THE PANTOGRAPH LIFTERS

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Product Overview

Many of today's digitally controlled technologies interact with the physical world using a device which seem rather outdated at first look. **Convoluted Air Bellows** are a pressurized rubber-textile product.



It is true that they have been in use for many years. However, they have developed into highly sophisticated elements.



Air Bellows allow variation of pressure, force and height while attenuating impacts and vibrations. This is a unique combination of capabilities, and it makes Air Bellows essential in a great diversity of applications

Air Bellows find use in industrial production lines, presses, agricultural, forestry, construction and quarry equipment, automotive, railway transportation and even ship building. Rubena's highly refined rubber formulas make them suitable for a variety of environments including corrosive atmospheres, outdoor elements and extreme temperatures. Due to the many uses they have many names in many languages. In English they are called the Air Spring, Air Bellow, Air Actuator or simply Airbag, depending on the equipment that they are a part of.

Air Actuators for Pantograph Operation

One particularly exciting application of Air Bellows is in the **Pantograph for collection of electric current**. In electrified transportation it is essential to maintain a constant contact and pressure between the current collector and the catenary wire. Circuit interruption and associated arcs cause damage and premature wear. However, the distance between the electric locomotive and the catenary wire is never constant. Due to surface irregularities and curves along the railroad track, varying temperatures, sag, as well as vibrations at high speed, it can only be maintained within a certain range. Various arrangements of Air Bellows effectively solve this problem due to their unique properties.



By changing the pressure in the Air Bellow, it is possible to

- vary height,
- maintain pressure of the collector on the catenary wire,
- maintain level and
- control vibrations,

even at high speeds.

Similar strategies can be employed in other mass transit vehicles such as trolleys, trolley buses, and even in such vehicles as the heavy trucks which move materials inside quarries.

RUBENA QUALITY

In this sensitive application there is no place for cheap substitutes. A defect can result in severe and costly damages.

Rubena is a traditional European manufacturer of Air Bellows since 1976. We have been supplying the Railway Industry for almost 20 years and **actuators for Pantograph are our No 1 application.** Our actuators serve reliably under a variety of conditions from ozone, UV rays, extreme temperatures, rain, snow and frost. Rubena's refined rubber compounds are suitable for this and many other demanding applications. Most renowned pantograph makers choose us for quality and reliability.



OUR CREDENTIALS



TESTED BY

TESTING

In accordance with EN 45545-2 (fire and smoke)

itczlin.cz In accordance with VW 2.8.1 (low temperature)

ACTUATORS

Dismantlable

- <u>8" x 2</u>
- <u>8" x 3</u>
- <u>10" x 2</u>
- <u>10" x 3</u>

Crimped

- <u>8" x 2</u>
- <u>9.5″ x 2</u>
- <u>12" x 2</u>
- <u>220 x 2</u>
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LEVELING SUSPENSION

Dismantlable

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- <u>2.75" x 1</u>
- <u>2.75" x 2</u>

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	HEIGHI			DIA	METERS	
Hmax	Hstat	Hmin	L	ø Max	Ø For assembly	
[mm] 250	[mm] 150	[mm] 75	[mm] 175	[mm] 230	[mm] 240	



		Application t	emperatures
Rubber Type	Features	Static [°C]	Dynamic [°C]
SBR	Standard use	-50° to 70°	-40° to 60°
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Hmax	Hstat	Hmin	L	ø Max	Ø For assembly
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350	230	100	250	230	240
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300	175	75	225	280	295	



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430	240	100	330	280	295	



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Hmax	Hstat	Hmin	L	ø Max	Ø For assembly
[mm]	[mm]	[mm]	[mm]	[mm]	[mm]
265	175	80	185	230	240



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310	175	80	230	270	285



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70	60	50	20	80	95
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RUBENA CERTIFICATION



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