

Norton Commando Main Bearings Summarised (from August 1972)

Id.	Approximate Years in use	Name & Identifying Markings	Explanation
1.	1972	R&M (or RHP) 6/MRJA30 'Superblend' Norton Part No. 063906	The '6' is hand engraved indicating a 'special'. It has not been made since around 1972. Ransome & Marles (R&M) became part of Ransome Hoffman & Pollard (RHP) in 1972. Referred to in Norton Service Release N2/9 (August 1972) as 'superblend'.
2.	1973 onwards	FAG NJ306E Norton Part No. 064118 (Higher load rating than 063906)	<p>The 'E' is important referring to extended life. Almost certainly the bearing introduced by Norton Service Release N2/10 (January 1973).</p> <p>This bearing has evolved over time. As at 2020 the version widely sold and used has the designation: FAG NJ306E.M1.C3</p> <p>The 'M1' refers to a brass cage and 'C3', i.e. internal clearance greater than normal.</p> <p>This bearing is sometimes marketed as 'superblend'. FAG has confirmed that it is a normal bearing listed in their catalogue and that 'superblend' was a local designation used by Norton.</p>

For further details see <https://www.nortonownersclub.org/sites/default/files/Main-Bearings-v1.1.compressed.pdf>

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