About high and low temperature castors

High temperature use

As temperatures increase, wheels become weaker, which lowers their load capacity and shortens their lifespan. It is important that you specify the temperature and type of application before ordering a castor, to ensure that the appropriate wheel type is selected. We make three different wheel types designed specifically for use in high temperature environments. These specialised wheels use standard lithium complex grease (STABUTHERM® GH 461) which has excellent water resistance (24 hrs at 90°C), bearing retention and long life.

Low temperature use

Below 5°C you must specify temperature of use at the time of ordering. The standard grease we use in our castors is a lithium complex grease. This has excellent water resistance, bearing retention and long life. However below 5°C it begins to stiffen quickly, and will soon freeze the bearings so that neither the castor swivels nor the wheel bearings revolve. If specified at the time of ordering, we use a special aeronautical grease which is a synthetic oil with a microgel thickener. This is compounded for use down to -30°C, and will need to be refreshed every 6–12 months, but will continue to work effectively in chilling rooms, freezing stores and outdoor winter use in northern countries where ordinary greases would be useless.

As the temperature becomes lower, the softer rubber and polyurethane treads on our wheels become less elastic. For example, the polyurethane used on the 'H' series slowly stiffens from +20°C down to -20°C, but then rapidly stiffens until at -50°C, when it becomes brittle.

As temperature goes below 5°C, nylon can become brittle (particularly if it is kept for long periods in the very dry air in freezing rooms). At such times we recommend glass filled nylon reinforced wheels, which can be used down to -30°C.



Castors for applications such as baking trolleys and freezer carts need to specified to ensure that they perform optimally in these extreme conditions.

Wheel types

Glass filled nylon

The best choice for hospitality based applications such as 'food baking' ovens, glass filled nylon can withstand sustained high temperatures and is gentle and quiet on most floor surfaces. Fibreglass reinforced nylon wheels are the preferred wheel for extended periods of up to 210°C (assuming most of their life is spent outside the oven), and for short periods up to 230°C.

Phenolic

Phenolic is more brittle than glass filled nylon and it has a shorter life cycle but can go up to very high temperatures. Phenolic is a good choice for light duty industrial applications with very high temperatures such as ovens used for curing paint. The load capacity decreases from 125 kg at 100°C to 40 kg at 300°C therefore it is very important to ensure that the load capacity of the trolley fits within the appropriate temperature and load capacity. Phenolic wheels (with special inorganic fillers and PTFE bushes) are preferred for extended periods up to 280°C assuming most of their life is spent outside the oven and for short periods up to 300°C. These have a thick cross section, but are more brittle than either nylon or ordinary grades of phenolic. Please note that phenolic wheels are not suitable for medium duty applications or applications where wheels are subjected to impact such as when a trolley is rolled down steps.

Cast iron

The best choice for Industrial based applications such as 'paint curing' ovens and also for use in sustained high temperature environments, cast iron wheels can withstand extreme high temperatures as well as higher load capacities than all other wheel types. Cast iron wheels do not have bearings. They have a plain bore fitted with an axle spacer that is lubricated with high temperature grease. This grease can be used up to 230°C for long periods. For temperatures that exceed 230°C a more exotic grease is required. For sustained high temperature use, we offer a range of cast iron wheeled castors used with high temperature grease. Please note that cast iron is heavy, noisy and may damage concrete floors and other floor surfaces.

See page 36 for our range of high and low temperature castors.



High & low temperature castors



Features

- Available with high temperature resistant phenolic, or cast iron wheels, and freeze resistant glass filled nylon
- Swivel, fixed plate or bolt hole zinc plated Core Coat[™] forks
- Specialised castor and fork grease depending on application
- Made in Australia

Detailed information about high and low temperature castors, including typical applications are available on page 72.

M Series wheels







MKT
High temperature phenolic, plain bearing



Cast iron, plain bearing

Wheel	Max load at temperature	Diameter x tread (mm)	Hub x bore (mm)
MHH100	80 kg at 150°C 70 kg at 180°C 60 kg at 210°C 50 kg at 230°C*	100 x 32	41 x 12
MKT100	125 kg at 100°C 100 kg at 250°C 40 kg at 300°C	100 x 35	41 x 12
DCI75	100 kg at 400°C	75 x 28	41 x 12

M Series forks







T High temp—MZFHT Low temp—MZF



Bolt hole swivel
High temp—MZHHT
Low temp—MZHLT

Fork	Wheel size (mm)	Mount height (mm)	Turning radius (mm)
MZPHT/MZPLT MZFHT/MZF ³ MZHHT/MZHLT	75	106	71
	100	135	91

^{*} MHH wheel should be exposed to this temperature for short periods only.

J Series wheels



JHH Glass reinforced nylon, heavy hub, plain bearing



Cast iron, plain bearing

Wheel	Max load at temperature	Diameter x tread (mm)	Hub x bore (mm)
JHH100	100 kg at 150°C 90 kg at 180°C 80 kg at 210°C 60 kg at 230°C*	100 x 32	45 x 20
JCI100	400 kg at 400°C	100 x 38	45 x 20

J Series forks



Plate with swivel
High temp—JZPHT
Low temp—JZPLT



Fixed plate
High temp—JZFHT
Low temp—JZF



Bolt hole swivel High temp—JZHHT Low temp—JZHLT

Fork	Wheel size (mm)	Mount height (mm)	Turning radius (mm)
JZPHT/JZPLT JMZFHT/JZF ¹ JZHHT/JZHLT	100	129	90

^{*} JHH wheel should be exposed to this temperature for short periods only.

¹ Also available with North American plate with swivel—MZPNHT, MZPNLT.

² Also available with North American fixed plate—MZFNHT, MZFN.

³ Fixed plate has no turning radius

¹ Fixed plate has no turning radius

O Series wheels



plain bearing





Cast iron, plain bearing

Wheel	Max load at temperature	Diameter x tread (mm)	Hub x bore (mm)
OHH150	200 kg at 210°C	150 x 40	60 x 20
WCI150	250 kg at 400°C	150 x 50	60 x 20

O Series forks



Plate with swivel*
High temp—OZPHT
Low temp—OZPLT



Fixed plate¹
High temp—HZFHT
Low temp—HZF

Fork	Wheel size (mm)	Mount height (mm)	Turning radius (mm)
OZPHT/OZPLT HZFHT/HZF ²	150	138	96

^{*} Also available with North American plate with swivel—OZPNHT, OZPNLT.

Order codes

M Series wheels	Fork code	Castor code
DCI75	M75ZPHT	DCI75/MZPHT
High temp	M75ZPNHT	DCI75/MZPNHT
	M75ZFHT	DCI75/MZFHT
	M75ZFNHT	DCI75/MZFNHT
	M75ZHHT	DCI75/MZHHT
MHH 100	M100ZPHT	MHH100/MZPHT
High temp	M100ZPNHT	MHH100/MZPNHT
	M100ZFHT	MHH100/MZFHT
	M100ZFNHT	MHH100/MZFNHT
	M100ZHHT	MHH100/MZHHT
MHH 100	M100ZPLT	MHH100/MZPLT
Low temp	M100ZPNLT	MHH100/MZPNLT
	M100ZF	MHH100/MZF
	M100ZFN	MHH100/MZFN
	M100ZHLT	MHH100/MZHLT
MKT 100	M100ZPHT	MKT100/MZPHT
High temp	M100ZPNHT	MKT100/MZPNHT
	M100ZFHT	MKT100/MZFHT
	M100ZFNHT	MKT100/MZFNHT
	M100ZHHT	MKT100/MZHHT
J Series wheels	Fork code	Castor code
JCI 100	J100ZPHT	JCI100/JZPHT
High temp	J100ZFHT	JCI100/JZFHT
	J100ZHHT	JCI100/JZHHT
JCI 100	J100ZPLT	JCI100/JZPLT
Low temp	J100ZF	JCI100/JZF
	J100ZHLT	JCI100/JZHLT
JHH 100	J100ZPHT	JHH100/JZPHT
High temp	J100ZFHT	JHH100/JZFHT
	J100ZHHT	JHH100/JZHHT
JHH 100	J100ZPLT	JHH100/JZPLT
Low temp	J100ZF	JHH100/JZF

J100ZHLT

JHH100/JZHLT

O Series wheels	Fork code	Castor code
OHH 150	O150ZPHT	OHH150/OZPHT
High temp	O150ZPNHT	OHH150/OZPNHT
	H150ZFHT	OHH150/HZFHT
	H150ZFNHT	OHH150/HZFNHT
OHH 150	O150ZPLT	OHH150/OZPLT
Low temp	O150ZPNLT	OHH150/OZPNLT
	H150ZF	OHH150/HZF
	H150ZFN	OHH150/HZFN
WCI 150	O150ZPHT	WCI150/OZPHT
High temp	O150ZPNHT	WCI150/OZPNHT
	H150ZFHT	WCI150/HZFHT
	H150ZFNHT	WCI150/HZFNHT
WCI 150	O150ZPLT	WCI150/OZPLT
Low temp	O150ZPNLT	WCI150/OZPNLT
	H150ZF	WCI150/HZF
	H150ZFN	WCI150/HZFN

¹ Also available with North American fixed plate—HZFNHT, HZFN.

² Fixed plate has no turning radius