

Which is a better cage material – nylon or pressed steel? by Mike Mortensen - Director of Engineering RBI-USA

RBI typically supplies bearings with either nylon or pressed steel cages. Each material has its own advantages and disadvantages, making the optimal cage material vary from application to application. Table 1 draws a comparison between nylon and pressed steel cages over a variety of characteristics.

Table 1. Comparisons between nylon and pressed steel cages.

Nylon	Characteristic	Pressed Steel
	Availability	✓
✓	Corrosion Resistance	
✓	Flexibility	
✓	Friction	
✓	Operational Noise	
	Strength	✓
	Temperature Limit	✓

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