig.2}) \\ F & : \mbox{ Dynamic permissible thrust } & (\mbox{N}) \\ P_F & : \mbox{ Axial load } & (\mbox{N}) \end{array}$ 

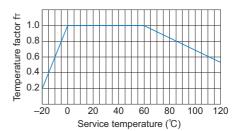


Fig.2 Temperature Factor

### • Hardness of the Surface and the Wear Resistance

The hardness of the shaft significantly affects the wear resistance of the lead screw nut. If the hardness is equal to or less than 250 HV, the abrasion loss increases as indicated in Fig.3. The roughness of the surface should preferably be 0.80a or less.

A special rolled shaft achieves the surface hardness of 250 HV or greater, through hardening as a result of rolling, and surface roughness of 0.20a or less. Thererfore, the dedicated rolled shaft is highly wear resistant.

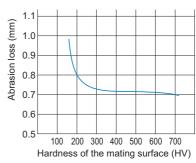


Fig.3 Hardness of the Surface and Wear Resistance

### [Calculating the Contact Surface Pressure p]

The value of "p" is obtained as followed.

$$p = \frac{P_F}{F} \times 9.8$$

p : Contact surface pressure on the tooth from an axial load (P<sub>F</sub> N) (N/mm<sup>2</sup>)

 $\begin{array}{lll} \mathsf{F} & : \mathsf{Dynamic} \; \mathsf{permissible} \; \mathsf{thrust} & & (\mathsf{N}) \\ \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{F}} & : \mathsf{Axial} \; \mathsf{load} & & (\mathsf{N}) \end{array}$ 

### [Calculating the Sliding Speed V on the Teeth]

The value of "V" is obtained as followed.

$$V = \frac{\pi \cdot Do \cdot n}{\cos \alpha \times 10^3}$$

V : Sliding speed (m/min)

Do : Effective diameter (see specification table) (mm)

n : Revolutions per minute (min<sup>-1</sup>)

$$n = \frac{S}{R \times 10^{-3}}$$

 $\begin{array}{lll} S & : \mbox{Feeding speed} & (\mbox{m/min}) \\ R & : \mbox{Lead} & (\mbox{mm}) \\ \alpha & : \mbox{Lead angle (see specification table)} & (\mbox{°}) \end{array}$ 

## **Efficiency and Thrust**

The efficiency  $(\eta)$  at which the screw transfers a torque into thrust is obtained from the following equation.

$$\eta = \frac{1 - \mu \tan \alpha}{1 + \mu / \tan \alpha}$$

 $\begin{array}{ll} \eta & : \text{Efficiency} \\ \alpha & : \text{Lead angle} \end{array}$ 

u : Frictional resistance

Fig.4 shows the result of the above equation.

The thrust generated when a torque is applied is obtained from the following equation.

$$F_a = \frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \eta \cdot T}{R \times 10^{-3}}$$

 Fa
 : Thrust generated
 (N)

 T
 : Torque (input)
 (N-m)

 R
 : Lead
 (mm)

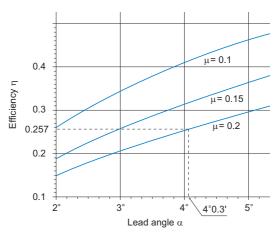


Fig.4 Efficiency

# **Accuracy Standards**

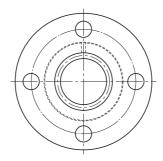
Table2 Accuracy of the Screw Shaft of Models DCM and DC

Unit: mm

Shaft symbol	Rolled shaft	Cut shaft	Ground shaft
Accuracy	T <sup>Note</sup>	K <sup>Note</sup>	G <sup>Note</sup>
Single pitch error (max)	±0.020	±0.015	±0.005
Accumulated pitch error (max)	±0.15/300	±0.05/300	±0.015/300

Note) Symbols T, K and G indicate machining methods for the screw shaft. The cut shafts and ground shafts are build-to-order. For maximum shaft lengths of cut shafts or ground shafts, contact THK.

### **Model DCM**



Lead Screw Nut	Out	er dimens	ions	Lead screw nut dimensions							
	Outer o	liameter									
Model No.	D	Tolerance h9	Length L	Flange diameter D <sub>1</sub>	Н	В	PCD	r	F	d	
DCM 12	22	0	30	44	6	5.4	31	1.5	7	1.5	
DCM 14	22	-0.052	30	44	6	5.4	31	1.5	7	1.5	
DCM 16	28	-0.052	35	51	7	6.6	38	1.5	8	1.5	
DCM 18	32		40	56	7	6.6	42	1.5	10.5	2	
DCM 20	32		40	56	7	6.6	42	1.5	10.5	2	
DCM 22	36	0	50	61	8	6.6	47	2	14	2.5	
DCM 25	36	-0.062	50	61	8	6.6	47	2	14	2.5	
DCM 28	44		56	76	10	9	58	2	15	2.5	
DCM 32	44		56	76	10	9	58	2	15	2.5	
DCM 36	52		60	84	10	9	66	2.5	17	3	
DCM 40	58	0	70	98	12	11	76	2.5	19	3	
DCM 45	64	_0.074	75	104	12	11	80	2.5	21.5	4	
DCM 50	68		80	109	12	11	85	2.5	24	4	

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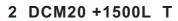
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Note3) The static permissible load (P) of the flange indicates the strength of the flange against the load as shown in the figure on the right.

#### Model number coding

Combination of lead screw nut and screw shaft



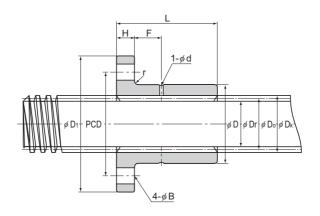
Overall screw shaft length (in mm)

Model number of How the screw shaft is processed

lead screw nut (T: rolled shaft)

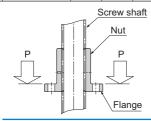
Number of lead screw nuts used on the same shaft





Unit: mm

Screw shaft		Screw shaft details					Maximum shaft length	Dynamic permis- sible	Static permissible load of the	Mass	
Model No. (note)	Outer diameter	Effective diameter	Thread minor diameter	Lead	Lead angle			thrust F <sup>(note 2)</sup>	flange P <sup>(note 3)</sup>	Screw nut	Screw shaft
	Dk	D₀	Dr	R	α			N	N	g	kg/m
CS 12	12	11	9.5	2	3°19′	1000	1500	3920	20200	100	8.0
CS 14	14	12.5	10.5	3	4°22′	1000	1500	4900	16900	85	1
CS 16	16	14.5	12.5	3	3°46′	1000	1500	6670	31500	160	1.3
CS 18	18	16	13.5	4	4°33′	1000	2000	8730	42000	230	1.6
CS 20	20	18	15.5	4	4°03′	1500	2000	9800	37200	210	2
CS 22	22	19.5	16.5	5	4°40′	1500	2500	12400	48600	320	2.3
CS 25	25	22.5	19.5	5	4°03′	1500	3000	14200	39800	290	3.1
CS 28	28	25.5	22.5	5	3°34′	2000	3000	17900	69200	550	4
CS 32	32	29	25.5	6	3°46′	2000	4000	21100	54200	490	5.2
CS 36	36	33	29.5	6	3°19′	2000	4000	25800	84500	670	6.7
CS 40	40	37	33.5	6	2°57′	2000	4000	33800	106000	980	8.4
CS 45	45	41	36.5	8	3°33′	3000	5000	42100	125000	1310	10.4
CS 50	50	46	41.5	8	3°10′	3000	5000	50100	128000	1430	13



### Model number coding

• Lead screw nut only

DCM20

Model number of lead screw nut

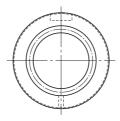
Screw shaft

CS20 T +1500L

How the screw shaft

Model number of is processed Overall screw shaft length screw shaft (T: rolled shaft) (in mm)

### **Model DC**



Lead Screw Nut	0	uter dimension	ns		Lead screw nut dimensions									
	Outer	diameter	L		Keyway dim	nensions								
Model No.	D	Tolerance	0	b	Tolerance	t	$\ell$	d	r					
		h9	-0.3		N9									
DC 12	22	0	22	4	0	2	16	1.5	1					
DC 14	22	-0.052	22	4	0 -0.030	2	16	1.5	1					
DC 16	28	-0.052	26	5		2.5	18	1.5	1					
DC 18	32		31	7		2.5	22	2	1					
DC 20	32		31	7		2.5	22	2	1					
DC 22	36	0	40	7	0	2.5	26	2.5	1					
DC 25	36	-0.062	40	7	-0.036	2.5	26	2.5	1					
DC 28	44		45	10						4	32	2.5	1.5	
DC 32	44		45	10		4	32	2.5	1.5					
DC 36	52		49	12		4.5	40	3	1.5					
DC 40	58	0	57	15	0	5	42	3	1.5					
DC 45	64	-0.074	62	15	-0.043	5	48	4	1.5					
DC 50	68		67	15		5	52	4	1.5					

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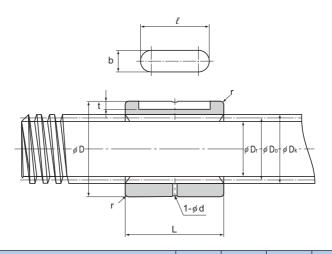


Model number of How the screw shaft is processed

(T: rolled shaft) lead screw nut

Number of lead screw nuts used on the same shaft





Unit: mm

Screw shaft		Screv	v shaft d	etails		Standard shaft length	Maximum shaft length	Dynamic permissible thrust	Ma	ISS
Model No. <sup>(note)</sup>	Outer diameter	Effective diameter	Thread minor diameter	Lead	Lead angle	lengui	lengur	F <sup>(note 2)</sup>	Screw nut	Screw shaft
	D <sub>k</sub>	D₀	D <sub>r</sub>	R	α			N	g	kg/m
CS 12	12	11	9.5	2	3°19′	1000	1500	2840	40	8.0
CS 14	14	12.5	10.5	3	4°22′	1000	1500	3630	45	1
CS 16	16	14.5	12.5	3	3°46′	1000	1500	4900	75	1.3
CS 18	18	16	13.5	4	4°33′	1000	2000	6860	120	1.6
CS 20	20	18	15.5	4	4°03′	1500	2000	7650	110	2
CS 22	22	19.5	16.5	5	4°40′	1500	2500	9900	180	2.3
CS 25	25	22.5	19.5	5	4°03′	1500	3000	11400	155	3.1
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CS 32	32	29	25.5	6	3°46′	2000	4000	17100	230	5.2
CS 36	36	33	29.5	6	3°19′	2000	4000	21200	380	6.7
CS 40	40	37	33.5	6	2°57′	2000	4000	27500	520	8.4
CS 45	45	41	36.5	8	3°33′	3000	5000	34900	730	10.4
CS 50	50	46	41.5	8	3°10′	3000	5000	42100	810	13

### Model number coding

Lead screw nut only

**DC20** 

Model number of lead screw nut

Screw shaft

CS20 T +1500L

How the screw shaft

Model number of is processed screw shaft (T: rolled shaft)

Overall screw shaft length (in mm)

## Fit

For the fitting between the screw nut outer diameter and the housing, we recommend a loose fit. Housing inner-diameter tolerance: G7

## Installation

### [About Chamfer of the Housing's Mouth]

To increase the strength of the root of the flange of the lead screw nut, the corner is machined to have an R shape. Therefore, it is necessary to chamfer the inner edge of the housing's mouth.

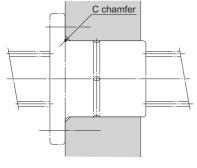


Fig.1

Table1 Chamfer of the Housing's Mouth

Unit: mm

Model No.	Chamfer of the mouth				
DCM	C (Min.)				
12					
14					
16	2				
18					
20					
22					
25	2.5				
28	2.5				
32					
36					
40	3				
45	3				
50					

### [Example of Installation]

Fig.2 shows examples of mounting the lead screw nuts. When mounting a lead screw nut, secure sufficient tightening strength in the axial direction. For the housing inner-diameter tolerance, see the section concerning fitting on **A16-14**.

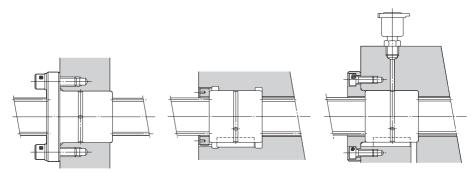


Fig.2 Examples of Installing the Lead Screw Nut

## Lubrication

The Screw Nut is not lubricated when delivered. Once the bearing has been mounted, the Screw Nut must be treated with an appropriate volume of grease or lubricant. The lubrication method should be determined based on usage conditions.

### [Lubricating with oil]

THK recommends lubricating the Lead Screw Nut with oil. Oil-bath lubrication or drip-feed lubrication are both effective. The most effective method is oil-bath lubrication, which is suitable for high-speed operation, heavy loads, high external temperatures, and other demanding conditions, and helps cools the Lead Screw Nut. Drip-feed lubrication is suitable for low and medium speeds and light and medium loads. Criteria for selecting the appropriate lubricant are shown in Table2.

Tables	Selection	of o	Lubricant

Condition	Types of Lubricants
Low speed, high load, high temperature	High-viscosity sliding surface oil or turbine oil
High speed, light load, low temperature	Low-viscosity sliding surface oil or turbine oil

#### [Lubricating with Grease]

For usage in lower-speed operations, which is a less common scenario, the user can lubricate the slide system by periodically applying grease to the shaft by hand, or use the oil hole on the Lead Screw Nut. THK recommends using lithium grease no. 2.

Model No. Lead Screw Nut

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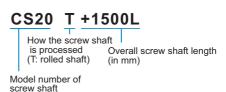
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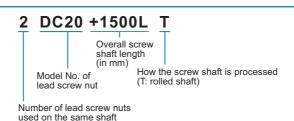
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Screw shaft



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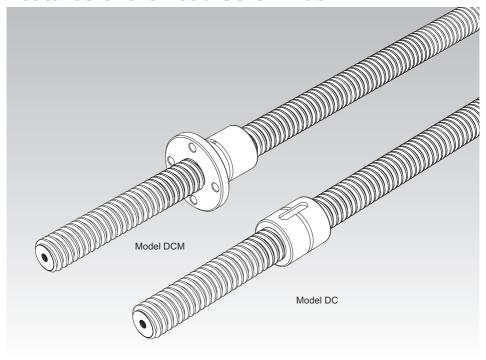
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Melting point	390 ℃
Thermal expansion coefficient	24×10 <sup>-6</sup>

### [Wear Resistance]

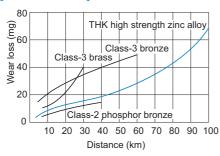


Fig.1 Wear Resistance of the High Strength Zinc Alloy

Table3 [Test conditions: Amsler wear-tester]

Item	Description
Test piece rotational speed	185 min <sup>-1</sup>
Load	392 N
Lubricant	Dynamo oil

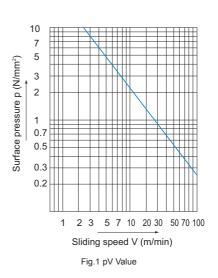
## **Selecting a Lead Screw Nut**

### [Permissible Dynamic Thrust]

The permissible dynamic thrust (F) is the level of thrust at which the contact surface pressure exerted by the bearing on the screw tooth surface is 9.8 N/mm². This value indicates the strength of the Screw Nut.

#### [pV Value]

With a sliding bearing, a pV value, which is the product of the contact surface pressure (p) and the sliding speed (V), is used as a measuring stick to judge whether the assumed model can be used. Use the corresponding pV value indicated in Fig.1 as a guide for selecting a lead screw nut. The pV value varies also according to the lubrication conditions.



### • fs: Safety Factor

To calculate a load applied to the lead screw nut, it is necessary to accurately obtain the effect of the inertia that changes with the weight and dynamic speed of an object. In general, with the reciprocating or the rotating machines, it is not easy to accurately obtain all the factors such as the effect of the start and stop, which are always repeated. Therefore, if the actual load cannot be obtained, it is necessary to select a bearing while taking into account the empirically obtained safety factors (fs) shown in Table1

Table1 Safety Factor (fs)

Type of load	Lower limit of fs
For a static load less frequently used	1 to 2
For an ordinary single-directional load	2 to 3
For a load accompanied by vibrations/impact	4 or greater

### ● f<sub>T</sub>: Temperature Factor

If the temperature of the screw nut exceeds the normal temperature range, the seizure resistance of the nut and the strength of the material will decrease. Therefore, it is necessary to multiply the dynamic permissible thrust (F) by the corresponding temperature factor indicated in Fig.2.

Accordingly, when selecting a lead screw nut, the following equations need to be met in terms of its strength.

Static permissible thrust(F)



 $\begin{array}{lll} f_s & : \mbox{ Safety factor (see Table1 on } \blacksquare 16\text{-}5) \\ f_T & : \mbox{ Temperature factor } & (\mbox{see Fig.2}) \\ F & : \mbox{ Dynamic permissible thrust } & (\mbox{N}) \\ P_F & : \mbox{ Axial load } & (\mbox{N}) \end{array}$ 

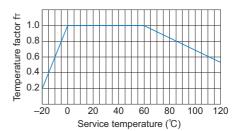


Fig.2 Temperature Factor

### • Hardness of the Surface and the Wear Resistance

The hardness of the shaft significantly affects the wear resistance of the lead screw nut. If the hardness is equal to or less than 250 HV, the abrasion loss increases as indicated in Fig.3. The roughness of the surface should preferably be 0.80a or less.

A special rolled shaft achieves the surface hardness of 250 HV or greater, through hardening as a result of rolling, and surface roughness of 0.20a or less. Thererfore, the dedicated rolled shaft is highly wear resistant.

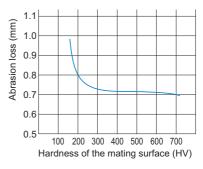


Fig.3 Hardness of the Surface and Wear Resistance

#### Selecting a Lead Screw Nut

### [Calculating the Contact Surface Pressure p]

The value of "p" is obtained as followed.

$$p = \frac{P_F}{F} \times 9.8$$

p : Contact surface pressure on the tooth from an axial load (P<sub>F</sub> N) (N/mm<sup>2</sup>)

F : Dynamic permissible thrust (N)  $P_F$  : Axial load (N)

### [Calculating the Sliding Speed V on the Teeth]

The value of "V" is obtained as followed.

$$V = \frac{\pi \cdot Do \cdot n}{\cos \alpha \times 10^3}$$

V : Sliding speed (m/min)

Do : Effective diameter (see specification table) (mm)

n : Revolutions per minute (min<sup>-1</sup>)

$$n = \frac{S}{R \times 10^{-3}}$$

 $egin{array}{lll} S & : \mbox{Feeding speed} & (m/min) \ R & : \mbox{Lead} & (mm) \ lpha & : \mbox{Lead angle (see specification table)} & (^{\circ}) \ \end{array}$ 

### **Example of selection calculation**

Assuming that Lead Screw Nut model DCM is used, select a lead screw nut that travels at feed speed S=3 m/min while receiving an axial load  $P_F=1,080$  N, which is applied in one direction. First, tentatively select model DCM32 (dynamic permissible thrust F=21,100 N). Obtain the contact surface pressure (p).

$$p = \frac{P_F}{F} \times 9.8 = \frac{1080}{21100} \times 9.8 = 0.50 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Obtain the sliding speed (V).

The rotation speed per minute (n) of the screw shaft needed to move it at feed speed S = 3 m/min is calculated as follows.

$$n = \frac{S}{R \times 10^{-3}} = \frac{3}{6 \times 10^{-3}} = 500 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

$$V = \frac{\pi \cdot Do \cdot 500}{\cos \alpha \times 10^{3}} = \frac{\pi \times 29 \times 500}{\cos^{3} \cdot 46^{1} \times 10^{3}} \stackrel{.}{=} 45.6 \text{ m/min}$$

From the diagram of pV values (see Fig.1 on **B16-5**), it is judged that there will be no abnormal wear if the sliding speed (V) is 47 m/min or below against the "p" value of 0.50 N/mm². Second, obtain the safety factor ( $f_s$ ) against the dynamic permissible thrust (F). Given the conditions: temperature factor  $f_T$  = 1 and applied load  $P_F$  = 1,080 N, the safety factor is calculated as follows.

$$f_s \le \frac{f_\tau \cdot F}{P_F} = \frac{1 \times 21100}{1080} = 19.5$$

Since the required strength will be met if "fs" is at least 2 because of the type of load, it is appropriate to select model DCM32.

## **Efficiency and Thrust**

The efficiency  $(\eta)$  at which the screw transfers a torque into thrust is obtained from the following equation.

$$\eta = \frac{1 - \mu \tan \alpha}{1 + \mu / \tan \alpha}$$

 $\eta$ : Efficiency  $\alpha$ : Lead angle

u : Frictional resistance

Fig.4 shows the result of the above equation.

The thrust generated when a torque is applied is obtained from the following equation.

$$F_a = \frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \eta \cdot T}{R \times 10^{-3}}$$

 Fa
 : Thrust generated
 (N)

 T
 : Torque (input)
 (N-m)

 R
 : Lead
 (mm)

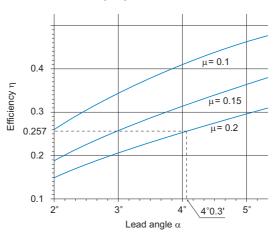


Fig.4 Efficiency

## **Example of thrust force calculation**

Assuming that Lead Screw Nut model DCM20 is used and the input torque T = 19.6 N-m, obtain the thrust to be generated.

Calculate the efficiency ( $\eta$ ) when  $\mu$  = 0.2.

The lead angle (α) of model DCM20: 4°03'

From the diagram in Fig.4, the efficiency  $(\eta)$  when the friction coefficient  $\mu$  = 0.2 is obtained as  $\eta$  = 0.257. Obtain the thrust generated.

$$F_a = \frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \eta \cdot T}{R \times 10^{-3}} = \frac{2 \times \pi \times 0.25 \times 19.6}{4 \times 10^{-3}} = 7700 \text{ N}$$

## Installation

### [About Chamfer of the Housing's Mouth]

To increase the strength of the root of the flange of the lead screw nut, the corner is machined to have an R shape. Therefore, it is necessary to chamfer the inner edge of the housing's mouth.

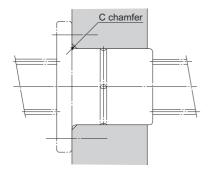


Fig.1

	Table1	f the Housing's Mouth	Chamfer
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Unit: mm

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Model No.	Chamfer of the mouth C
DCM	(Min.)
12	
14	
16	2
18	
20	
22	
25	2.5
28	2.3
32	
36	
40	3
45	
50	

#### [Example of Installation]

Fig.2 shows examples of mounting the lead screw nuts. When mounting a lead screw nut, secure sufficient tightening strength in the axial direction. For the housing inner-diameter tolerance, see the section concerning fitting on A16-14.

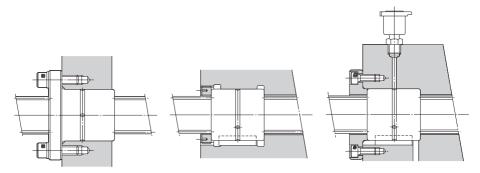


Fig.2 Examples of Installing the Lead Screw Nut

### Lubrication

The Screw Nut is not lubricated when delivered. Once the bearing has been mounted, the Screw Nut must be treated with an appropriate volume of grease or lubricant. The lubrication method should be determined based on usage conditions.

### [Lubricating with oil]

THK recommends lubricating the Lead Screw Nut with oil. Oil-bath lubrication or drip-feed lubrication are both effective. The most effective method is oil-bath lubrication, which is suitable for high-speed operation, heavy loads, high external temperatures, and other demanding conditions, and helps cools the Lead Screw Nut. Drip-feed lubrication is suitable for low and medium speeds and light and medium loads. Criteria for selecting the appropriate lubricant are shown in Table2.

Table2 Selection of a Lubricant

Condition	Types of Lubricants
Low speed, high load, high temperature	High-viscosity sliding surface oil or turbine oil
High speed, light load, low temperature	Low-viscosity sliding surface oil or turbine oil

### [Lubricating with Grease]

For usage in lower-speed operations, which is a less common scenario, the user can lubricate the slide system by periodically applying grease to the shaft by hand, or use the oil hole on the Lead Screw Nut. THK recommends using lithium grease no. 2.

### **Model Number Coding**

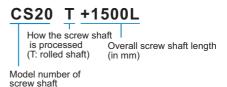
Model number configurations differ depending on the model features. Refer to the corresponding sample model number configuration.

### [Lead Screw Nut]

- Models DCM, DC and CS
- · Lead screw nut only



Screw shaft



 Combination of lead screw nutand screw shaft

