# Gantrail Presentation Challenges in designing and installing modern crane rail systems By Malcolm Trigg

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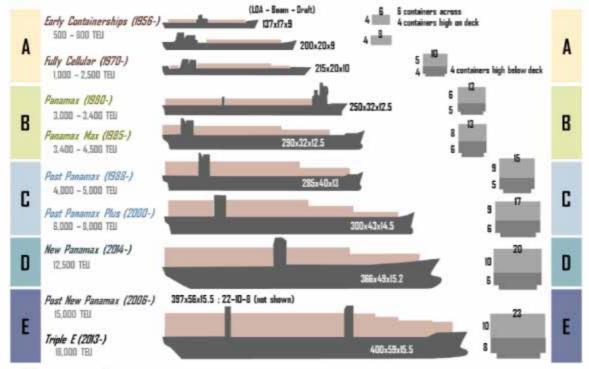
#### Port & Container Terminals





#### Bigger ships means bigger cranes!

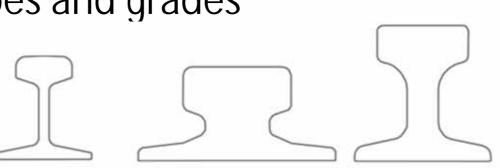
The Crane Rail Support System is directly influenced by the Containerships





### Crane Rails - Types and grades

- Types
  - Railway Rails
  - Crane Rails



Railway Rail

Crane Rails

- Traditional railway rail strength 690 N/mm<sup>2</sup>
- Crane rail strengths two grades 690 and 880 N/mm<sup>2</sup>
- A third grade of harder stronger rails 1100 N/mm<sup>2</sup>
- 880 grade has become standard for port applications



## Crane Rails - Welding

- Cranes operate best when the rails are welded into continuous lengths.
  - Crane rails are difficult to weld because:
    - Large and awkward sections
    - High carbon content
- Rail Welding Methods
  - Enclosed arc
  - Aluminothermic





#### Types of port cranes – Quay Cranes







### Quay Construction

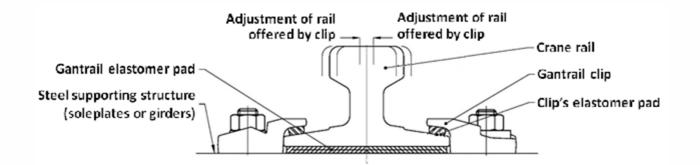
- Modern day construction challenges
  - Civil construction tolerances & dredging (future settlement)
  - Adjustability of crane rail fixing clips provide solution





# Crane Rail Fixing Clips

- Crane rails need to be installed to fine tolerances.
- The clips are also designed to carry the very high forces that the cranes can apply to the rails
- The clips are designed with an elastomer 'nose'





## Crane Rail Fixing Clips

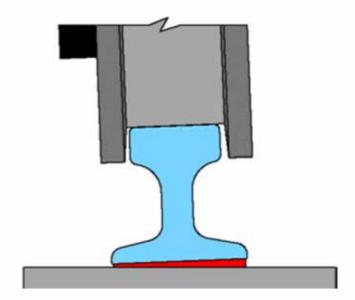
- Gantrail New 1 series Clips
  - Features
  - Decreased mounting width
  - Increased lateral adjustment
  - Increased side load capacity
  - New captive bolt increases performance





# Crane Rail Pad

- The crane rail pad performs a number of functions to improve crane rail performance:
  - Allows the rail to move and rotate
  - Ensures even stress distribution between;
    - The crane wheel and rail head
    - Rail foot and the surface on which it is fixed.





#### Crane Rail Pad

- Trench Drainage
  - The presence of water in the trench can cause a number of issues:
  - Hydraulic damage of the pad
  - Pad Migration

#### The NEW Gantrail MK8 Pad





#### Automatic Stacking Cranes







#### **Rail Mounted Gantry cranes**

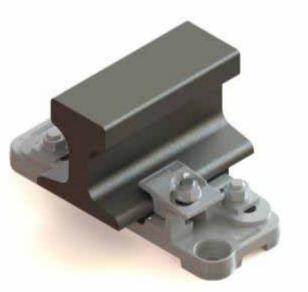






#### ASC & RMG

- New constructions can present problems due to settlement
- Challenges of building on reclaimed land
  - Short and Long Term Settlement
- Gantrail Adjustable soleplate system
  - Offers Vertical and horizontal adjustment
    - 100mm vertical
    - 55mm horizontal





#### Quality of materials

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