

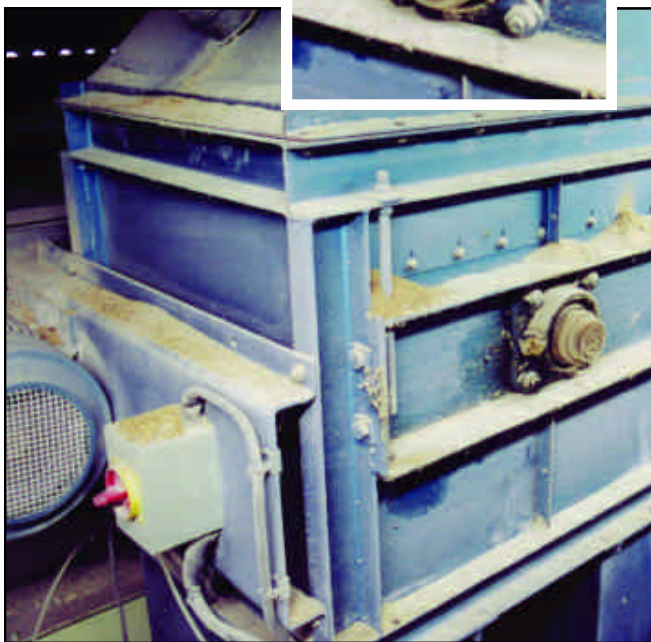
Elevating Feed Mill Profit Levels

The Application Problem

The removal of the roof which incurred an expensive crane hire cost was proving to be prohibitive during the 4 yearly cyclical maintenance of this feed mill elevator.

The previously fitted SF75/1075/75 bearings used on this 600 staggered bucket elevator had the 75mm, 106rpm drive shaft bearings fitted in trapped applications behind a 13-1 gear reduction box, which caused immense additional maintenance access problems.

The dry, dusty conditions of the mill environment also had a negative impact on the effectiveness of the lubrication and ultimately the bearing life.

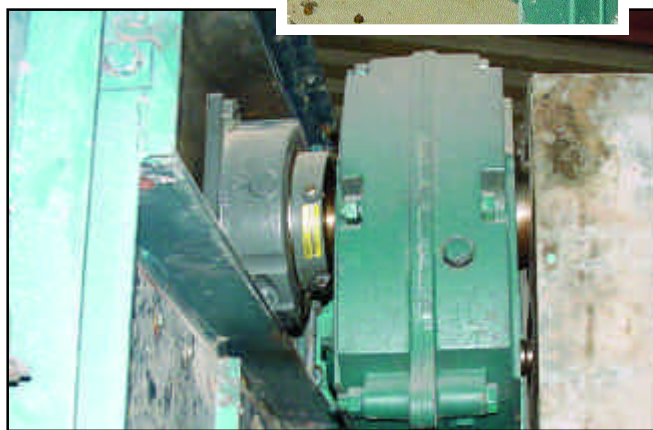


The Cooper Split Solution

In order to reduce the customer maintenance expense, Cooper recommended 01EBCDFN 75mm EX (Expansion and GR (Fixed) bearings.

Due to the nature of construction of the elevator cladding, it was imperative the bearing housings fitted between the strengthening flanges on cladding. This is shown clearly in the photographs below as is the very tight trapped bearing between the gearbox and the elevator. Felt seals were specified in this instance to prevent the ingress of abrasive, bearing life reducing grain dust.

The split feature of the Cooper bearing means the customer will not have to undergo the expensive removal the mill roof and access for maintenance and inspection can be carried out at any time.



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