

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**IN RE AUTOMOTIVE PARTS
ANTITRUST LITIGATION**

Master File No. 12-md-02311
Honorable Sean F. Cox

IN RE: BEARINGS CASES

2:12-cv-00501-SFC-RSW
2:15-cv-12068-SFC-RSW
2:15-cv-13932-SFC-RSW
2:15-cv-13945-SFC-RSW

**THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:
ALL DIRECT PURCHASER CASES**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PURCHASERS OF BEARINGS
PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT CAREFULLY**

**YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM, POSTMARKED ON
OR BEFORE JUNE 28, 2021, TO BE ELIGIBLE TO SHARE IN THE DISTRIBUTION
OF THE PROCEEDS OF SETTLEMENTS WITH THE JTEKT, NACHI, NSK,
NTN, AND SKF DEFENDANTS**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING A CLAIM FORM

If you are a distributor that purchased Bearings in the United States directly from one of the Defendants (and you have remained in the Settlement Class), you may be entitled to share in the distribution of the proceeds of the settlement with the JTEKT, Nachi, NSK, NTN, and SKF Defendants (the "Settlement Fund"). To receive your share of the Settlement Fund, you or a person you have authorized to act on your behalf must submit a timely and valid Claim Form in accordance with the instructions set forth herein.

Please note that if you have chosen to be excluded from the Settlement Class you may not participate in the distribution of the Settlement Fund attributable to the settlement with the Defendants.

Eligibility: You are eligible to submit a claim seeking to share in the distribution of the Settlement Fund if, during the period from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2014 (the "Class Period"), you were a distributor that purchased Bearings in the United States **directly** from one or more of the following companies (or their subsidiaries or affiliates): (1) JTEKT Corporation; (2) JTEKT North America Corporation (formerly Koyo Corporation of U.S.A.); (3) Koyo France SA; (4) Koyo Deutschland GmbH; (5) Nachi-Fujikoshi Corp.; (6) Nachi America Inc.; (7) Nachi Technology, Inc.; (8) Nachi Europe GmbH; (9) NSK Ltd.; (10) NSK Americas, Inc.; (11) NSK Europe Ltd.; (12) NSK Corporation; (13) NTN Corporation; (14) NTN USA Corporation; (15) NTN Wälzlager GmbH; (16) NTN-SNR Roulements SA; (17) Schaeffler Group USA Inc.; (18) Schaeffler Technologies AG & Co. KG (formerly Schaeffler Technologies GmbH & Co. KG); (19) FAG Kugelfischer GmbH; (20) AB SKF; (21) SKF GmbH; and (22) SKF USA Inc.

The term "Bearings" refers to friction-reducing devices used in both automotive and industrial machinery that allow one moving part to glide past another moving part. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following products: ball bearings, tapered roller bearings, needle roller bearings, roller bearings, and mounted bearings of any size.

Submission of Claim: Each Claim Form must be signed and verified by the claimant or a person authorized to act on behalf of the claimant, and must be **postmarked no later than June 28, 2021**. Claim Forms should be addressed to:

Settlement Administrator
Bearings Distributor Direct Purchaser Antitrust Litigation
PO Box 2939
Portland, OR 97208-2939

Do **not** send your Claim Form to the Court or to any of the parties or their counsel. If you receive multiple copies of the Claim Form, complete only one Claim Form covering all of your qualifying purchases. Do not submit more than one claim, and do not submit duplicate claims.

Please note that it will take a significant amount of time to process accurately all of the Claim Forms and to administer the Settlement Fund. This work will be completed as promptly as time permits, given the need to review each Claim Form. Thank you for your patience.

Photocopies of Form: A claim may be submitted using a photocopy of the Claim Form. Other forms, or altered versions of the Claim Form, will not be accepted. Additional copies of the Claim Form may be requested from the Settlement Administrator or obtained at the settlement website www.AutoPartsAntitrustLitigation.com/BearingsDistributor.

Completion and Support of Claim: Please type or neatly print all requested information. Failure to complete all parts of the Claim Form may result in denial of the claim, delay its processing, or otherwise adversely affect the claim. All information submitted in a Claim Form is subject to further inquiry and verification. The Settlement Administrator may ask you to provide supporting information. Failure to provide requested information also might delay, adversely affect, or result in denial of the claim.

The Claim Form asks for certain information relating to your purchases of Bearings, a description of available documentation that supports your claimed purchases, and summary totals of your purchases from each Defendant and for each year during the class period.

**ONLY INCLUDE IN YOUR CLAIM FORM PURCHASES OF BEARINGS
IN THE UNITED STATES *DIRECTLY* FROM ONE OR MORE OF THE COMPANIES
LISTED ABOVE UNDER THE “ELIGIBILITY” HEADING DURING THE PERIOD
FROM JANUARY 1, 2000 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014.**

INDIRECT PURCHASES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

Schedule of Purchases: General Worksheet: Please fill out the Schedule of Purchases: General Worksheet with the company names, the quantity of products purchased, and purchase totals for each year of the Class Period (January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2014) in which you directly purchased Bearings in the United States. If you have questions regarding the completion of the Schedule of Purchases, please contact the Settlement Administrator via email at info@AutoPartsAntitrustLitigation-DistBearings.com, or by calling 1-800-574-1808.

Claims of Separate Entities: Each corporation, trust, or other business entity making a claim must submit its claim on a separate Claim Form.

Taxpayer Identification Number: A Claim Form is not complete without the federal taxpayer identification number of the claimant.

Keep a copy: You should keep a copy of your completed Claim Form for your records. You should also retain all of your documents and records relating to **direct** purchases of Bearings in the United States from any of the listed companies during the period from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2014. As part of the claims administration process, you may be required to verify certain information about your Bearings purchases such as the quantity of product(s) purchased, the type of products purchased, the dollar amount(s), the date(s) of the purchases, and the company(ies) from which you **directly** purchased the Bearings. You may be asked to submit purchase records to verify your claim.

Confirmation of Receipt of Claim: The receipt of Claim Forms will **not** be confirmed or acknowledged automatically by the Settlement Administrator. If you wish to have confirmation that your Claim Form has been received, send it by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Assistance: If you have any questions concerning this Claim Form or need additional copies, contact the Settlement Administrator at: Bearings Distributor Direct Purchaser Antitrust Litigation, PO Box 2939, Portland, OR 97208-2939, via email at info@AutoPartsAntitrustLitigation-DistBearings.com, or by calling 1-800-574-1808. You may also contact your own attorney or other person to assist you, at your own expense.

NOTICE REGARDING SOLICITATIONS FROM CLAIMS ASSISTANCE COMPANIES: THERE ARE COMPANIES THAT CONTACT CLASS MEMBERS TO OFFER ASSISTANCE IN FILING A CLAIM IN EXCHANGE FOR A PORTION OF ANY SETTLEMENT FUNDS THE CLASS MEMBER MAY RECOVER. THESE COMPANIES ARE NOT AFFILIATED WITH PLAINTIFF OR DEFENDANTS OR THEIR COUNSEL, AND YOU DO NOT NEED TO USE THEM TO FILE A CLAIM.

CLAIM FORM

I. IDENTITY OF CLAIMANT

Please indicate whether the person filing this claim is a direct filer or a third party filer (select only one):

- Direct Filer** (you, or your company, made the direct purchases of Bearings during the Class Period)
- Third Party Filer** (you, or your company, are authorized to file this claim on behalf of the claimant listed below)

If you selected **“Direct Filer,”** please indicate your (the claimant’s) name and contact information in Section II (“Claimant Information”). Then, skip Section III, and proceed directly to Section IV.

If you selected **“Third Party,”** please indicate the claimant’s name and contact information in Section II (“Claimant Information”). Then, please provide your filer information in Section III (“Third Party Filer Information”), before proceeding to Section IV. Please note: If you selected **“Third Party Filer,”** correspondences concerning this claim will be directed to the contact person provided in “Third Party Filer Information.”

II. CLAIMANT INFORMATION

Claimant Name (Individual or Entity):

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Address 2:

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City:

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State:

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ZIP Code:

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Country:

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Contact Person First Name:

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Last Name:

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Contact Person Email Address:

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Contact Person Phone Number:

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Claimant is a (Check one):

- Corporation Individual Trustee in Bankruptcy Partnership Other

If the claimant on whose behalf this claim is being submitted acquired the rights that are the basis of their claim from some other person or entity (as assignee, transferee, successor or otherwise), please check the box below and attach copies of legal documents that support the acquisition of your claim.

- This claim is based upon an assignment or transfer and I have attached copies of supporting legal documents.

PLEASE PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR OF ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION SET FORTH ABOVE.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE DOES NOT REQUIRE YOUR CONSENT TO ANY PROVISION OF THIS DOCUMENT OTHER THAN THE CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO AVOID BACKUP WITHHOLDING.

I, _____, declare under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this Claim Form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, that I am authorized to sign and submit this claim on behalf of the claimant, that the specific purchases of Bearings listed were made by the claimant **directly** from the companies listed, that the claimant is a member of Settlement Class and has not requested exclusion from the Settlement Class, that this claim is the only claim being submitted by the claimant, that the claimant does not know of any other claim being submitted for the same purchases, that the claimant has not transferred or assigned its claims, and that I have read the accompanying Instructions and the Notice of Proposed Settlement with the JTEKT, Nachi, NSK, NTN, and SKF Defendants. Claimant submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan for the purpose of investigation or discovery (if necessary) with respect to this claim and any proceeding or dispute arising out of or relating to this claim. The filing of a false claim is a violation of the criminal laws of the United States and may subject the violator to criminal penalties.

Date: - -
MM DD YYYY

Signature

Printed Name

Title of position (If claimant is not an individual)

SCHEDULE OF PURCHASES: GENERAL WORKSHEET

Please fill out the charts on both sides (front and back) of the Schedule of Purchases: General Worksheet, listing the quantity of products purchased and purchase totals for each Defendant (including their subsidiaries or affiliates) and year of the Class Period (January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2014) in which you directly purchased Bearings in the United States. If you have questions regarding the completion of the Schedule of Purchases, please contact the Settlement Administrator via email at info@AutoPartsAntitrustLitigation-DistBearings.com, or by calling 1-800-574-1808.

Year Purchased	JTEKT Defendants ¹		Nachi Defendants ²		NSK Defendants ³	
	Est. Quantity of Products Purchased	Amount Purchased	Est. Quantity of Products Purchased	Amount Purchased	Est. Quantity of Products Purchased	Amount Purchased
2000		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2001		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2002		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2003		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2004		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2005		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2006		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2007		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)

List the quantity of products purchased and dollar amount of **direct purchases** of Bearings from each of the Defendants for each year during the class period. The purchase amounts must be the net amounts paid after deducting any discounts, rebates, taxes, delivery and freight charges. **INDIRECT PURCHASES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE**

¹ JTEKT Corporation, JTEKT North America Corporation (formerly Koyo Corporation of U.S.A.), Koyo France SA, and Koyo Deutschland GmbH.

² Nachi-Fujikoshi Corp., Nachi America Inc., Nachi Technology, Inc., and Nachi Europe GmbH.

³ NSK Ltd., NSK Americas, Inc., NSK Europe Ltd., and NSK Corporation.

Year Purchased (cont.)	JTEKT Defendants		Nachi Defendants		NSK Defendants	
	Est. Quantity of Products Purchased	Amount Purchased	Est. Quantity of Products Purchased	Amount Purchased	Est. Quantity of Products Purchased	Amount Purchased
2008		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2009		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2010		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2011		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2012		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2013		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2014		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
TOTAL AMOUNT PURCHASED (Required)						

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Year Purchased	NTN Defendants ⁴		Schaeffler Defendants ⁵		SKF Defendants ⁶	
	Est. Quantity of Products Purchased	Amount Purchased	Est. Quantity of Products Purchased	Amount Purchased	Est. Quantity of Products Purchased	Amount Purchased
2000		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2001		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2002		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2003		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2004		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2005		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2006		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2007		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)

List the quantity of products purchased and dollar amount of **direct purchases** of Bearings from each of the Defendants for each year during the class period. The purchase amounts must be the net amounts paid after deducting any discounts, rebates, taxes, delivery and freight charges. **INDIRECT PURCHASES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE**

⁴ NTN Corporation, NTN USA Corporation, NTN Wälzlager GmbH, and NTN-SNR Roulements.

⁵ Schaeffler Group USA Inc., Schaeffler Technologies AG & Co. KG (formerly Schaeffler Technologies GmbH & Co. KG), and FAG Kugelfischer GmbH.

⁶ AB SKF, SKF GmbH, and SKF USA.

Year Purchased (cont.)	NTN Defendants		Schaeffler Defendants		SKF Defendants	
	Est. Quantity of Products Purchased	Amount Purchased	Est. Quantity of Products Purchased	Amount Purchased	Est. Quantity of Products Purchased	Amount Purchased
2008		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2009		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2010		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2011		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2012		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2013		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
2014		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)
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