# PRODUCTS







# The LOUDEN MACHINERY COMPANY ... a HISTORY

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Back in 1867, the United States Patent Office issued the world's first patent on a hay carrier to William Louden. The advent of this hay carrier meant an end to laborious pitching of hay It was this invention that made William Louden turn his genius to other devices to make farm work easier, thus beginning the foundation of his company, the Louden Machinery Company.

From this time, the Louden line of barn equipment flourished. The hay carrier was quickly followed by a number of other labor saving devices for dairy barns, including monorail systems for handling litter and feed. One of these devices was *Louden* "double-bead" track, the first patented track in the United States.

During this period, monorail systems and components were only designed for use in barns, so no attempt was made to sell the track system to industrial plants. However, in 1917, the company was approached to design a monorail system for removal of scrap metal from an industrial plant in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This became the first industrial monorail system. Word spread fast among the industrial communities, and soon, Louden Material Handling Systems were being purchased by companies across the country







Illustration from 1869 catalog of *Louden* Machinery Company mechanism for stacking hay.

Since William Louden's early hay carrier, *Louden* has continued to meet the most challenging demands of today's material handling needs, and remains a leader in material handling systems.



## LOUDER® PRODUCTS....TODAY



Louden monorail transports jet engine and spring beam into a test cell at an airline maintenance center, for automatic connection of wiring and plumbing.

Over a century ago, the *Louden* Machinery Company pioneered the development of overhead monorail conveying. Today, *Louden* provides the ideas, engineering and equipment that marks us as a leader in the growth of material handling technology used in American industry.

Louden products serve an almost endless variety of America's prominent manufacturing, processing and fabricating plants. The aircraft, aerospace, automotive, metals, paper, rubber, steel and textile industries as well as others are applying our years of experience and superior engineering know-how to meet today's most demanding challenges.

Louden markets a complete line of these material handling systems:

- Crane Systems
- Monorail Systems
- Stacker Systems

Our systems provide you with the best means of material transportation and movement throughout your plant. Our in-depth application experience produces a dependable performance-oriented system designed to reduce your material handling costs. We will continue the design and development of new material handling system equipment to handle tomorrow's various needs.



Chassis storage using horizontal automatic storage/retrieval system with two bridge cranes and chassis carriers.

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## **CRANE TERMINOLOGY**





SUPERTRACK RUNWAY

WARNING: Equipment described herein is not designed for, and should not be used for, lifting, supporting, or transporting humans.

Modifications to upgrade, rerate, or otherwise alter the orginal equipment shall be authorized only by the original equipment manufacturer or qualified professional engineer.

Failure to comply with any one of the limitations noted herein may result in serious bodily injury or property damage.



Engineered for maximum strength, long wear and ease of installation, *Louden* runway tracks and track fittings are designed to meet span, load and duty requirements for a wide range of applications. Composed of special analysis high carbon, high manganese steel, *Louden SuperTrack, SuperTrack Girder,* and *TrojanTrack Girder* sections are manufactured to maintain close tolerances on all dimensions.

#### A. LOUDEN 602.6 SUPERTRACK

Louden 2" flange SuperTrack is the pioneer heavy-duty monorail track section. It is ideal for non-electrified monorail and crane systems with loads up to two tons. A complete line of hangers and other fittings are available to make this track easily adaptable to the most complicated systems requiring heavy-duty hand propelled equipment.

#### B. LOUDEN 603.6 SUPERTRACK

Louden 3.33" flange SuperTrack incorporates a wider flange allowing the use of wheels with wide treads and extra large bearings. This track provides a beam of exceptional strength for all types of motorized carriers. Since the area of the track receiving the trolley is flat, and the tread of the wheel is also flat, increased wheel and track life is attained.

#### C. LOUDEN 603.7 SUPERTRACK\*

Louden 3.33" flange SuperTrack possesses the same properties as the Louden 603.6 SuperTrack but can sustain heavier loads due to increase of the size of the compression flange.

A complete stock of fittings is available to make this track adaptable to the most complicated system.

\*Warning: Suspension of 603.7 *SuperTrack* must be made on the 603.6 track section only. Suspension can not be made to the material or bar added to the compression flange.

#### D. LOUDEN 604 SUPERTRACK GIRDER

Louden 3.33"flange SuperTrack Girder is designed to meet the requirements of heavy-duty service at moderate expense. SuperTrack Girder is constructed with the operating flange continuously welded to a supporting web and top flange. The operating flange is rolled from special analysis billets to exacting specifications and tolerances. Louden SuperTrack Girder is used where loads and building bay-spans are too great to use standard Super-Track. SuperTrack Girder provides a beam of exceptional strength and maximum weight economy. The beam strength reduces or eliminates the need for intermediate hangers.

#### E. LOUDEN 605 TROJANTRACK GIRDER

Louden 3.33" flange TrojanTrack has the strongest operating flange of any of our specially rolled monorail track sections. The operating flange design and metallurgy offer a track capable of sustaining large wheel loads under rugged heavy-duty service, while minimizing peening and wear The girder web and top flange are fabricated from steel plates which are continuously welded to form the girder track section. These girders are of sufficient depth to permit the use of large diameter wheels to move extremely heavy loads under punishing requirements with dependable performance and durability. Louden Trojan-Track Girders are designed for maximum structural value as a load carrying member Louden runway track is tailor-made for your job requirements. Each section of straight track is cut to exact length, all required holes in place and each curve is machine bent at the factory to layout drawings and specifications. Every piece of track is shipped from the factory, ready for installation.



## HANGER ROD COMPONENTS



#### **Exclusive Gimbal Suspension System**

The *Louden* gimbal suspension system is one of the most important component improvements in the history of the monorail industry. The system aids in reducing extreme bending stresses that can cause fatigue failure of old style hanger rods. The key to the effectiveness of the system is the multiplane washers at both ends of the hanger rod that give a gimbal effect permitting free movement of  $\pm 6^{\circ}$  in any direction without bending the rod. The illustration shown at right depicts typical hanger rod assemblies. Note in assembly A how the gimbal washers permit free action in any direction within the  $\pm 6^{\circ}$  limits.

In assemblies B and C, the rod hangers encounter significant bending stresses that could cause fatigue failure.

#### Hanger Rod Components

#### **High Tensile Steel Hanger Rods**

Made from high tensile steel, these rods come with 6" of Unified National Fine threads. Using the minor diameter area method, the  $\frac{3}{4}$ " rod is rated at 8,500 + lbs. and the  $\frac{1}{8}$ " rod at 20,000 + lbs. Rods are furnished with plastic protected threads for shipping and factory assembled lower nut secured by a roll pin.

#### **Gimbal Washers**

The tapered planes on the top and bottom surfaces permit rod sway of  $\pm 6^{\circ}$  in any direction. Protruding guides center the washer over the hole in the fitting.

#### **Adjusting Nut**

This hardened steel, cadmium plated nut is secured after adjusting with *Nylok* socket set screw.

#### Hardened Bearing Washer (not shown)

Used when gimbal rods are suspended directly through holes in building steel or superstructure, it is placed between upper gimbal washer and supporting steel. Two sizes are available, for 11%" and 3/4" gimbal rods.



# COMPONENTS

Crane and Monorail systems are engineered by using standard components. The following are some of the major components used in creating a crane or monorail system.

#### TROLLEYS



A two wheel trolley with flanged wheels for use with special loadbars, racks and carriers is available for a 2" or 3.33" flange application.







A four wheel trolley with flanged wheels is available to operate on a 2" or 3.33" flange application.



A four wheel trolley with flangeless wheels and guide rollers is available to operate on a 3.33" flange *TrojanTrack* application.



## **BEAM CLEATS**



Used to connect Gimbal Rod assemblies to the bottom flange of superstructure beams. They are furnished complete with built-in hardened bearing washer and mounting bolts.

#### **BEAM CLAMP**



Adjustable beam clamps eliminate the need to drill holes in the building steel by rigidly clamping to the superstructure beam flange. The fitting is equipped with a built-in hardened bearing washer

#### TRACK CLAMP



These track clamps have a built-in hardened bearing washer for *Louden* Gimbal Rods. They clamp to the top flange of 603.6 and 603.7 *SuperTrack* at any point in the track system.

#### TRACK HANGERS



Used to connect *Louden* Gimbal Rod assemblies to girder track, girder track hangers are designed to allow full gimbal rod action.

#### SPLICE ASSEMBLIES



Splice assemblies are designed to hold two lengths of *Louden* track in alignment by clamping the track web of like thicknesses.



The 607.5030 is an end stop for use with hand pushed systems. The 607.5031 is a universal stop that engages the loadbar of a trolley, carrier or crane.

### ELECTRIFIED SLIDING SWITCHES



Electrified *SuperTrack* Sliding Switches are available in three configurations; two-way, three-way and wye. These switches may be operated by hand, electric motor or by air cylinders. Sliding switches are designed to be used with *Louden* Motorized carriers equipped with *Louden SuperTrack* trolleys.

#### NON-ELECTRIFIED SLIDING SWITCH



Louden Non-Electrified SuperTrack Sliding Switches are available in three configurations: two-way, three-way and wye. These medium duty sliding switches are used in monorail systems that do not have electrically powered carriers.

#### **TONGUE SWITCH**



Louden SuperTrack Tongue Switches are designed to permit one switch to perform four different operations. With only a minimum modification to the operating mechanism, the basic switch may be used as a right-hand, left-hand, wye or three-way tongue switch on non-electrified SuperTrack monorail systems. Conversion to wye type switches may be made with no additional parts.

The components shown here are just a few of the necessary elements required for the proper fabrication of a crane or monorail system. *Louden* electrification and controls are shown on pages 15 thru 17

# INTERLOCKING DEVICES

#### Louden Interlocking Capabilities Allow Material Movement Without Costly Rehandling

Louden Latching devices range from light duty, hand operated latches to heavy duty motor operated latches. Every latch has been carefully designed to afford positive latching with tracks aligned both horizontally and vertically.



MANUFACTURING

In the illustration below, complete material movement can be achieved without costly rehandling with the use of *Louden* interlocking devices.

**1.** *Louden* **Cranes** – These cranes, equipped with interlocking latches, enable a manufacturer to move loads from one crane system to another without rehandling.

2. Transfer sections - Where column lines or walls eliminate the possibility of latching cranes together directly, transfer sections are installed. By latching cranes to the transfer

section, loads can be moved from bay to bay without rehandling.

3. Spur track supports – Smooth passage of the trolley wheels over the transfer joint from crane to monorail is allowed when the two systems are latched together

**4.** Louden stacker and double girder stacker crane – Used for high-rise storage of materials, this stacker crane is equipped with latching devices to interlock with stacker crane #5. With the cranes latched together, the stacker is free to transfer from the racks in bay C to bay D.

5. Louden double-girder stacker crane – This crane interlocks with crane #4 to give stacker access to racks in both bays C & D.



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HAND-OPERATED LATCH is used for light and medium duty crane and monorail operations, these latching mechanisms give positive track alignment needed for smooth operation of trolley wheels through the latching point.



**TRANSFER SECTION** mounts on adjacent crane runways providing a means for a load to move from one crane to another across a building column line without costly rehandling. Any deflections are equalized, permitting smooth passage of the trolley wheels.



**MOTOR-OPERATED LATCH** is used for heavier duty crane and monorail operations. This latch is equipped with a channelshaped guide which functions with a heavy roller mounted on the block to allow latching and proper track alignment.



**SPUR TRACK** support is used to provide smooth passage of trolley wheels over the transfer joint from crane to monorail. Since the end of the spur track is supported on the crane runway, any deflections at the ends of the crane bridge and spur track are equalized. No other support of the spur track should be provided close to a spur track support since this would upset its equalizing effect.

# CRANE MODELS

To permit easy transfer of loads from one system to another without interference, where complete area coverage is desired or where lifting and lowering load points are not definitely established, cranes offer efficient, fast, low cost material handling service. Highly versatile, cranes provide many advantages in handling materials where plant layout and service factors require specialized equipment. Their ability to handle loads over extremely large areas without costly rehandling is one of their many outstanding features. Whether

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MODEL 551 & 552 CRANES

used for intermittent or stand-by service, or frequent and heavy hoisting and conveying, there is a specialized crane for your requirements. Runway tracks paralleling the area's longest dimension carry end trucks for supporting the crane bridge with direction of travel transverse to the crane. The following illustrations show our hand pushed cranes used for light duty service, and our motor propelled cranes used for larger loads or frequent travel. A description of each crane model is provided for a basic understanding of its capabilities.

These hand propelled single girder, two-runway cranes are designed to operate on 2" flange or 3.33" flange runways. The model 551 crane offers capacities of  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1 ton with spans up to 20 feet. The model 552 crane is available in capacities of  $\frac{1}{2}$  through 2 tons to operate on 2" flange runways, and capacities  $\frac{1}{2}$  through 3 tons to operate on 3.33" flange runways.

#### MODEL 503 CRANE

The *Louden* series 503 crane is a single girder, motor propelled crane with center drive and outrigger bracing which operates on 3.33" flange runways. This center drive crane is offered in capacities of 1 through 5 tons, with spans up to 58 feet. Also available is the model 503T which is offered in capacities of 5 through 10 tons, with spans up to 60 feet. This crane also operates on 3.33" flange *TrojanTrack* runways.

# **CRANE MODELS**

**MODEL 585 CRANE** 

The *Louden* series 585 crane is a single girder, steel wheel dual drive crane which operates on runway with 3.33" flange. This dual drive crane is offered in capacities of 1 through 5 tons, with spans to 50 feet.

MOEL 56 CRAN The Louden 586 crane is a steel wheel, multiple drive, double grider, motor-propelled crane which operates on runways with a 33" flange. This crane is offered in capacities of 1 through

10 tons with spans up to 50 feet.





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spans to 100 feet, to operate on TrojanTrack runways.

# MOTOVEYORS

Several *MotoVeyors* are offered to cover a wide range of capacities and travel speeds. These *MotoVeyors* are used primarily to propel hoists or load carriers along a monorail system. This may consist of straight track, curves, switches, lift sections, and on bridge beams which include transfers to monorail spurs or other bridge cranes.

- A. The model 3HL MotoVeyor is a rugged, heavy-duty monorail drive unit built to move loads under punishing requirements, with dependable performance and durability. Travel speeds range from 50 FPM up to 250 FPM with horsepowers of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to 5 HP. Travel speeds are single speed, 2 speed and variable speed.
- B. The model M-8 MotoVeyor is a compact drive unit designed for medium duty service. The drive unit consists of a motor gear head with integral fluid coupling, and antifriction bearings. This drive unit is available in speeds of 70 and 125 FPM.
- C. The model 302 *MotoVeyor* is a steel wheel drive unit for use on monorail systems that do not use switches. It may also be used on crane bridges. Travel speeds are available from 50 to 150 FPM single speed, two speed, and variable speed options. This model offers capacities of 2 ton through the maximum of 6 tons.\*

\*Based on maximum hoist weight of 3100 lbs.

D. Wright-Way<sup>®</sup> Electric Tractor Drive Unit A light duty model featuring a 9" diameter drive tire. Travel speeds range from 30 through 80 FPM in both single or two speed models. Units are available for standard I and WF beams with 3-7 inch flange widths and patented track with 3¼" or 3.33 flange. Capacities available from 1 through 5 tons.

Photo shown is standard I and WF beam model.





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# ELECTRIFICATION

Louden offers three types of electrification for crane, monorail and stacker systems:

## DUAL CONDUCTOR BOTTOM ENTRY ENCLOSED ELECTRIFICATION







Cross Section of Conductor Section with Collector

Dual Conductor with Support Insulator

**Current Collector** 

## SINGLE CONDUCTOR BOTTOM ENTRY ENCLOSED ELECTRIFICATION





Cross Section of Single Conductor Bar with Hanger Clamp

Conductor

**Current Collector** 

## LOUDEN FESTOONING SYSTEM



Louden Cable or Track Supported Festooning System with Multiple Wires.

The productivity goals of today's industrial community can be achieved with the proper choice of material handling equipment. Whether your requirements are simple or complex, we can provide a solution. Call us today for an objective analysis of your needs.

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