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Aluminium steel conductor rails for **DC/AC** mass transport systems

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01 Introduction

01.01 General

Aluminium steel conductor rails have been in operation for about 40 years. In the meantime, many changes have been made on the design and most of the mechanical problems with respect to mechanically joining of aluminium body and stainless steel strip have been remedied. However, new requirements with respect to easy installation, electric wear, EMI, and long-term joining of aluminium body and stainless steel strip but easy separation for recycling, usable and safe steel thickness, etc. remain fraught with problems and are not solved by one product yet.

01.02 Installation

Conductor rails are delivered in sections of up to 18 m. They are connected with each other by fishplates. Depending on the relative tolerances of the conductor rail to each other, a difference in position of the stainless steel strip of the joined rail sections may appear. Since the transition from one rail section to the next must be completely level, the stainless steel insert must be ground, which reduces the thickness and, therefore, the lifetime of the conductor rail. In addition, grinding needs to be realized over a longer distance to avoid that the transition becomes a ramp for the collector shoe.

Particularly twisted rail ends of adjacent rails could make a preselection of rails necessary. Joining twisted rail ends often becomes very difficult and is time consuming. Heavy grinding of steel insert on both conductor rails always becomes necessary.

01.03 Electric Wear

Flat surfaces of steel insert without any wavy deviations on steel surface in the longitudinal direction is commonly agreed to be necessary for smooth running and improved electric contact of collector shoes. The sparking between steel surface and collector shoe as a result of the lack of flatness and straightness of the stainless steel surface has the following adverse effect:

- electro magnetic interference (EMI)
- noise
- electric wear of the steel strip

Considering that often 2/3 of the total wear is due to electric wear (electric sparking) and only 1/3 is due to mechanical abrasion, the smooth running of collector shoe could improve wear resistance considerably. Electric sparking between steel insert and collector shoe is substantially less on flat and non wavy steel surfaces.

01.04 Continuity of mechanical properties

Aluminium profiles are extruded from aluminium billets. In case the production of the conductor rail is continuous, billet after billet is loaded into the extruder. When a new billet is loaded to the extruder, the process stops and a stop mark occurs. Stop marks are like a circular mark appearing around the profile at the exit of the extrusion die and indicate a stop position. Stop marks are consequently in front of the welding zone. In this zone, the material of a new billet follows the material of the old billet. In the welding zone of the two billets the material properties of the extrusion profile become worse, especially material strength is lower and the material properties cannot be guaranteed in that particular rail section.



Fig. 01-1 Stop marks in front of the welding zone

01.05 Durable mechanical interlocking

Based on the type of joining the stainless steel strip to the aluminium body, the strength of the mechanical interlocking may be impaired while the thickness of stainless steel strip reduces. This effect may only be experienced after a long operation period. Since the thermal expansion of steel and aluminium is very different, it is of importance that the mechanical interlocking does not depend on the wear of the stainless steel strip.

01.06 Summary

According to our experience and statements made by railway personnel, the following requirements have to be improved:

- overall reduced dimensional tolerances
- non-wavy steel surface
- consistent material properties
- durable mechanical interlocking

02 New aluminium steel conductor rail

02.01 General

Considering the needs as mentioned in chapter "Introduction" on page 4, it was necessary to develop a new type of conductor rail, which incorporates already approved manufacturing processes. The aluminium steel conductor rail is made out of two main parts:

- the extruded aluminium rail (aluminium extrusion profile)
- a pre-manufactured stainless steel insert

In the following, the main parts, the manufacturing process and logical advantages are described in detail.

02.02 Aluminium rail

02.02.01 Material

The aluminium rail is extruded of specially selected aluminium billets within the specified standard aluminium alloy AW6060 or similar. This alloy guarantees state-of-the-art material properties, i.e. high mechanical strength and optimum electric conductivity.

02.02.02 Extrusion die

The aluminium conductor rail is extruded as a single profile. Within each extrusion process there are only minor deviations in absolute dimensions at all, while relative tolerances from conductor rail to conductor rail are going to a minimum.

02.02.03 Stop marks

The aluminium conductor rail is extruded billet on billet, but each section of welding zone (stop mark) is cut out as shown below. None of the aluminium conductor rails shows a stop mark or welding zone of different billets. This guarantees uniform, high mechanical properties across the entire length.



Fig. 02-1 Section of welding zone (stop mark)

02.02.04 Water quenching

The rail is extruded and water quenched in a vertical position to avoid any torsion to the left or right side. Any deformation due to different thermal shock impact (water cooling) is therefore minimized or even avoided.

02.02.05 Inspection certificate

The quality of the material is controlled by chemical analyses of the aluminium billets and mechanical properties of each heat treatment charge are certificated according to inspection certificate (EN 10204-3.1).

02.02.06 Summary

The production method has the following advantages:

- single extruded profile
- same conductor rail height
- water quenching with profile in a vertical position
- no twist of (adjacent) conductor rail ends
- no grinding of steel insert
- no stop marks / no welding zone within conductor rails
- high material strength all across the entire length of the conductor rail
- selected aluminium billets, outstanding material properties
- small symmetry grooves in the fishplate pockets and middle of the aluminium base
- small grooves help to find the drilling position, i.e. drilling holes for joining rails on site

02.03 Stainless steel insert

02.03.01 Stainless steel material

The stainless steel insert is pre-manufactured from the material X6Cr17. This stainless steel quality has been tried and tested for over 40 years under the specific conditions of heavy underground and high-speed railways. Its high chromium content of 17 % guarantees highest stainless steel corrosive resistance. The special stainless steel material offers highest mechanical wear resistance and best electric wear resistance even under difficult conditions of sparking and arcing. The use of high alloy 17% chrome steel prevents electrical corrosion between aluminium profile and stainless steel insert even in the presence of an electrolyte, wetting by water and frost.

02.03.02 **Pre-manufacturing**

The stainless steel inserts are manufactured in appropriate lengths and then mechanically adjusted and assembled onto the aluminium rails as one straight long bar. Prior to this, stainless steel strip is bent to take on a C-shape, which gives high rigidity and stability. Any waves or other longitudinal deformations are eliminated. Stainless steel strip is flat on total length and offers smooth steel surface in longitudinal as well as in transversal direction for optimum collector shoe gliding and electric contact under operation.

02.03.03 **Steel thickness**

The steel thickness determines service life of the conductor rail and is therefore most important in terms of total cost. Therefore, conductor rail ASS 5100 offers 6 mm wear thickness. Due to the method of assembly of the stainless steel insert to the aluminium rail, the whole thickness of 6 mm can be used for wear.

02.04 Assembly of steel insert and aluminium rail

The stainless steel insert and aluminium rail are interlocked mechanically under ambient temperature conditions. After assembly the conductor rail is only shortened / cut to the required length.

The stainless steel insert is fixed to top of the aluminium rail by pressing aluminium continuously on both sides of the aluminium conductor rail into holes within the stainless steel insert. Interlocking is below wear thickness of stainless steel and therefore attachment is not affected by wear, as clamped steel insert may be.

The aluminium interlocking in longitudinal direction of the rail also ensures that the different thermal expansion of steel and aluminium (bi-metal effect) is irrelevant. While the clamping force of clamped steel strip dramatically decreases with the wear thickness, sliding between aluminium and steel may not occur due to the patented aluminium interlocking technique.





The punching is below wear thickness of steel to provide original mechanical interlocking during whole lifetime and also under conditions of heavy wear. No part of steel will come loose even if completely worn. These conditions make the conductor rail more secure under operation and tolerate long intervals between the routine inspections.

No minimum steel thickness must be measured and monitored for safe operation and providing evidence in case of legal investigations. The conductor rail has to be removed after abrasion occurs if the abrasion has reached the aluminium.



Fig. 02-3 Interlocking below wear surface (steel thickness)



Fig. 02-4 Secure interlocking even with heavy wear

The punching also provides high electric transition contact between aluminium rail and stainless steel insert which is not affected by wear as well. Punching provides high contact pressure and, therefore, high electrical performance. Nevertheless, steel insert is pre-stressed on top of the aluminium rail, this also improves the electrical contact. Manufacturing technology provides smooth and safe overall surface of the conductor rail. There are no sharp cutting edges or aluminium splices that may injure installation staff.

After expiry of the life of the rail the remnants of the steel strip have to be separated from the aluminium for reasons of recycling and environmental protection. The aluminium interlocking can be removed, and aluminium and steel insert can be 100 % separated, offering customer highest revenue of recycled material.

This method of manufacturing has the following advantages:

- permanent material interlocking at both sides of aluminium conductor rail
- durable interlocking during whole lifetime
- interlocking not affected by wear or remaining steel thickness
- no part of steel will come loose even if it is completely worn
- 100 % aluminium and steel separation possible for reasons of recycling
- no clamping of steel insert
- no longitudinal slippage between aluminium and steel insert possible
- interlocking prevents from damage caused by thermal expansion of steel and aluminium
- high electric contact by interlocking through high press contact

02.04.01 Bending aluminium steel conductor rail

Aluminium steel conductor rail of 12–18 m length is very elastic and pre-bending does not have to be carried out.

For radii $R \ge 100$ m the aluminium steel conductor rail is installed elastically into conductor rail supports. If radius R is less than 100 m, prebending at site is recommended.



03 Nominal properties of the conductor rail

03.01 Electrical Properties

03.01.01 Electrical Resistance

Electrical resistance R per meter of aluminium steel conductor rail can be calculated according to formula

$$R = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_{Alu}} + \frac{1}{R_{Steel}}} \text{ with } R_{Steel} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{Alu}} \times \frac{1m}{A_{Steel}} \text{ and } R_{Alu} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{Alu}} \times \frac{1m}{A_{Alu}}$$

with A = cross section, σ = specific conductivity.

According to $R_{Steel} = \frac{A_{Alu}}{\sigma_{Steel}} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{A_{Steel}}$ electrical resistance

of stainless steel insert is much higher compared to electrical resistance of the aluminium rail $(R_{steel} = 150 \times R_{Alu})$ and, thus, does not have to be considered for the calculation of the overall resistance. Furthermore, the steel insert is subject to abrasive wear and steel resistance increases with time and wear.

03.01.02 Electrical Resistance at operation conditions

During operation the conductor rail heats up to a certain operation temperature u. At high temperature however, the conductor rail resistance is higher according to temperature coefficient a according to $R_{_{(v)}} = R_{_{0}} (1 + \alpha (u - 20 \text{ K})); \alpha = 0.004 \text{ K}^{-1},$

with
$$R_0 = \frac{1}{\sigma_{20^{\circ}C}} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{A_{Alu}}$$

The electrical resistance of the conductor rail can be calculated according to the above mentioned formula, but aluminium conductivity depends on heat treatment of the aluminium alloy. Conductivity varies in between 30 MS/m (guaranteed minimum) and 32 MS/m for very good conductivity. However, the average value is exceeding 31 MS/m according to long-term experience.

The diagram Fig. 03-1 below shows electrical resistance per meter at different operating temperatures and different aluminium conductivities.

Conductor rail resistance of conductor rail ASS5100 $[\mu\Omega/m]$ or $[m\Omega/km]$



Fig. 03-1 Conductor rail resistance as a function of rail temperature for ASS5100

03.01.03 Electrical current

The electrical current from the power station to the vehicle flows mainly through the aluminium rail. The current which flows through the stainless steel insert can be calculated according to

$$I_{\text{Steel}} = \frac{A_{\text{Steel}}}{A_{\text{Alu}}} \times \frac{\sigma_{\text{Steel}}}{\sigma_{\text{Alu}}} \times I_{\text{Alu}}$$

with A = cross section and σ = specific conductivity with the result of: $\frac{A_{\text{Steel}}}{A_{\text{Alu}}}$ = 0.668 %

The electric current through stainless steel insert is less than 0.7 % and therefore negligible as also described before by stainless steel resistance. The electric current is fully transmitted by the aluminium rail.

Along the conductor rail there is no change of current between aluminium rail and stainless steel insert. Any transition resistance from aluminium rail to steel insert is insignificant. Only in the position of collector shoe the current transits the stainless steel insert and flows into the collector shoe.

03.01.04 Transition resistance of aluminium steel conductor rail

A point-to-point measurement as shown in "Fig. 03-2 Point-to-point measurement" was carried out. As a result, the transition resistance between the aluminium rail and the stainless steel insert is permanently under 30 $\mu\Omega$. Aluminium embossing provides low electrical contact resistance.



Fig. 03-2 Point-to-point measurement

A typical rail resistance for a track length of 1 km is around to 7 m Ω . Therefore the contact resistance of less than 30 $\mu\Omega$ is negligible. Furthermore the contact resistance between the collector shoe and the power rail is even much higher.

03.01.05 Total transition resistance

Transition resistance between aluminium rail and stainless steel insert is of lower importance than expected. The measurements as given in the above sheet are only a single point-to-point transition resistance. Therefore, these values have less significance to the overall electric quality of conductor rail as explained below:

Each collector shoe contacts the rail on many different contact points or else a part of the surface at the same time. This means that many transition resistances are electrically connected parallel to each others and total transition resistance becomes much less.

If the collector shoe runs on a flat surface, the total transition resistance between conductor rail and collector shoe is much better as operating on wavy steel surfaces because the total contact surface area is larger.

In addition, any contamination on stainless steel surface significantly affects total transition resistance between stainless steel surface and collector shoe, which is much higher than the transition resistance between aluminium and stainless steel.

Considering a total transition resistance between aluminium and stainless steel insert of R_T = 20 $\mu\Omega$ under normal operation conditions, electric loss at I = 1,000 A is P_T (I) = R_T × I² = 20 W and can be neglected while considering the total power losses of a 500 m conductor rail.

Example for I = 1,000 A:

 $P_{R}(I) = 6.7 \ \mu\Omega/m \times 500 \ m \times I^{2} = 3,350 \ W.$

The power loss of a 500 m conductor rail is about 3 kW and much higher compared to any transition resistance power loss.

03.01.06 Nominal technical data of the material

Technical data for		Aluminium	Stainless steel	
specific electric conductivity, min (20 °C)	MS/m	30	_	
specific electric conductivity, typical (20 °C)	MS/m	31-33	1.67	
temperature coefficient of resistance	K-1	0.004	0.005	
yield point	MPa	170	260	
tensile strength	MPa	215	450	
specific weight	g/cm ³	2.7	7.7	
specific heat	J/(g·K)	0.92	0.46	
thermal conductivity	W/(m⋅K)	197	25	
thermal coefficient of expansion	10 ⁻⁶ K ⁻¹	23.1	10	

03.01.07 Short circuit resistance

In the event of short circuits the rail resistant losses lead to increasing conductor rail temperature. The maximum permitted rail temperature is 200 °C, therefore, the temperature rise is mainly defined by aluminium rail heat capacity. Air cooling or heat radiation need not to be considered for such short periods. Normally, a short circuit is cleared within less than 100 ms. Therefore, short circuits do not adversely effect aluminium steel rails in view of thermal stress. It warms up very little, even during short circuits lasting extended periods of time.

03.01.08 Deflection due to own weight

Deflection values of conductor rails due to own weight between supports are given in the diagram below:



Fig. 03-3 Calculated deflection (ASS 5100+)

Short circuit withstand of Rail ASS 5100+

Rail temperature increase from 80 °C to 200 °C



Fig. 03-4 Diagram of short circuit withstand of conductor rail ASS 5100+

Other rail cross-sections are available on request.

04 Summary



Aluminium steel power rail system

Different rail sizes (various new rails are already under development)

Туре	ASCR 1000	ASCR 2800	ASCR 3000	ASS 3500	ASCR 4000	ASCR 4200	ASCR 4300
Electr. resistance [15 °C]	18.1 μΩ/m	11.2 μΩ/m	9.9 μΩ/m	8.9 μΩ/m	7.4 μΩ/m	7.2 μΩ/m	6.9 μΩ/m
Mass	7.9 kg/m	12.1 kg/m	12.8 kg/m	14.2 kg/m	16.4 kg/m	16.1 kg/m	16.8 kg/m
Total height	55.8 mm	60 mm	60 mm	95 mm	105 mm	77 mm	105 mm

ASS 5100	ASS 5100+	ASCR 4900	ASCR 5500 T	ASCR 5700	ASCR 6000	ASCR 6100	ASCR 7100
6.6 μΩ/m	6.4 μΩ/m	5.9 μΩ/m	4.6 μΩ/m	4.9 μΩ/m	3.7 μΩ/m	4.2 μΩ/m	3.6 μΩ/m
17.4 kg/m	17.4 kg/m	18.5 kg/m	23.5 kg/m	21.5 kg/m	26.2 kg/m	25.7 kg/m	28.8 kg/m
105 mm	105 mm	108 mm	100.5 mm	117 mm	128 mm	103 mm	138 mm

05 Special Parts

Fishplates



Fish plates are being used to connect both mechanical as well as electrical the individual conductor rails and / or special parts of the conductor rail, like ramps and expansion joints. The length of the fish plate is determined by the manufacturer of the system, should be at least 400 mm and must be pre-drilled for immediate onsite installation. Fishplates are attached with Huck bolts so that the connection cannot get loose.

Anchor points



Anchor points are used to fix the conductor rail, in the middle of a rail section, in order to allow thermal expansion for both directions simultaneously. Anchor points are short fishplates which are fixed to the conductor rail. Anchor points are placed at both sides of an insulator.

Cable terminals

Expansion joints



REHAU solutions for expansion joints are offering a large variety of possibilities to compensate the thermal expansion and secure the best electrical conductivity. REHAU variations are result of long development and testing. Expansion joints are made of conductor rail. Solutions are designed to meet customers' specific needs.

- ready for installation
- lengths 1.5 m-6 m (according to system specification)
- 1 or 2 gap system (according to system specification)
- transfer of electricity (according to system specification),
 i.e. cable transfer, aluminum components or copper components
- max. expansion 150 mm-200 mm (according to system specification)

Ramps

Ramps are used in the locations where gaps of the conductor rails are necessary. Height differences of ramps are adjusted according to the speed of the train and its collector shoe specifications. REHAU offers a large variety of ramp designs fitted to customers' needs.



Various versions of cable terminals are designed to meet customers' specific needs. Cable terminals are pre-drilled and therefore ready for installation. Cable terminals will be attached by using Huck-Bolts or screws.

Insulated joints



Insulated joints are made of the conductor rail.

- ready for installation
- lengths 1.5 m 5 m
- 1 or 2 gap system (according to system specification)
- electrically insulating

06 Technical Data ASS 5100+

06.01 Nominal Dimensions





Fig. 06-1 Rail cross section

Fig. 06-2 3D view of the rail

06.02 Nominal data of the conductor rail

The conductor rail ASS 5100+ features the following electrical properties:

5,400 mm²
17.4 kg/m
6 mm
6.4 μΩ at 15 °C
0.004 K ⁻¹
10–40 μΩ (point-to-point)
400 kA
please see table Tab. 06-3*
20.4×10 ⁻⁶ K ⁻¹

						R	ail tempe	erature [°(C]					
		40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	-
	0	4271	4509	4730	4939	5137	5326	5506	5678	5845	6005	6160	6311	_
	5	4011	4268	4505	4728	4938	5137	5327	5508	5682	5849	6011	6167	
	10	3729	4008	4265	4504	4728	4939	5139	5329	5512	5687	5855	6018	_
[] [15	3418	3726	4006	4264	4503	4728	4940	5141	5333	5517	5693	5863	_
Ambient temperature [°C]	20	3069	3415	3724	4005	4263	4504	4730	4943	5145	5338	5523	5700	_
empe	25	2669	3068	3414	3723	4005	4265	4506	4733	4947	5151	5345	5531	_
ient t	30	2189	2668	3066	3413	3724	4006	4267	4509	4737	4953	5157	5352	_
Amk	35	1554	2188	2667	3066	3414	3725	4009	4270	4514	4743	4959	5165	
	40		1554	2187	2667	3067	3415	3727	4012	4274	4519	4749	4967	ΔT=60 K
	45			1553	2187	2668	3068	3418	3731	4016	4280	4526	4757	∆T=55 K
	50				1554	2188	2669	3071	3421	3735	4021	4286	4533	∆T=50 K

ΔΤ=30 ΚΔΤ=35 Κ<mark>ΔΤ=40 Κ</mark>ΔΤ=45 Κ

Tab. 06-1 Nominal current of conductor rail ASS 5100+, surface emission ratio \geq 0.3

The nominal current of the conductor rail is based on the ambient temperature and the acceptable operating temperature of the conductor rail.



Fig. 06-3 Nominal current of conductor rail ASS 5100+ (dependent on local conditions and specification)

07.01 Nominal Dimensions





Fig. 07-1 Rail cross section

Fig. 07-2 3D view of the Rail

07.02 Nominal data of the conductor rail

The conductor rail ASS 5100 features the following electrical properties:

total cross section	5,400 mm²				
total weight	17.4 kg/m				
effective useable thickness of steel insert	6 mm				
electrical resistance per m	6.6 μΩ at 15 °C				
temperature coefficient	0.004 K ⁻¹				
1 s-short circuit	390 kA				
nominal current	please see table Tab. 07-3*				
Thermal Expansion	20.4×10 ⁻⁶ K ⁻¹				

						R	ail tempe	rature [°	C]					
		40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	-
	0	3966	4184	4387	4578	4759	4931	5094	5251	5401	5546	5686	5821	-
	5	3723	3958	4177	4380	4572	4754	4926	5090	5248	5399	5545	5686	-
	10	3459	3716	3951	4170	4375	4567	4749	4923	5088	5246	5399	5545	_
[°C]	15	3168	3452	3709	3946	4165	4370	4564	4747	4921	5087	5246	5399	
Ambient temperature $[^{\circ}C]$	20	2844	3163	3447	3704	3941	4161	4367	4561	4745	4920	5087	5247	
empei	25	2472	2839	3158	3442	3700	3938	4158	4365	4560	4744	4920	5088	_
ient t	30	2026	2468	2835	3154	3438	3697	3935	4156	4364	4560	4745	4922	-
Amb	35	1438	2022	2464	2831	3151	3436	3695	3934	4156	4364	4560	4747	
	40		1435	2020	2461	2829	3148	3434	3694	3933	4156	4365	4562	ΔT=60 K
	45			1434	2018	2459	2827	3147	3433	3694	3934	4157	4367	∆T=55 K
	50				1432	2016	2458	2826	3146	3433	3694	3935	4160	∆T=50 K

Tab. 07-1 Nominal current of conductor rail ASS 5100, surface emission ratio ≥ 0.3



Fig. 07-3 Nominal current of conductor rail ASS 5100 (dependent on local conditions and specification)

08.01 Nominal Dimensions





Fig. 08-2 3D view of the Rail

Fig. 08-1 Rail cross section

08.02 Nominal data of the conductor rail

The conductor rail ASCR 4900 features the following electrical properties:

total cross section	5,825 mm²				
total weight	18.5 kg/m				
effective useable thickness of steel insert	6 mm				
electrical resistance per m	5.9 μΩ at 15 °C				
temperature coefficient	0.004 K ⁻¹				
1 s-short circuit	420 kA				
nominal current	please see table Tab. 08-3*				
Thermal Expansion	20.5×10 ⁻⁶ K ⁻¹				

						R	ail tempe	erature [°(C]					
		40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	-
	0	4128	4353	4563	4761	4948	5125	5293	5455	5609	5758	5902	6041	-
	5	3873	4117	4343	4554	4752	4940	5117	5287	5449	5605	5755	5899	_
	10	3598	3864	4108	4335	4546	4745	4933	5112	5282	5445	5602	5752	_
[] []	15	3295	3589	3856	4100	4327	4539	4739	4928	5107	5278	5442	5600	_
Ambient temperature $[^{\circ}C]$	20	2957	3287	3582	3848	4094	4321	4534	4734	4924	5104	5276	5441	_
empe	25	2569	2950	3281	3575	3842	4088	4316	4529	4730	4921	5102	5275	_
ient t	30	2105	2564	2945	3275	3570	3837	4083	4312	4526	4728	4919	5101	
Amt	35	1494	2101	2559	2940	3270	3565	3833	4080	4309	4524	4727	4919	
	40		1491	2097	2555	2936	3266	3562	3830	4078	4308	4523	4726	ΔT=60 K
	45			1488	2094	2552	2932	3263	3559	3828	4076	4307	4523	ΔT=55 K
	50				1486	2091	2549	2930	3261	3558	3827	4076	4307	∆Т=50 К





Fig. 08-3 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 4900 (dependent on local conditions and specification)

09.01 Nominal Dimensions





Fig. 09-2 3D view of the Rail

Fig. 09-1 Rail cross section

09.02 Nominal data of the conductor rail

The conductor rail ASCR 6000 features the following electrical properties:

total cross section	8,680 mm²
total weight	26.2 kg/m
effective useable thickness of steel insert	6 mm
electrical resistance per m	3.9 μΩ at 15 °C
temperature coefficient	0.004 K ⁻¹
1 s-short circuit	715 kA
nominal current	please see table Tab. 09-3*

						R	ail tempe	erature [°(C]					
		40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	-
	0	6222	6557	6868	7159	7433	7692	7938	8173	8397	8612	8819	9019	-
	5	5834	6197	6531	6842	7134	7409	7669	7916	8151	8377	8593	8801	-
	10	5415	5811	6173	6507	6819	7111	7387	7647	7895	8132	8358	8575	_
[°C]	15	4955	5393	5789	6151	6486	6798	7090	7366	7628	7877	8114	8341	_
Ambient temperature $[^{\circ}C]$	20	4443	4936	5373	5769	6131	6466	6778	7071	7348	7610	7860	8098	_
empe	25	3858	4426	4918	5355	5750	6112	6448	6760	7054	7332	7595	7845	_
ient t	30	3158	3843	4410	4901	5338	5733	6095	6431	6744	7039	7317	7581	_
Amk	35	2239	3147	3830	4396	4886	5322	5717	6080	6416	6730	7025	7304	
	40		2231	3136	3817	4382	4872	5308	5703	6066	6403	6717	7013	ΔT=65 K
	45			2223	3126	3806	4370	4859	5295	5691	6054	6391	6706	ΔT=55 K
	50				2216	3116	3795	4359	4848	5284	5679	6043	6380	ΔT=50 K
											AT 20 K			

Tab. 09-1 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 6000, surface emission ratio ≥ 0.3



Fig. 09-3 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 6000 (dependent on local conditions and specification)

10.01 Nominal Dimensions







Fig. 10-1 Rail cross section

10.02 Nominal data of the conductor rail

The conductor rail ASCR 4300 features the following electrical properties:

total cross section	5,190 mm²
total weight	16.4 kg/m
effective useable thickness of steel insert	6 mm
electrical resistance per m	6.9 μΩ at 15 °C
temperature coefficient	0.004 K ⁻¹
1 s-short circuit	416 kA
nominal current	please see table Tab. 10-3*

						R	ail tempe	erature [°(C]					
		40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	
	0	3817	4026	4222	4406	4581	4746	4904	5055	5200	5340	5475	5606	-
	5	3582	3809	4020	4216	4401	4576	4742	4901	5053	5199	5340	5476	
	10	3328	3576	3803	4014	4211	4397	4573	4740	4899	5052	5199	5341	
[°C]	15	3049	3323	3570	3798	4010	4208	4394	4571	4738	4899	5053	5201	
Ambient temperature $[^{\circ}C]$	20	2737	3044	3318	3566	3794	4006	4205	4392	4570	4738	4900	5055	
empe	25	2379	2733	3040	3314	3563	3792	4004	4204	4392	4570	4740	4902	
ient t	30	1950	2376	2729	3036	3311	3560	3790	4003	4203	4392	4571	4742	
Amk	35	1384	1947	2373	2726	3034	3309	3559	3789	4003	4204	4394	4574	
	40		1382	1945	2370	2724	3032	3308	3558	3789	4004	4206	4396	∆T=65 K
	45			1381	1943	2369	2723	3031	3307	3558	3790	4006	4208	∆T=55 K
	50				1379	1942	2368	2722	3031	3308	3560	3792	4009	∆Т=50 К
												AT 05 14		

Tab. 10-1 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 4300, surface emission ratio ≥ 0.3



Fig. 10-3 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 4300 (dependent on local conditions and specification)

11.01 Nominal Dimensions





Fig. 11-2 3D view of the Rail

Fig. 11-1 Rail cross section

11.02 Nominal data of the conductor rail

The conductor rail ASCR 4200 features the following electrical properties:

total cross section	4,870 mm²
total weight	16.1 kg/m
effective useable thickness of steel insert	6 mm
electrical resistance per m	7.2 μΩ at 15 °C
temperature coefficient	0.004 K ⁻¹
1 s-short circuit	403 kA
nominal current	please see table Tab. 11-3*

						R	ail tempe	rature [°(C]					
		40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	
	0	4086	4307	4514	4708	4891	5064	5229	5386	5537	5682	5821	5956	-
	5	3833	4073	4295	4502	4696	4879	5053	5219	5377	5529	5675	5815	-
	10	3559	3821	4061	4283	4491	4686	4870	5044	5211	5370	5522	5669	-
[°C]	15	3258	3548	3810	4051	4273	4481	4677	4861	5037	5204	5363	5517	_
Ambient temperature $[^{\circ}C]$	20	2923	3249	3538	3801	4041	4265	4473	4669	4854	5030	5198	5358	_
empei	25	2539	2915	3240	3530	3792	4033	4257	4466	4662	4848	5025	5193	_
ient t	30	2080	2532	2907	3232	3522	3785	4026	4250	4460	4657	4843	5021	-
Amb	35	1475	2074	2526	2900	3226	3515	3778	4020	4245	4455	4652	4840	
	40		1471	2069	2520	2894	3220	3510	3773	4015	4240	4451	4649	∆T=65 K
	45			1468	2064	2515	2889	3215	3505	3768	4011	4237	4448	∆T=55 K
	50				1465	2060	2511	2885	3210	3501	3765	4008	4234	∆T=50 K

Tab. 11-1 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 4200, surface emission ratio ≥ 0.3



Fig. 11-3 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 4200 (dependent on local conditions and specification)

12.01 Nominal Dimensions







Fig. 12-1 Rail cross section

12.02 Nominal data of the conductor rail

The conductor rail ASCR 4000 features the following electrical properties:

total cross section	5,050 mm²
total weight	16.4 kg/m
effective useable thickness of steel insert	6 mm
electrical resistance per m	7.4 μΩ at 15 °C
temperature coefficient	0.004 K ⁻¹
1 s-short circuit	360 kA
nominal current	please see table Tab. 12-3*
Thermal Expansion	20.2×10 ⁻⁶ K ⁻¹

						R	ail tempe	erature [°(C]					
		40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	-
	0	3777	3985	4179	4361	4533	4697	4853	5003	5147	5285	5419	5548	-
	5	3546	3770	3978	4173	4356	4529	4694	4851	5001	5146	5285	5420	_
	10	3294	3539	3764	3973	4168	4352	4526	4691	4849	5000	5146	5286	_
[_C]	15	3018	3288	3534	3759	3969	4164	4349	4524	4690	4849	5001	5147	_
Ambient temperature $[^{\circ}C]$	20	2709	3013	3284	3529	3755	3965	4162	4347	4523	4690	4850	5003	_
empe	25	2355	2705	3009	3280	3526	3753	3963	4160	4347	4523	4691	4851	_
ient t	30	1930	2351	2701	3005	3277	3524	3751	3962	4160	4347	4524	4693	
Amk	35	1370	1927	2348	2698	3003	3275	3522	3750	3962	4161	4348	4527	
	40		1368	1925	2346	2696	3001	3274	3522	3750	3963	4162	4351	ΔT=60 K
	45			1366	1923	2344	2695	3000	3273	3522	3751	3965	4165	ΔT=55 K
	50				1365	1922	2343	2694	3000	3274	3523	3753	3967	ΔТ=50 К

Tab. 12-1 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 4000, surface emission ratio ≥ 0.3



Fig. 12-3 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 4000 (dependent on local conditions and specification)

13.01 Nominal Dimensions







Fig. 13-1 Rail cross section

13.02 Nominal data of the conductor rail

The conductor rail ASS 3500 features the following electrical properties:

4,280 mm²
14.2 kg/m
6 mm
8.9 μΩ at 15 °C
0.004 K ⁻¹
300 kA
please see table Tab. 13-3*
19.6×10 ⁻⁶ K ⁻¹

						R	ail tempe	erature [°(C]					
		40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	-
	0	3353	3538	3711	3874	4028	4174	4314	4448	4576	4700	4820	4936	_
	5	3148	3348	3534	3707	3871	4025	4172	4313	4448	4577	4702	4823	
	10	2926	3144	3344	3530	3704	3869	4024	4172	4313	4449	4579	4705	_
[] []	15	2681	2921	3140	3341	3528	3703	3867	4024	4172	4315	4451	4582	_
Ambient temperature $[^{\circ}C]$	20	2407	2677	2918	3137	3339	3526	3702	3867	4024	4174	4317	4454	_
empe	25	2093	2404	2674	2916	3136	3338	3526	3702	3868	4026	4176	4320	_
ient t	30	1715	2090	2402	2672	2914	3135	3337	3526	3703	3870	4029	4180	
Amt	35	1218	1713	2088	2400	2671	2914	3134	3338	3527	3705	3873	4032	
	40		1216	1712	2087	2399	2671	2914	3135	3339	3529	3708	3877	ΔT=60 K
	45			1216	1711	2086	2399	2671	2915	3137	3341	3532	3712	ΔT=55 K
	50				1215	1711	2086	2399	2672	2916	3139	3344	3536	ΔT=50 K

Tab. 13-1 Nominal current of conductor rail ASS 3500, surface emission ratio ≥ 0.3



Fig. 13-3 Nominal current of conductor rail ASS 3500 (dependent on local conditions and specification)

14.01 Nominal Dimensions







Fig. 14-1 Rail cross section

14.02 Nominal data of the conductor rail

The conductor rail ASCR 3000 features the following electrical properties:

total cross section	3,720 mm²
total weight	12.8 kg/m
effective useable thickness of steel insert	6 mm
electrical resistance per m	9.9 μΩ at 15 °C
temperature coefficient	0.004 K ⁻¹
1 s-short circuit	275 kA
nominal current	please see table Tab. 14-3*
Thermal Expansion	19.1×10 ⁻⁶ K ⁻¹

						R	ail tempe	erature [°(C]					
		40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	-
	0	3085	3255	3415	3565	3707	3842	3972	4095	4215	4329	4440	4548	_
	5	2896	3081	3252	3412	3563	3706	3842	3972	4097	4216	4332	4444	_
	10	2692	2893	3078	3250	3410	3562	3706	3842	3973	4099	4219	4336	_
[°C]	15	2467	2689	2890	3076	3248	3410	3562	3706	3844	3975	4102	4223	_
Ambient temperature $[^{\circ}C]$	20	2215	2464	2687	2889	3075	3248	3410	3563	3708	3846	3979	4106	_
empe	25	1926	2213	2463	2685	2888	3074	3248	3411	3565	3711	3850	3983	_
ient t	30	1579	1924	2212	2461	2685	2888	3075	3249	3413	3567	3714	3854	_
Amt	35	1121	1578	1923	2211	2461	2685	2888	3076	3251	3416	3571	3718	
	40		1120	1577	1923	2210	2461	2686	2890	3078	3254	3419	3575	∆T=60 K
	45			1120	1576	1922	2211	2462	2687	2892	3081	3258	3424	∆T=55 K
	50				1120	1576	1923	2212	2464	2689	2895	3085	3262	ΔT=50 K

Tab. 14-1 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 3000, surface emission ratio ≥ 0.3



Fig. 14-3 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 3000 (dependent on local conditions and specification)

15.01 Nominal Dimensions







Fig. 15-1 Rail cross section

15.02 Nominal data of the conductor rail

The conductor rail ASCR 2800 features the following electrical properties:

total cross section	3,440 mm²
total weight	12.1 kg/m
effective useable thickness of steel insert	6 mm
electrical resistance per m	11.2 μΩ at 15 °C
temperature coefficient	0.004 K ⁻¹
1 s-short circuit	270 kA
nominal current	please see table Tab. 15-3*
Thermal Expansion	18.8×10 ⁻⁶ K ⁻¹

						R	ail tempe	rature [°(C]					
		40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	-
	0	2875	3034	3183	3324	3456	3583	3703	3819	3930	4038	4142	4242	-
	5	2700	2872	3032	3181	3322	3456	3583	3704	3821	3933	4041	4146	_
	10	2509	2697	2870	3030	3180	3322	3456	3584	3706	3823	3936	4045	_
[]]	15	2300	2507	2695	2868	3029	3180	3322	3457	3585	3708	3827	3940	_
Ambient temperature [°C]	20	2065	2298	2505	2694	2867	3029	3180	3323	3459	3588	3712	3831	
empei	25	1796	2064	2296	2504	2693	2868	3030	3182	3326	3462	3592	3716	
ient t	30	1472	1794	2062	2296	2504	2694	2868	3031	3184	3328	3466	3596	
Amb	35	1046	1471	1794	2062	2295	2504	2695	2870	3034	3187	3332	3470	
	40		1045	1471	1793	2062	2296	2505	2696	2872	3037	3191	3337	ΔT=60 K
	45			1044	1471	1793	2063	2297	2507	2699	2875	3040	3195	ΔT=55 K
	50				1044	1471	1794	2064	2299	2509	2702	2879	3045	∆T=50 K

Tab. 15-1 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 2800, surface emission ratio ≥ 0.3



Fig. 15-3 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 2800 (dependent on local conditions and specification)

16.01 Nominal Dimensions







Fig. 16-1 Rail cross section

16.02 Nominal data of the conductor rail

The conductor rail ASCR 1000 features the following electrical properties:

total cross section	2,120 mm ²
total weight	7.9 kg/m
effective useable thickness of steel insert	6 mm
electrical resistance per m	18.2 μΩ at 15 °C
temperature coefficient	0.004 K ⁻¹
1 s-short circuit	173 kA
nominal current	please see table Tab. 16-3*

						R	ail tempe	erature [°(C]					
		40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	
	0	2111	2228	2339	2443	2542	2636	2726	2813	2896	2977	3055	3130	-
	5	1983	2110	2229	2340	2444	2544	2638	2729	2816	2900	2982	3060	
	10	1844	1982	2110	2229	2341	2446	2546	2641	2733	2821	2905	2987	
[°C]	15	1690	1843	1983	2111	2230	2343	2449	2549	2645	2737	2826	2911	
Ambient temperature $[^{\circ}C]$	20	1519	1690	1844	1984	2112	2232	2345	2452	2553	2650	2742	2831	
empei	25	1321	1519	1691	1845	1985	2114	2235	2348	2455	2557	2654	2748	
ient t	30	1084	1321	1519	1692	1846	1987	2117	2238	2352	2460	2562	2660	
Amb	35	770	1084	1322	1520	1693	1848	1989	2120	2242	2356	2465	2568	
	40		770	1084	1323	1522	1695	1850	1992	2123	2246	2361	2470	∆Т=60 К
	45			770	1085	1324	1523	1697	1853	1996	2127	2251	2366	∆T=55 K
	50				771	1086	1326	1525	1700	1857	2000	2132	2256	ΔT=50 K
											ΔT=30 K	ΔT=35 K	∆T=40 K	∆T=45 K

Tab. 16-1 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 1000, surface emission ratio ≥ 0.3



Fig. 16-3 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 1000 (dependent on local conditions and specification)

17.01 Nominal Dimensions





Fig. 17-2 3D view of the Rail

17.02 Nominal data of the conductor rail

The conductor rail ASCR 7100 features the following electrical properties:

total cross section	9,650 mm ²
total weight	17.3 kg/m
effective useable thickness of steel insert	6 mm
electrical resistance per m	3.6 μΩ at 15 °C
temperature coefficient	0.004 K ⁻¹
1 s-short circuit	617 kA
nominal current	please see table Tab. 17-3*

						R	ail tempe	erature [°(C]					
		40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	
	0	5623	5930	6216	6484	6738	6978	7207	7426	7636	7838	8033	8222	
	5	5276	5608	5915	6202	6471	6726	6967	7198	7418	7629	7832	8028	
	10	4900	5263	5595	5903	6190	6460	6716	6958	7190	7411	7623	7828	
[°C]	15	4488	4888	5250	5583	5892	6180	6451	6707	6951	7183	7406	7620	
Ambient temperature $[^{\circ}C]$	20	4027	4477	4877	5240	5573	5882	6171	6443	6701	6945	7179	7403	
empei	25	3499	4017	4467	4867	5231	5565	5874	6164	6437	6696	6942	7176	
oient t	30	2867	3491	4009	4458	4859	5223	5558	5868	6159	6433	6692	6939	
Amb	35	2034	2860	3484	4001	4451	4852	5217	5552	5863	6155	6430	6691	
	40		2029	2854	3477	3995	4445	4847	5212	5548	5860	6153	6429	∆Т=60 К
	45			2025	2849	3472	3990	4440	4842	5208	5545	5858	6152	∆T=55 K
	50				2022	2845	3468	3986	4437	4839	5206	5543	5858	ΔТ=50 К
											ΔT=30 K	ΔT=35 K	∆T=40 K	∆T=45 K

Tab. 17-1 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 7100, surface emission ratio ≥ 0.3



Fig. 17-3 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 7100 (dependent on local conditions and specification)

18.01 Nominal Dimensions







Fig. 18-1 Rail cross section

18.02 Nominal data of the conductor rail

The conductor rail ASCR 6100 features the following electrical properties:

total cross section	8,270 mm²
total weight	17.3 kg/m
effective useable thickness of steel insert	6 mm
electrical resistance per m	4.2 μΩ at 15 °C
temperature coefficient	0.004 K ⁻¹
1 s-short circuit	560 kA
nominal current	please see table Tab. 18-3*

						R	ail tempe	erature [°	_]					
		40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	•
	0	5265	5559	5835	6096	6343	6578	6804	7020	7229	7430	7626	7815	-
	5	4946	5264	5560	5838	6099	6348	6585	6812	7030	7240	7443	7641	-
	10	4599	4946	5265	5563	5841	6105	6355	6593	6822	7042	7253	7458	-
[°C]	15	4217	4600	4947	5268	5567	5847	6112	6363	6603	6834	7055	7268	_
rature	20	3789	4218	4601	4950	5272	5572	5854	6120	6373	6615	6847	7070	_
Ambient temperature $[^{\circ}C]$	25	3297	3790	4220	4604	4954	5278	5579	5862	6130	6385	6628	6862	_
ient t	30	2704	3297	3792	4222	4608	4960	5285	5587	5872	6142	6398	6643	
Amb	35	1921	2705	3299	3795	4227	4614	4967	5293	5597	5884	6155	6413	
	40		1922	2707	3302	3798	4232	4620	4975	5302	5608	5896	6169	∆T=60 K
	45			1923	2709	3305	3803	4238	4628	4984	5313	5621	5910	∆T=55 K
	50				1925	2712	3310	3809	4245	4637	4994	5325	5634	∆T=50 K
												AT 05 14		

Rail temperature [°C]

Tab. 18-1 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 6100, surface emission ratio ≥ 0.3



Fig. 18-3 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 6100 (dependent on local conditions and specification)

19.01 Nominal Dimensions







Fig. 19-1 Rail cross section

19.02 Nominal data of the conductor rail

The conductor rail ASCR 5700 features the following electrical properties:

total cross section	6,900 mm²
total weight	21.5 kg/m
effective useable thickness of steel insert	6 mm
electrical resistance per m	5.2 μΩ at 15 °C
temperature coefficient	0.004 K ⁻¹
1 s-short circuit	515 kA
nominal current	please see table Tab. 19-3*

						ĸ	antempe	rature	C]					
		40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	-
	0	4921	5194	5450	5691	5920	6138	6346	6545	6737	6923	7102	7276	-
	5	4621	4917	5191	5449	5691	5921	6140	6349	6550	6744	6931	7112	-
	10	4296	4618	4915	5190	5449	5692	5923	6144	6354	6557	6752	6940	_
[°C]	15	3938	4293	4616	4914	5191	5450	5695	5927	6149	6361	6565	6761	_
rature	20	3537	3936	4292	4616	4915	5192	5453	5699	5933	6156	6369	6575	_
empei	25	3076	3535	3935	4292	4617	4916	5196	5457	5705	5940	6164	6379	_
Ambient temperature [°C]	30	2523	3075	3535	3935	4293	4619	4920	5200	5463	5712	5948	6174	-
Amb	35	1792	2522	3075	3535	3936	4295	4622	4924	5206	5470	5720	5958	
	40		1791	2522	3075	3536	3938	4299	4627	4930	5213	5479	5730	ΔT=60 K
	45			1791	2522	3076	3539	3942	4303	4633	4937	5221	5488	ΔT=55 K
	50				1792	2523	3079	3542	3946	4309	4639	4945	5230	ΔT=50 K
											AT 00.14	AT 05 K	AT 40.14	

Rail temperature [°C]

Δ**Τ=30 K** Δ**Τ=35 K** Δ**Τ=40 K** Δ**Τ=45 K**

Tab. 19-1 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 5700, surface emission ratio ≥ 0.3



Fig. 19-3 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 5700 (dependent on local conditions and specification)

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20.01 Nominal Dimensions





Fig. 20-1 Rail cross section

Fig. 20-2 3D view of the Rail

20.02 Nominal data of the conductor rail

The conductor rail ASCR 5500 T features the following electrical properties:

total cross section	7,335 mm²
total weight	23.5 kg/m
effective useable thickness of steel insert	6 mm
electrical resistance per m	4.8 μΩ at 15 °C
temperature coefficient	0.004 K ⁻¹
1 s-short circuit	557 kA
nominal current	please see table Tab. 20-3*

						ĸ	ail tempe	erature [°	-]					
		40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	
	0	5202	5491	5761	6015	6256	6485	6704	6913	7115	7310	7499	7682	
	5	4885	5197	5487	5758	6013	6255	6485	6706	6917	7120	7317	7507	_
	10	4541	4881	5193	5484	5756	6013	6256	6488	6710	6922	7127	7325	
	15	4162	4537	4878	5191	5483	5756	6014	6259	6492	6715	6929	7136	_
Amolent temperature [^]	20	3738	4159	4534	4876	5191	5484	5758	6017	6263	6498	6722	6938	_
empe	25	3250	3735	4157	4533	4876	5192	5486	5761	6022	6269	6505	6731	_
lent	30	2665	3248	3733	4156	4533	4877	5194	5489	5766	6028	6277	6514	
Am	35	1892	2663	3247	3733	4156	4534	4879	5197	5494	5772	6035	6285	
	40		1891	2663	3247	3733	4157	4537	4883	5202	5500	5780	6044	∆T=65 ł
	45			1891	2663	3247	3735	4160	4541	4888	5208	5507	5788	∆T=55 k
	50				1891	2663	3249	3737	4163	4545	4894	5215	5516	∆T=50 ł
											ΔT=30 K	ΔT=35 K	ΔT=40 K	∆T=45 ł

Rail temperature [°C]

Tab. 20-1 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 5500 T, surface emission ratio ≥ 0.3



Fig. 20-3 Nominal current of conductor rail ASCR 5500 T (dependent on local conditions and specification)

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