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**MULTIPLE GIRDER ELECTRIC OVERHEAD TRAVELING CRANES**

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## 70-1 GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

### 1.1. SCOPE

- 1.1.1. This Specification shall be known as the Specifications for Top Running Bridge & Gantry Type Multiple Girder Electric Overhead Traveling Cranes - CMAA Specification No. 70 - Revised 2020.
- 1.1.2. The Specifications and information contained in this publication apply to top running bridge and gantry type multiple girder electric overhead traveling cranes. It should be understood that the Specifications are general in nature and other Specifications may be agreed upon between the purchaser and the manufacturer to suit each specific installation. **These Specifications do not cover equipment used to lift, lower, or transport personnel suspended from the hoist rope system.**
- 1.1.3. This Specification outlines in Chapter [70-2](#) six different classes of crane service as a guide for determining the service requirements of the individual application. In many cases there is no clear category of service in which a particular crane operation may fall, and the proper selection of a crane can be made only through a discussion of service requirements and crane details with the crane manufacturer or other qualified persons.
- 1.1.4. Service conditions have an important influence on the life of the wearing parts of a crane, such as wheels, gears, bearings, wire rope, and electrical equipment, and must be considered in specifying a crane to assure maximum life and minimum maintenance.
- 1.1.5. In selecting overhead crane equipment, it is important that not only present, but future operations be considered, which may increase loading and service requirements and that equipment be selected which will satisfy future increased service conditions, thereby minimizing the possibility of overloading or placing in a duty classification higher than intended.
- 1.1.6. Parts of this Specification refer to certain portions of other applicable Specifications, codes or standards. Where interpretations differ, CMAA recommends that this Specification be used as the guideline. Mentioned in the text are publications of the following organizations:

AGMA                    American Gear Manufacturers Association  
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                             Alexandria, VA 22314-1587

ANSI/AGMA 2001-D04 (R2010) Fundamental Rating Factors and Calculation  
Methods for Involute Spur and  
Helical Gear Teeth

ANSI/AGMA 2000-A88 Gear Classification and Inspection Handbook -  
Tolerances and Measuring  
Methods for Unassembled Spur  
and Helical Gears

ANSI/AGMA 2015-1-A01 Accuracy Classification System - Tangential  
Measurements for Cylindrical  
Gears

AISC                    American Institute of Steel Construction  
                             One East Wacker Drive, Suite 700  
                             Chicago, IL 60601-1802  
                             AISC 9<sup>th</sup> Edition ASD

AIST                    Association for Iron and Steel Technology  
                             186 Thorn Hill Rd  
                             Warrendale, PA 15086  
                             Technical Report TR-01-1991

ANSI                    American National Standards Institute  
                             25 West 43rd Street  
                             New York, NY 10036  
                             ANSI ASC A14.3-2008 - Safety Requirements for Fixed Ladders and Workplace Surfaces  
                             ANSI B17.1-1967 - Keys and Keysets  
                             ANSI C84.1-2011 - Electric Power Systems and Equipment Voltage Ratings (60Hz)

ASCE                    The American Society of Civil Engineers  
                             1801 Alexander Bell Drive  
                             Reston, VA 20191

ASCE/SEI 7-10 - Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures

ASME                    The American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
                             Two Park Avenue  
                             New York, NY 10016-5990

ASME B30.2-2015 - Overhead & Gantry Cranes (Top Running Bridge, Single  
or Multiple Girder, Top Running  
Trolley Hoist)

ASTM	American Society for Testing & Materials 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700 West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959
AWS	American Welding Society 8669 NW 36 Street, #30 Miami, FL 33166-6672
D14.1-97 - Specification for Welding of Industrial and Mill Cranes and other Material Handling Equipment	
CMAA	Crane Manufacturers Association of America, Inc. 8720 Red Oak Blvd., Suite 201 Charlotte, NC 28217-3996 Overhead Crane Inspection and Maintenance Checklist Crane Operator's Manual - Specification No 79-2012 Crane Operator's Training Video
ECMA	Electrification and Controls Manufacturers Association 8720 Red Oak Blvd., Suite 201 Charlotte, NC 28217-3996 ECMA 15-2018 - Specification for Cable-less Controls for Electric Overhead Traveling Cranes ECMA 25-2019 - Specification for AC Inverters for use on Electric Overhead, Monorail, and Gantry Traveling Cranes ECMA 35-2018 - Electrification Systems for Electric Overhead Traveling Cranes
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers 445 Hoes Lane Piscataway, NJ 08854 IEEE Standard 519-2014 - Recommended Practice and Requirements for Harmonic Control in Electric Power Systems IEEE Standard 141-1993 - Recommended Practice for Electric Power Distribution for Industrial Plants
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association 1 Batterymarch Park Quincy, MA 02269-7471 NFPA 70 - National Electrical Code, 2014 Edition NFPA 780 - Standard for the Installation of Lightning Protection Systems
NEMA	National Electrical Manufacturers Association 1300 North 17th Street, Suite 900 Arlington, VA 22209 ICS 1-2000 (R2005, R2008) - Industrial Control Systems and Electrical Requirements NEMA MG-1-2011 - Motors and Generators
OSHA	U.S. Department of Labor Directorate of Safety Standards Programs 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20210 29 CFR Part 1910 - Occupational Safety & Health Standards for General Industry (Revised 7/1/97) Peterson's Stress Concentration Factors Walter D. Pilkey OR Walter D. Pilkey & Deborah F. Pilkey 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition; 1997 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition; 2008 Copyright John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

## 1.2. BUILDING DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- 1.2.1. The building in which an overhead crane is to be installed must be designed with consideration given to the following points:
  - 1.2.1.1. The distance from the floor to the lowest overhead obstruction must be such as to allow for the required hook lift, plus the distance from the saddle or palm of the hook in its highest position to the high point on the crane, plus clearance to the lowest overhead obstruction.
  - 1.2.1.2. In addition, the distance from the floor to the lowest overhead obstruction must be such that the lowest point on the crane will clear all machinery or when necessary provide railroad or truck clearance under the crane.
  - 1.2.1.3. After determination of the building height, based on the factors above, the crane runway must be located with the top of the runway rail at a distance below the lowest overhead obstruction equal to the height of the crane plus clearance.
  - 1.2.1.4. Lights, pipes, or any other objects projecting below the lowest point on the building truss must be considered in the determination of the lowest overhead obstruction.
  - 1.2.1.5. The building knee braces must be designed to permit the required hook approaches.

- 1.2.1.6. Access to the cab or bridge walkway should be a fixed ladder, stairs, or platform requiring no step over any gap exceeding 12 inches. Fixed ladders shall be in conformance with ANSI ASC A14.3-2008 – Safety Requirements for Fixed Ladders and Workplace Surfaces.

### **1.3. CLEARANCE**

- 1.3.1. Clearance shall be maintained between the crane and the building, as well as cranes operating at different elevations, under all normal operating conditions. In the design of new cranes, all factors that influence clearance, such as roof / ceiling deflection, girder camber, trolley positions and configurations shall be considered. As a minimum, the clearance between the highest point of the crane and the lowest overhead obstruction shall not be less than 3 inches with the crane unloaded. Pipes, conduits, lights, etc., must not reduce this clearance.
- 1.3.2. Clearance shall be maintained between the crane and the building, as well as parallel running cranes, under all normal operating conditions. In the design of new cranes, all factors that influence clearance, such as wheel float, bridge skewing, or trolley positions and configurations shall be considered. As a minimum, the clearance between the end of the crane and the closest side obstruction shall not be less than 2 inches with crane centered on runway rails. Pipes, conduits, lights, etc., must not reduce this clearance.
- 1.3.3. Where passageways or walkways are provided on the structure supporting the crane, obstructions on the supporting structure shall not be placed so that personnel will be struck by movement of the crane. The accuracy of building dimensions is the responsibility of the owner or specifier of the equipment.

### **1.4. CRANE RUNWAY**

- 1.4.1. The crane runway, runway rails, and crane stops are typically furnished by the purchaser unless otherwise specified. The crane stops furnished by the purchaser are to be designed to suit the specific crane to be installed.
- 1.4.2. Rails shall be straight, parallel, free of paint on the wheel running surface, level, at the same elevation and at the specified center to center distance, within the tolerances given in Table [1.4.2-1](#).
- 1.4.3. The runway rails should be standard rail sections, or other commercial rolled section of equivalent specifications and of a proper size for the crane. Rail sizes shall be selected in accordance with Section [4.13.3](#).
- 1.4.4. Crane rail splices shall be bolted or welded. Rail joints on opposite sides of the runway should be staggered. Properly selected hold-down devices shall be used to anchor the rail to the runway. Lateral “floating” type rail fastening is not recommended.
- 1.4.5. Rail joint misalignment can be a significant factor in wheel, axle, and bearing failures. It is recommended that horizontal rail separation at joints not exceed 1/16 inch. Vertical and horizontal alignment at joints should be maintained as closely as possible. Rail joints should be ground flush as necessary to provide a smooth transition from each rail segment to the next.