

# Heavy-Duty Conductor Rail CopperHead

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## Heavy-Duty Conductor Rails

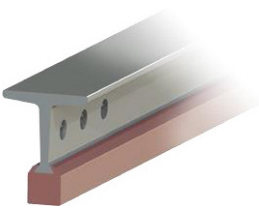


Aggressive environmental conditions and rough production processes require a durable and robust conductor rail system. The Conductix-Wampfler CopperHead Conductor System is a tried and tested conductor bar system designed for heavy-duty applications in rough environments, such as steel mills or ship yards. Non-insulated conductor rail systems are preferred for applications with higher ambient temperatures or temporary radiation heat, where insulated safety conductor rails are not always applicable.

The CopperHead Conductor System has several new design improvements compared to traditional CopperHead rail systems, and is in line with international standards for conductor rails. The standard rail length of 6 m reduces logistic cost and optimizes handling and installation. The improved joint technology and a production on an industrial level, supported by the Conductix-Wampfler quality assurance system, offer another customer benefit. Conductix-Wampfler as market leader in conductor rails and full line provider for energy and data supply systems is a proven partner for projects all over the world.

The CopperHead Conductor System is based on former non-insulated rails from Conductix-Wampfler (Delachaux, Bischoff & Hensel). Both "T" section with a span of 45/35 mm and the extruded CopperHead are drawn through a special die, which compresses the copper flanges around the dovetail head of the rail, connecting the two components to a %100 rigid unit. The CopperHead Conductor Rails represent a neat and compact arrangement and have proven an outstanding success for safe power feeding of various crane and transport applications. The CopperHead Conductor Rails are available in different sizes to meet individual current requirements up to 1860 Amps.

## Advantages of CopperHead Rail Systems



With CopperHead-Systems you eliminate all drawbacks inherent in the conventional design of trolley wires, steel angles and steel rails. CopperHead Rails ensure an efficient and continuous contact.

- Usable under higher ambient temperature conditions.
- Limited sparking effect by high contact performance.
- Easy maintenance by proven system design.
- Reduced down time.
- Long collector life times. Negligible wear – nearly unlimited life of conductors.
- Lower resistance between CopperHead and carbon bronze pick-up shoe.

Main applications are: steel mills, coking plants, gas works, cement industries, ship yards and dockside enterprises.

Steel CopperHead Rails are preferably used for applications in corrosive atmospheres and in locations with high humidity. The rails are supplied in 6 m ( $\pm 5$  mm) standard lengths, drilled at either end for joint plates or expansion connectors. Shorter lengths are available to coincide with your runway length requirements. We produce a complete range of accessories, insulators and current collectors. Variation in temperature and resulting expansion and contraction is compensated by standard expansion joints. Adequate ampere capacity must be provided to carry the anticipated electrical loads. The total ampere load is determined from the nominal rated full load current reduced by the duty cycle and by a diversity factor for non-simultaneous operation.

## Product Pre-Selection

Besides electrical parameters, environmental conditions and operating modes are important parameters for the product selection. The following overview will assist in the pre-selection. Further detailed information is listed under technical data.

Type	Industrial application – indoor or outdoor				
	Non-specific environment	Corrosive environment	Highly corrosive environment	Extremely corrosive environment–galvanic applications	Higher product safety
Steel-Copper Rail	++	++	+ 1)	+ 2)	+ 4)
Aluminum-Steel Rail (see alternative from Conductix-Wampfler)	++	++	–	–	+ 4)
Copper Rail <sup>3)</sup> * (see alternative from Conductix-Wampfler)	++	++	++	++	++

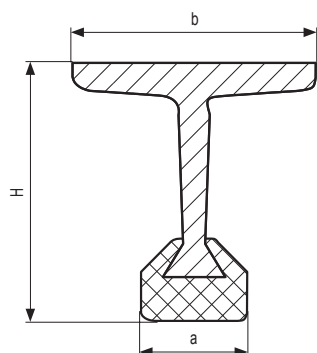
<sup>1)</sup> Surface protection needed (galvanized surface) <sup>2)</sup> Protective coating <sup>3)</sup> Insulated copper rails

<sup>4)</sup> For non-insulated electrification systems, additional safety arrangements (installation height, distance, fences, etc.) according to local standards must be regarded.

\* For full copper rail version please contact Conductix-Wampfler Sales Support.

## Technical Data

	35 mm	45 mm								
Rail Type	F35/50-6	F35/100-6	F45/50-6	F45/100-6	F45/150-6	F45/200-6	F45/300-6	F45/400-6	F45/500-6	F45/600-6
Current load at 100% duty cycle and 35°C [A]	410	529	495	620	728	826	1000	1156	1300	1440
Current load at 80% duty cycle and 35°C [A]	460	595	560	695	815	930	1120	1300	1455	1610
Current load at 60% duty cycle and 35°C [A]	530	685	645	800	940	1070	1290	1500	1680	1860
Conductor cross section (Copper) [mm <sup>2</sup> ]	50	100	50	100	150	200	300	400	500	600
Conductor cross section (Steel) [mm <sup>2</sup> ]	250		400							
Feed Span "b" [mm]	35		45							
Equivalent copper cross section [mm <sup>2</sup> ]	89	139	98	148	198	248	348	448	548	648
Rail height "H" [mm]	32.9	35.9	42.4	45.7	48	50.8	56	59.2	64.2	65.4
Head width "a" [kg/m]	13.5	15	14.1	15	17	17.2	17.5	19.8	19.8	22.8
Rail weight [mm]	2.39	2.84	3.75	4.2	4.64	5.08	5.98	6.89	7.54	8.46
Rail length [mm]	6000 ± 5									
DC resistance at 20°C [Ω/km]	0.204	0.130	0.178	0.119	0.089	0.072	0.051	0.040	0.032	0.027
Impedance at 50 Hz [Ω/km]	0.293	0.238	0.266	0.223	0.203	0.194	0.182	0.174	0.165	0.162
Nominal Voltage [V]	Depending on insulator type, rail spacing and local regulations									
Rated rail spacing [mm]	≥150									
Nominal suspension spacing [mm]	equal or less than 2500									
System length	Unlimited (see expansion system)									
Expansion system	Segmented expansion unit (see expansion section)									
Environment	Indoor and protected outdoor applications									
Protection class	IP 00									
Temperature range	-40°C ... +200°C / -40°F ... +392°F									
Storage temperature	-30°C ... +40°C / -22°F ... 104°F (dry to prevent oxidation, no condensation)									



Standard range dimensions. For rails with higher amperage rates, please contact Conductix-Wampfler Sales Support.

## Crane Electrification according to IEC 60204-32 Standard (2009 extract)



### WARNING!

Danger to life from high voltage!

These European regulations are valid for electrical installations and electrical equipment in Europe and similar to several national standards in America, Australia and Asia. Electrical installations, such as conductor rail applications must be designed to avoid direct contact with live parts. The preferred solution is an insulated and monitored system. If this is not possible, e.g. high ambient temperature where insulation material is not usable, the system must be installed that in operation and other situation it can be used without certain risk to any person. Regarding how to realize the needed safety requirements, please refer the valid regulations on-site and contact the local authority.

The operation of non-insulated conductor rails and other electrical equipment above 48 V AC / 60 V DC without additional protection regarding local safety standards is not allowed. Electrical energy carries a high danger to life.

# CopperHead Conductor Rail System

## Voltage Drop Calculation

The maximum length between feeding point and freest consumer start up position are limited by the voltage drop and is depending on the installed drive system and start up consumption.

The position of the power feed can be designed at the first step by the onsite situation but must be checked by the voltage drop in the start up phase of the consumer. The voltage drop must be less than 5% or related to the customer specification. If the voltage drop exceeds, the rail cross section must be increased or the power feed position and/or amount must be adapted.

After selecting the rail type based on the calculated total current depending on duty cycle and ambient temperature, the voltage drop must be checked. The calculated voltage drop must be under the value specified by the customer. Typical values here are 2-5% or 10% in exceptional cases. If the voltage drop is too high, the voltage might be too low for all the drives to start.

The following formulas are used for the calculation:

For direct current	$\Delta U_{35^{\circ}\text{C}} = 2 \cdot I \cdot I_A \cdot R$	[V]	$\Delta U_{35^{\circ}\text{C}}$ = voltage drop at 35 °C	[V]
			$I_A$ = total current	[A]
For alternating current	$\Delta U_{35^{\circ}\text{C}} = 2 \cdot I \cdot I_A \cdot Z \cdot \cos \varphi$	[V]	$R$ = resistance of the conductor rail	[Ω/m]
			$Z$ = impedance of the conductor rail	[Ω/m]
			$I$ = feed length	[m]
For three-phase power	$\Delta U_{35^{\circ}\text{C}} = \sqrt{3} \cdot I \cdot I_A \cdot Z \cdot \cos \varphi$	[V]	$\cos \varphi$ = phase distance angle	

Note:  $I_A$  here is the portion of the load current “drawn” during start-up. ( $I_A = I_B + I_{A'}$ )

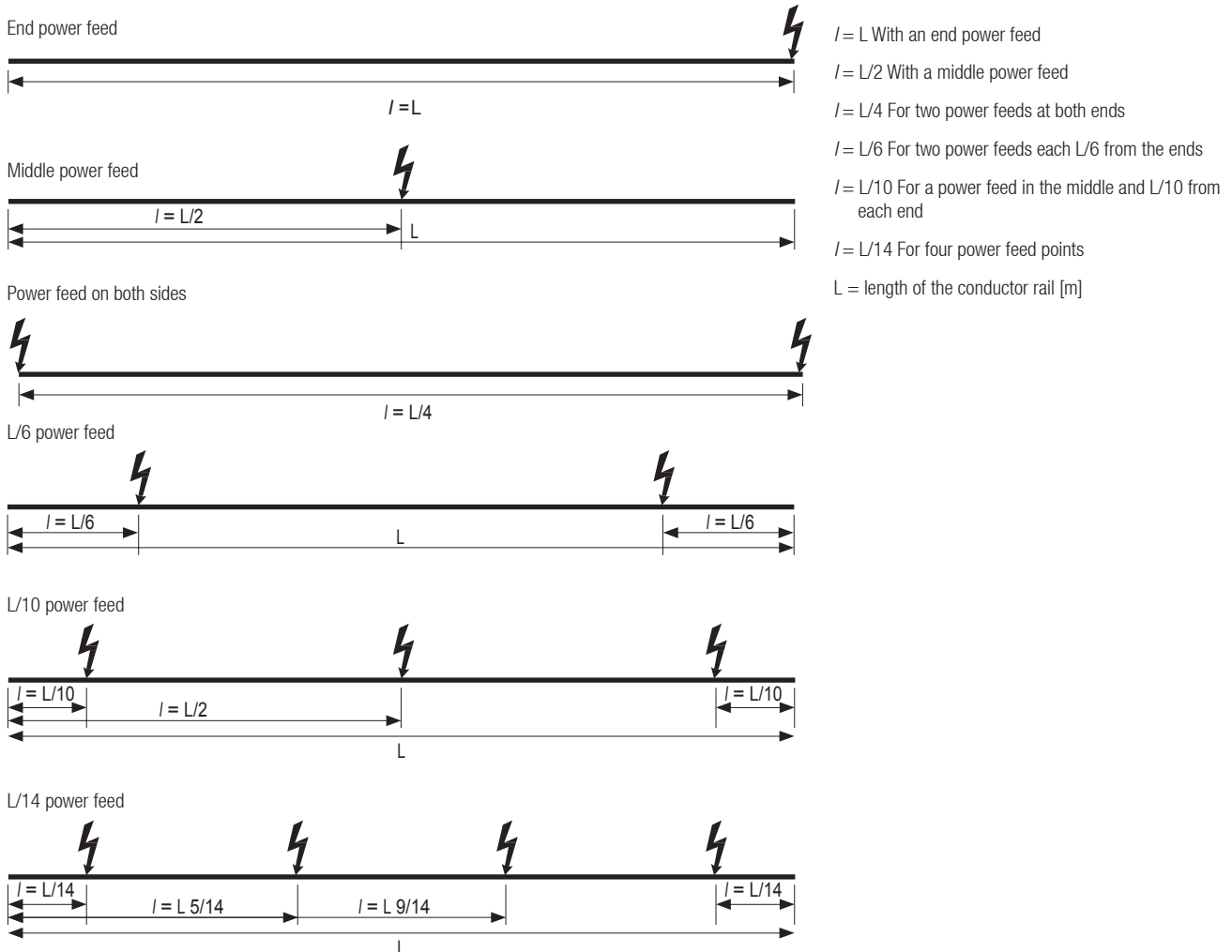
This consists of the basic load  $I_B$ , like lighting and air conditioners, and the start-up currents of the drives  $I_{A'}$ .

For start-up current, the following applies:

Three-phase asynchronous drive in direct start:	$I_{A'} = I_N \times 5 \text{ to } 6$ (up to max. 21 kW permitted)	$I_A$ = total current = $I_B + I_{A'}$
Slip ring rotor motor:	$I_{A'} = I_N \times 3 \text{ to } 5$	$I_{A'}$ = total current when starting
Frequency converter:	$I_{A'} = I_N \times 1.2 \text{ to } 1.4$	$I_N$ = Nominal Engine Current

## Possible Power Feed Locations

The power feed arrangement must be appropriate for the specific case, since the voltage drop is calculated with the feed length "I" that falls between the power feed and the end of the conductor rail. The following power feed options are normally used:



## Example Voltage Drop Calculation

The average crane motor duty cycle is usually between 40% and 60%, depending on the type of application. A diversity factor of 0.4 to 0.7 can be mostly used when there is more than one crane on the same runway. Example:

Start up current

- 1 crane,  $I = 500$  Amps. (50 Amp auxiliary consumers 450 A drive and lift motor consumption)
- Power supply 690 V AC, 3-phase
- Length of runway: 100 m (330 ft.)
- Typical crane duty cycle: 60% (ED)
- Assumed diversity factor: 0.7 per crane (hoist, trolley gantry)

- Converter drive System Start up factor: 1.3  
 Ampere load crane =  $50 \text{ A} + (450 \text{ A} \times 0.7) = 50 \text{ A} + 315 \text{ A}$   
 Start up Current System =  $50 \text{ A} + 315 \text{ A} \times 1.3 = I_g = 460 \text{ A}$
- Total ampere load when starting: 460 A
- Selected conductors: F35/100 OR F45/50
- Voltage drop  $\Delta U = 5\% \times 690 = 34.5 \text{ V}$
- Feed length  $I = \Delta U_{35^\circ\text{C}} / (\sqrt{3} \cdot I_g \cdot Z) = 194 \text{ m}$
- Selected power feed location: End power feed



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## System Components

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CopperHead conductor rails are based on the combination of universally applicable standard components. Design, length and material are optimized to fulfill the requirements in logistic, installation, operation and maintenance of steel mills and similar rough crane indoor and protected outdoor applications.

The components:

- \* CopperHead rails with rigid steel base for rough environments where aluminum or fully insulated rails reach their limits
- \* Easy to use splice joints
- \* Hanger clamps with insulators to hold the rail in position and insulate it from the base steel structure
- \* Anchor clamps to mount the rail against movement to the structure
- \* Massive power feed elements with low resistance and solid build for the cable connection on-site
- \* Expansion joints for length compensation
- \* Air insulation elements for rail segmentation, e.g. maintenance segment

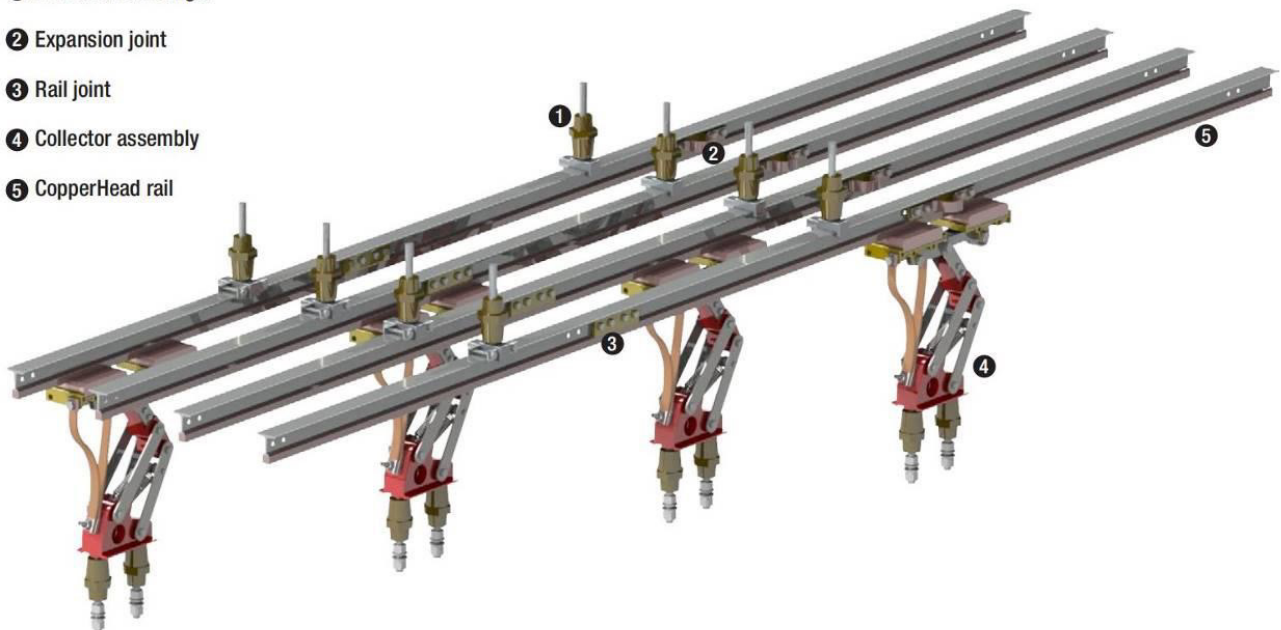
**① Insulated rail hanger**

**② Expansion joint**

**③ Rail joint**

**④ Collector assembly**

**⑤ CopperHead rail**



The Conductix-Wampfler CopperHead rail is steel-based and in accordance with the international standard design of non-insulated rail systems for crane applications. The efficiently sized 6 m rail reduces logistic cost and allows for easy installation and distribution of the system. This length is conforming to the international standard length for steel profiles and is compatible with handling/transport and storage equipment. Shorter rail segments can be easily cut on-site with standard equipment. Individual rail lengths are available on request, subject to minimum order lot size.

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## System Arrangement and Interface to the Building/Crane Structure on-site

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The interface to the structure on-site is a typical system integration engineering task and can be offered as engineering service from our local sales and service subsidiary or partners. Please contact your local Conductix-Wampfler sales and service (see [www.conductix.com](http://www.conductix.com) for contact information).

Hanger distance, type of insulator, installation height, access distance and other design aspects are depending on the supply voltage level and the local electrical and safety regulations. In addition to national regulations often end customer safety specifications have to be observed.

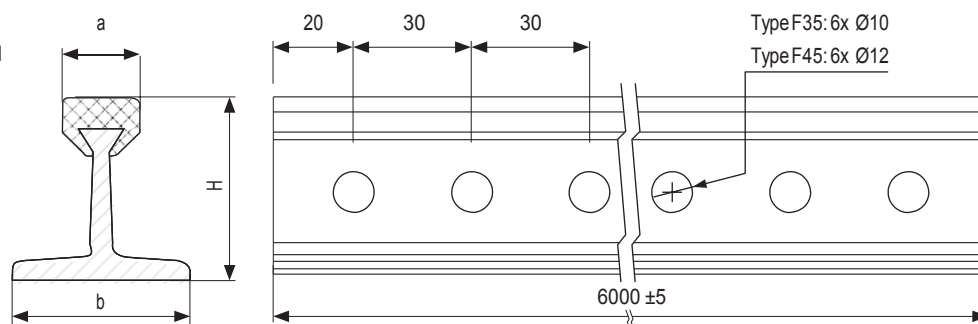
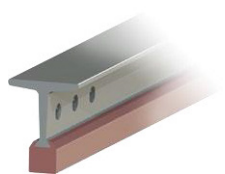
Non-insulated rails carry a higher risk for material damage and danger to life and require additional on-site safety precautions.

For details refer to local standards or to the responsible authority on-site.

# CopperHead Conductor Rail System Components

## Rails

- Standard length: 6 m +/- 5 mm
- Installation position: horizontal or lateral installation setup
- Base: pure/galvanized
- Head: massive electrical copper



## F35 Rails

Rail Type	Order No.	Base	Max.continuous 100% DC/ 60% DC [A]	Copper cross section [mm <sup>2</sup> ]	Steel cross section [mm <sup>2</sup> ]	H [mm]	a [mm]	b [mm]	Cu weight kg/6 m	Rail weight kg/6 m	Price
F35/50-6	005010019	galvanized	410/530	50	248.5	32.9	13.5	35	2.69	14.34	
F35/100-6	005010020	galvanized	529/685	100	248.5	32.9	15	35	5.34	17.04	

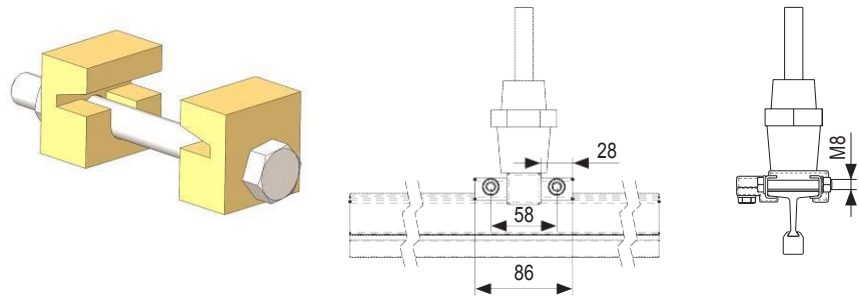
## F45 Rails

Rail Type	Order No.	Base	Max.continuous 100% DC/ 60% DC [A]	Copper cross section [mm <sup>2</sup> ]	Steel cross section [mm <sup>2</sup> ]	H [mm]	a [mm]	b [mm]	Cu weight kg/6 m	Rail weight kg/6 m	Price
F45/50-6	005010021	galvanized	495/645	50	400	42.6	14.1	45	2.69	22.5	
F45/100-6	005010022	galvanized	620/800	100	400	45.7	15	45	5.34	25.2	
F45/150-6	005010023	galvanized	728/940	150	400	48	17	45	8.05	27.84	
F45/200-6	005010024	galvanized	826/1070	200	400	50.8	17.2	45	10.65	30.48	
F45/300-6	005010025	galvanized	1000/1290	300	400	56	17.5	45	16.02	34.08	
F45/400-6	005010026	galvanized	1156/1500	400	400	59.2	19.8	45	21.34	41.16	
F45/500-6	005010027	galvanized	1300/1680	500	400	64.2	19.8	45	26.58	45.27	
F45/600-6	005010028	galvanized	1440/1860	600	400	65.4	23	45	32.064	50.76	

# CopperHead Conductor Rail System Components

## Anchor Clamps

- Anchor to hold the rail in position
- Material: steel
- Installation torque: 25 Nm
- Amount for rail and fixing point = 2 pieces
- Content of delivery: hanger with fasteners

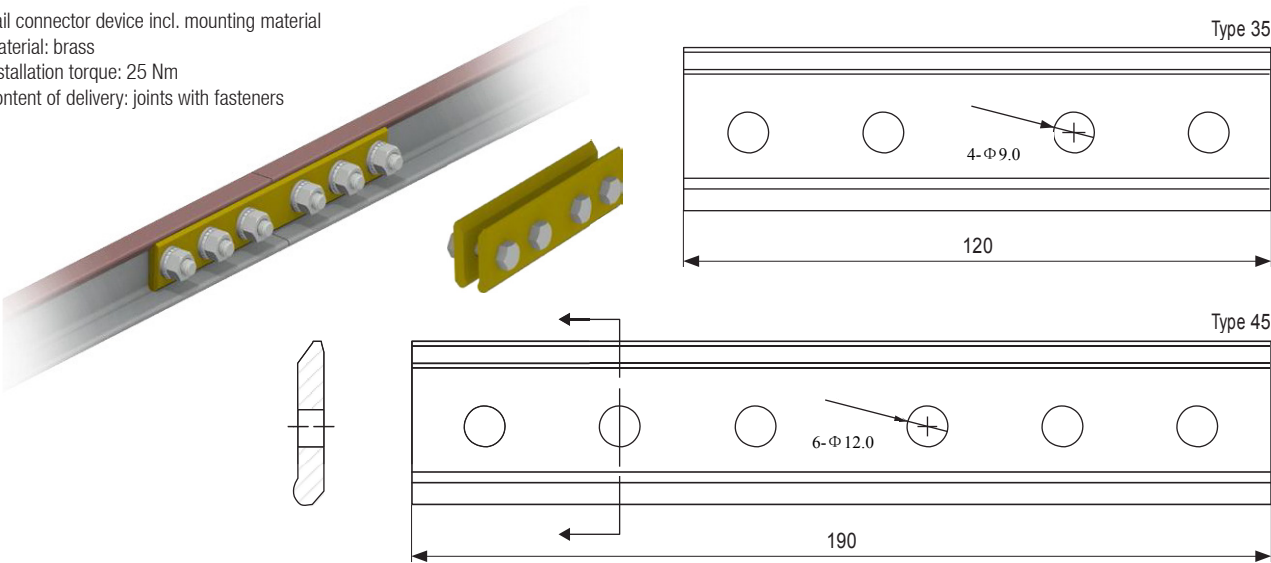


Type	Order No.	Description	Weight [kg]	Price
35	005050001	Rail anchor for rail hanger F35 type	0.065	
45	005050002	Rail anchor for rail hanger F45 type	0.072	

# CopperHead Conductor Rail System Components

## Rail Joints

- Rail connector device incl. mounting material
- Material: brass
- Installation torque: 25 Nm
- Content of delivery: joints with fasteners

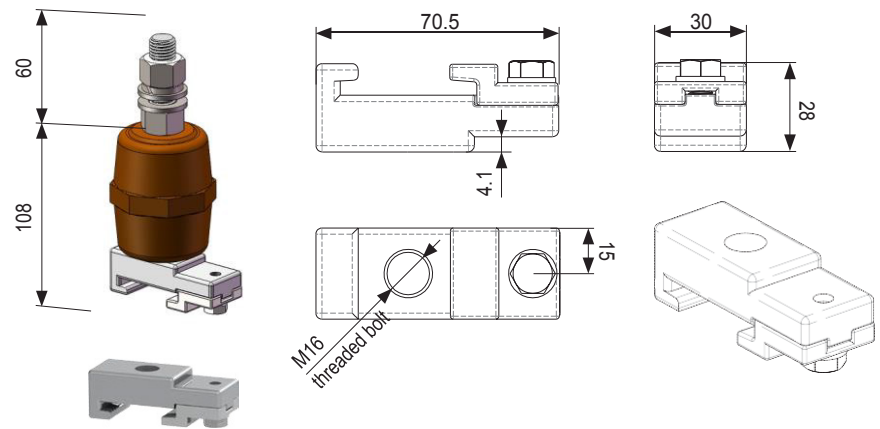


Type	Order No.	Description	Rail Matching	Weight [kg]	Price
35	005030009	Rail joint F35 rail ASSY	All F35 rails	0.116	
45	005030013	Rail joint F 45 rail ASSY	F45/50~300	0.19	
45	005030014	Rail joint F 45-2mm rail ASSY	F45/400~600	0.66	
-	507010006	Joint compound (for approx. 30 joints)	---	0.03	

# CopperHead Conductor Rail System Components

Rail Hangers

- Rail hanger
- Material: steel
- Installation torque: 25 Nm
- Max. hanger distance: 2500 mm
- Max. insulator voltage: 1 kV (higher voltage on request)
- Temperature range:
  1. -40°C (-40°F)... +130°C (266°F)
  2. -40°C (-40°F)... +200°C (392°F) (higher temperature range on request)
- Insulator for indoor and protected outdoor installation
- Included in delivery

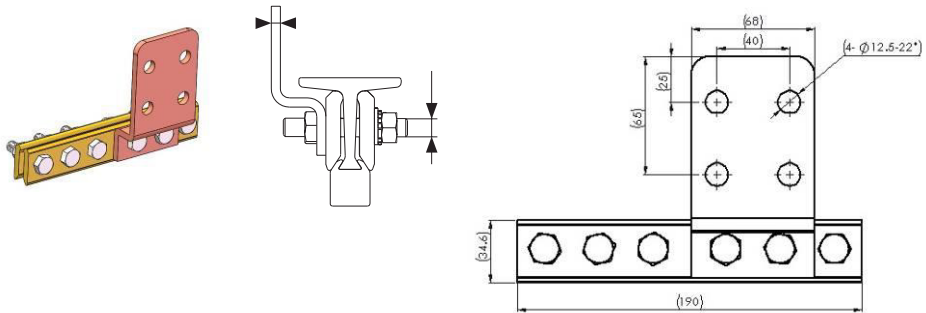


Type	Order No.	Description	Insulator	Weight [kg]	Price
35	005040004	Rail hanger for F35 rails	130°C	0.56	
35	005040005		200°C	0.86	
45	005040006	Rail hanger for F 45 rails	130°C	0.61	
45	005040007		200°C	0.98	

# CopperHead Conductor Rail System Components

Power Feed Clamps

- For power feed cable connection
- Material: copper, brass
- Installation torque: 25 Nm
- Max. cable cross section: 630 mm²
- Max. bolt size: M8 x 40 mm
- Content of delivery: power feed plate, joints and fasteners



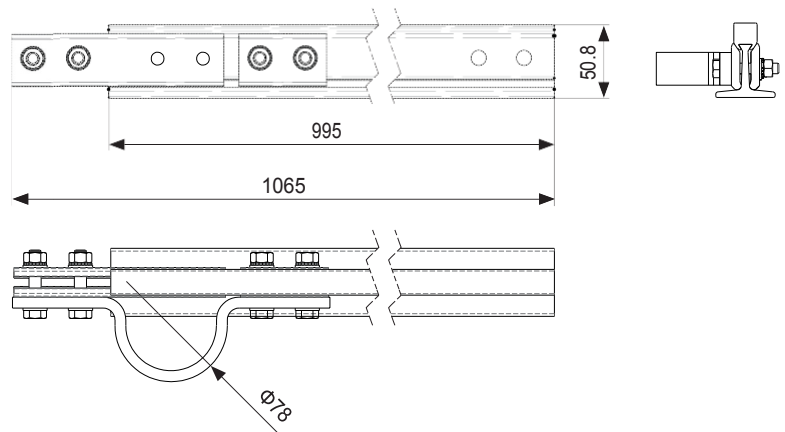
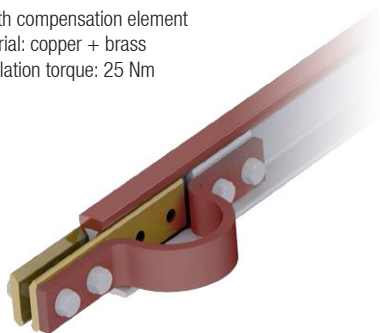
Type	Order No.	Description	Rail Matching	Weight [kg]	Price
35	005030010	Power feed clamp for F35 rail type	All F35 rails	0.49	
45	005030011	Power feed clamp for F45 rail type	F45/50~300	0.51	
45	005030012	Power feed clamp for F45 rail type	F45/400~600	1.6	

\* Ø 12.5 pre-drilled in factory, bigger diameters can be enlarged on-site (max. 22 mm)

# CopperHead Conductor Rail System Components

## Expansion Joints

- Length compensation element
- Material: copper + brass
- Installation torque: 25 Nm

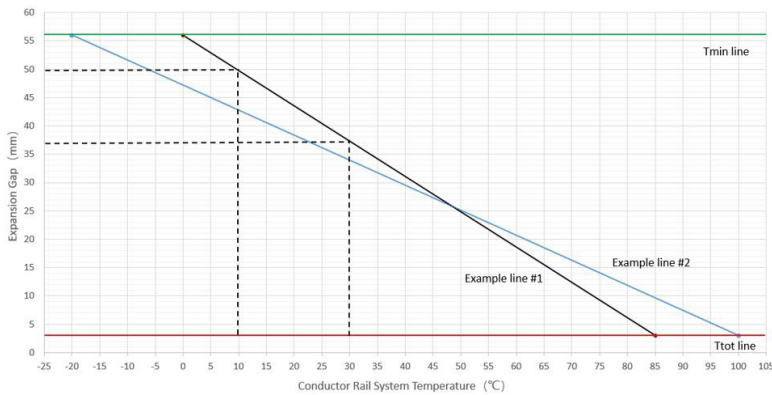


The expansion joints are installed instead of a rail joint. The expansion joints include: expansion bar, joint, short joint, copper strip, screws, washers, nuts.

Type	Order No.	Description	Expansion Stroke [mm]	Material	Weight [kg]	Price
35-50	005020017	Expansion ASSY 50 mm² for 35-50 (with galvanization)	58	Copper, Brass	3.1	
35-100	005020018	Expansion ASSY 100 mm² for 35-100 (with galvanization)		Copper, Brass	3.7	
45-50	005020019	Expansion ASSY 50 mm² for 45-50 (with galvanization)		Copper, Brass	4.1	
45-100	005020020	Expansion ASSY 100 mm² for 45-100 (with galvanization)		Copper, Brass	4.5	
45-150	005020021	Expansion ASSY 150 mm² for 45-150 (with galvanization)		Copper, Brass	5.1	
45-200	005020022	Expansion ASSY 200 mm² for 45-200 (with galvanization)		Copper, Brass	5.5	
45-300	005020023	Expansion ASSY 300 mm² for 45-300 (with galvanization)		Copper, Brass	6.5	
45-400	005020024	Expansion ASSY 400 mm² for 45-400 (with galvanization)		Copper, Brass	7.5	
45-500	005020025	Expansion ASSY 500 mm² for 45-500 (with galvanization)		Copper, Brass	9.6	
45-600	005020026	Expansion ASSY 600 mm² for 45-600 (with galvanization)		Copper, Brass	11.3	

# CopperHead Conductor Rail System Components

## Expansion Calculation



Expansion gap setting method:

$T_{max}$  = highest conductor rail temperature if installed outdoors, could be higher than max ambient temperature due to sunlight.

$T_{min}$  = lowest conductor rail temperature

$T_{rise}$  = temperature rise due to current flow

25°C for regular 60% duty cycle smelting plant, 35°C for 100% continuous systems.

Example #1:

1)  $T_{max} = 60^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $T_{min} = 0^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $T_{rise} = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$

Calculating  $T_{tot} = T_{max} + T_{rise} = 60 + 25 = 85^{\circ}\text{C}$

2) Follow x-axis, mark  $T_{min}$  point on  $T_{min}$  line; and  $T_{tot}$  point on  $T_{tot}$  line, connecting these two points, you will get a sloped line (shown as Example line #1)

3) When  $T_{max}$  is  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$ , draw a vertical dashed line from  $T_{tot}$  line and intersect with Example line #1;

4) Draw a horizontal dashed line from the intersection to the right, and read off the gap (37mm) to be used during installation.

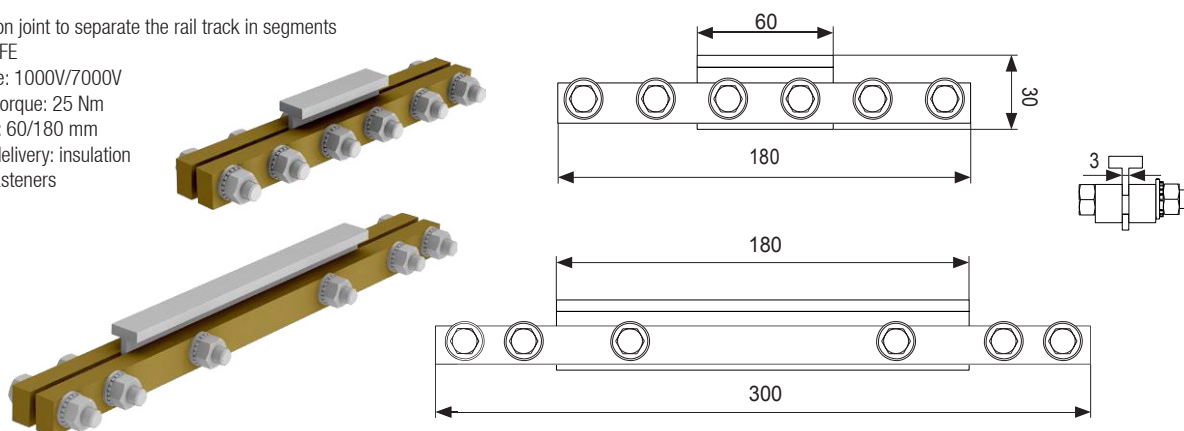
Example #2:

Example line #2 shows gap setting for  $T_{max} = 75^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $T_{min} = -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $T_{rise} = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$

# CopperHead Conductor Rail System Components

## Insulation Joints

- Rail insulation joint to separate the rail track in segments
- Material: PTFE
- Max. Voltage: 1000V/7000V
- Installation torque: 25 Nm
- Air distance: 60/180 mm
- Content of delivery: insulation elements, fasteners

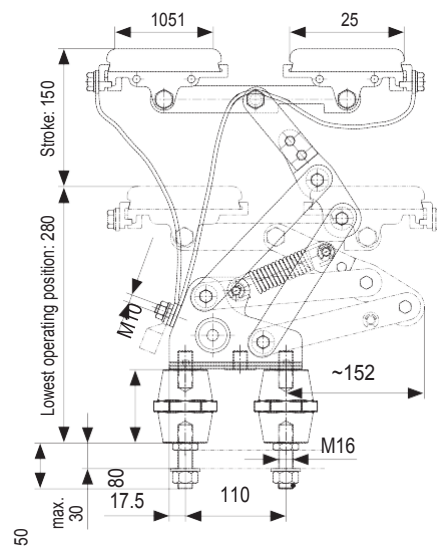
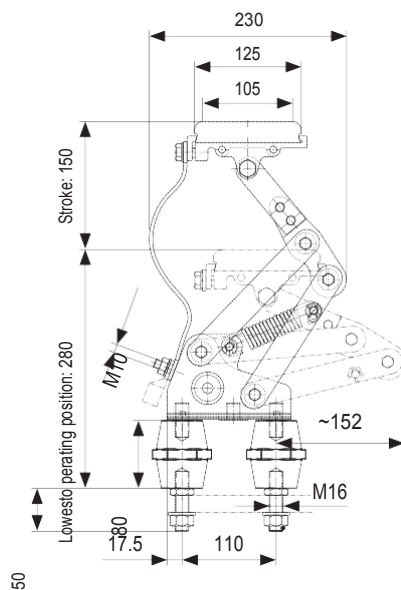
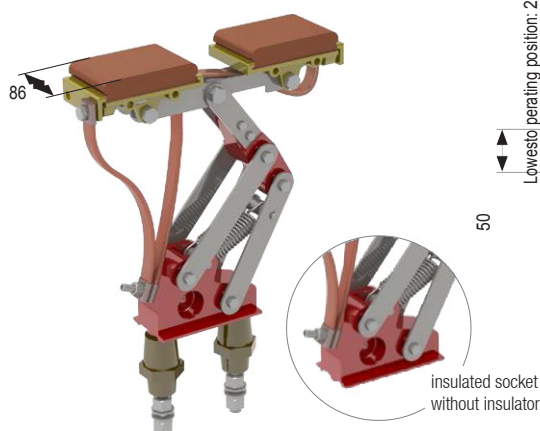


Type	Description	Order No. (for Gap length 60 mm) 1000V	Price	Weight [kg]	Order No. (for Gap length 180 mm) 7000V	Price	Weight [kg]
35-50	Insulation Joint for CopperHead rail 35-50	005060008		0.329	005060021		0.422
35-100	Insulation Joint for CopperHead rail 35-100	005060016		0.335	005060022		0.428
45-50	Insulation Joint for CopperHead rail 45-50	005060009		0.451	005060023		0.634
45-100	Insulation Joint for CopperHead rail 45-100	005060010		0.456	005060013		0.648
45-150	Insulation Joint for CopperHead rail 45-150	005060011		0.462	005060024		0.667
45-200	Insulation Joint for CopperHead rail 45-200	005060017		0.469	005060025		0.688
45-300	Insulation Joint for CopperHead rail 45-300	005060012		0.481	005060026		0.724
45-400	Insulation Joint for CopperHead rail 45-400	005060018		0.496	005060027		0.769
45-500	Insulation Joint for CopperHead rail 45-500	005060019		0.429	005060028		0.773
45-600	Insulation Joint for CopperHead rail 45-600	005060020		0.579	005060029		0.813

# CopperHead CopperHead Conductor Rail System Components

## Current Collectors

- Current collector: max. 450 A / 900 A
- Max. voltage: 3 kV  
(\*higher voltage on request)
- Temperature range:
  1. -40°C (-40°F)... +130°C (266°F)
  2. -40°C (-40°F)... +200°C (392°F)  
(higher temperature range on request)
- Material: steel, copper, plastic
- Collector brush: carbon-bronze
- Content of delivery: collectors, frame, copper belt, insulator, fasteners

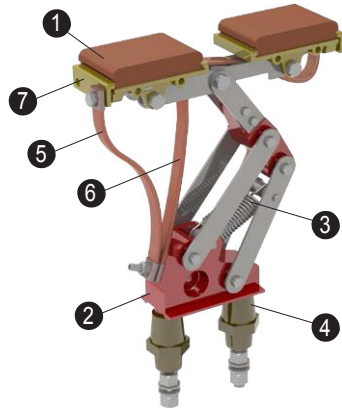


Type	Order No.	Description	Voltage [V]	Operation height [mm]	Nom. Current [A]	Weight [kg]	Price
Single	004070027	Single shoe collector with insulated socket	≤ 400	275	450	6.4	
Single	005070004	Single shoe collector with insulated socket + insulator	≤ 3000	355	450	7.3	
Double	004070030	Double shoe collector with insulated socket	≤ 400	275	900	10.3	
Double	005070005	Double shoe collector with insulated socket + insulator	≤ 3000	355	900	11.2	

# Replacement Parts and Tools

## Carbon Shoe / Collector Spare Parts

System performance requires the optimized material and original spare parts to prevent breakdowns and ensure durability. Copies and non-conforming spare parts can increase rail wear.



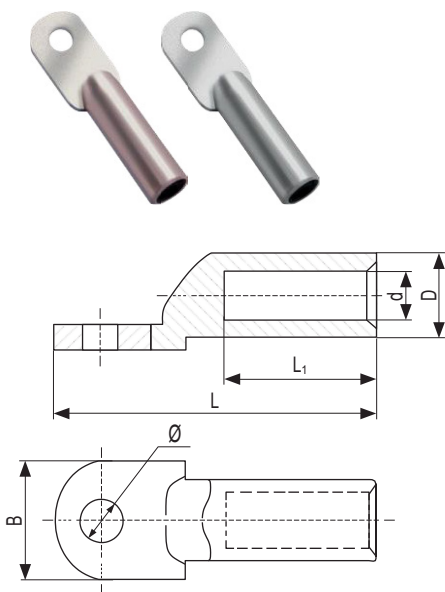
Type	Order No.	Description	Weight [kg]
1	004070005	Spare brush 450 A	2.15
2	005070007	Mounting set for spare brush	0.476
3	004070023	Collector spring (set)	0.11
4	005040009	Insulator	0.7
5	004070002	Connecting strand	0.61
6	004070033	Connecting strand	0.71
7	005070008	Shoe holder	1.8

## Bracket

Item	Order No.	Description	Unit	Weight [kg]
1	005070001	Standard Rail Hanger Bracket	Pcs.	10.8
2	005070009	Standard Collector Bracket	Pcs.	0.1

\*Solution will be made with standard bracket, customized design of brackets upon request.

## Cable Lugs

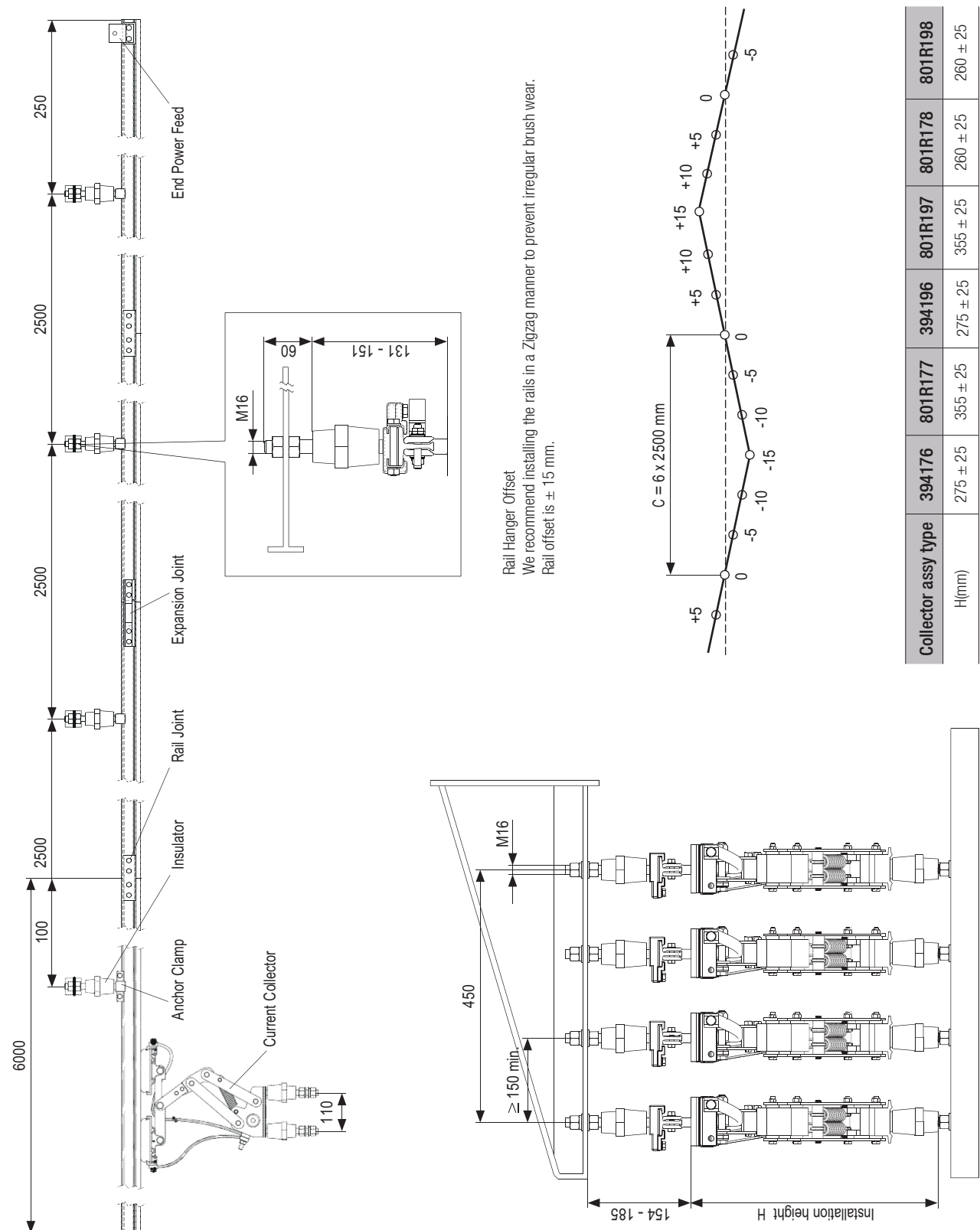


Type	Order No.	Cable cross section [mm <sup>2</sup> ]	Dimensions [mm]					
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DT-50	DTS-50	50	10.5	14	9.5	85	38	23
DT-70	DTS-70	70	12.5	16	11.5	95	43	26
DT-95	DTS-95	95	12.5	18	13.5	104	46	28
DT-120	DTS-120	120	14.5	20	15	112	49	30
DT-150	DTS-150	150	14.5	22	16.5	120	51	34
DT-185	DTS-185	185	16.5	25	18.5	125	55	37
DT-240	DTS-240	240	16.5	27	21	136	60	40
DT-300	DTS-300	300	18	31	23.5	155	66	50
DT-400	DTS-400	400	21	34	26.5	170	75	50
DT-500	DTS-500	500	21	38	29	190	75	60
DT-630	DTS-630	630	21	45	35	220	85	80
DT-800	DTS-800	800	21	50	38	260	85	100

# CopperHead Conductor Rail System

## System Layout

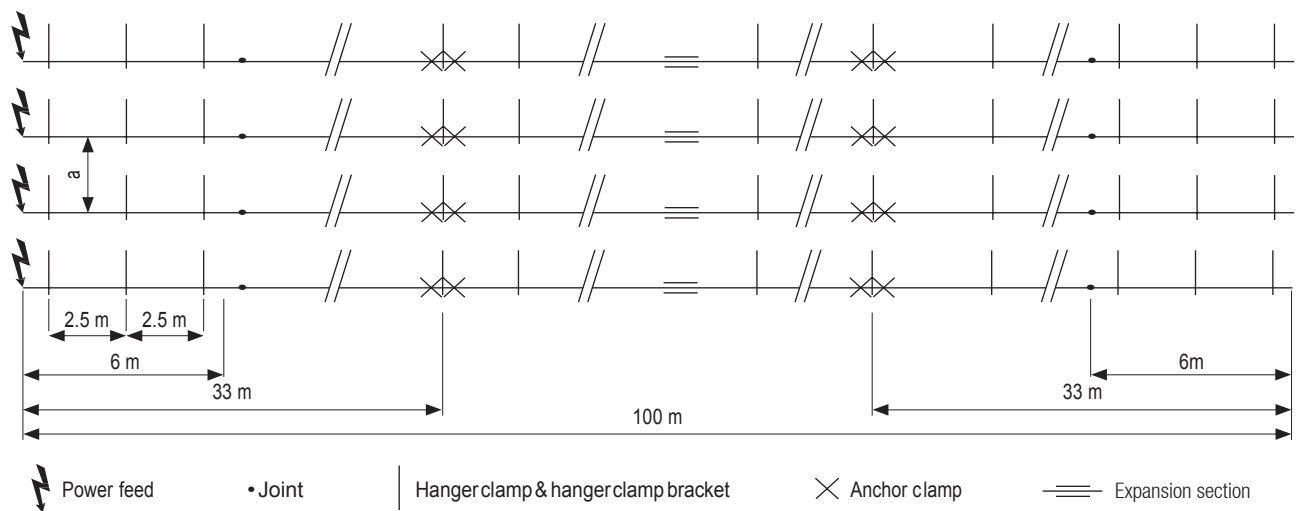
### System Layout



# CopperHead Conductor Rail System System Layout

## Layout Schematic and Component Overview

Example: 100 m steel rail system

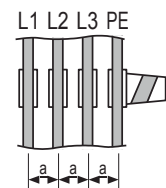


### Installation note

Regarding the first and the last conductor rails, support distance of 1750 and 250 mm from the beginning to the end of the rail is to be provided. Apart from that the support spacing is 2.5 m. The earth collector should always be installed on the outside. The centre distance between two conductors can be taken from the table below.

Distance between centers of two conductor rails	Standard voltage arrangement	High voltage arrangement
Minimum distance a [mm]	≥ 150	> 250*

\* Consider local regulations



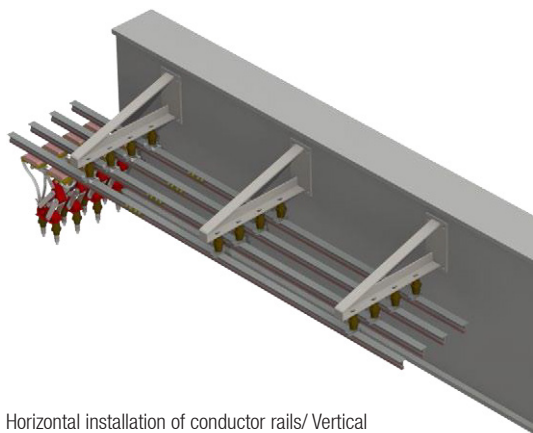
### Example material overview

Here is a typical crane conductor rail system that is 57 m in total length, with 4 poles, 800 A, with all accessories, Current collectors and support arms. The required Bill of Materials is listed below. The order quantity should be increased by an assembly reserve for the parts marked with an (X).

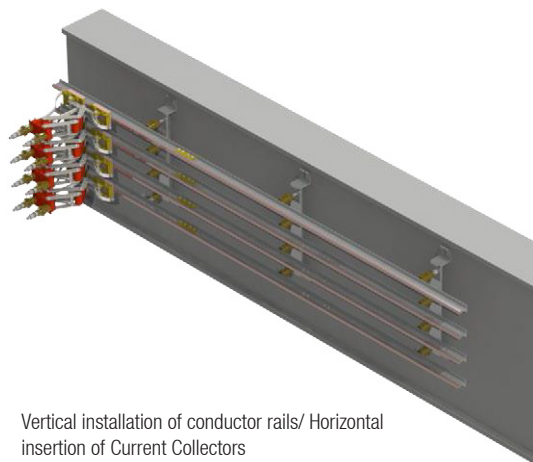
Part Description	Order No.	Quantity Needed
Conductor rail 6 m long	005010024 6mx36	36
Conductor rail 2 m long	005010024 2mx4	4
Hanger clamp	005040006	80 (X)
Anchor clamp	005050002	8 (X)
Power feed	005030011	4 (X)
45 Joint ASSY	005030013	36 (X)

# CopperHead Conductor Rail System System Layout

## Standard Installation Layout

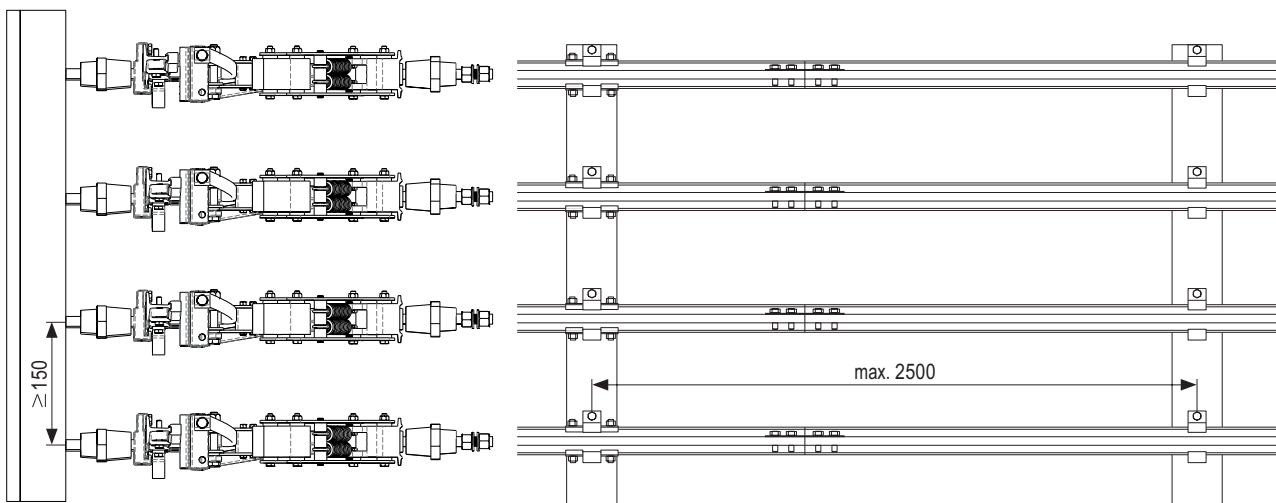


Horizontal installation of conductor rails/ Vertical  
insertion of Current Collectors



Vertical installation of conductor rails/ Horizontal  
insertion of Current Collectors

## Current Collector Arrangement/Hanger Distance



For installations without transfer points the current collectors for vertical and horizontal can be staggered.  
This way the centre distance between two conductor rails is reduced by 10 mm.

Distance between centers of two conductor rails	Standard current collector arrangement	Offset Current Collector arrangement
Minimum distance [mm]	150	250*

\*Consider local regulations

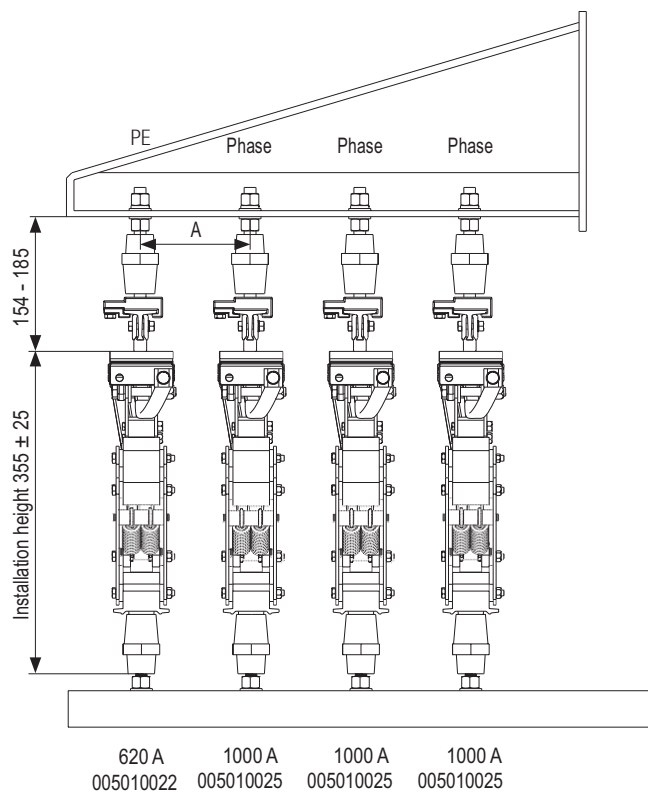
Installation note  
Please note that the centre line of the current collector is mounted to the centre line of the conductor rail. The distance between towing arm and conductor rail must be set according to above table and sketches.  
Please choose phase distances in accordance with local regulations and voltage levels on-site.

# CopperHead Conductor Rail System System Layout

## Installation Hints – Example

Phase distance “A”

The phase distance must be designed regarding application requirements and regulations on-site. Technical minimum:  $A = 150 \text{ mm}$ .

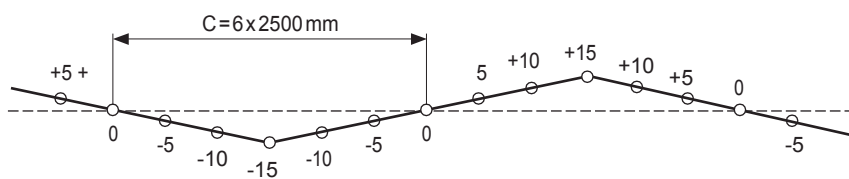


Note:

- PE can be reduced by 50% cross section.
- Please choose phase distances in accordance with local regulations and voltage levels on-site.

Zigzag Layout

We recommend installing the rails in a Zigzag manner to prevent irregular brush wear. Rail offset is  $\pm 15 \text{ mm}$ .



# CopperHead Conductor Rail System

## FAQ

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### Does Conductix-Wampfler offer Engineering and Installation Services?

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Conductix-Wampfler is the leading global represented partner for Energy and Data Transmission systems and offers, besides a large portfolio of solutions, installation and service support.

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### How can we Manage System Lengths not dividable by 6 m Rail Length?

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The rail can be simply cut to length on-site. Bigger volumes of short lengths are also available from factory side on request.

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### What kind of Power Feed Configuration is preferred?

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The power feed arrangement depends on the installation, load and rail cross-section. The voltage drop calculation is used to check if the crane can start up in the end position under starting conditions. If the voltage drop is too high (typical values 2-5%), the cross-section must be increased or the active length between power feed and crane end position must be reduced (use of center power feed or multiple power feed design.)

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### Why use Joint Compound at the Joints?

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The compound, which is applied to all contact surfaces of the joint, prevents contact corrosion and keeps humidity from entering inbetween parts. Corrosion increases resistance and reduces the product performance.

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### What are the recommended Phase Distances between two Rails?

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The distance between two phases depends on the used power voltage level, dust and humidity on-site and local regulations to prevent short circuit risks by low air creepage values.

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### What is the maximum Short Circuit Current?

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The maximum short circuit request is coming from busbar installations (rail between two stationary units, e.g. transformers). The aim is for the system to be switched back automatically in operation without damage to any parts caused by the short circuit incident. With flexible power feeds and current collectors this requirement can not be met in any case. Power feed and collectors are not rigid enough to resist the electromagnetic field and forces. The short circuit values for the rail system itself are available on request and depend on hanger and phase spacing as well as the type of short circuit incident (AC or DC, between two phases or phase/ground).

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### Are the Impedance and Resistance Values at other temperatures and 60 Hz available?

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The impedance values are measured at 35°C ambient temperature and 50 Hz, and DC resistance values are measured at 20°C. These values at other temperatures and 60 Hz are close to those listed in the technical data.

# Questionnaire CopperHead Conductor Rail System

If you would like us to make you an offer, please fill out the following information. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a sales representative.

## General Project Information

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## Configuration

### 35 mm Railway CopperHead

Pole	410 A	529 A
1		
2		
3		
N		
PE		

### 45 mm Railway CopperHead

Pole	495 A	620 A	728 A	826 A	1000 A	1156 A
1						
2						
3						
N						
PE						

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ m

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ m

Environmental Temperature Range \_\_\_\_\_ °C to \_\_\_\_\_ °C

## Electrical Parameters

- Operational voltage ☐ 3 Ph 400 V AC  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- Supply frequency ☐ 50 Hz ☐ 60 Hz
- Average current \_\_\_\_\_ A Peak current \_\_\_\_\_ A
- Drive performance per crane \_\_\_\_\_ kW
- Max. permissible voltage drop ☐ 5% ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ %  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_ V

### Power Feed

- ☐ 1 x system power feed
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ x system power feeds

### Assembly Performed

- ☐ by Customer
- ☐ by Conductix-Wampfler Service

## Additional Information

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## Customer Data

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