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# PRODUCT DESCRIPTION ELEMET - STEEL ELEVATOR BELTS

The structure of ELEMET elevator belts is a steel carcass composed by a strong warp of steel cord with suitable elastic modulus such to reach the best compromise between low elongation and good flexibility (see picture below). This characteristic makes the belt easier to be aligned than traditional steel cord elevator.

Furthermore, the cable elasticity allows the use of pulleys with lower diameters, depending on the requirements of clamps and buckets.

Two regular steel wefts placed on top and bottom cover give to the belt high transversal

stiffness, necessary to assure the best stability during the running; at the same time, it helps the belt for the buckets holding up highly increase cutting and tear resistance.

Due to the high quality of steel cord, it is possible to design ELEMET with very low safety factors. As some cords are broken during the punching process, we recommend to use a minimum safety factor of 10 calculated considering the useful belt width (see Pag. 6 - Elevator belt calculation - for more details).

### **ELETEX -** TEXTILE ELEVATOR BELTS

Belts designed to be used in bucket elevator plant only. The special construction of the reinforced polyester-nylon fabrics assures the use of such belts also for severe loading requirements. The result are the following:

- Polyester warp assures high resistance to heavy working conditions.
- Nylon weft guarantees transverse tearing strength and strong bolt holding.



All ELETEX are supplied with cut edges because synthetic fabrics used for their production do not need protection against humidity as they can't absorb any liquid.

The 2 mm thickness both for top and bottom cover is designed to protect the carcass and at the same time assures the best bucket support without bolt loosening.



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## **COVERS SPECIFICATIONS**

Rubber covers for elevator belts have two main functions: protection of the carcass against material and moisture aggression, assurance of the perfect bucket holding up without bolt loosening in course of time. In order to guarantee safety and longer life, under hard working conditions too, all type of rubber covers are antistatic and ozone protected.

### ELEMET

#### **SX** - Medium temperature resistance

SX is a rubber compound assuring resistance against abrasion; it is formulated for maximum temperature of 100°C. It is not oil resistant.

#### **BX** - Superior temperature resistance

BX is the rubber cover that assures the maximum heat resistance for a rubber compound. It is designed to work at maximum temperature of 180°C. It is not oil resistant.

### ELETEX

#### OX - (G grade DIN 22102) Oil resistant quality

OX is a standard rubber compound designed for elevator belts working at ambient temperature. This compound is antistatic according to ISO 284 and oil resistant too.

#### **AX** - High temperature resistance

AX is a rubber compound especially designed for textile elevator belts to guarantee good performances with abrasive and hot materials up to 150°C. This compound is antistatic according to ISO 284 but not oil resistant.

#### **BX** - Superior temperature resistance

BX is the rubber cover that assures the maximum heat resistance for a rubber compound. It is designed to work at maximum temperature of 180°C. It is not oil resistant.

# **AG** - (K+G grade DIN 22102, class 2A EN 12882) Self extinguish and oil resistant compound

AG is a nitrile compound typically designed for bucket elevator systems used in cereal silos. It provides superior resistances to vegetable oils and animal fats; it is also selfextinguishing and antistatic according to ISO 340 and ISO 284 or equivalent in order to guarantee high safety into the conveyor plant. The maximum allowed temperature of the conveyed material is 100°C.

For different cover characteristics or particular applications, please contact to our commercial department.

## **RECOMMENDED PULLEY DIAMETERS [mm]**

#### ELEMET

Belt style N/mm	800	1000	1250	1600	2000	2250	2500	2750	3000	3200	3500
Drive pulley mm	500	500	630	630	800	800	800	800	800	800	800
Lower pulley mm	400	400	500	500	630	630	630	630	630	630	630

### ELETEX

Belt style	N/mm	400/3	500/4	630/4	800/5	1000/5	1250/5	1600/5
Drive pulley	mm	400	500	500	630	800	1000	1000
Lower pulley	mm	315	400	400	500	630	800	800

According to the OEM experience, different choices in the joining system or in the bucket bolts could need higher pulley diameters.



# **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

# ELEMET

Belt style	N/mm	800	1000	1250	1600	LE2000	LE2250	LE2500	LE2750	LE3000	LE3200	LE3500
	HEAT RESISTANT COVER SX (100°C)											
Cover thick.	mm	3+3	3+3	3+3	3+3	_	_	_	-	_	_	-
Belt thick.	mm	11,4	11,4	12,3	12,3	_	_	_	-	_	_	-
Belt weight	kg/m²	17,6	18,2	20,1	21,4	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
	S	JPER	HEA	T RE	SIST	ANT O	COVE	R BX	(180	°C)	-	
Cover thick.	mm	4+4	4+4	4+4	4+4	4+4	4+4	4+4	4+4	4+4	4+4	4+4
Belt thick.	mm	13,4	13,4	14,3	14,3	15,0	15,0	15,0	15,0	15,8	15,8	15,8
Belt weight	kg/m²	19,2	19,9	22,0	23,1	24,4	25,5	26,0	27,0	29,1	29,9	31,2

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Maximum elongation at working tension (for safety factor $\geq$ 10)} \\ \mbox{Elemet with Standard Elongation (up to belt style 1600 kN/m)} & $\leq$ 0,40 \% \\ \mbox{Elemet LE with Low Elongation (from 2000 up to 3500 kN/m)} & $\leq$ 0,25 \% \\ \end{array}$ 

Available special constructions on demand and under technical approval.

# ELETEX

Belt style	N/mm	400/3	500/4	630/4	800/5	1000/5	1250/5	1600/5
HEAT RESISTANT COVER AX (150°C)								
Cover thick.	mm	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	3+3
Belt thick.	mm	6,8	7,8	8,4	9,5	10,7	11,7	14,7
Belt weight	kg/m²	8,4	9,6	10,2	11,5	13,2	14,5	18,6
SUPER HEAT RESISTANT COVER BX (180°C)								
Cover thick.	mm	-	-	-	3+3	3+3	3+3	3+3
Belt thick.	mm	_	-	-	11,5	12,7	13,7	14,7
Belt weight	kg/m²	_	_	_	13,2	14,9	16,1	17,8
		OIL	RESIST	ANT CO	OVER O	X		
Cover thick.	mm	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	3+3
Belt thick.	mm	6,8	7,8	8,4	9,5	10,7	11,7	14,7
Belt weight	kg/m²	8,6	9,7	10,4	11,7	13,4	14,7	19,0
SELF EXTINGUISH AND OIL RESISTANT AG								
Cover thick.	mm	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	3+3
Belt thick.	mm	6,8	7,8	8,4	9,5	10,7	11,7	14,7
Belt weight	kg/m²	9,1	10,2	10,9	12,2	13,9	15,2	19,7

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## FASTENING







Metal clamps are the most common method for elevator joining. Typical application is shown on the left. Vulcanized splicing are possible too; the efficiency is very high but the vulcanization in vertical position needs special procedures, tools and skilled people.

#### Metal clamps for ELETEX

Steel clamps with M14 bolts at 50 mm centre distance are available for Eletex belts up to 800 N/mm. For higher classes, it is preferable to adopt customized clamps characterized by a third internal metal element isolating the two belts ends for better clamping efficiency.

#### Metal clamps for ELEMET

There is not a general purpose clamp suitable for all steel elevator belts as it must be designed in accordance with the tensile strength of the belt, the diameter and the construction of the steel cables, the pulleys diameter, the holes pattern for bucket fixation. Although ELEMET are realized with very thin and elastic steel cables in order to minimize the effort in the joint bending area, two particulars of these clamps are fundamental for the right performances without breaking of the cords or tearing of the belt:

- a) sufficient radius of curvature in order to distribute the tensions along the cords reducing the possibility of cord breaking due to steel fatigue;
- b) suitable bolts distribution, steel plates robustness and clamp surface with high friction coefficient to assure perfect clamping with a minimum number of cord breaking.



#### **ELEVATOR BELT CALCULATION**

In this section our method of calculation for elevator belts is described. Various tensions T [daN] in the belt must be taken into consideration:

- 1.  $T_1=g \cdot P_1 \cdot H$  due to belt weight  $P_1$
- 2.  $T_2=g \cdot P_2H/p$  due to bucket weight  $P_2$
- 3.  $T_3=g \cdot P_3 H/p$  due to material weight  $P_3$ Capacity Q and weight of the handled material for each bucket  $P_3$  are connected by  $P_{3calc} = Q \frac{p}{3,6v}$ . If there are inconsistency

between  $P_3$  and  $P_{3calc}$  use in the calculation of  $T_3$  the greatest value between the data  $P_3$  and the value  $P_{3calc}$  coming from the capacity calculation. An investigation on this conflict is suggested.

- 4.  $T_4 = DJT_3/H$  due to friction at the loading point.
- 5.  $T_5$ =MAX(K( $T_3+T_4$ )-( $T_1+T_2$ ),g·F/2) to guarantee motion transmission. The therm K( $T_3+T_4$ )-( $T_1+T_2$ ) represents half of the minimum take-up value that must be applied. Negative values mean that buckets and belt weight are sufficient to assure the minimum required pretension.

The maximum tension in the belt is the sum of these a.m. values  $T=T_1+T_2+T_3+T_4+T_5$ .

For the calculation of the minimum tensile strength a useful belt width  $B_u=B-d_fn_f$  lower than the real belt width must be considered because of the presence of the hole necessary for the bucket holding.

If at least one of these data are unknown, we suggest to use a safety factor  $f_s \ge 15$  in the calculation of minimum tensile strength instead of the standard safety factor ( $f_s=12$  for ELETEX and  $f_s=10$  for ELEMET).

So, the minimum tensile strength is  $CR_{min} = \frac{T}{B_u} f_s$ . Chosen a tensile strength CR greater or equal to the here above calculated value  $CR_{min'}$  it is possible to verify the effective safety factor  $f'_s = \frac{CR \cdot B_u}{T}$ .

The motor power necessary to move the belt loaded with the material must balance  $T_3+T_4$ because the tensions  $T_1+T_2$  produces autocompensative effects along the whole length of the

conveyor: 
$$P_{a} = \frac{T_{3} + T_{4}}{1000} v$$
.

Introducing the mechanical efficiency of the transmission and a power surplus of 20%, the minimum motor to apply to the conveyor belt must be  $P_m = 1, 2P_c/\eta$ .

#### legend

 $P_1 [kg/m] = Belt weight$   $P_2 [kg/each] = Bucket weight$   $P_3 [kg/each] = Material weight for each bucket$   $P_{3colc} [kg/each] = Material weight of each bucket$  necessary to guarantee the capacity Q Q [Ton/h] = Elevator capacity v [m/sec] = belt speed H [m] = Elevation p [m] = Buckets pitch D [m] = Lower pulley diameter J = friction factor on the carter: generally 8, for biglump size 12

K = Friction factor on drive pulley (typically 0,5)

*F*<sub>v</sub> [kg] = Applied counterweight (including the lower pulley weight)

 $T,T_{1,5}[N] = Tensions in the belt$ 

 $CR_{min}$  [kN/m] = Minimum tensile strength

B [mm] = Belt width

- B<sub>u</sub> [mm] = Useful belt width
- d<sub>f</sub> [mm] = hole diameter
- n<sub>f</sub> [mm] = hole number for each bucket
- f = Safety factor
- f' = Effective safety factor
- $P_{a}[kW] =$  Theoretical motor power
- $P_m^{"}[kW] = Minimum required motor power$
- $\eta = Drive efficiency$
- g [m/sec<sup>2</sup>]= Gravity acceleration



## **TECHNICAL DATA SHEET**

CUSTOMER: BELT TYPE:

DATE: REF:

	Δ	NATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS						
Material: Density: Lump size:	Ton/m³ mm	Temper Avarag Max:	Temperature Avarage: °C Max: °C					
		CONVEYOR DATA						
Elevation: Width:	m Desi mm Aver	gn capacity: age capacity:	Ton/h Speed: Ton/h Max ten	sion: kN/m				
		DRIVE UNIT						
Drive pulley surfac	ce Steel O	Rubber O	Applied power:	kW				
PUL	LEY DIAMETER		<u>BUCKETS</u>					
Drive pulley mm	Tail pulley mm	Material Steel O Plastic O	Volume dm³	Weight (empty) kg/each				
		TAKE-UP						
Screw Counterweight	0 0	Take-up travel: Applied counterweight	m kg					
		<u>SPLICING</u>						
Vulco	anized O Mecho	anical fasteners O Ty	pe:					
		EXISTING BELT						
Туре	Belt style	Cover thickness	Quality	Width				
Eletex O	kN/m	+mm		mm				
Elemet O Producer: Cause of failure:		Lifetime:						
		DRILLING	LAYOUT					



L (total belt length) = mm	A (free lateral space) = mm
W (top terminal area) = mm	C (distance between holes) = mm
V (bottom terminal area) = mm	N (hole number for each bucket) =
P (bucket pitch) = mm	D (hole diameter) = mm

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