# Food products and drinking water

### Material Handling: Screw Conveyor

### **End User:**

City of Detroit WWT Plant

### Application:

Screw Conveyor bearings

### Note:

Greased bronze hanger bearings were lasting only 6 months

ThorPlas-Blue has been operating for 2 years

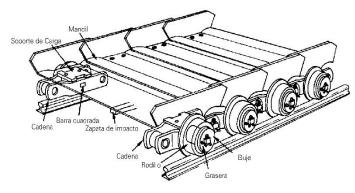


### Material Processing: Sugar Cane

### **Application:**

Sugar Cane Conveyer System-Feeding Table Wheels

- Wheels in the feeding tables had bronze bushings initially
- Dirt in system had caused severe abrasion
- Bronze bushings lasted maximum of 15 days
- Thordon SXL bearings were installed and achieved a service life of greater then 1 year
- Modifications to the sugar cane cleaning process were also introduced







### Food Handling: Corn Wet Milling

### **End User**

Not disclosed,

North Carolina, U.S.A.

### **Application:**

Grinder roller bearing support

### **Installation Date:**

October 2005

- ThorPlas-Blue replaced greased SKF roller element bearings.
- Eliminated grease contamination
- Used ThorPlas-Blue due to acidic condition (sulfuric acid present during process)









## Food Handling: Malting Process

### **End User**

Canada Malting, Calgary

### **Application:**

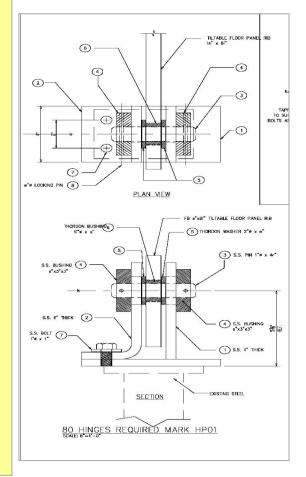
Steep Tank Hinge bearings

### **Installation Date:**

ThorPlas-Blue installed in May 2006

- Customer has used phenolics and UHMWPE without success.
- Process product includes salt water for 95% of the time but once a month a cleaning solution is used containing:
  - Sodium Hypochlorite (25-55 ppm)
  - Calcium Hypochlorite (1%)
- Temperature can reach 176°F (80°C)







### Food Processing: Pork Processing Hangers

### **Application:**

Pig Hanger Wheels- Roller Bearings

### **Installation Date:**

• June 2010

- Replaced roller bearings with ThorPlas-Blue bearing solution
- One ThorPlas-Blue bearing replaced 2 Roller Bearings
- Roller bearings had to be replaced monthly, while the ThorPlas-Blue bearings had a service life of over 1 year
- Significantly reduced maintenance costs



### Forklift- Hummerbee

- Trunnion bearings
- Original material was greased brass, but it was located in a position which was difficult to grease
- They also tried Nylatron which failed in 6 months
- 30 machines are now running with ThorPlas-Blue



### **Beer Bottle Filler Valve**

- ThorPlas-White is being tested at several breweries to replace Teflon bearings that wear out after just a few months
- Nylon and PEEK have also been tested but had very short wear life
- Thousands of bearings at each plant!





### ThorPlas-Blue Self Aligning Bearing (SAB)

### **Application:**

Hydraulic Steering System (live end – rudders)

### **Installation Date:**

First test bearing 2009-2010

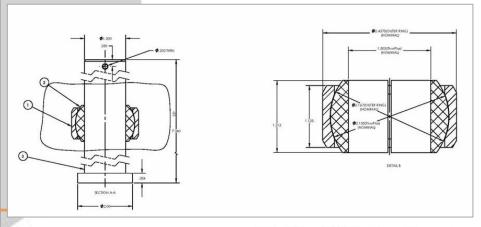
-further applications have resulted in the development of 4 standard sizes: 1.5"(38.1mm), 2" (50.8mm), 2.5" (63.5mm) and 3" (76.2mm) – custom sizes also available

### **Benefits:**

- Operates without grease
- Easy and quick installation
- Reduces piston and cylinder damage
- Operates without binding









### Fish Conveyor

### **End User**

Sandford, New Zealand

### **Application:**

Fish Conveyor Bearings onboard Fishing Trawler

### **Installation Date:**

2015

- Conveyor and its components are subject to exposure to salt water and other debris
- Former nylon bearings showed excessive wear resulting in the need to grease every 2 weeks, while replacing every 3 to 4 weeks
- Thordon SXL replaced the nylon bearings in the conveyors. The equipment runs 24/7
- Thordon SXL material was tested for 53 days, while the results showed no measurable wear.



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**Fish Conveyor** 



**Greased Nylon Bearing** 



Nylon (Left) and SXL (Right) bearings

Greaseless Thordon SXL bearing



# Industrial Pumps Handling Chemicals

### **End User**

KSB Pumps – Brazil

### **Application**

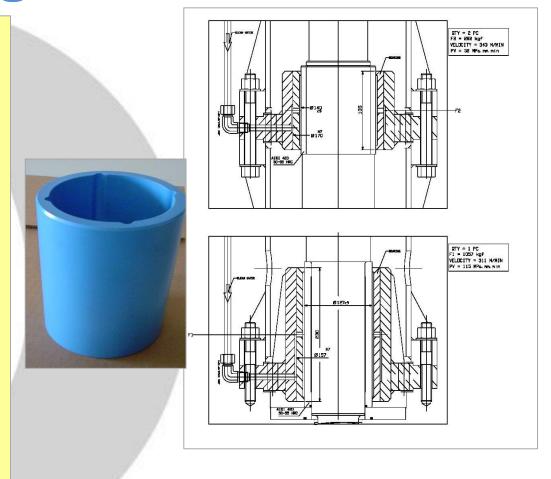
Industrial Vertical Pump.

### **Application Details**

- Liquid composition (by volume):
  - Kerosene 70-85%
  - Copper extractant 15-30%
  - Chlorine 1000 mg/l
  - H2SO4 50 g/l
  - Solids < 20 mg/l</li>
  - Temperature 15 to 50°C (59°F to 122°F)

### **Date of Installation**

**Installed May 2005** 





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### **End User**

Mixing Solutions Ltd. UK

### **Application**

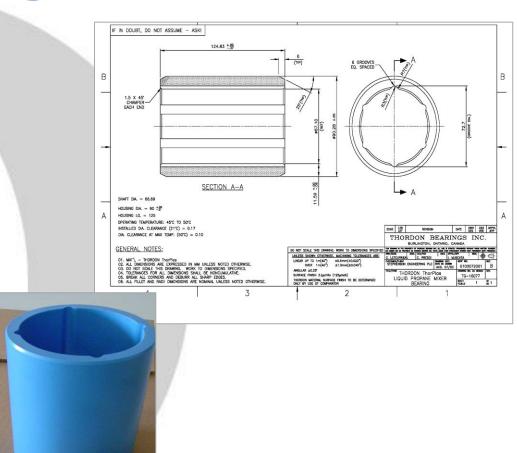
Liquid Propane Pump/Mixer

### **Application Details**

- Material has worked with excellent results.
- Subsequent order and inquiries have come up as a result of this installation.

### **Date of Installation**

August 2003





# Industrial Pumps Handling Chemicals

### **Distributor:**

Jetco de Venezuela –end user not disclosed

### **Application**

Vertical Pump- Mix of water and crude oil traces

### **Application Details**

- Bearings installed in the stuffing box, spider, bowl and suction bell
- Replaced bronze

### **Installation Date**

January 2006







### **Meat Pump**

### **End User:**

Animal by-products plant, New Zealand

### **Application:**

- Original bearing was made of steel, and had to be removed to be cleaned
- They wanted something that would stand up in their "clean in place" process
- SXL was supplied and glued in with a high temperature epoxy



### Pump End User References

- Peach Bottom Atomic Plant, PA, USA
- Salt River Project, AZ, USA
- Jacksonville Electric Authority, FL, USA
- South Florida Water Management, FL, USA
- Steel Company of Canada (STELCO)
- Shell Chemical, USA
- KoRi Nuclear Power Plant, South Korea
- Danjin Thermal Power Plant, South Korea
- Youngkwang Nuclear Power, South Korea
- Nebraska Public Power, USA



### **AXYZ** Automation

### **End User:**

**AXYZ** Automation

- The equipment is used for cutting of ACM, an aluminum composite material with three layers of material: Aluminum-Polymer-Aluminum
- They tried different materials (UHMW and phenolic) in the past, but none found satisfactory. Wear life was about one month
- They were looking for something with a lower coefficient of friction
- Thordon proposed both ThorPlas-Blue and SXL, and customer chose to replace the material with ThorPlas-Blue



# ThorPlas-White Applications: Building Water Supply Pump

### **End User:**

Huizhou JingFeng Pump Industry Co., Ltd

### **Application:**

**Building Water Supply Pump** 

### **Installation Date:**

August, 2016

- ThorPlas-White replaced original bronze bearing material.
   Wear life was too short, so pump factory decided to replace
- Pump is used in drinking water systems, and must meet the standard certifications. At the same time, the customer wanted to extend bearing wear life. Shaft diameters 35mm and 40mm
- CY visited the customer recently where more than 100 pumps will use ThorPlas-White. Working well up until now









# ThorPlas-White Applications: Pump Bearing

### **End User:**

SMS Pumps, The Netherlands

### **Application:**

**Pump Bearing** 

### **Installation Date:**

November, 2016

- Previous bearing material had no certification for drinking water
- ThorPlas-White had the required certification and extended running time. Shaft diameters 94mm and 100mm.
- As of 2017, the bearing is currently running without any problems





# ThorPlas-White Applications: Meat Processing Equipment

### **End User:**

Olymel - Prince

### **Application:**

Bushings for meet processing equipment

### **Installation Date:**

April, 2016

- The division Prince produces bacon. They have some bushings wearing too quickly.
   They tried brass and UHMW but they wear too quickly
- ThorPlas-White is FDA approved, self lubricated, it extends wear life and extends the mean time between maintenances
- Olymel bought few meters since the first installation for the same application. They are supposed to revert 30 units!





# ThorPlas-White Applications: Fruit Tank Agitator

### **End User:**

CP - Meiji, Thailand

**Application:** 

Fruit Tank Agitator

**Installation Date:** 

February, 2017



