

# New Dynamic Cable Management Technology Delivering Increased Service Life

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# Industry Challenges Affecting Trolley Travel Cable Management

- **Faster** trolley speeds
- **Longer** crane outreach
- Pressure to **increase throughput**
- **Reduce maintenance**
  - Downtime
  - Cost of wear parts and labor





# Current Technology – Capabilities & Overview

- **Rol E-Chain**

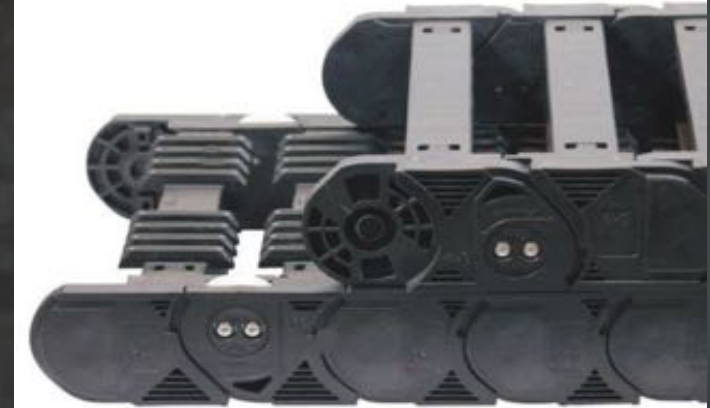
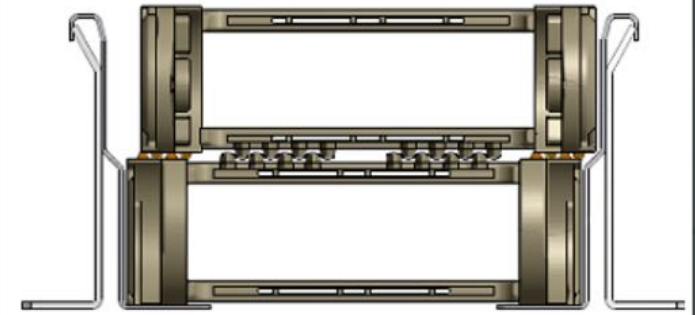
- Integrated wheel for gliding
- Installed on port applications beginning 1999

- **Heavy Duty Rol E-Chain**

- Integrated wheel with wider side link/glide surface, larger stops

- **P4**

- Offset integrated wheels, “auto-glide” crossbars



# New Technology – Capabilities & Overview



- **P4.1i**

- Integration of plain bearings into the pin/bore connection of each chain link
- Optional smart technology for predictive maintenance
- Backwards compatible – works with previous generation design
- Already in the field



# New Technology – Capabilities & Overview



- **P4.1i**

- Capable of 10m/s travel speed
- Extreme long travel – up to 800m

- ***Service life of 20 years or 30,000 trolley hours!***

# Supporting Components Ensuring System Longevity

- **Floating Tow Arm**
  - Compensates for lateral deviation experienced at the moving end of the system
  - Helps eliminate excessive wear/damage on the trough and chain from occurring





# Supporting Components Ensuring System Longevity

- **Push-Pull Detection System**

- Uses a load cell mounted at the moving end of the system to detect abnormal force events
- E-stops trolley to allow maintenance personnel to perform inspection



# Supporting Components Ensuring System Longevity

- **Boom Hinge Alignment System**
  - Pin & bore style system used to ensure trough alignment when booming down
  - Limit switch signals trough alignment in cab

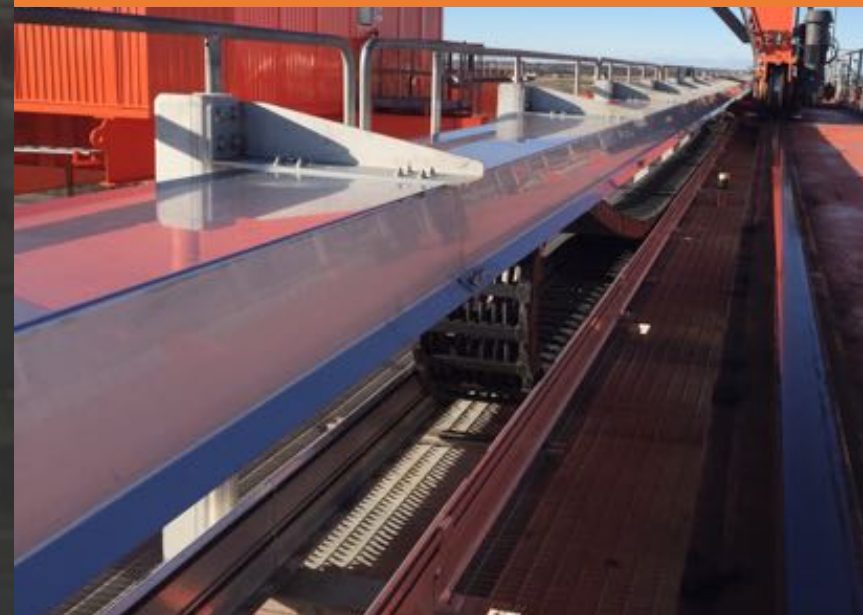
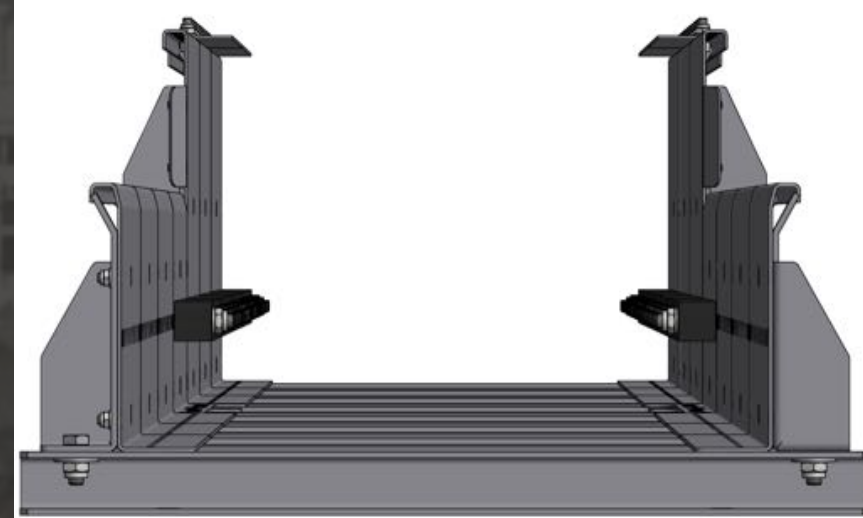




# Supporting Components Ensuring System Longevity

- **Guide Trough System**

- Use of “tall trough” and rise protection on the boom portion of travel
- Covered trough systems serve multiple purposes
  - Rise protection
  - Weather protection

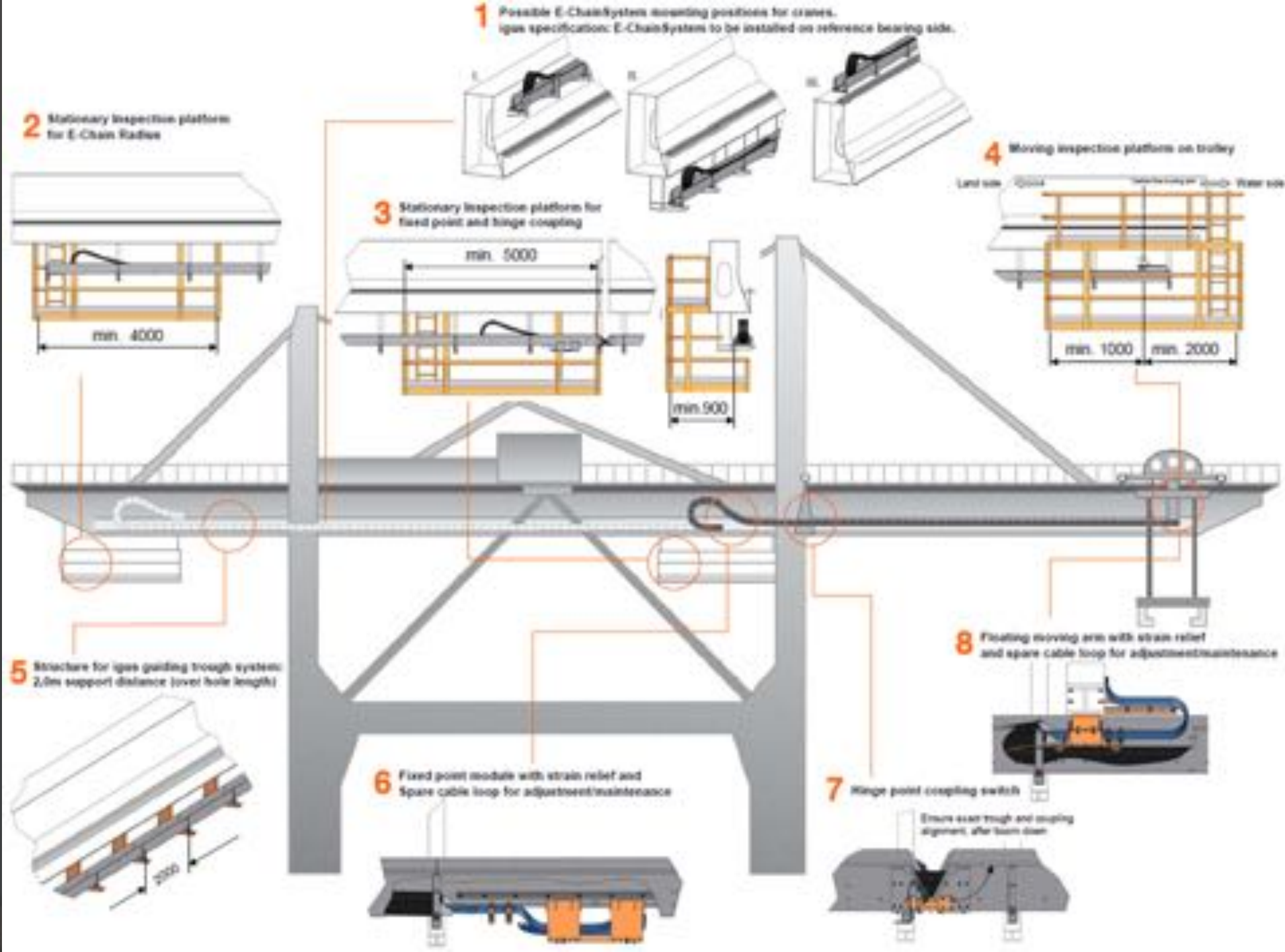


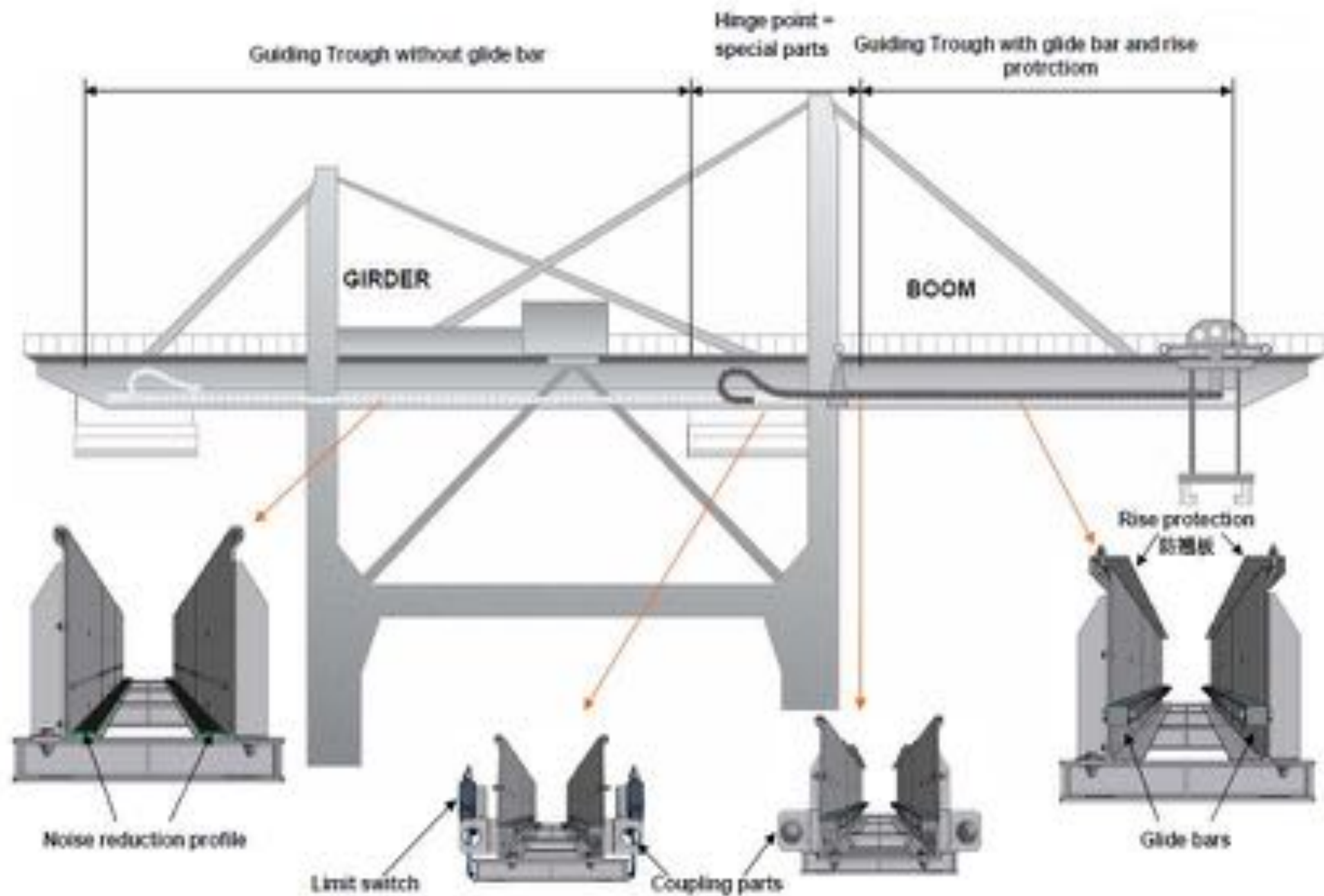
# Supporting Components Ensuring System Longevity

- **Continuous Flex Cable**
  - Made specifically for a continuous “rolling” flex
  - TPE jacketing
- **Strain Relief**
  - Installed on fixed and moving end
  - Clamps cables down to ensure cables remain in the “neutral axis”

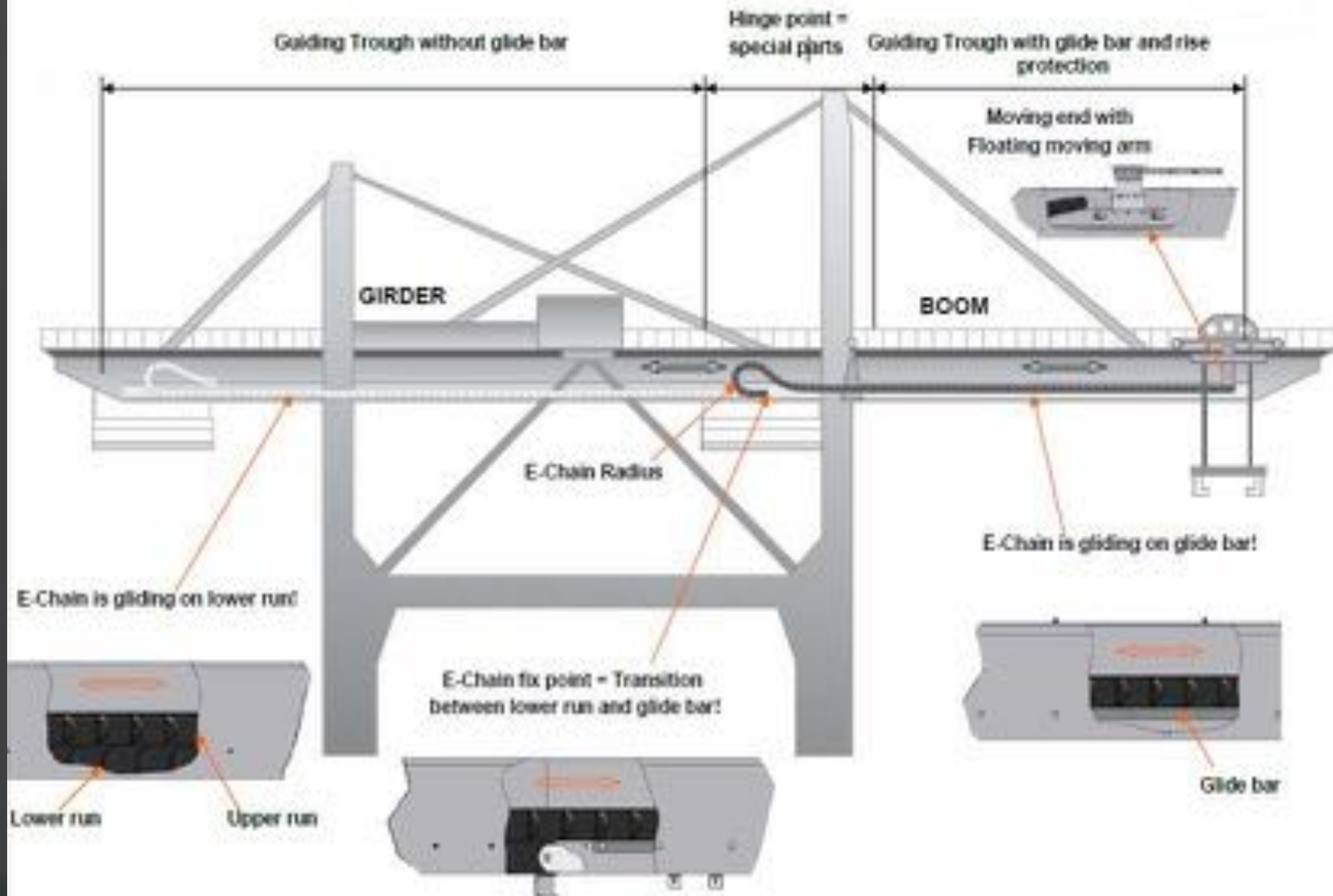












# Prolonging Service Life using Smart Plastics

- **iSense**

- Predictive maintenance for polymer cable carrier
- Allows real-time condition monitoring of systems in the field
- Multiple ways to monitor system status through various components – both chain & cable





# What is iSense?

- **iSense** is a system that allows **real time condition monitoring** of chain systems in the field.
- The system consists of different types of **sensors, control modules, a communications module** and more importantly, our **database filled with 20 years of testing data and service life calculating algorithms**.
- The system can be used to **monitor and find small problems before they become critical problems** by detecting abnormal operation and creating alerts.
- This augments regularly scheduled inspections to allow **affordable monitoring** of mission critical equipment **24/7-365**

# What technology is available?

- The **modular iSense system** allows for monitoring of the following conditions:
  - Chain System **disconnection of links**
  - Over/under **push pull force** values during operation
  - Chain System **wear and life prediction**
    - Cycle counting
    - Ambient temperature monitoring
    - Acceleration & speed monitoring
    - Pin/Bore and gliding surface wear measurements
  - **Rising of the upper run** of the E-Chain System due to blockage
  - **Cable tension** inside the E-Chain System
  - **Conductor life** inside cables





# What capability does it provide?

- **Emergency shutdown signaling** in case of failure event to prevent catastrophic damage
- Ability to configure “**trouble alerts**” based on abnormal operation that has not reached a failure state
- Online **24/7 visibility** to maintenance personnel – login from mobile devices
- **Dashboard “Fleet View” of all machinery and it’s status**, maintenance intervals and any trouble alerts
- **Increasing accuracy of predictive maintenance** planning through machine learning – Updating algorithms **based on your conditions and your machinery use**





# Thank You!

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