Mark 7 Gantrail Steel Reinforced Resilient Pad For Continuous Rail Support

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The use of Gantrail Mark 7 Crane Rail Pad between a rail and its support substantially improves the performance of heavy duty crane tracks. Cranes apply very high forces to the structures on which they are mounted. The pad significantly reduces the stress between the rail and its support. The Gantrail pad is one of the three key ingredients in achieving a reliable track.

These are:-

- Resilient Pad
- Strong, adjustable clips
- Continuously welded rail

SPECIFICATIONS:

The pad width should be nominally 5mm less than the rail foot width.

DIMENSIONS:

PART No	W mm (Flat)	
MK7-098	98	
MK7-118	118	
MK7-128	128	
MK7-134	134	
MK7-147	147	
MK7-157	157	
MK7-168	168	
MK7-195	195	
MK7-215	215	

*Pad width may vary by ± 5mm



Gantrail flat pad is normally supplied in 12 metre lengths of the widths shown but is also available in lengths and widths to suit customer specification. This may result in longer lead times – Please contact Gantrail for guidance.

FEATURES

- The Gantrail pad has been designed with a fluted top surface. This results in a two stage stiffness characteristic. On loading, the voids in the top allow the Gantrail clips to pre-compress the pad a small amount. On increasing the wheel loading, the voids are filled and the pad becomes stiffer. This ensures that the rail is not over stressed.
- The pad is reinforced with a steel strip to ensure high lateral stiffness and prevent movement from below the rail.







2 Steel reinforcement

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Gantrail Mark 7 pads are manufactured from wear resistant durable vulcanised rubber. They are unaffected by oil, grease or ultraviolet light. They have been tested to many times the design loads and show complete recovery. The pad incorporates a bonded steel reinforcement strip which is encapsulated for protection against corrosion.

TYPICAL PROPERTIES

Material	Rubber	
Shore hardness (ISO 48:1994)	75 ± Shore A	
Tensile strength (ISO 37:1994)	12.5 N/mm ²	Minimum
Elongation (ISO 37:1994)	250%	Minimum
Temperature range	-25°C to 100°C	
Oil resistance ASTM Oil No.2	Swelling 5%	Maximum

Note: Typical properties shown, but actual properties may vary according to batch. Gantrail will supply pad suitable for the intended loads and application.





PAD FOR CONTINUOUSLY SUPPORTED APPLICATIONS

Gantrail 'flat' pad is suitable for all applications where soft mounting is desirable. Historically, pad was provided 1.5mm thicker at the centre than the edges due to the concave shape of the base of some rails. It has been shown that there is no significant benefit in using this 'crowned' pad but Gantrail offer it to meet some older specifications.



INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Rail pad should be narrower than the rail it is supporting (nominally 5mm). The pad is normally supplied in 12 metre lengths. The flutes of the pad are placed facing upwards. The pad may be cut to precise length of rail. It can be cut with a hacksaw or jigsaw. No installed length of pad should be less than the spacing between three pairs of crane rail fixing clips. Before installing Mark 7 pad, the supporting area should be clean and free of oil, grease or any projections likely to damage the pad. It is preferable that the steel structure below the pad is not painted. If the rail is to be welded the pad should be protected from excessive heat during welding by being removed under the weld or by being protected with a thermal barrier. Our technical department will be pleased to advise on the suitability of Mark 7 pad in specific installation conditions.

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