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Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith: To all to whom these presents shall come greeting:

WHEREAS Autoset (Production) Limited, a British Company, of 72-77 Stour Street, Birmingham 18,

(hereinafter referred to as the said applicants) have prayed that a patent may be granted unto them for the sole use and advantage of an invention for Improvements relating to bearings,

AND WHEREAS the said applicants (hereinafter together with their successors, and assigns, or any of them referred to as the patentees) have declared that there is no lawful ground of objection to the grant of a patent unto them:

AND WHEREAS the complete specification has particularly described the invention:

AND WHEREAS We, being willing to encourage all inventions which may be for the public good, are graciously pleased to condescend to their request:

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IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these our letters to be made patent as of the seventh day of April

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## PATENT SPECIFICATION

DRAWINGS ATTACHED.

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## COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

# Improvements relating to Bearings.

British Company, of 72—77, Stour Street, Birmingham, 18, do hereby declare the invention, for which we pray that a patent may be granted to us, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:

This invention relates to bearings and its object, is to provide a particularly simple

and cheap ball-bearing unit.

It is of course well known that ball-bearings offer a particularly low-friction bearing support, and are commonly used in two forms: one form uses cones or the like which are adjusted to provide the desired loading, and the other is the self-contained bearing unit in which the balls are (usually) permanently retained so that the unit can be tilted as a whole without any adjustment being necessary. The latter form utilises inner and outer races comprising hardened steel tracks ground and lapped to precision dimension to accommodate the balls; the main objection to these races is their cost, whereas the objection to the cone-form is the cost of assembly and the skill needed to adjust them correctly.

In accordance with this invention, a self-30 contained bearing unit comprises inner and outer housings each carrying a pair of wire races in the form of gapped loops, and a plurality of balls located between the races.

Hence-the invention dispenses with the necessity for highly accurate ground and lapped races and uses relatively cheap wire rolled or formed into the loops for the races.

The housings may be pressings, castings,

or of any other form.

Four illustrative embodiments of the invention are now-described with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a part sectional elevation of a first bearing unit;

Figure 2 is a similar view of a second unit; -45 - Figure 3 is a similar view of a third unit,

and

Figure: 2 is a similar view of a second unit; Referring, first to Figure 1 there is shown a unit comprising a pair of angle section pressings of sheet-metal, 10, 11, which are assembled to make a channel shape and accommodate a pair of circular cross-sectioned hard wires 12, 13, which provide cuter race tracks for the balls 14. The wires are rolled into loops with small gaps, i.e., of the order of \( \frac{1}{8} \) between the ends of each length of wire. This bearing unit utilises a cast, moulded or like inner part 15 which also accommodates a pair of wires 16, 17, forming the inner track of the race. The unit is completed by deforming a portion 10a of one angle-shaped part from the position shown in dotted lines, after assembling by locating first the wires 12, 16 and then the balls, then the wire 17, and lastly the angle section 11 and wire 13. The complete unit may be coin-pressed to final dimensions and/or a predetermined loading. If desired the deformed flange may be made part-inclined, i.e. between the dotted and full-lines, prior to assembly to facilitate the final deformation.

Further, the bearing unit may be made to contain lubricant and/or exclude dirt by locating an annular washer, possibly with a felt or like packing, between each two wires and the adjacent flanges.

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In Figure 2, the unit is modified first in that instead of spacing the wires at 90° spacing, the two 12, 13 forming the outer race are closer together, and widely spaced from the two 16, 17, which are similarly closer together. This gives a unit adapted for

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Dear Sirs,

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Herewith we have pleasure in enclosing the Official Sealed Letters Patent as above, safe receipt of which kindly acknowledge.

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Yours faithfully,

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