# About Muvtons



Muvtons Castors was established by Mr. Bhagwan Singh in 1977 with one simple vision: To manufacture wheels & castors that surpass all expectations of quality and performance. Today, having grown to become industry leaders in wheels & castors, we remain committed to that vision as strongly as ever. We offer the most comprehensive range of solutions for our customers; our products can ferry loads from 100 Kg up to 50 tonnes, and are available in a variety of materials and configurations to fulfil every tenable requirement.

We perform an application study before recommending mobility solutions, employ automated machinery and advanced manufacturing processes, and undertake rigorous in-house product testing to ensure that your investment performs impeccably for years to come.







Moving tons... So easily...





## What is castor?

The first and most important question that comes to mind is, "What is a castor?" Let's explore this...



Muvtons GGSE Series Castor



A castor is made of two parts: the bracket that supports or holds the wheel and the wheel itself. It's attached to the bottom of larger objects like carts or dollies, making it simple to move them around.

Castors are available in different wheel sizes, load capacities, tread widths, and heights, enhancing your equipment's mobility in various work environments.



### Is there a difference between 'castor' and 'caster'?

Both terms essentially refer to the same thing. Castor is a British term for castor wheel, whereas Caster is an American term for castor wheel. We at Muvtons, use 'castor' for all our communication purposes when we need to define 'castor'.

### What is the Difference Between Castors and Wheels?

Many people might not be familiar with the word 'castor,' but when they see one, they often just call it a wheel.

But a castor is more than just a wheel!

In materials handling, automotive, textile or as in many other industries, when it comes to looking for a certain product, you have to be very specific in naming what you want. And knowing the correct name of the product is key there.

So let's define exactly what the difference between a castor and a wheel...

### Wheels

We're all familiar with the wheel, a round object with a hole in the centre connected to a shaft.

It enables movement in vehicles and industrial machinery. One might also define it as a circular cylinder of greater or lesser width that spins around on an axle, much like the wheels on a car and for many mechanical purposes.

For more information on wheel please visit here https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wheel



A Muvtons' Wheel



### Bracket ( Rig / Fork / Horn )

Now, let's look at another important component that defines a castor – the Bracket, also known as a rig, fork or horn. The part of the castor that is made up of top plate, a base and a pair of forks and includes everything in a castor except for the wheel.



A Muvtons' Bracket

#### Castor

As mentioned earlier, a castor consists of two parts: the bracket that supports the wheel and the wheel itself. A castor does include a wheel, but it's more than just a wheel.

It's an assembly that includes both a wheel and a bracket and this bracket that contains it is what separates it from the regular wheel.



For more information on wheel please visit here https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caster



## Types of Castors

There are two types of castors: **Rigid or Swivel.** 

### **Rigid Castor**

A rigid castor, also referred to as a fixed castor, is a wheel attached to a set of forks that doesn't rotate or turn. Consequently, rigid castors are designed to move objects forward and backward in a straight line, but they cannot be used for steering.

#### Highlights of Rigid Castor

- Easier to control and no steering required
- Ideal for moving materials in straight lines
- Great for heavy loads



**GHKE Series Castor** 

### Swivel Castor

Swivel castors rotate 360° and can respond immediately to changes in direction. A swivel castor incorporates a wheel mounted to a fork, but an additional swivel joint above the fork allows the fork to freely rotate about 360. These castors swivel on ball bearings to keep the wheel turning even under heavy loads.

### Highlights of Swivel Casto

- Able to swivel 360 degrees so they can move in any direction
- Best suited for turning tight corners & in small spaces
- Some come with swivel locks to make straight-line & long-distance travelling easier





### Castor Break

A castor with an added accessory to stop one or more types of movement. Many brakes engage with the castor wheel to prevent wheel rotation, thus preventing forward/backward motion. As the swivel mechanism is not engaged, under enough lateral pressure, the castor could still rotate. Brakes will engage with the castor wheel and the swivel mechanism to prevent any motion. We call this style **Total Lock** brakes.

#### Swivel Castor with Total Lock (TL)

Swivel Castor with TL are valuable in heavy-duty tasks, especially when dealing with substantial loads that can be tricky to move safely. When you engage a castor total lock, it allows for improved control and the ability to move items in a straight line. After you've transported the item to its destination, you can disengage the total lock, enabling you to move it more freely and position it precisely where needed.



Total Lock (TL)



### Swivel Castor with Break

Swivel Castor with break are also valuable in heavy-duty tasks, and brakes are an important component of heavy duty castors and have many benefits. As a backup to operator strength and to reduce strain, they can be used to slow and stop a cart. And they can help prevent carts or racks from moving unexpectedly, preventing both damage to the product and injury to employees.



#### Load Rating / Capacity

Castors are also classified based on their strength ratings, which indicate their ability to bear weight and its durability.



Light-duty

It supports loads up to 250 kg



### Medium-duty

These are suitable for weights ranging from 250 to 900 kg



**GHKE Kingpinless Castor** 

Heavy-duty

These are designed for loads exceeding 7500 kg



**NOTE -** Please remember that each castor is rated for its own weight capacity, whether it's a swivel or rigid type, and not for the combined weight of all the castors. Also refer to Muvtons catalogue to know more on castors and wheels series in order to get better understanding.

#### Terminologies of a Castor

**Overall Height** – The total height of the castor from the bottom of the wheel to the top of the top plate.

Wheel Diameter – The diameter of the wheel used in the castor.

**Swivel Radius** – The distance from the centre of the fastening to the outermost point of the caster. This specifies the minimum clearance required for a mounted caster to swivel a full 360 degrees.







Swivel Radius



### Terminologies of a Castor

**Tread Width** – The distance between the outer and inner edge of the circumference of the wheel.

**Offset** – The distance between the central axis on the top plate and that of the wheel used in a castor.









### Anatomy / Components of a castor





**Top Plate** – The top of the castor is called the top plate. It's usually rectangular, with four holes, one in each corner, use to mount the castor on trolley.



E = Bolt Hole Diameter

#### Yoke Base (YB) - Base for welding of fork legs.

Fork Legs – Forged metal strips to hold wheel.

**Wheel** – The bottom of the castor is the wheel. Its job is to roll and enable the equipment to move.



# <u>Guide to choose</u> the right castor

There are a few main factors that need to be taken into consideration when searching for the ideal castor wheel for your specific use and application: Load capacity, Roll resistance, and the Environment in which the application will be used.

### Load Capacity

Load capacity is one of the most important factors to consider when choosing the right castor wheel for your application. The load capacity of a castor wheel determines how much weight it can support. It's important to choose a castor wheel with a load capacity that is high enough to support the weight of your application, as well as any dynamic loads that may occur.

If you choose a castor wheel with too low of a load capacity, it could fail and cause serious damage or injury. Conversely, if you choose a castor wheel with too high of a load capacity, it could be unnecessarily expensive and may not perform as well as a castor with a more appropriate load capacity.







Capacities given in our product catalogue (please refer to the catalogue) are based on normal working conditions on reasonably level floors free from grooves, breaks, door sills, lift entrances and other hazards. They are also based on a maximum speed of 4km/h unless otherwise stated as per ISO 22883. Although Muvtons Wheels and Castors have high capacity reserves, we recommend the use of the following general formula to determine the load capacity:

#### Weight of transport equipment + load

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#### CALCULATION OF TOTAL LOAD CAPACITY FOR DIFFERENT CASTOR ARRANGEMENT

TYPE OF CASTOR ARANGEMENT	CASTOR TYPE WHEEL	LOAD CALCULATION	
	2 Swivel Castors & 2 Fixed Castors	Load 3	
	4 Swivel Castors	Load 3	
	2 Swivel Castors / 2 Fixed Castors	Load 2	
	1 Swivel Castor & 2 Fixed Castors	Load 2.5	
	3 Swivel Castors	Load 2.5	
	4 Swivel Castors & 2 Fixed Castors	Load 2	



### **Roll Resistance**

When a wheel rolls, there's always some resistance due to friction. The amount of resistance created by the friction depends on the material of the wheel and the surface it's rolling on.

For example, a rubber wheel will have more roll resistance than a plastic wheel. The type of surface also affects roll resistance. A smooth concrete floor will offer less resistance than a rough gravel path. By taking roll resistance into account, you can ensure that your castor wheels provide the level of support and stability you need.



The diameter of the wheel, the shape of the tread as well as the material and hardness of the tread have a significant impact on maneuverability, rolling resistance and swivel resistance.

#### Uneven surface = larger wheel and softer tread

The rule of thumb is: the more uneven the surface, the larger the wheel and the softer the tread should be. For a flat surface and good conditions, you can choose the tread more freely.



#### Environment

It's important to consider a number of environmental factors.

For example, if you need a castor wheel that can withstand high temperatures, then you will need to choose a model made from heatresistant materials. If you need a wheel that can roll smoothly over rough terrain, then you will need to choose a model with a large diameter and wide tread.

And if you need a wheel that can resist damage from oils and liquids, then you will need to choose a model with a smooth, non-porous surface. By taking all of these factors into account, you can be sure to choose the right castor wheel for your needs.



#### Castor according to environmental conditions

If the castor is to be used outdoors, in humid environments, at high or low temperatures, or if the castor comes into contact with chemicals, this should be taken into account when selecting the castor. In case of an untreated or absorbent floor material kindly pay attention to the choice of tread material.



Muvtons offers a wide range of wheel materials tailored to meet every customer requirements regarding load capacity, speed, floor types, and ergonomic preferences.

Let's look at the sectional view of a Muvtons' wheel and understand the components of it.





### Wheels Diameter

Muvtons provides wheels ranging from 80 mm to 700 mm in diameter.

Among these, 150 mm and 200 mm are the most commonly used sizes in about 95% of applications. Larger wheels enhance mobility, easy obstacle navigation, and ensure consistent levelling.

#### Types & Materials of Wheels

**Polyurethane (PU) Materials -** Polyurethane wheels are ideal for outdoor use with high wear and tear resistance. They handle uneven surfaces well, offer customizable hardness, low rolling resistance, and leave no marks on floors. These wheels come in varying levels of hardness, which can be customised to meet specific customer needs.

### Some of the Muvtons (PU) Wheels

#### SAS- Polyurethane wheels

Material Poly	/urethane 93°±3° Shore A
Core Cas	t Iron
Bearings Sea	led Precision Ball Bearings /
Тар	ered Roller Bearings
Temperature20	°C to +85°C
Tread Options Ant	i Static $\cdot$ ESD Polyurethane
Usage Epo	xy Coated & smooth Cement Concrete floors
HighlightsNor	-marking • Noiseless Running • Low Rolling
Res	istance $\cdot$ Abrasion Resistant



#### ME- Polyurethane wheels

ne 93°±3° Shore A
cision Ball Bearings
85°C
<ul> <li>ESD Polyurethane</li> </ul>
mooth Cement Concrete floors
Design with a Curved Tread ive



#### MEJ Medium Duty Polyurethane (PU) Wheels

Material	Polyurethane 93°±3° Shore A
Core	Aluminium
Bearings	Sealed Precision Ball Bearings
Temperature	-20°C to +85°C
Tread Options	Anti Static • ESD Polyurethane
Usage	Epoxy or smooth Cement Concrete floors
Highlights	Ergonomic Design with a Curved Tread

#### SFS- Solid Elastomer (PU) Wheels

laterial Polyurethane 73°±3° Shore D
oreAluminium
earingsSealed Precision Ball Bearings /
Stainless Steel Bearings
emperature20°C to +85°C
read Options Anti Static • ESD Polyurethane
sageIdeal for moving extremely heavy loads on smooth
Cement Concrete and Epoxy coated floors
ighlights'Real Solid' reinforced Elastomer • Non-corrosive

#### SZS- Elastic Polyurethane (PU) Wheels

MaterialElastic Polyurethane 83°±3° Shore A
CoreCast Iron
BearingsSealed Precision Ball Bearings
Temperature20°C to +85°C
Tread Options Anti Static • ESD Polyurethane
Usage In-plant Tar Roads, Epoxy Coated & Cement
Concrete floors $\cdot$ Manual and/or power towing
Highlights'Lively' Polyurethane provides a 'cushioning effect'
Flex and Roll over Debris without picking up objects $ \cdot $
High Tractive Resistance

\*Please refer to Muvtons Catalogue for full details on Muvtons's wheel.











**Nylon (NY)** - Nylon wheels are often used in industries like food production and textile industry where hygiene matters. Nylon is resistant to a wide range of aggressive substances, has good rolling properties on smooth floors and is available in a variety of versions, dimensions and four colors. This offers low push-pull efforts.

#### Some of the Muvtons Nylon (NY) Wheels

#### NY- Injection Moulded Nylon Wheel Series

Material	Injection Mo
Bearing	Plain Bore, F
	-20°C + 80°C
Temperature	Shore D 70
Hardness	White & Yell
Colour	Ideal for Tex
Usage	Low Rolling
Highlights	

njection Moulded Nylon Iain Bore, Roller Bearing, Ball Bearing 20°C + 80°C hore D 70 Vhite & Yellow Jeal for Textile & Food industry ow Rolling Resistance & High Abrasion Resistance



#### MCNY- Cast Polyamide Wheel

Material Cast Polyamide
Bearings Sealed Precision Ball Bearings / Tapered
Roller Bearings / Spherical Roller Bearings
Temperature30°C to +80°C
Highlightsldeal for extremely high loads •
High Impact Resistance • Low Rolling Resistance



\*Please refer to Muvtons Catalogue for full details on Muvtons's wheel.

**Rubber -** Rubber wheels are versatile and suitable for tar roads, this ensures a comfortable operation, even on challenging floor surfaces.

### Muvtons Rubber (SEB) Wheel

#### SEB - Elastic Rubber Wheels

 

 Material
 Elastic Rubber 75°±5° Shore A

 Core
 Cast Iron

 Bearings
 Sealed Precision Ball Bearings / Tapered Roller Bearings

 Temperature
 -20°C to +75°C

 Tread Options
 Anti Static / Conductive Treads

 Usage
 Cement Concrete floors and In-plant Tar Roads • Power towing

 Highlights
 Smooth & silent running • Highly Resilient Tread

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**Metallic** - Cast iron wheels consist of iron or steel and possess excellent resistance to abrasion. They require minimal effort to start rolling. These wheels are renowned for their durability, designed to handle heavy-duty tasks, and can endure high temperatures.

### Muvtons Cast Iron (MCI) Wheel

#### MCI - Cast Iron Wheels

Material Cast Iron
Fread Fully machined crown treads
Bearings Sealed Precision Ball Bearings /
Tapered Roller Bearings
Temperature100°C to +600°C
JsageIdeal for rough conditions and high temperatures
HighlightsExtremely easy to manoeuvre under high loads •
Abrasion Resistant • Oil Resistant









## Nomenclature of Muvtons' Products from Catalogue

Let's explore the nomenclature of Muvtons products with example from our catalogue. As you navigate through Muvtons' product catalogue, you'll discover comprehensive information about our castors and wheels.

You can locate the 'SAB Forged Precision Bearing Kingpin Type Castors' in our product catalogue. Please refer to the snapshot of this product from catalogue given below.

Material								
Max Load Capacity (Kg)	Wheel Diameter (mm)	Tread Width (mm)	Overall Height (mm)	Swivel Radius (mm)	Sw. Rad. with TL (mm)	Rigid Castor (Part No.)	Swivel Castor (Part No.)	Swivel Castor with Total Lock (Part No.)
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400	100	50	150	96	98	SAB-42R-SAS	SAB-42S-SAS	SAB-42S-SAS-TL
550	125	50	175	120	120	SAB-52R-SAS	SAB-52S-SAS	SAB-52S-SAS-TL
750	150	50	200	130	145	SAB-62R-SAS	SAB-62S-SAS	SAB-62S-SAS-TL
1000	200	50	250	156	156	SAB-82R-SAS	SAB-82S-SAS	SAB-82S-SAS-TL
1200	250	50	300	198	198	SAB-102R-SAS	SAB-102S-SAS	SAB-102S-SAS-TL

Let's decipher the name 'SAB-42S-SAS-TL' and understand its meaning





First, let's delve into the challenges linked to non-engineered castors.

## **POOR ERGONOMICS**

Every year, millions of workers suffer from back injuries due to poor ergonomics caused by non-engineered castors





## **FLOOR DETERIORATION**

Non-engineered castors and wheels mark the expensive epoxy shop floors and damage the floor within months





## **HIGH IN-PLANT NOISE LEVELS**

Irritating noises emitted from trolley movements become a nuisance in a plant or warehouse due to non-engineered castors and wheels





### **COMPONENTS PRONE TO SHOCKS AND VIBRATIONS**

Major damage arises to components being transported due to shock and vibration caused by poor-quality castors during material transportation





# Muvtons USP (Unique Selling Points)

### **MUVTONS SOLUTION**

#### **Muvtons Castors Offers:**

- Excellent ergonomics leading to a reduction in push-pull efforts
- Floor friendly wheels
- **Reduction of in-plant noise levels by up to 45 dB** 
  - Protection of materials being transported against shock & vibrations





## **Applications of Castors Wheels & Industry Segment**

You wouldn't have a car without the wheels. Likewise, you wouldn't have a trolley, dolly or platform truck without castors. Heavy-duty castors and wheels are essential for successful operation of these kinds of material-handling equipment.

In homes, you'll often find standard light-duty castors and wheels used for moving and supporting furniture and appliances. For instance, shelving units like TV stands and desks can be equipped with decorative castors.

On the other hand, heavy-duty castors and wheels are typically found in industrial plants, warehouses, textile & automotive industries and other large objects that need mobility.

\*Please note that Muvtons specialises primarily in manufacturing medium-duty and heavy-duty castors.

Let's examine and gain insights from some images showcasing the applications of castor wheels across various industry segments.



Automotive Car Segment

Automotive **Truck Segment** 

Tractor Segment

Automotive Two Wheeler Segment

Textile Industry Segment



Food Processing Industry Segment



Tyre Manufacturing Segment



Material Handling

Segment



Aviation & Airports Logistics Segment



E-Commerce & Logistics Segment