

SKF BS European standard chains

Chains manufactured to the BS standards are covered by ISO606, BS228 and DIN 8187.

The pitch sizes covered by this standard are 6 mm (0,236 inch) to 114,3 mm (4,500 inch). They are characterised by a larger pin diameter than the ANSI chain. This results in better wear resistance due to a larger load bearing area.

The BS chain numbering system works as follows, i.e. 1/2 inch pitch duplex (double strand) chain would be 08B-2. The first two digits are the pitch size in 1/16 of an inch, therefore 08 = 8/16 or 1/2 inch. The letter B indicates the European standard.

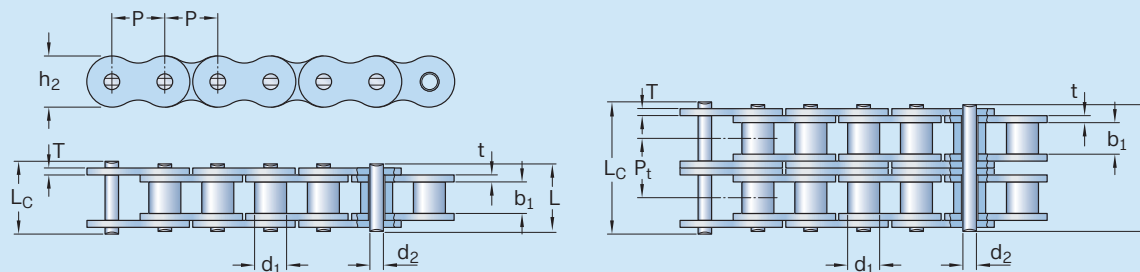
The suffix 2 indicates the number of strands in the chain, in this case a duplex (double strand) chain.

BS chains resemble ASME/ANSI standard chains and are identical in pitch, however, there are other significant dimensional differences which distinguish them from ASME/ANSI standard chains.

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Table 1

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BS/ISO Chain number	Dimensions										Ultimate tensile strength	Average tensile strength	Weight per meter	Designation
	Pitch	Roller diameter	Width between inner plates	Pin diameter	Pin length	Inner plate height	Plate thickness	Transverse pitch	Q min	Q ₀				
	P	d ₁ max	b ₁ min	d ₂ max	L max	L _c max	h ₂ max	t max	T max	P _t	Q min	Q ₀	q	
	mm										kN	kg/m		
04B-1	6,000	4,00	2,80	1,85	6,80	7,8	5,00	0,60	0,60	–	3,0	3,2	0,11	PHC 04B-1...
05B-1	8,000	5,00	3,00	2,31	8,20	8,9	7,10	0,80	0,80	–	5,0	5,9	0,20	PHC 05B-1...
06B-1*	9,525	6,35	5,72	3,28	13,15	14,1	8,20	1,30	1,30	–	9,0	10,4	0,41	PHC 06B-1...
08B-1	12,700	8,51	7,75	4,45	16,70	18,2	11,80	1,60	1,60	–	18,0	19,4	0,69	PHC 08B-1...
10B-1	15,875	10,16	9,65	5,08	19,50	20,9	14,70	1,70	1,70	–	22,4	27,5	0,93	PHC 10B-1...
12B-1	19,050	12,07	11,68	5,72	22,50	24,2	16,00	1,85	1,85	–	29,0	32,2	1,15	PHC 12B-1...
16B-1	25,400	15,88	17,02	8,28	36,10	37,4	21,00	4,15	3,10	–	60,0	72,8	2,71	PHC 16B-1...
20B-1	31,750	19,05	19,56	10,19	41,30	45,0	26,40	4,50	3,50	–	95,0	106,7	3,70	PHC 20B-1...
24B-1	38,100	25,40	25,40	14,63	53,40	57,8	33,20	6,00	4,80	–	160,0	178,0	7,10	PHC 24B-1...
28B-1	44,450	27,94	30,99	15,90	65,10	69,5	36,70	7,50	6,00	–	200,0	222,0	8,50	PHC 28B-1...
32B-1	50,800	29,21	30,99	17,81	66,00	71,0	42,00	7,00	6,00	–	250,0	277,5	10,25	PHC 32B-1...
40B-1	63,500	39,37	38,10	22,89	82,20	89,2	52,96	8,50	8,00	–	355,0	394,0	16,35	PHC 40B-1...
48B-1	76,200	48,26	45,72	29,24	99,10	107,0	63,80	12,00	10,00	–	560,0	621,6	25,00	PHC 48B-1...
56B-1	88,900	53,98	53,34	34,32	114,60	123,0	77,80	13,50	12,00	–	850,0	940,0	35,78	PHC 56B-1...
64B-1	101,600	63,50	60,96	39,40	130,00	138,5	90,17	15,00	13,00	–	1120,0	1240,0	46,00	PHC 64B-1...
72B-1	114,300	72,39	68,58	44,48	147,40	156,4	103,60	17,00	15,00	–	1400,0	1550,0	60,80	PHC 72B-1...
05B-2	8,000	5,00	3,00	2,31	13,9	14,5	7,10	0,80	0,80	5,64	7,8	10,2	0,33	PHC 05B-2...
06B-2*	9,525	6,35	5,72	3,28	23,4	24,4	8,20	1,30	1,30	10,24	16,9	18,7	0,77	PHC 06B-2...
08B-2	12,700	8,51	7,75	4,45	31,2	32,2	11,80	1,60	1,60	13,92	32,0	38,7	1,34	PHC 08B-2...
10B-2	15,875	10,16	9,65	5,08	36,1	37,5	14,70	1,70	1,70	16,59	44,5	56,2	1,84	PHC 10B-2...
12B-2	19,050	12,07	11,68	5,72	42,0	43,6	16,00	1,85	1,85	19,46	57,8	66,1	2,31	PHC 12B-2...
16B-2	25,400	15,88	17,02	8,28	68,0	69,3	21,00	4,15	3,10	31,88	106,0	133,0	5,42	PHC 16B-2...
20B-2	31,750	19,05	19,56	10,19	77,8	81,5	26,40	4,50	3,50	36,45	170,0	211,2	7,20	PHC 20B-2...
24B-2	38,100	25,40	25,40	14,63	101,7	106,2	33,20	6,00	4,80	48,36	280,0	319,2	13,40	PHC 24B-2...
28B-2	44,450	27,94	30,99	15,90	124,6	129,1	36,70	7,50	6,00	59,56	360,0	406,8	16,60	PHC 28B-2...
32B-2	50,800	29,21	30,99	17,81	124,6	129,6	42,00	7,00	6,00	58,55	450,0	508,5	21,00	PHC 32B-2...
40B-2	63,500	39,37	38,10	22,89	154,5	161,5	52,96	8,50	8,00	72,29	630,0	711,9	32,00	PHC 40B-2...
48B-2	76,200	48,26	45,72	29,24	190,4	198,2	63,80	12,00	10,00	91,21	1000,0	1130,0	50,00	PHC 48B-2...
56B-2	88,900	53,98	53,34	34,32	221,2	229,6	77,80	13,50	12,00	106,6	1600,0	1760,0	71,48	PHC 56B-2...
64B-2	101,600	63,50	60,96	39,40	249,9	258,4	90,17	15,00	13,00	119,89	2000,0	2200,0	91,00	PHC 64B-2...
72B-2	114,300	72,39	68,58	44,48	283,7	292,7	103,60	17,00	15,00	136,27	2500,0	2750,0	120,40	PHC 72B-2...
05B-3	8,000	5,00	3,00	2,31	19,5	20,2	7,10	0,80	0,80	5,64	11,1	13,8	0,48	PHC 05B-3...
06B-3*	9,525	6,35	5,72	3,28	33,5	34,6	8,20	1,30	1,30	10,24	24,9	30,1	1,16	PHC 06B-3...
08B-3	12,700	8,51	7,75	4,45	45,1	46,1	11,80	1,60	1,60	13,92	47,5	57,8	2,03	PHC 08B-3...
10B-3	15,875	10,16	9,65	5,08	52,7	54,1	14,70	1,70	1,70	16,59	66,7	84,5	2,77	PHC 10B-3...
12B-3	19,050	12,07	11,68	5,72	61,5	63,1	16,00	1,85	1,85	19,46	86,7	101,8	3,46	PHC 12B-3...
16B-3	25,400	15,88	17,02	8,28	99,8	101,2	21,00	4,15	3,10	31,88	160,0	203,7	8,13	PHC 16B-3...
20B-3	31,750	19,05	19,56	10,19	114,2	117,9	26,40	4,50	3,50	36,45	250,0	290,0	10,82	PHC 20B-3...
24B-3	38,100	25,40	25,40	14,63	150,1	154,6	33,20	6,00	4,80	48,36	425,0	493,0	20,10	PHC 24B-3...
28B-3	44,450	27,94	30,99	15,90	184,2	188,7	36,70	7,50	6,00	59,56	530,0	609,5	24,92	PHC 28B-3...
32B-3	50,800	29,21	30,99	17,81	183,2	188,2	42,00	7,00	6,00	58,55	670,0	770,5	31,56	PHC 32B-3...
40B-3	63,500	39,37	38,10	22,89	226,8	233,8	52,96	8,50	8,00	72,29	950,0	1092,5	48,10	PHC 40B-3...
48B-3	76,200	48,26	45,72	29,24	281,6	289,4	63,80	12,00	10,00	91,21	1500,0	1710,0	75,00	PHC 48B-3...
56B-3	88,900	53,98	53,34	34,32	327,8	336,2	77,80	13,50	12,00	106,6	2240,0	2240,0	107,18	PHC 56B-3...
64B-3	101,600	63,50	60,96	39,40	369,8	378,3	90,17	15,00	13,00	119,89	3000,0	3300,0	136,00	PHC 64B-3...
72B-3	114,300	72,39	68,58	44,48	420,0	429,0	103,60	17,00	15,00	136,27	3750,0	4125,0	180,00	PHC 72B-3...

* Straight side plates.

Standard lengths are 10 ft. and 5 m. To complete designation, add chain length. For example, a 5 m box of 08B-1 is PHC 08B-1X5MTR.

For links, add "C/L" for "connecting" and "O/L" for "offset" to the designation.