

LAPP Asia Pacific Webinar Series 2020

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR DRAG CHAIN

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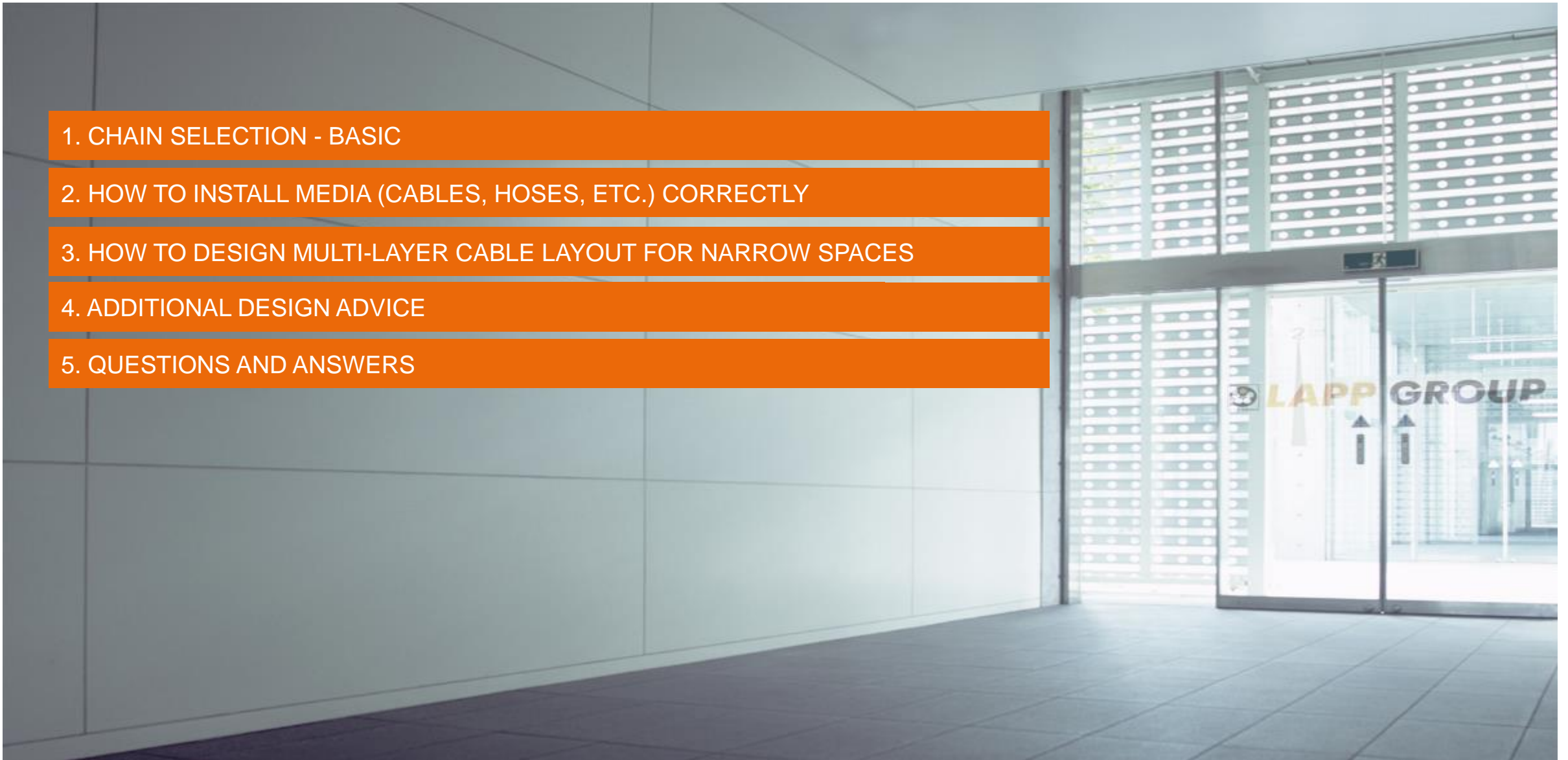
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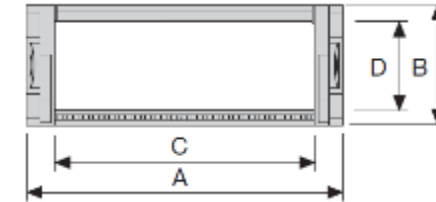
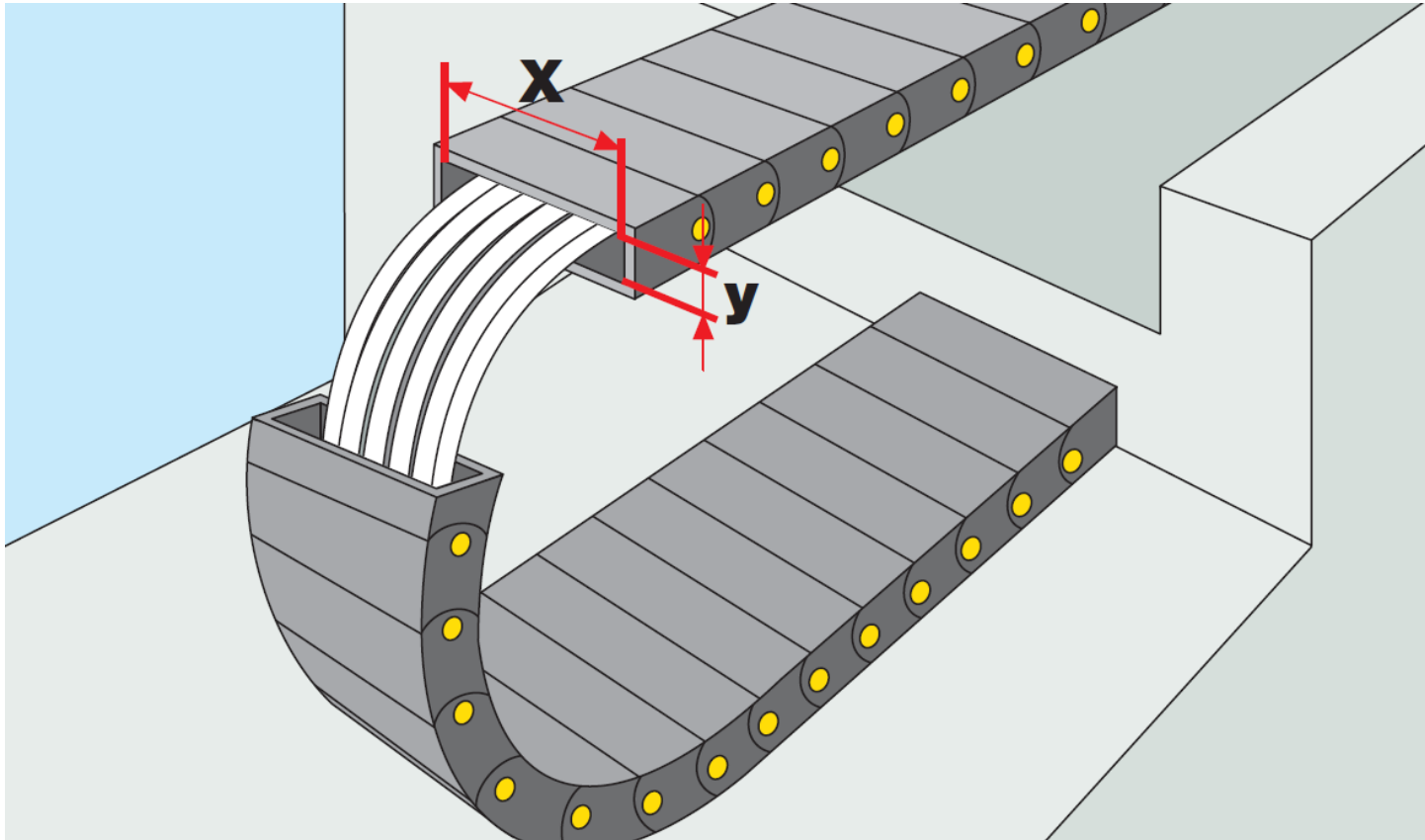
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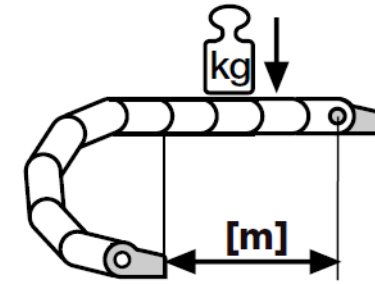
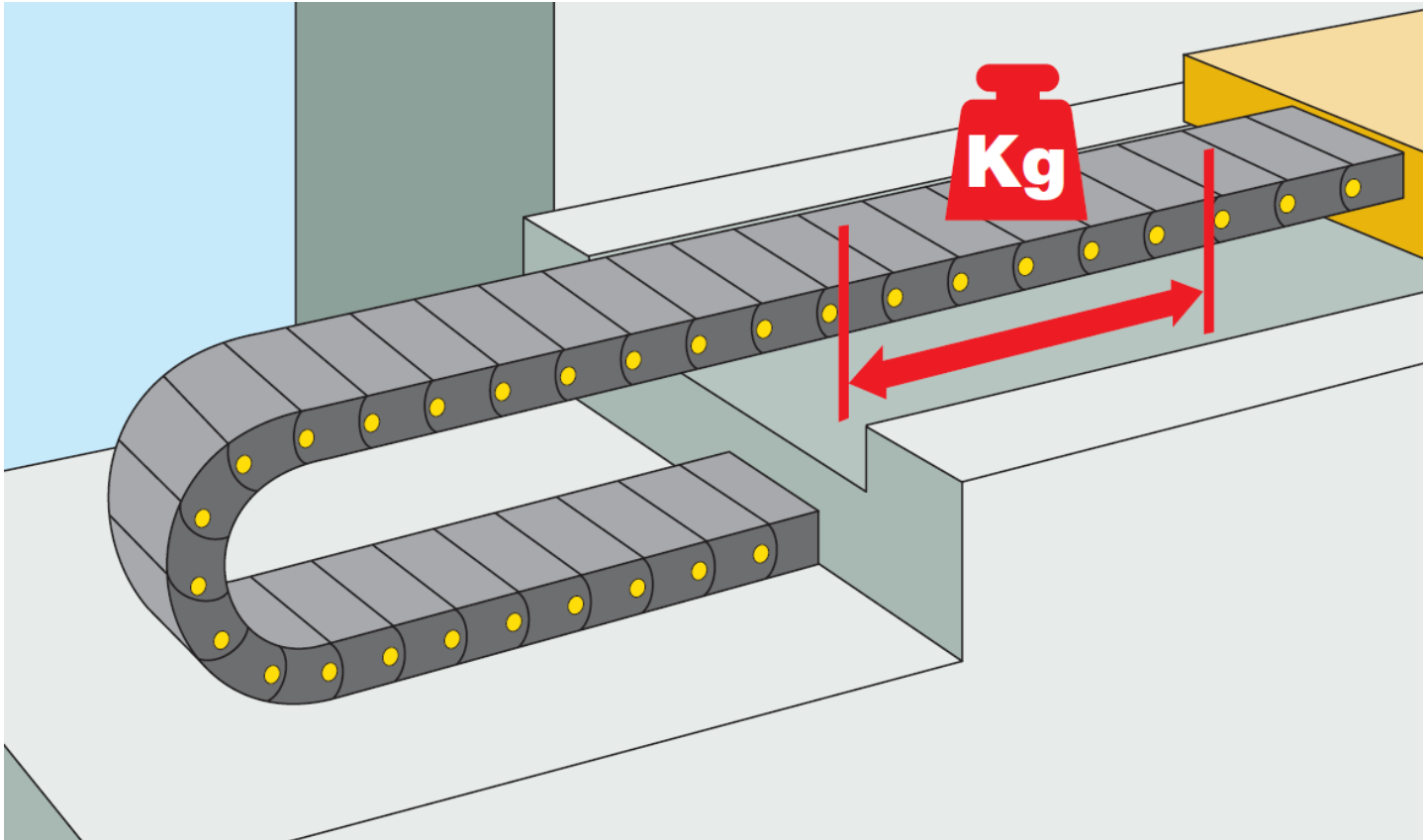
1. CHAIN SELECTION BASIC



1. Dimensioning Power Chain

Determine the size of the Power Chain based on the specified installation space of your machine and/or of the selected filling (such as the number of cables/outer diameter of cable).

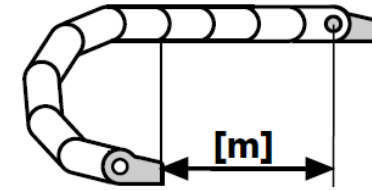
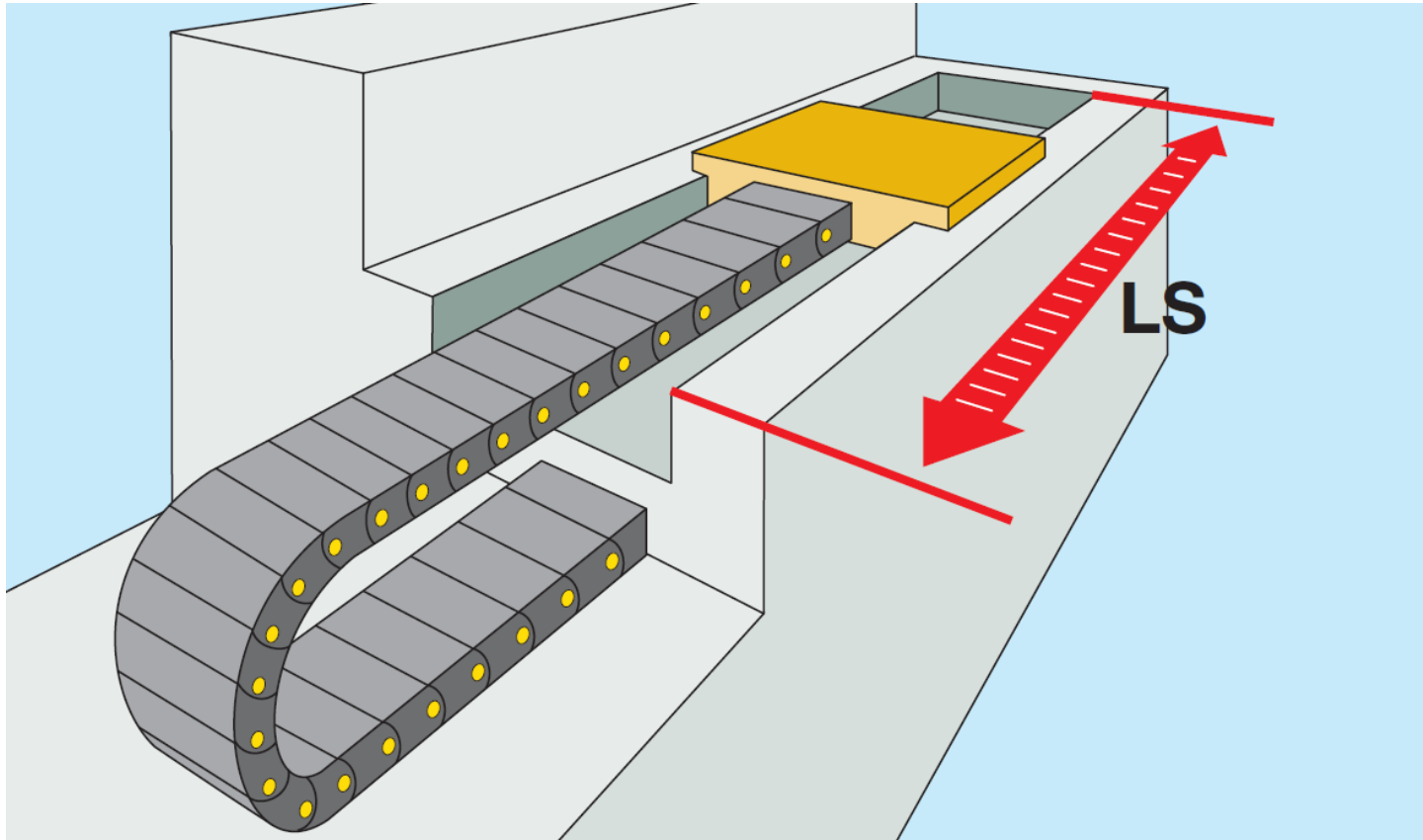
The dimensions of the cable chain in relationship to the dimensions of cables/hoses.



2. Determine fill weight

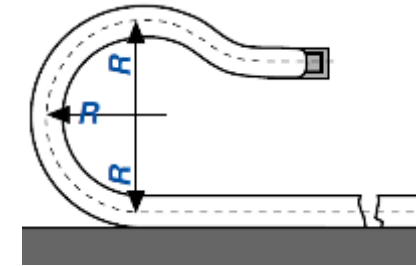
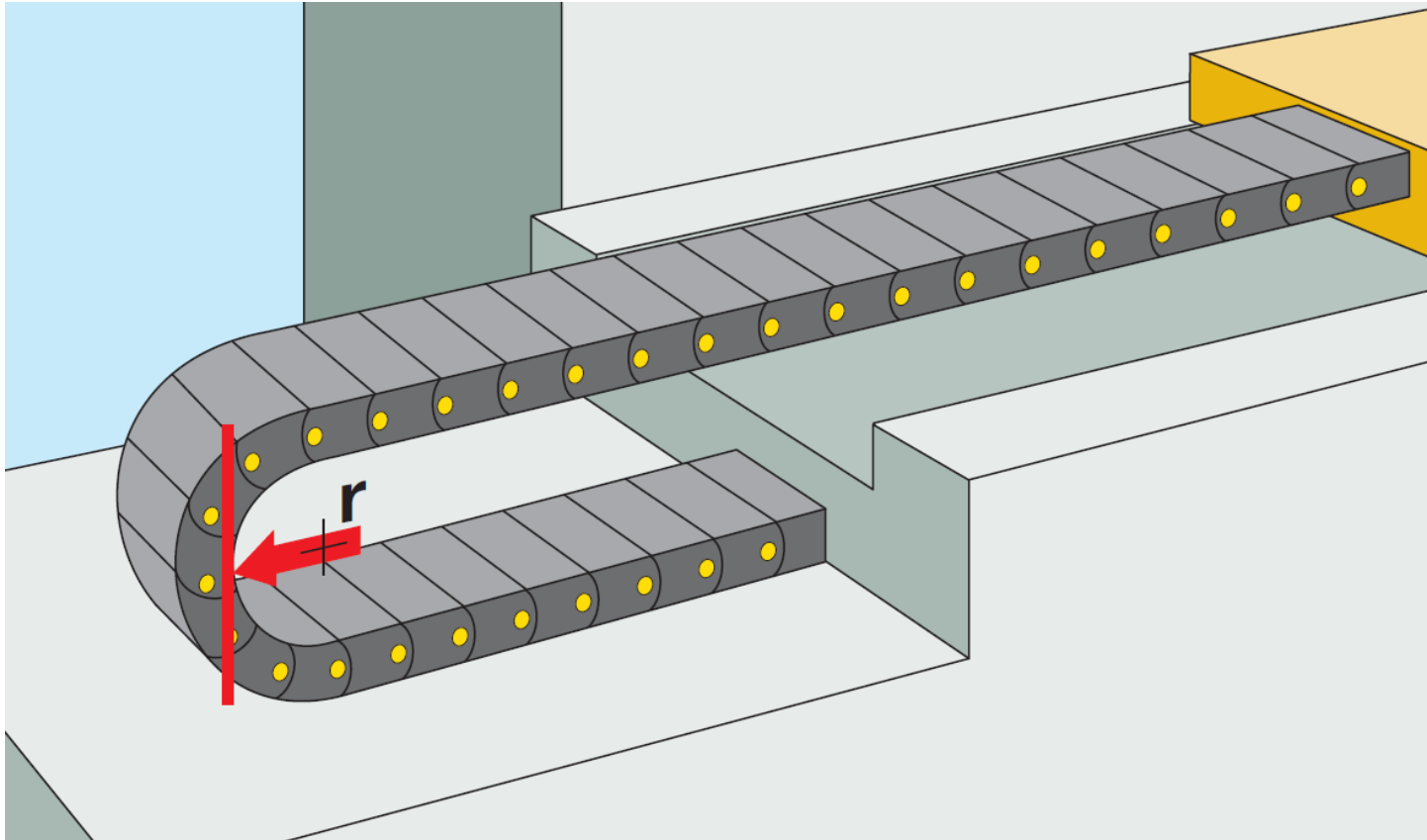
Determine fill weight of (cables and/or media hoses) in [kg/m] using Lapp Catalogue for Quick Selection or manufacturer specification.

Verifying the self-supporting capacity of the cable chain in relationship to the weight per meter of cables/hoses.



3. Determine length of travel

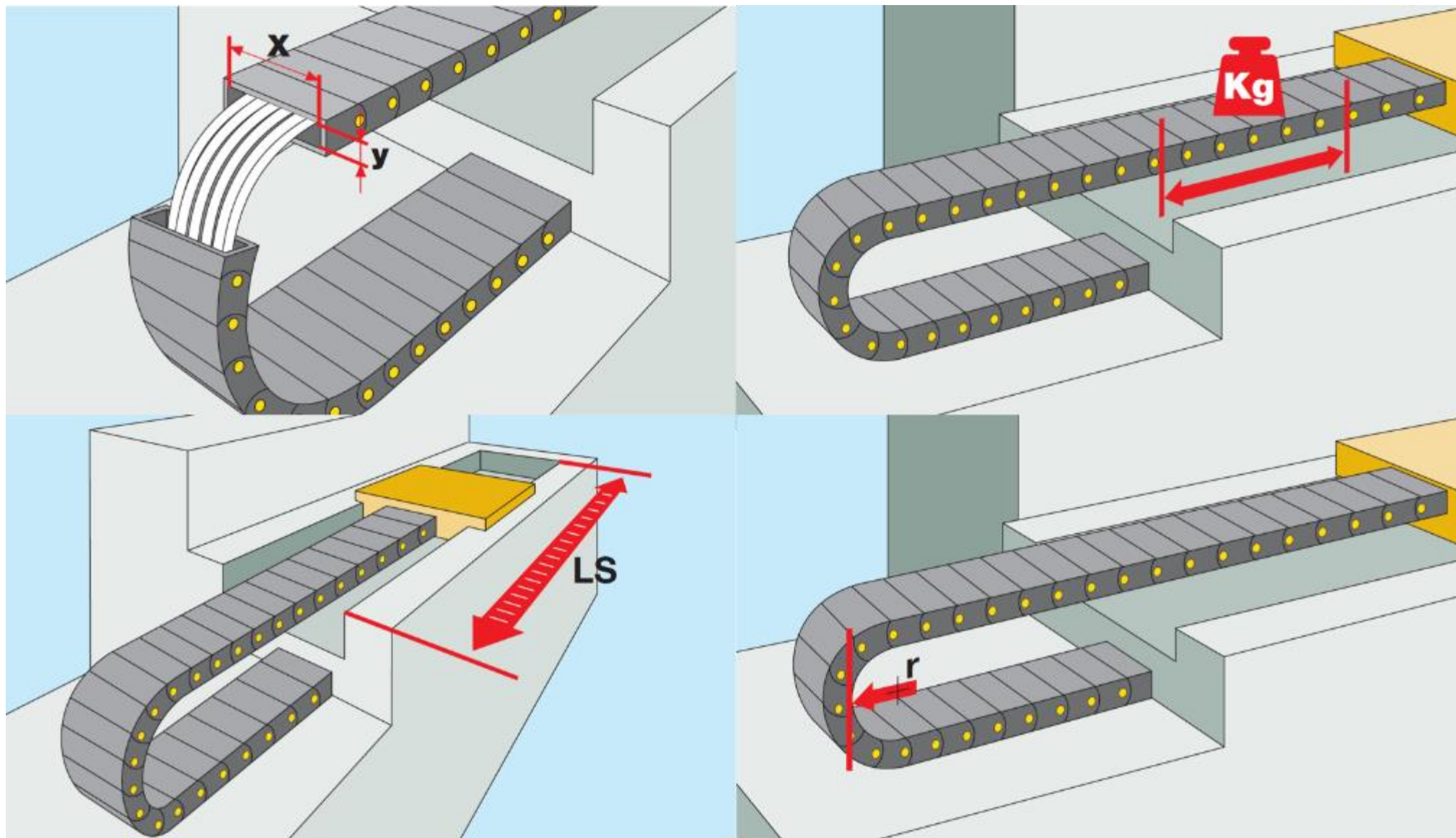
Compare the fill weight calculated in (point 2) to the maximum fill weight of the selected Power Chain and check suitability for "unsupported application".

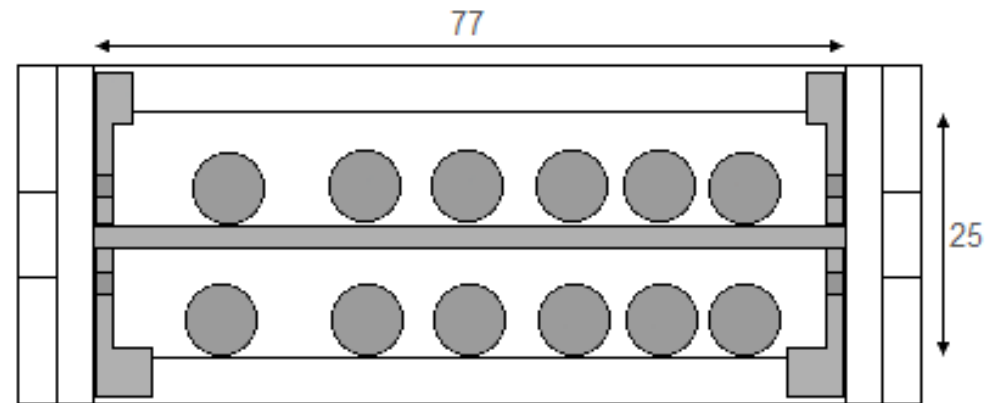
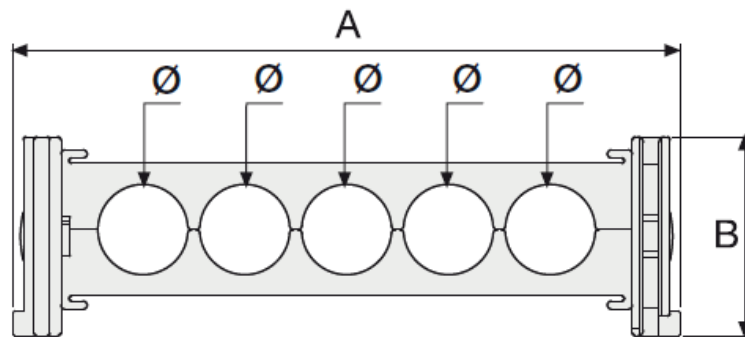
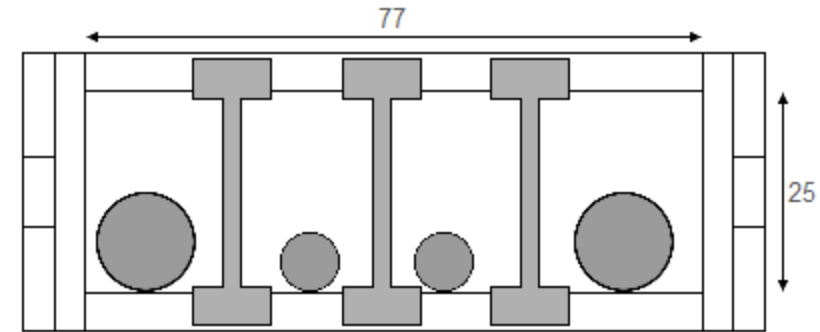
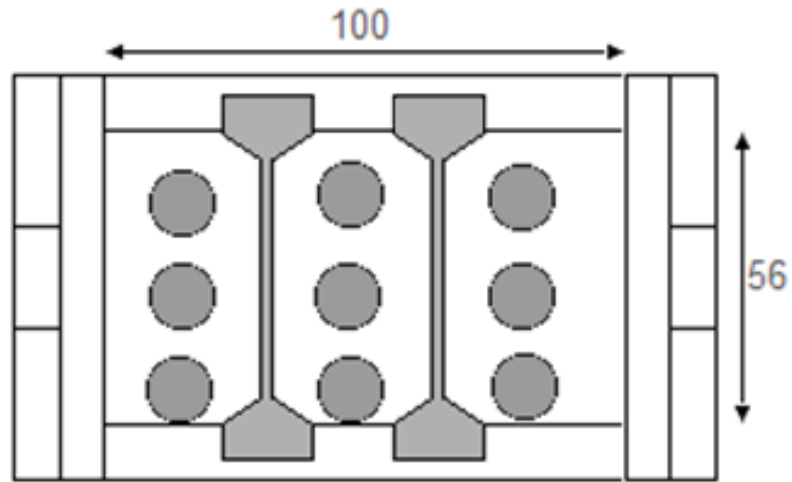


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Determine the possible Bending Radius R [mm] of the Power Chain with respect to the cable diameter.

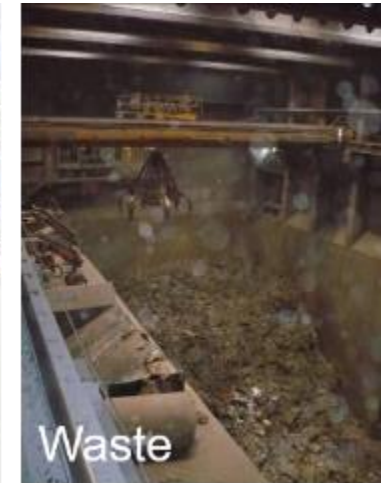
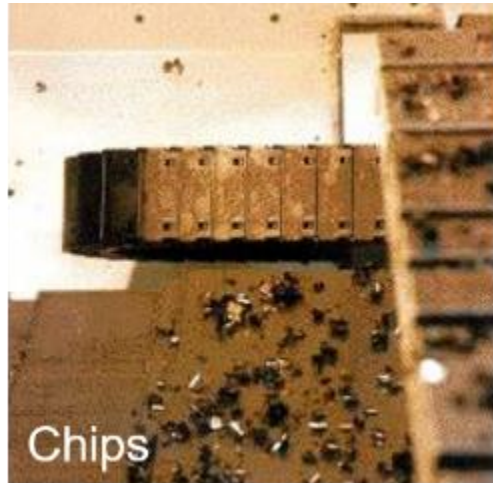
The bending radius of the Power chain should be selected based on the recommendations of the cable or hose manufacturer. The selection of a larger radius than the minimum will positively affect service life. The specification of minimum bending radii for cables and hoses refers to use at normal temperatures - other bending radii may be recommended.





5. Types of Interior Layout and Design

Depending on the number of fillings and the space available, we will help customer to decide the best layout inside the chain.



6. Environments

Temperature and other surrounding influences.

Just as important as the dynamic parameters to provide information regarding the environmental conditions. Whether chips, concrete, ice and snow, or waste - anything is possible - if the appropriate measures are taken.

Appropriate action may be that the drag-chain must be an enclosed type in order to protect them from dirt or ice. If not, the chain may break or wear out in a very short time.



7. Drag chain style / types – Closed - Open - Snap-openable one side or two-sides

Another criterion for the selection of the drag-chain is the question of the opening options.

And that leads us to the final point of the selection criteria...

S\$ € RM
B\$ ₱ Rp

8. The Price

Usually there is more than one way to solve the application.

In addition to the options in earlier slide the opening of the drag-chain or power tube of the price always play an important role.

Simplified one can say: the more stable and easier to open, more features, more components, the higher the price.

At Lapp, we believed the cheapest solution that work is the best option for customer!

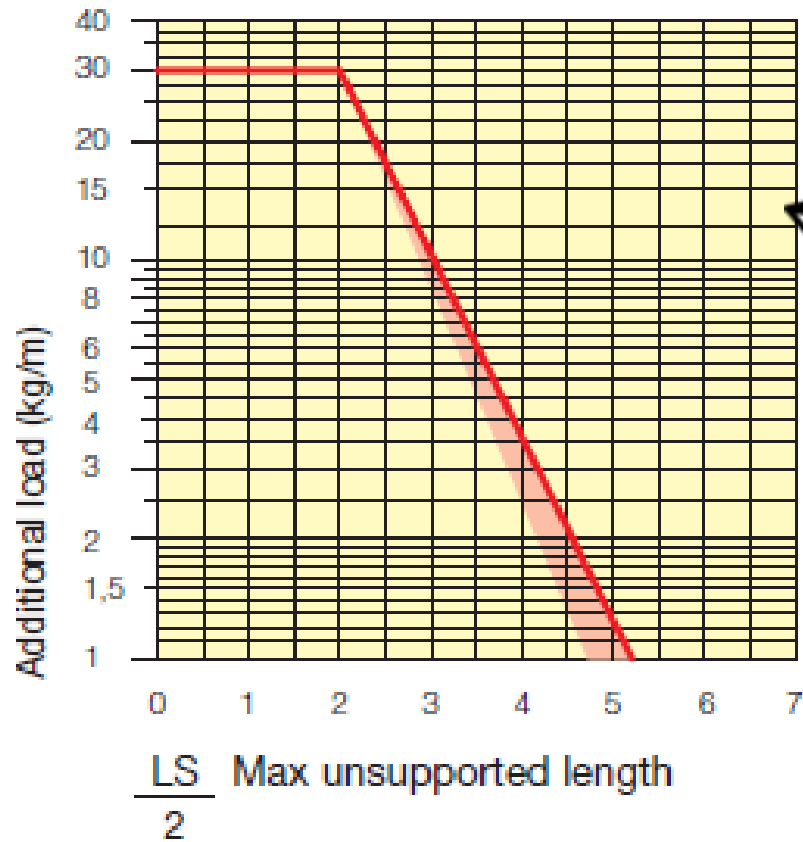
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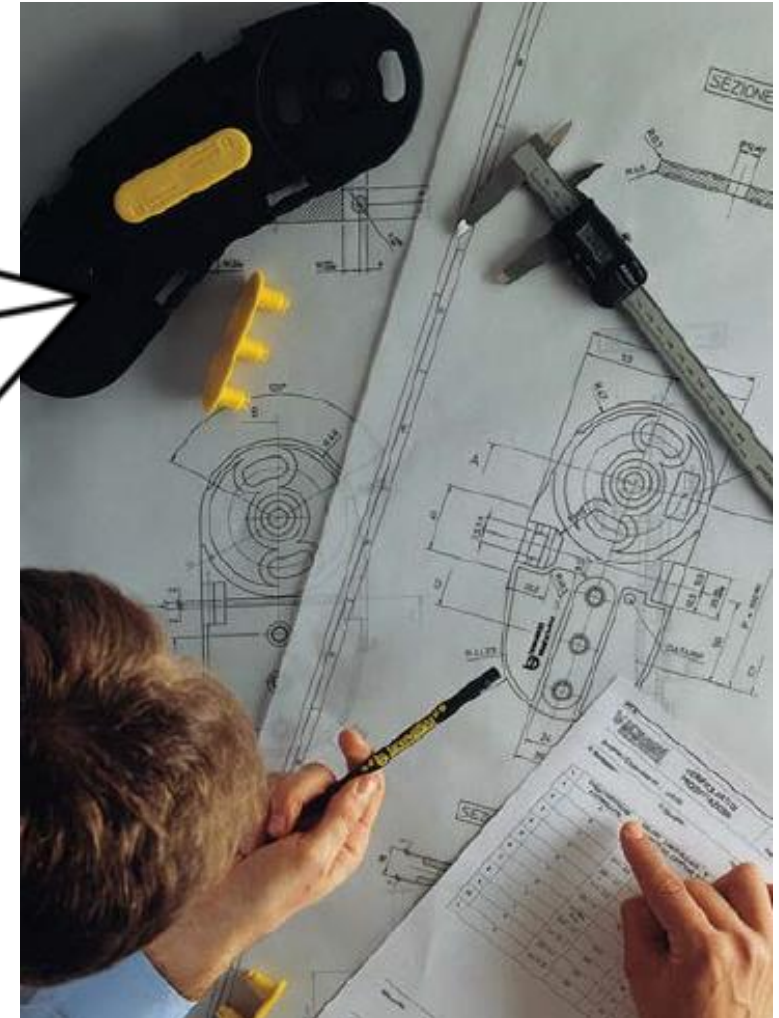
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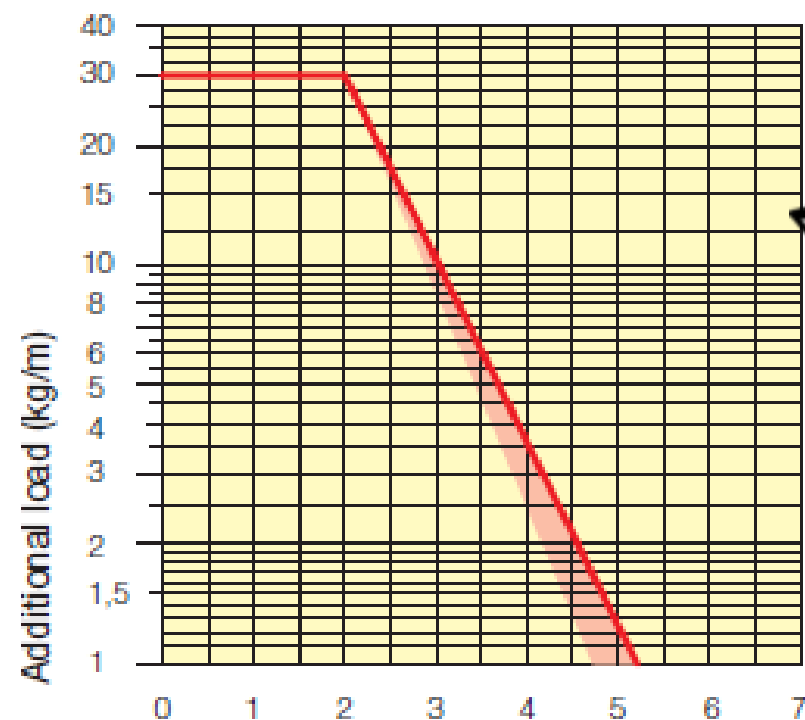
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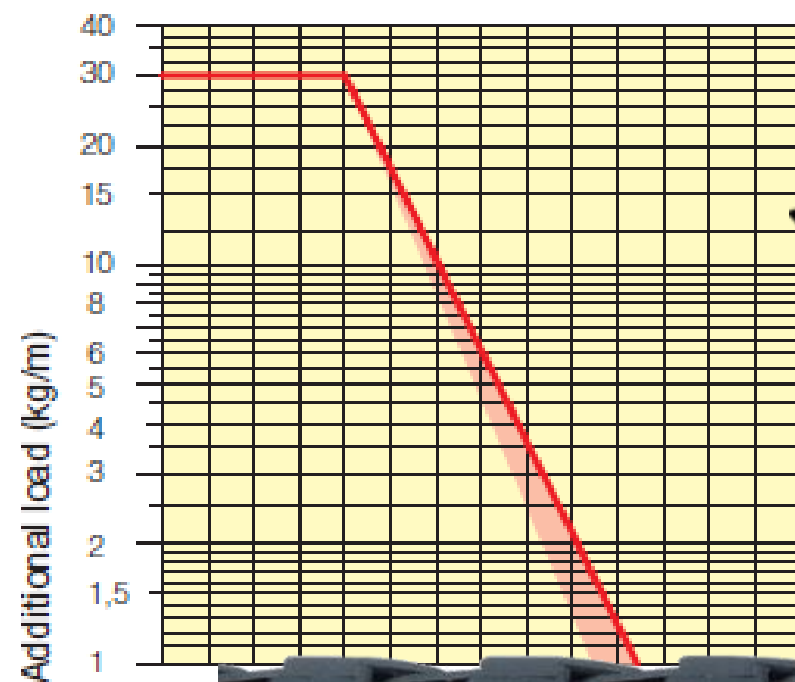
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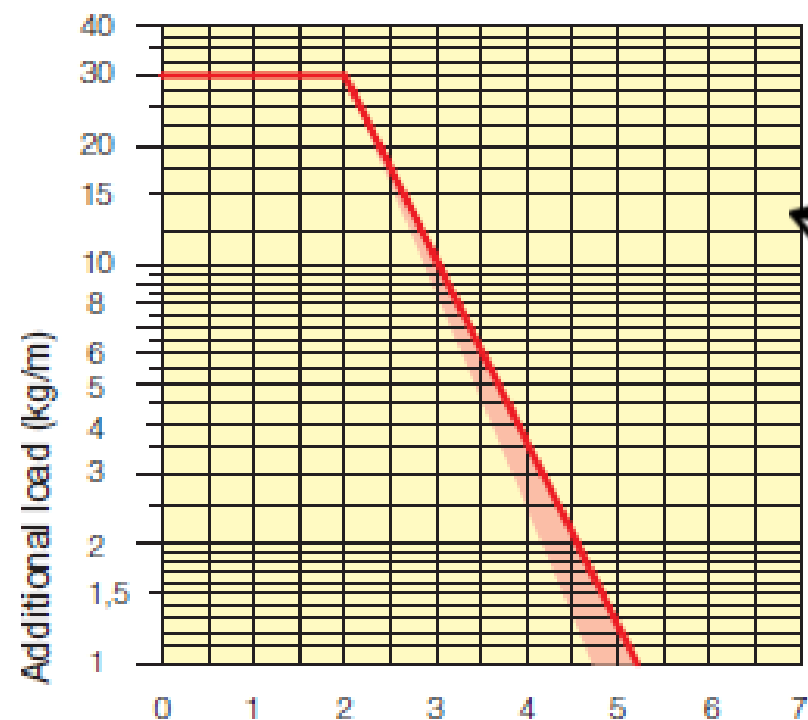
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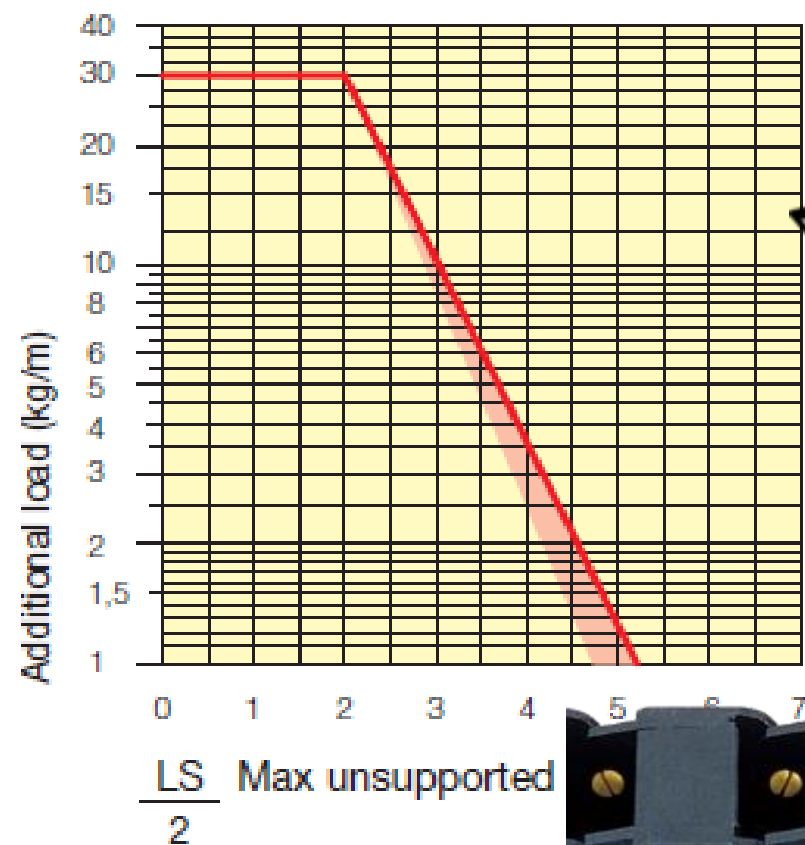
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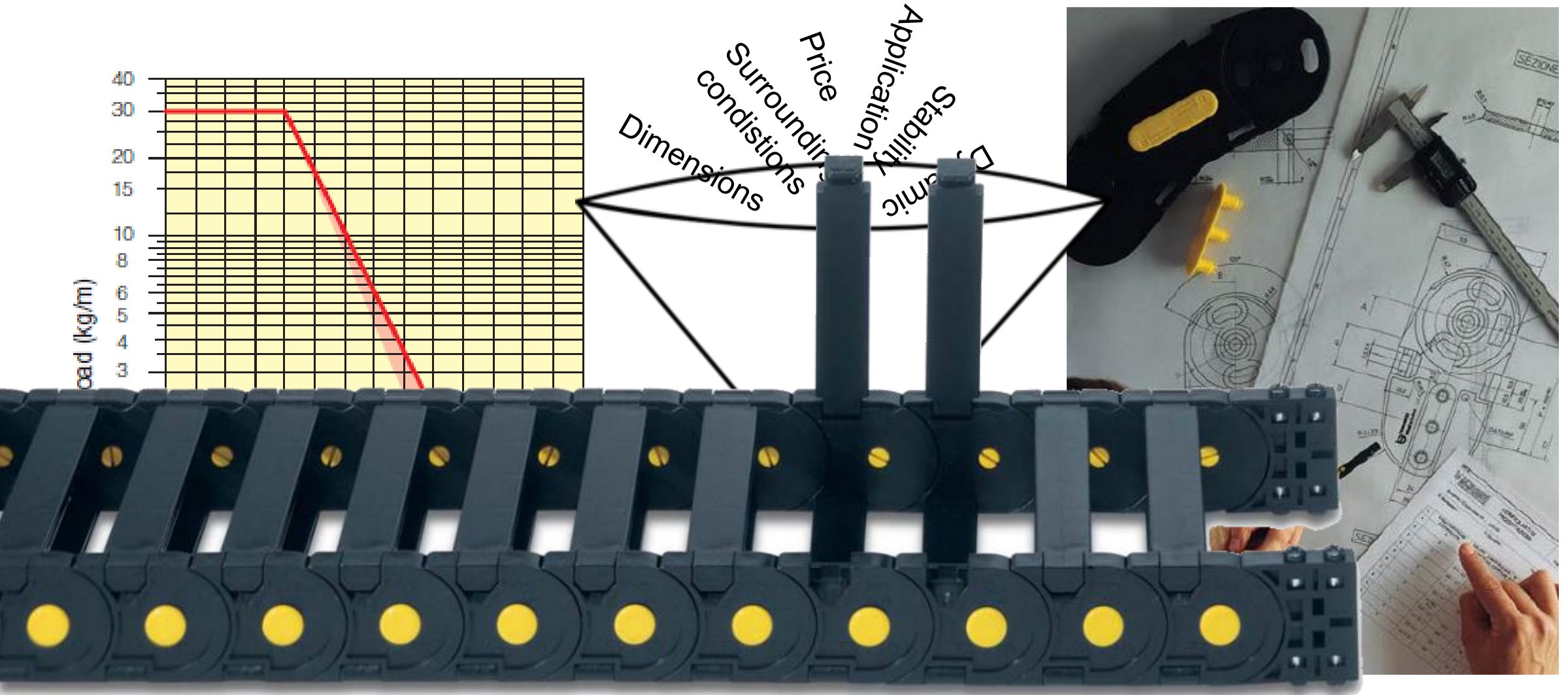
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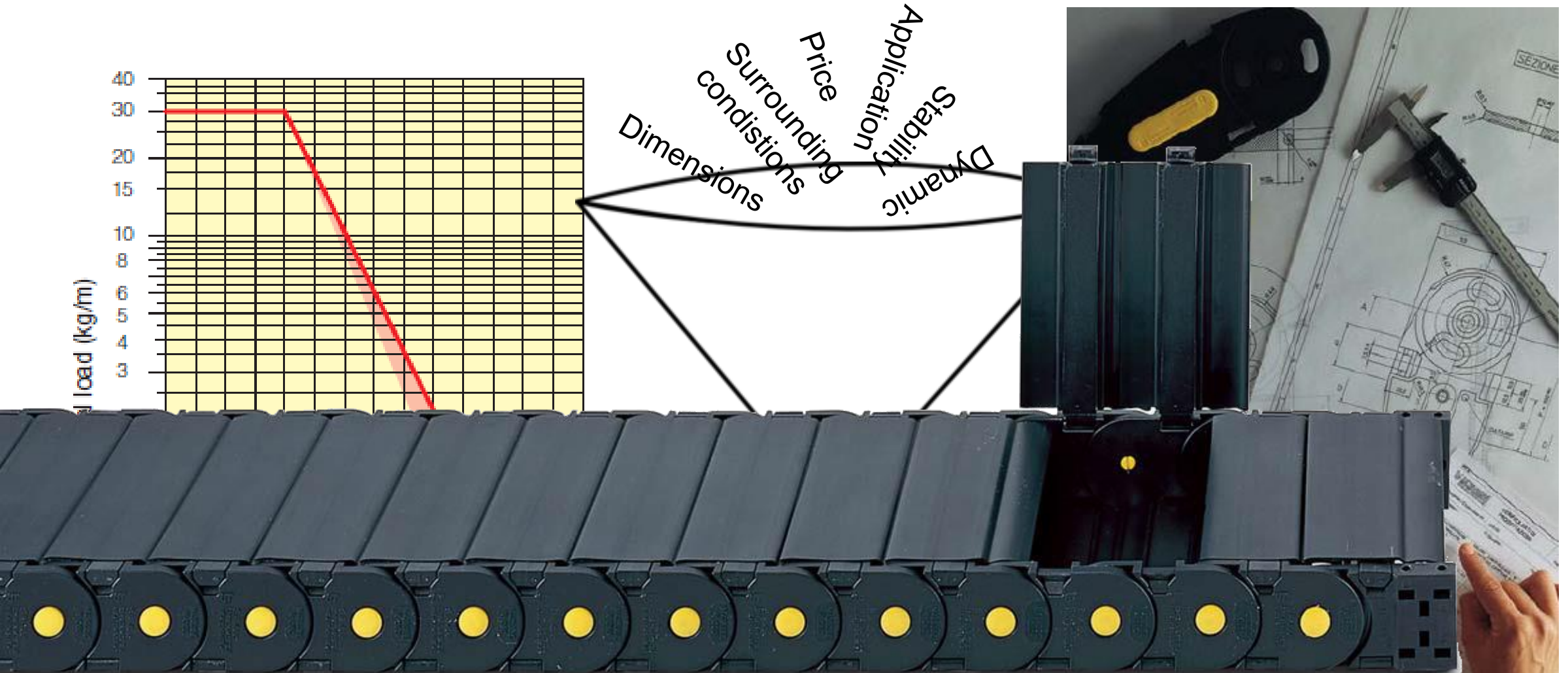
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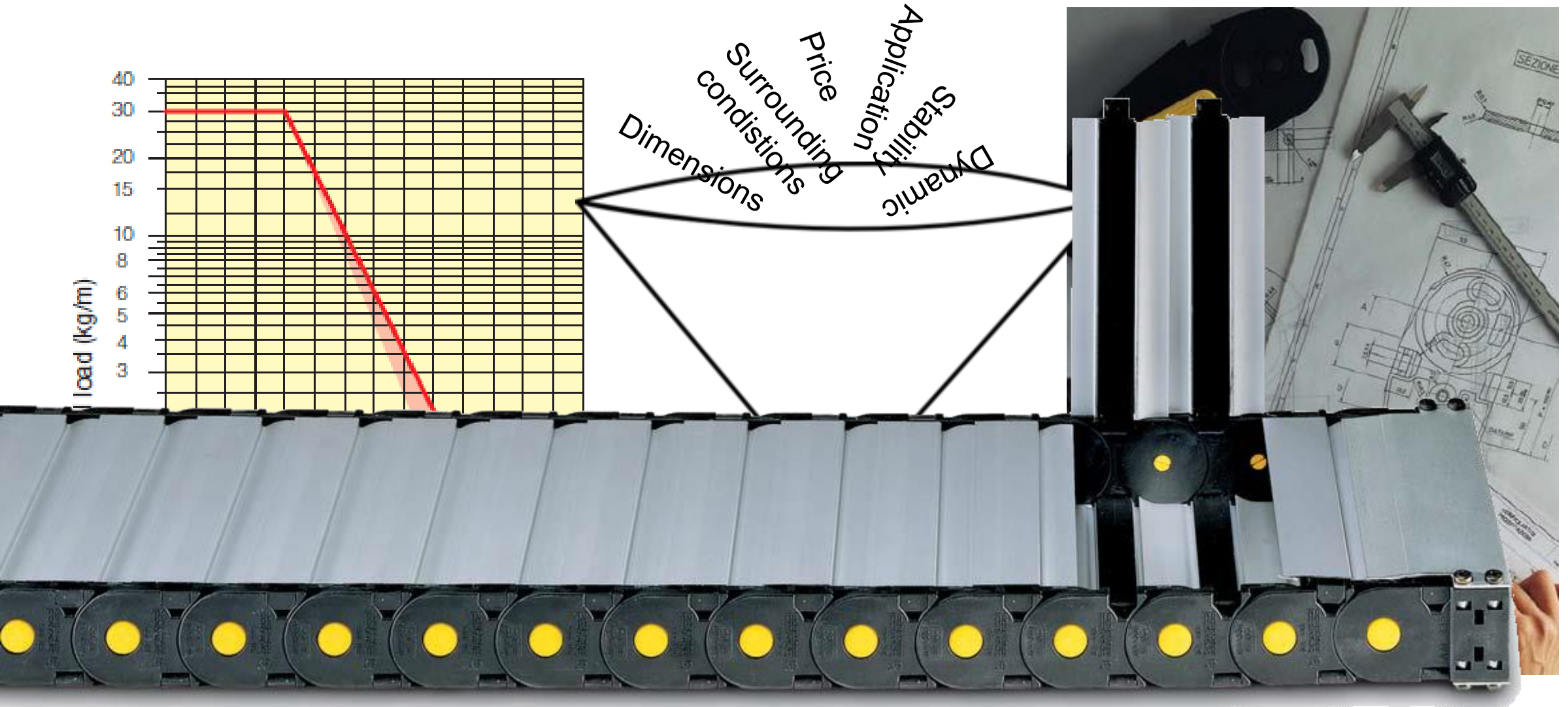
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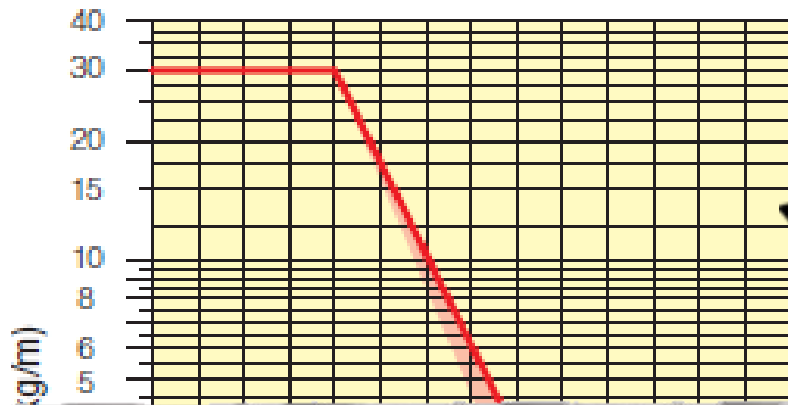
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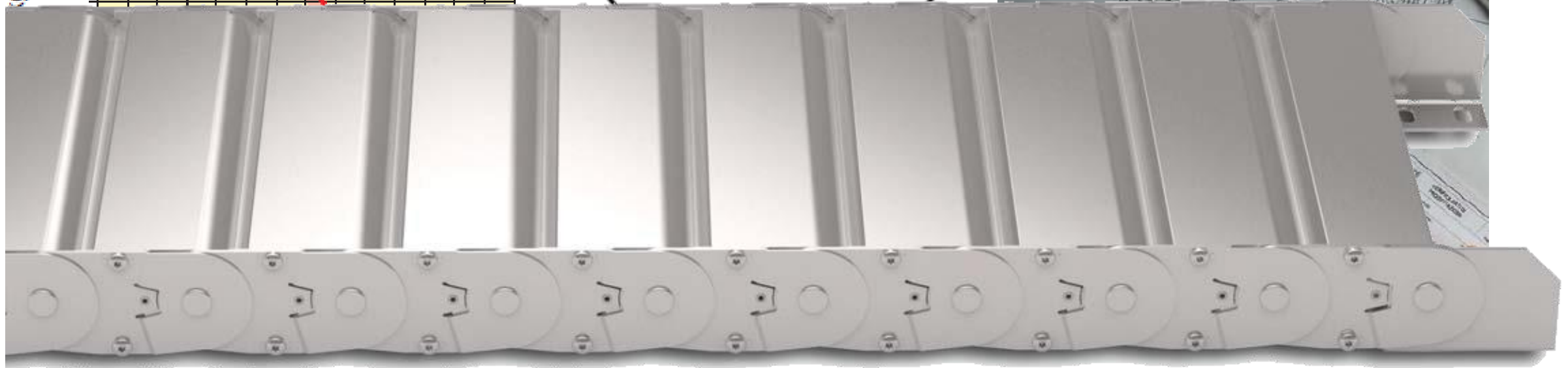
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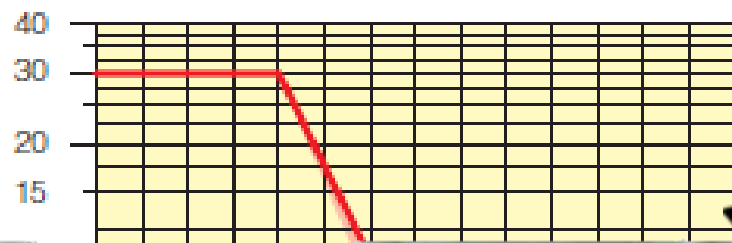
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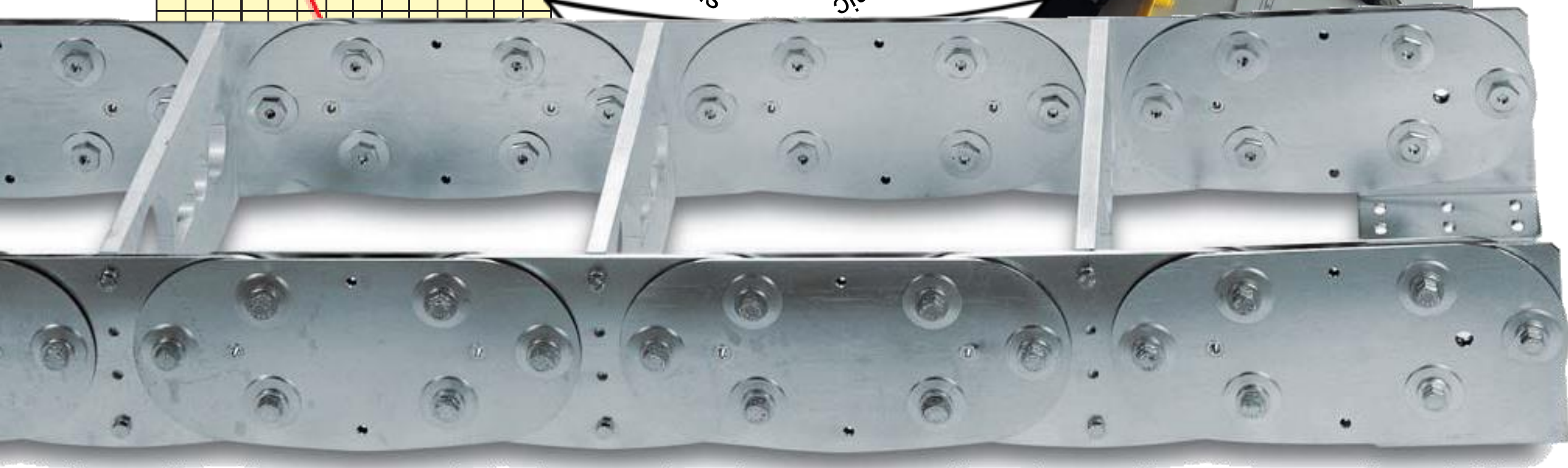
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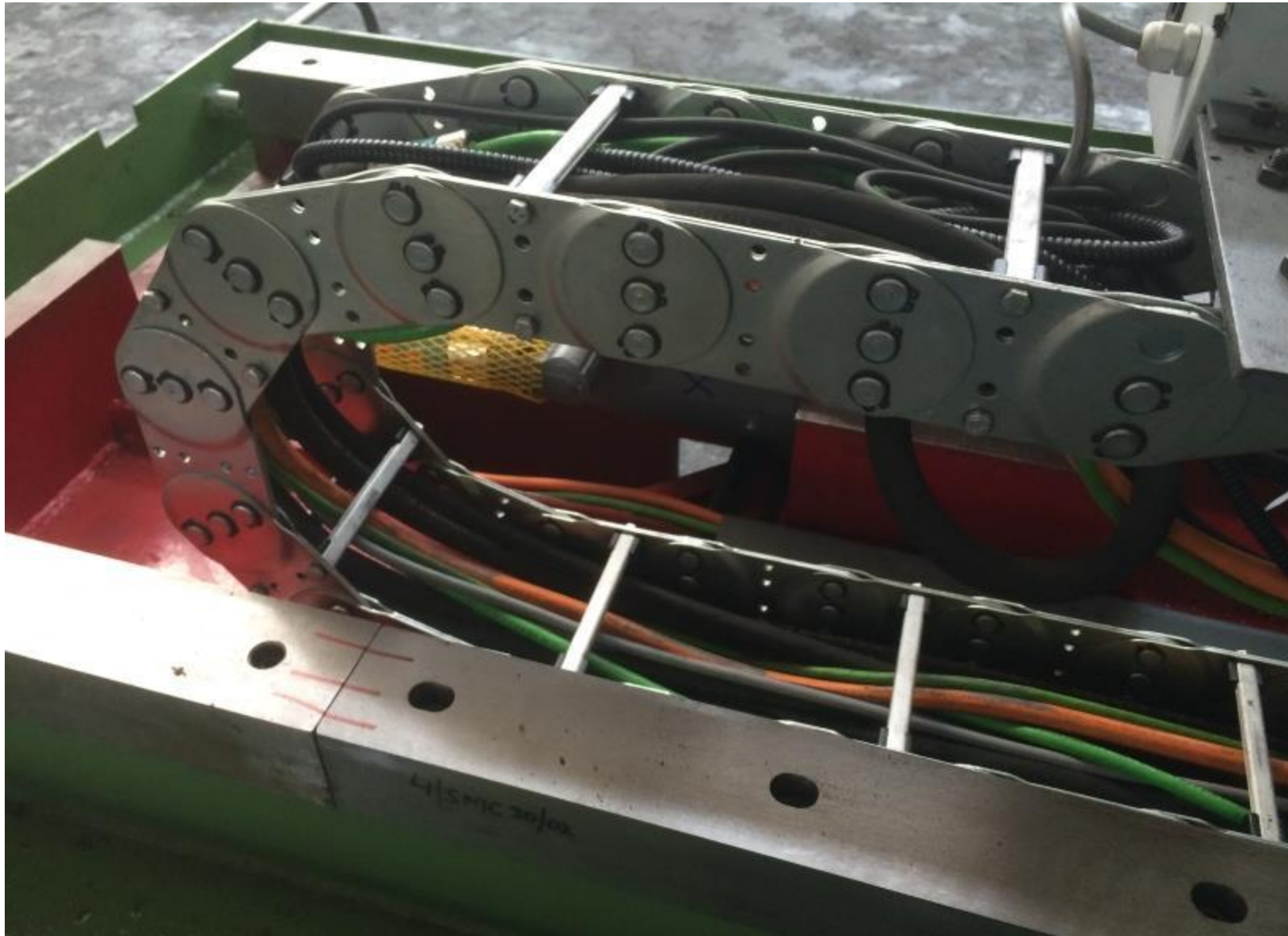


2. HOW TO INSTALL MEDIA (CABLES, HOSES, ETC.) CORRECTLY

Why is it important to have a proper filling drag-chain?

- ▶ The main reason to increase the service life of the system.
- ▶ With proper separators and shelves usage will help to improve the service life of cables and hoses.









We want to avoid these!



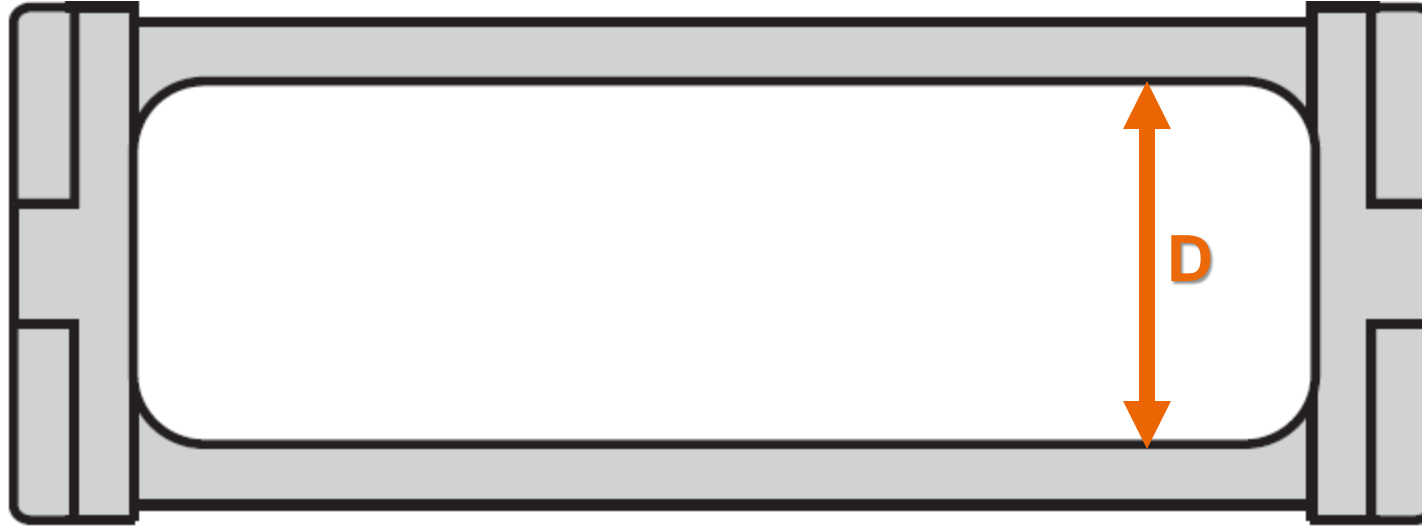
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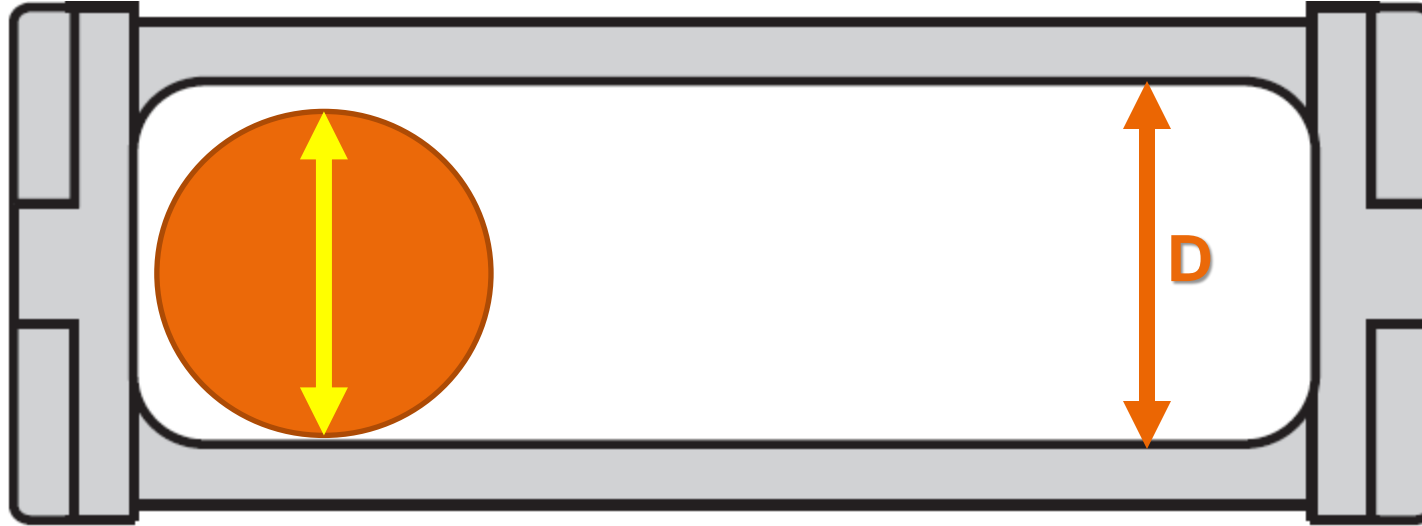


What is the maximum
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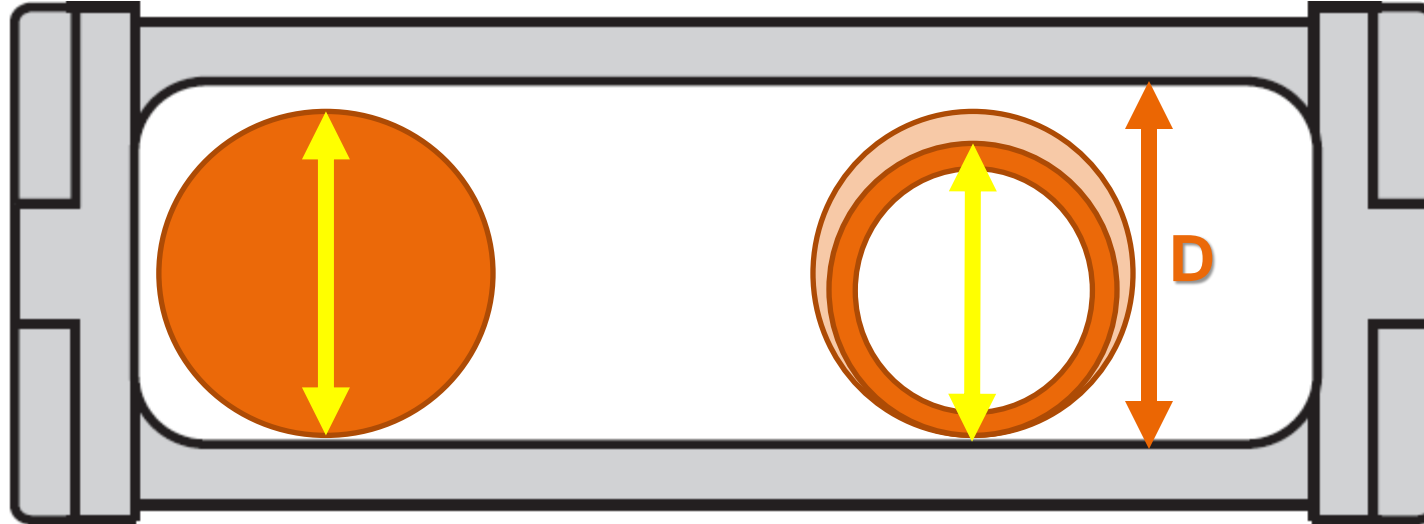


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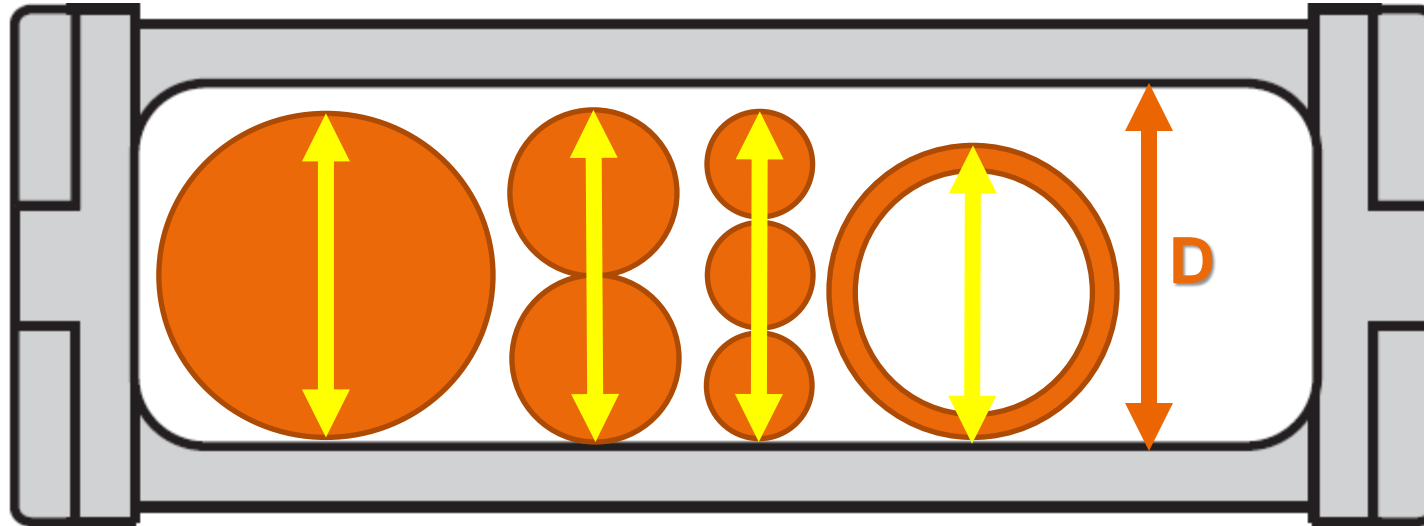
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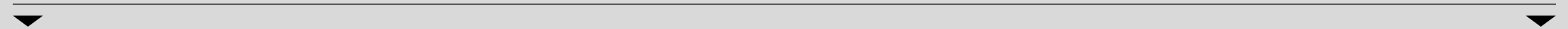
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OR

$22.5\text{mm} + 22.5\text{mm} = 45\text{mm}$

$15\text{mm} + 15\text{mm} + 15\text{mm} = 45\text{mm}$

How much clearance do we recommend in the drag-chain for:



Electrical round cables **10%**

Electrical flat cables **10%**

Pneumatic

15%

Hydraulic

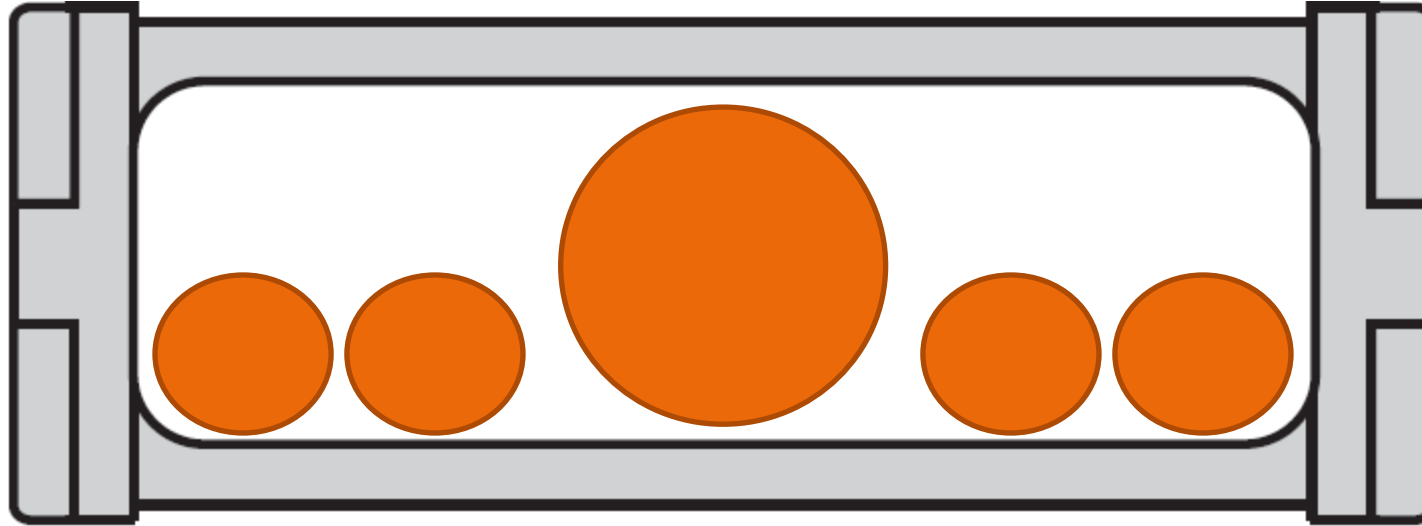
15% ~ 30%

Media hoses

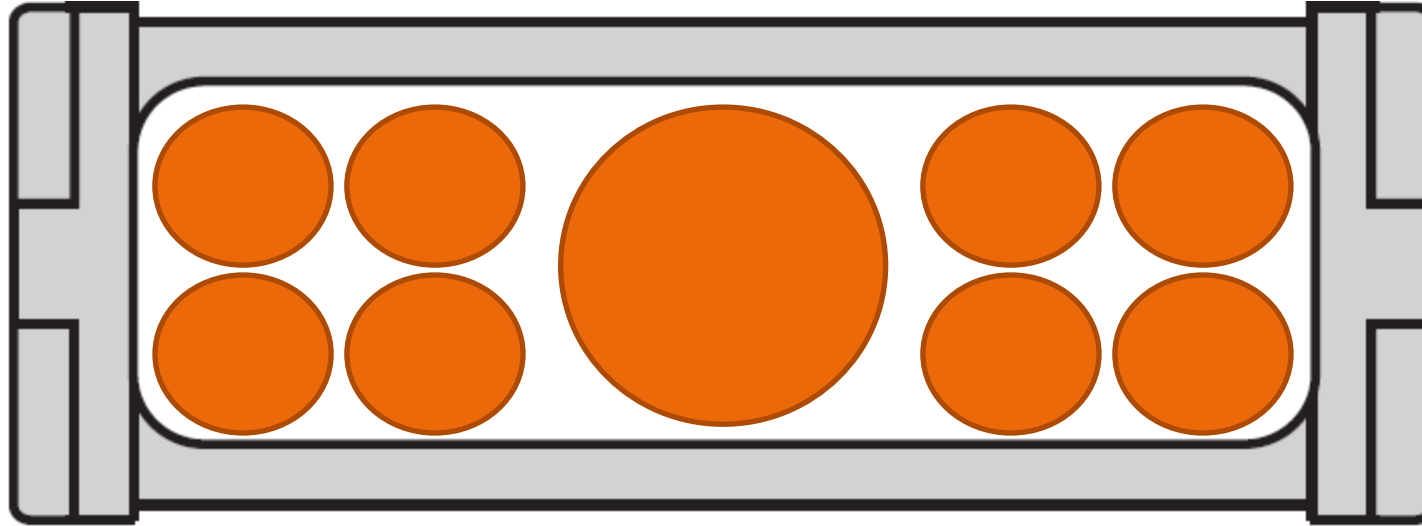
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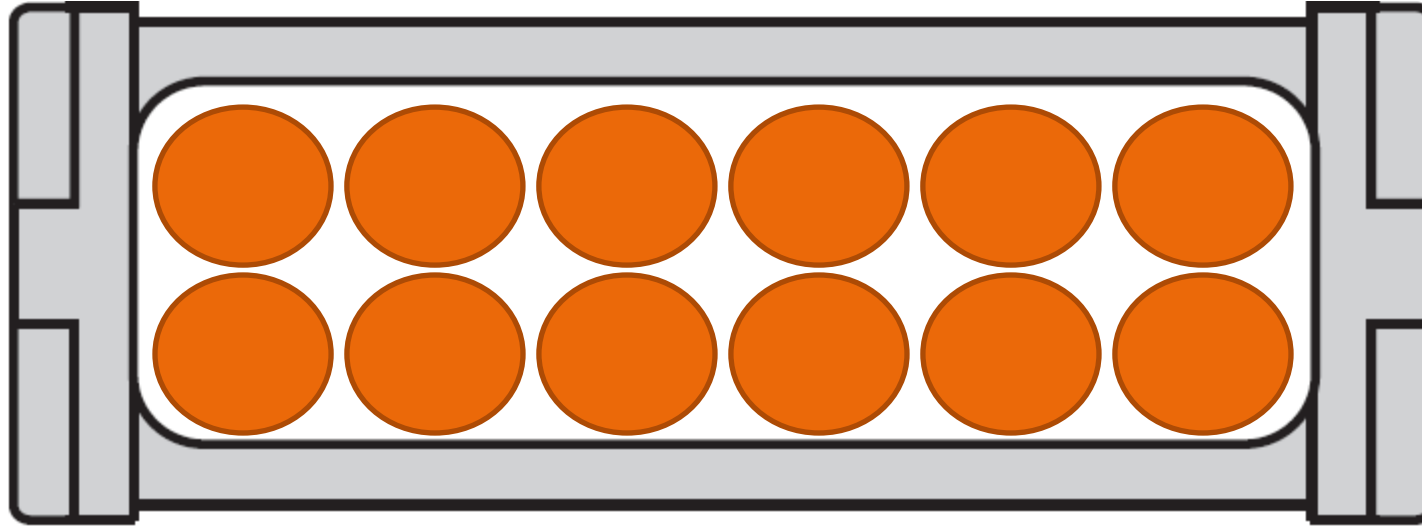
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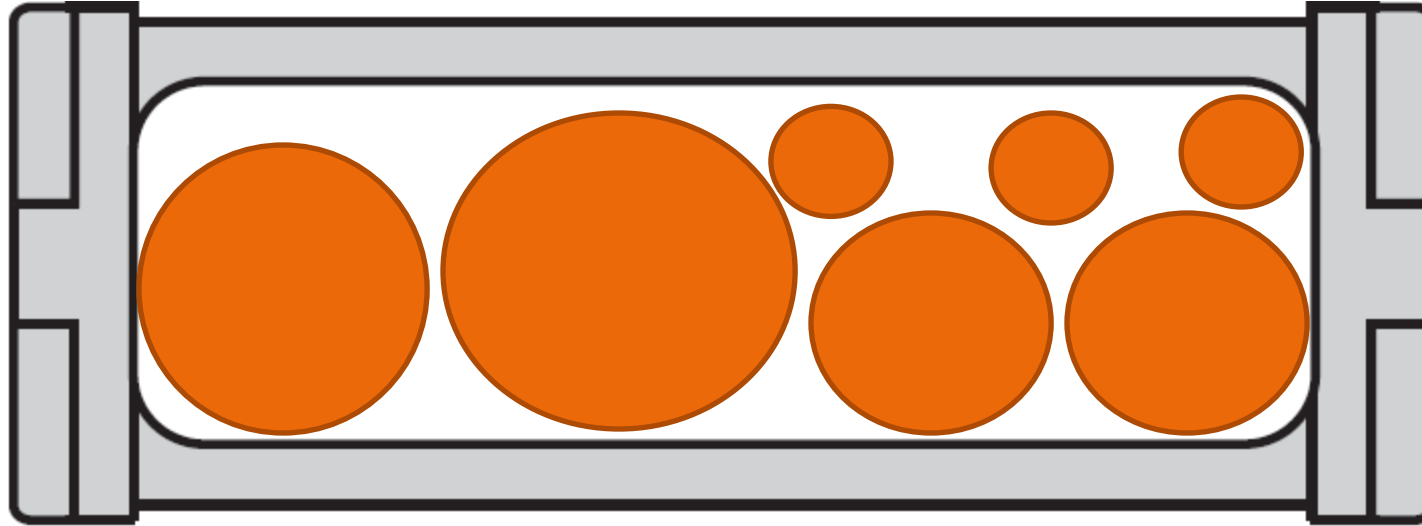
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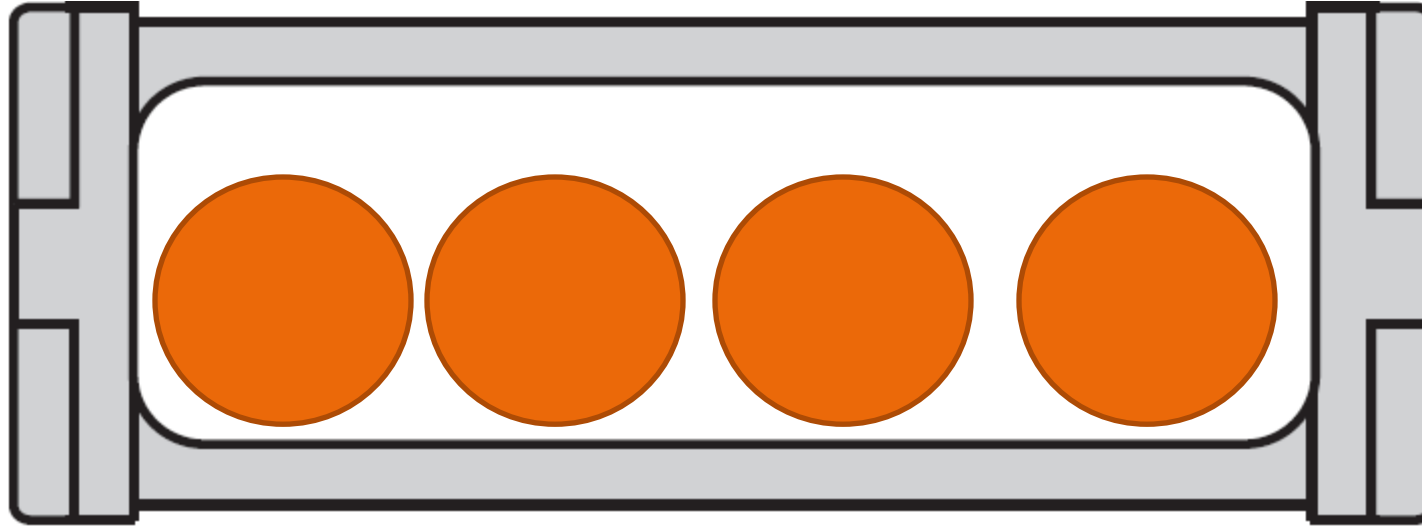
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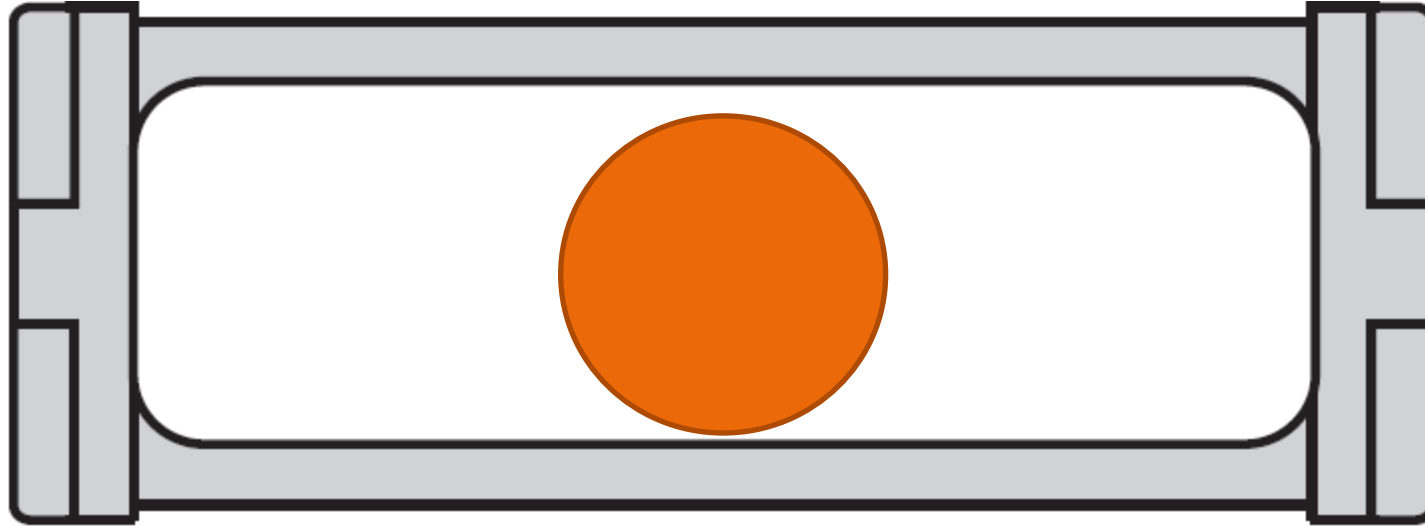
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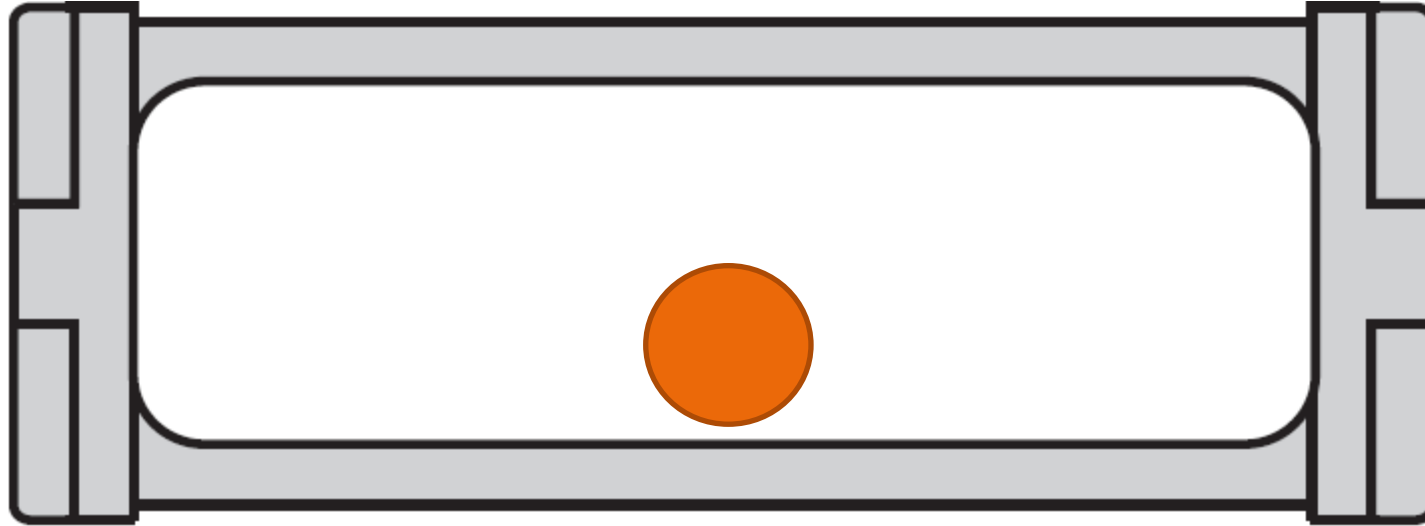
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From LAPP, as cable specialist, we recommend not more than **80% of space in the drag-chain.**





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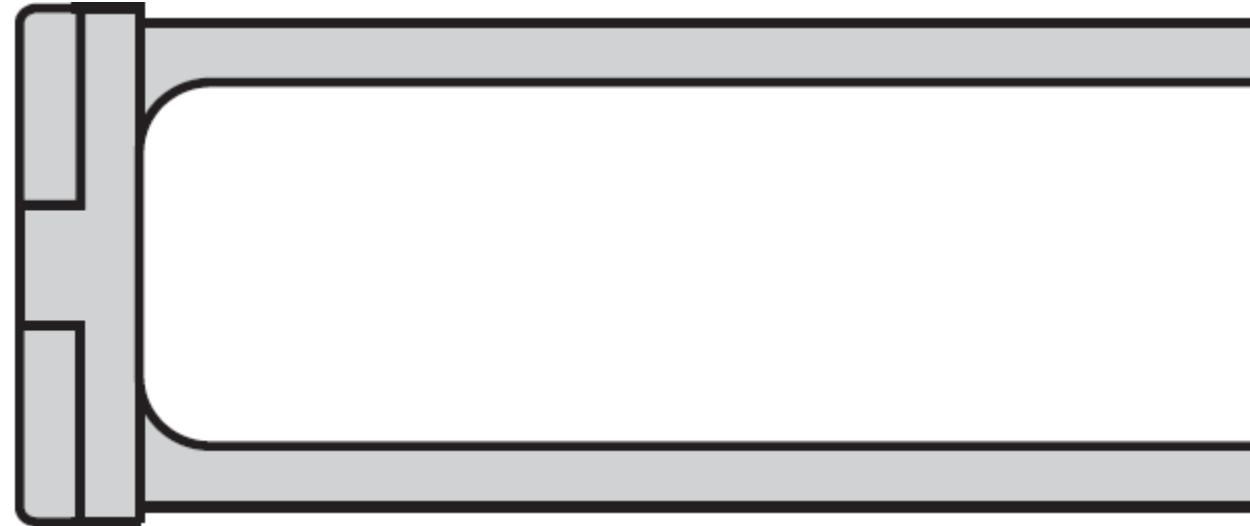


This is OK too.
(situation dependent)

WHEN TO USE A SEPARATOR

When to use a separator

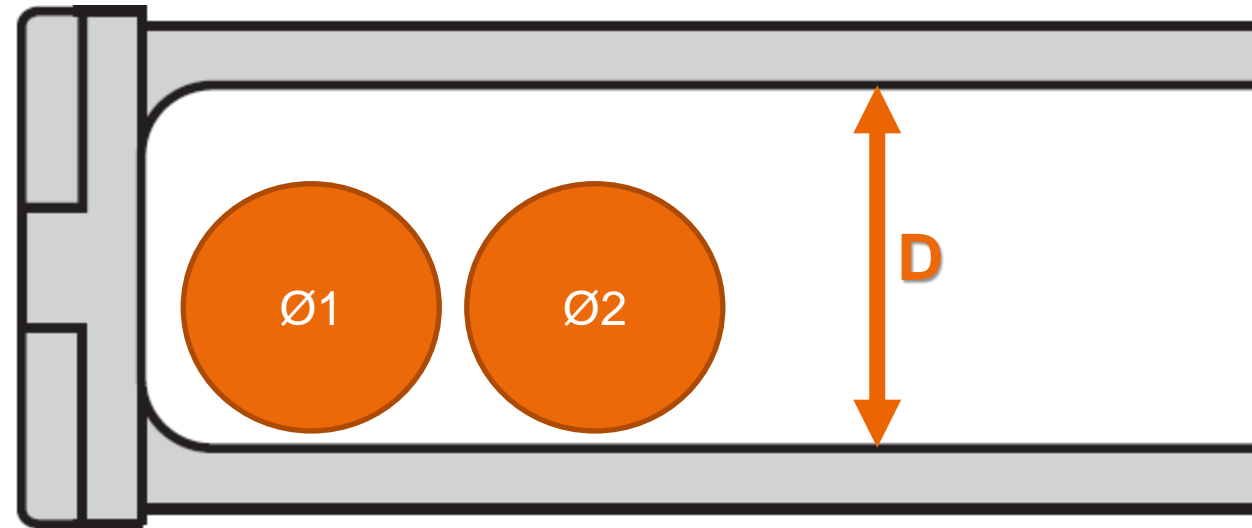
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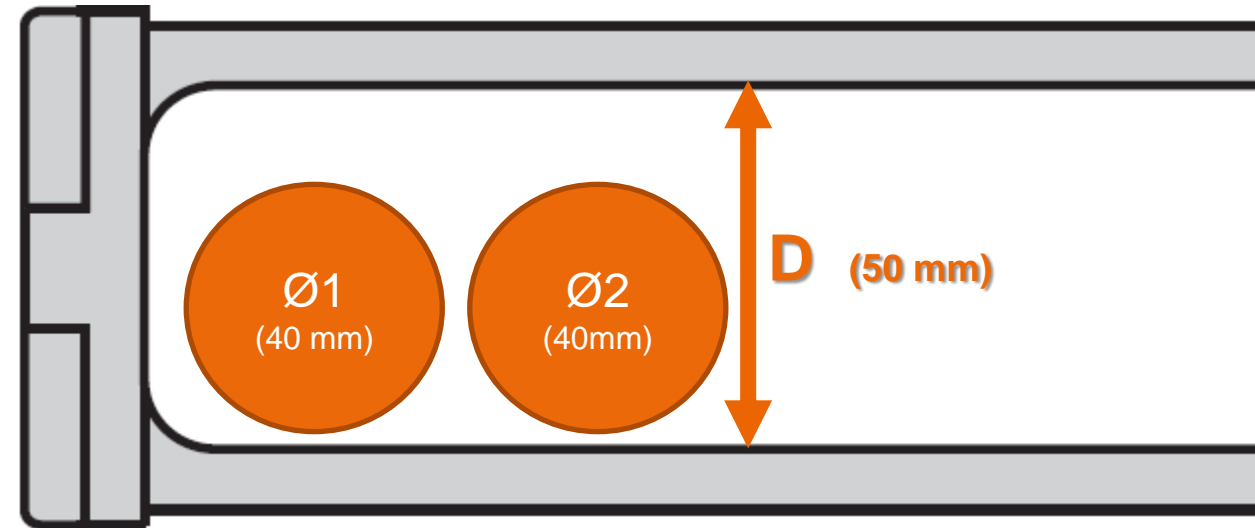
$$\text{Ø1} = 40 \text{ mm}$$

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$$D = 50 \text{ mm}$$

$$40 \text{ mm} + 40 \text{ mm} = 80 \text{ mm}$$

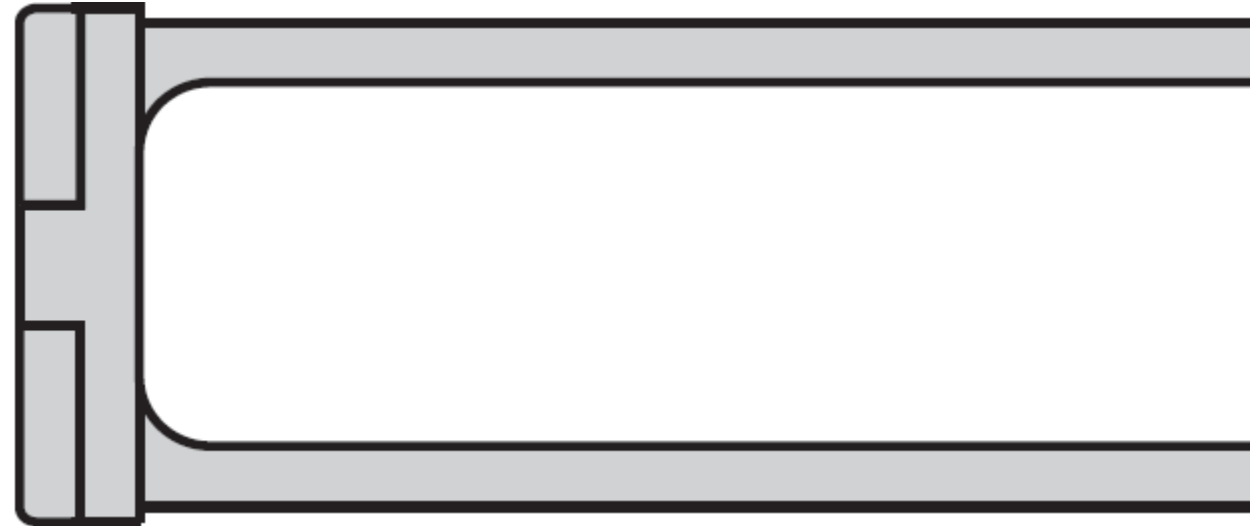
$$50 \text{ mm} * 1.2 = 60 \text{ mm}$$



$80 > 60 = \text{No Separator Needed}$

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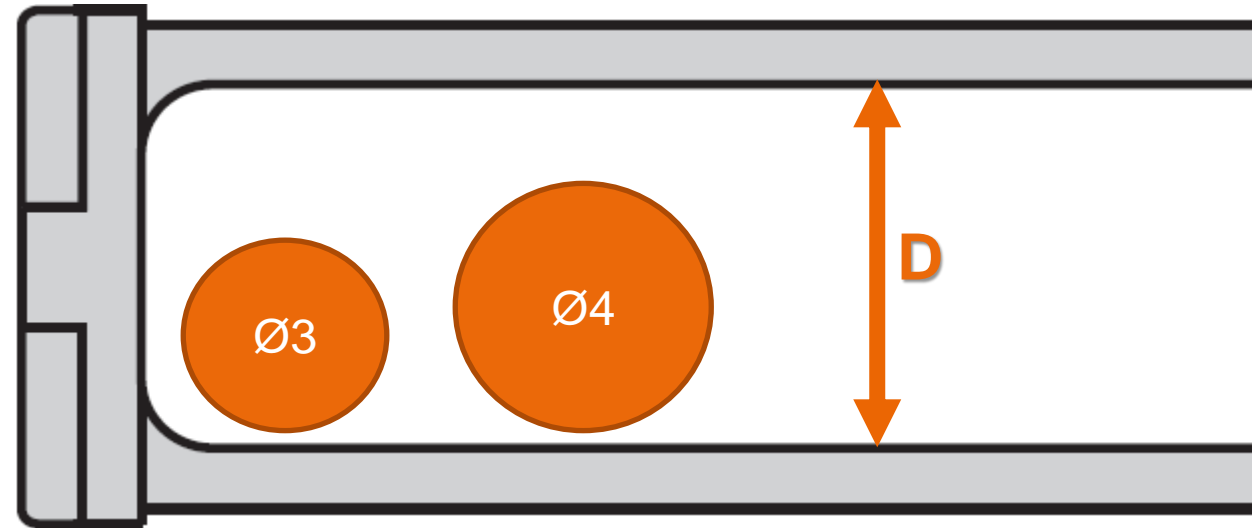
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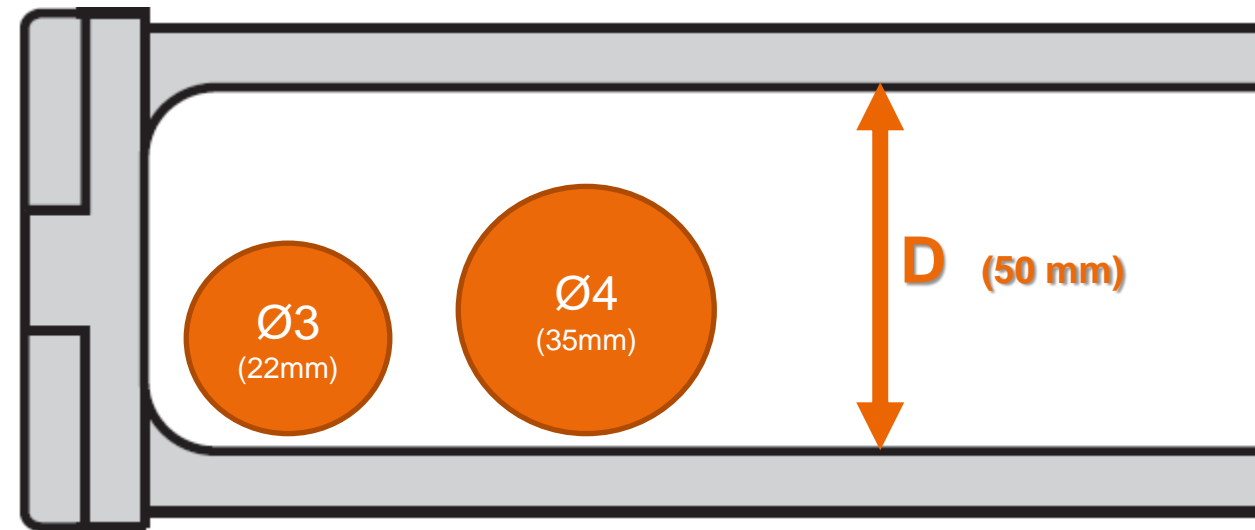
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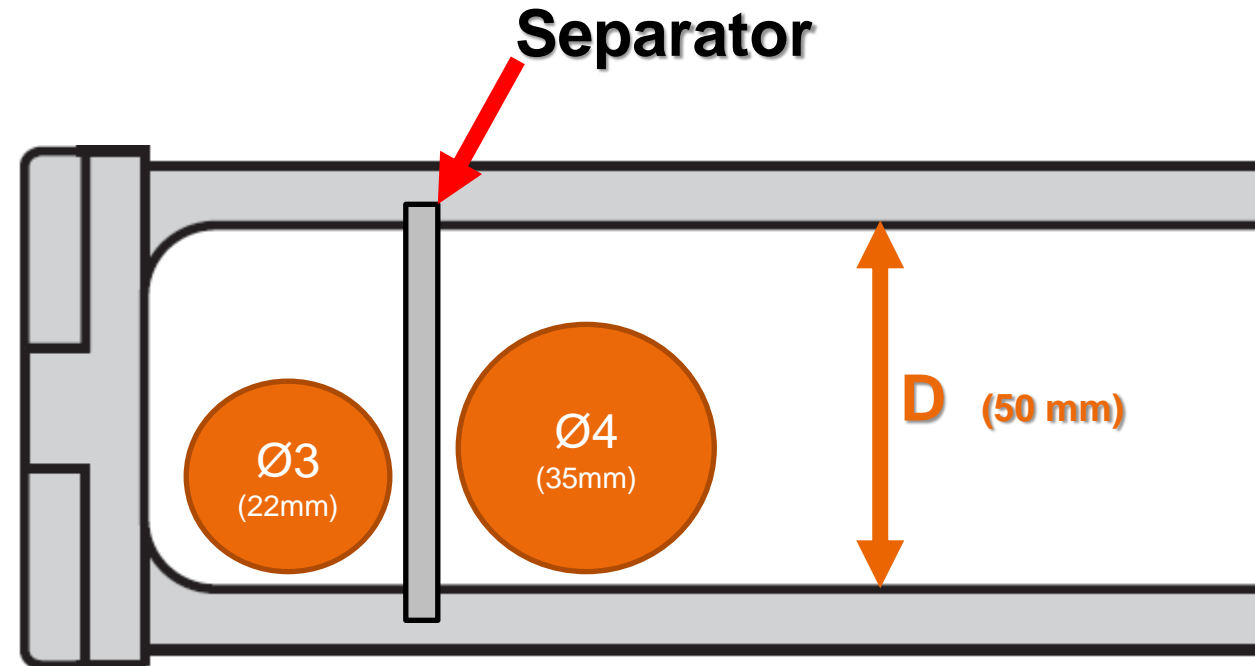
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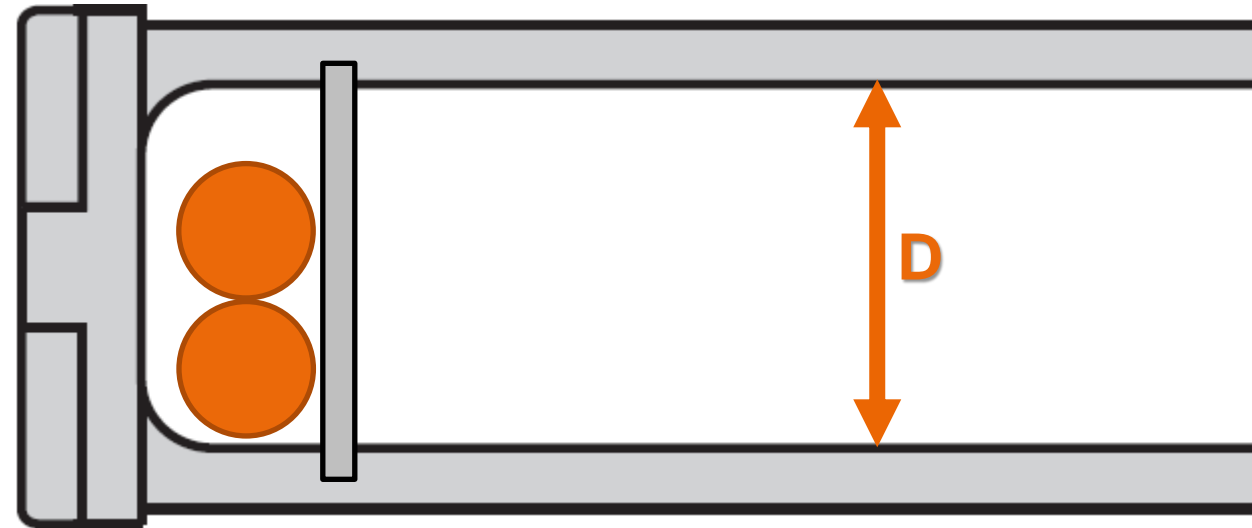


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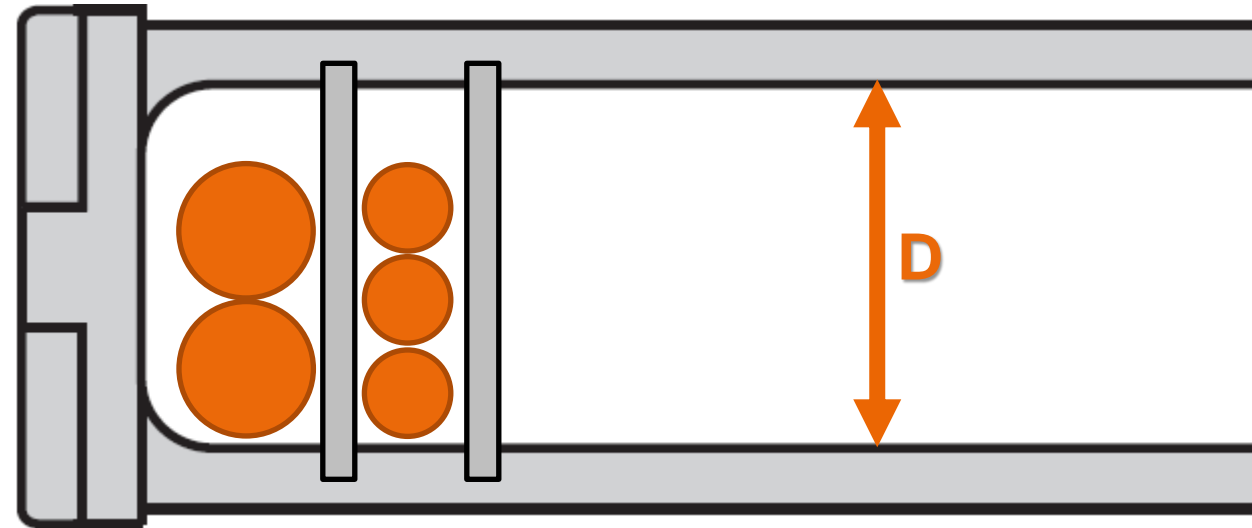
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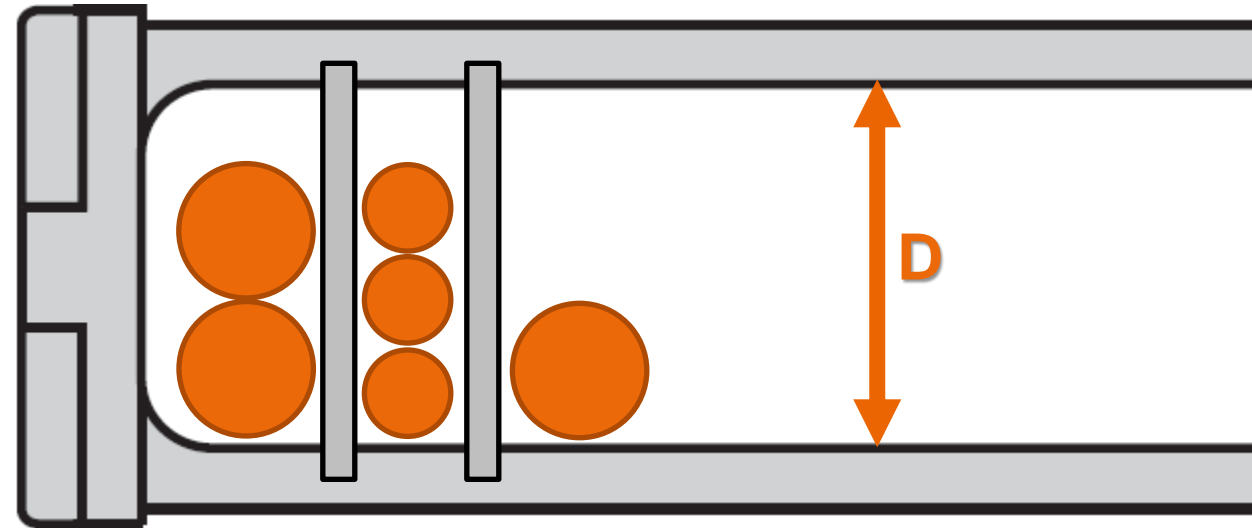
**More cables are
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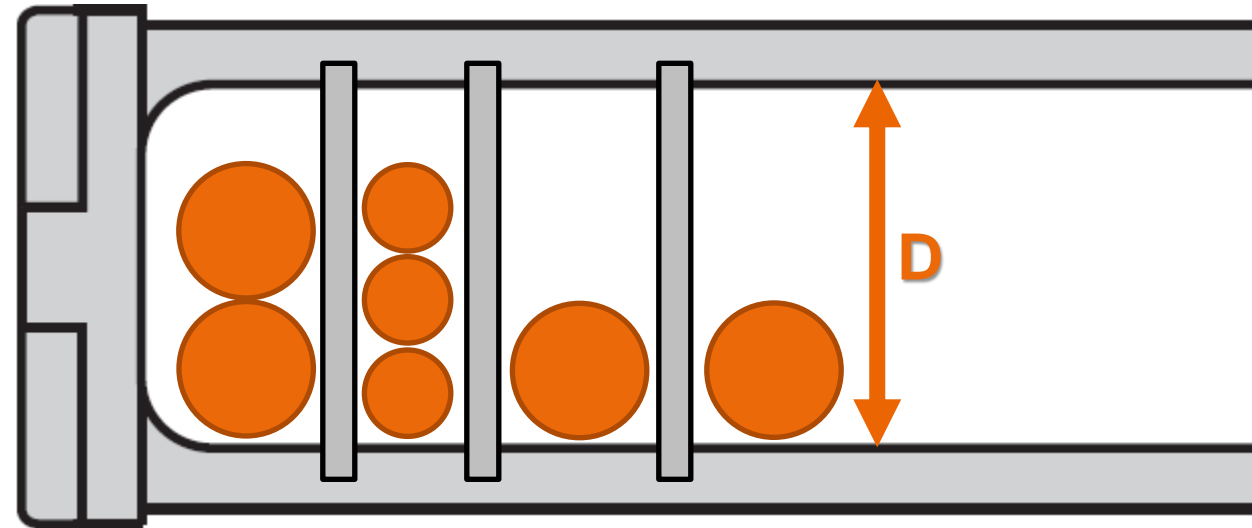
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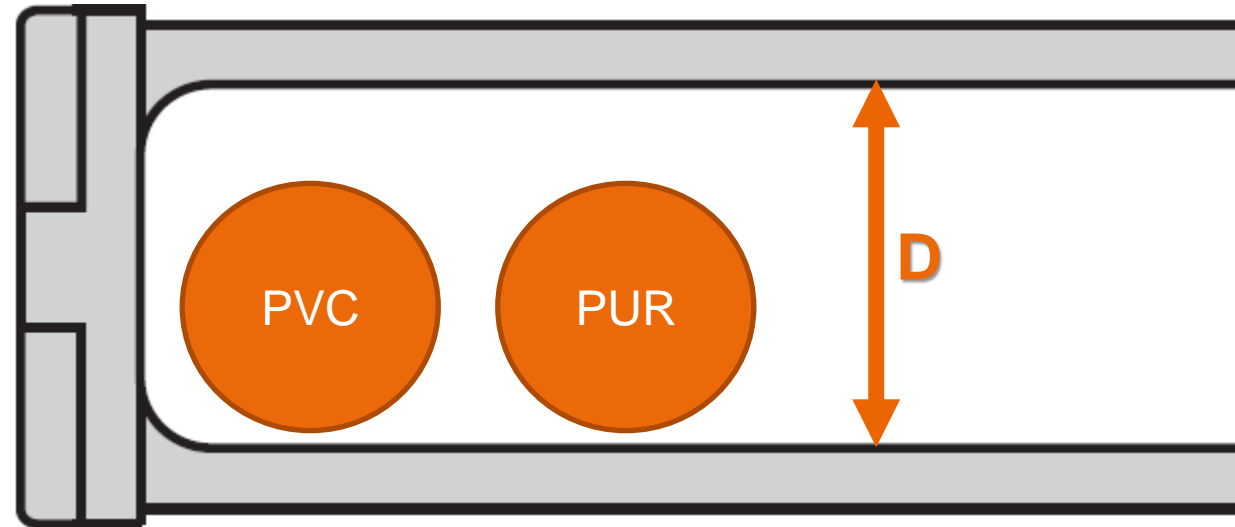


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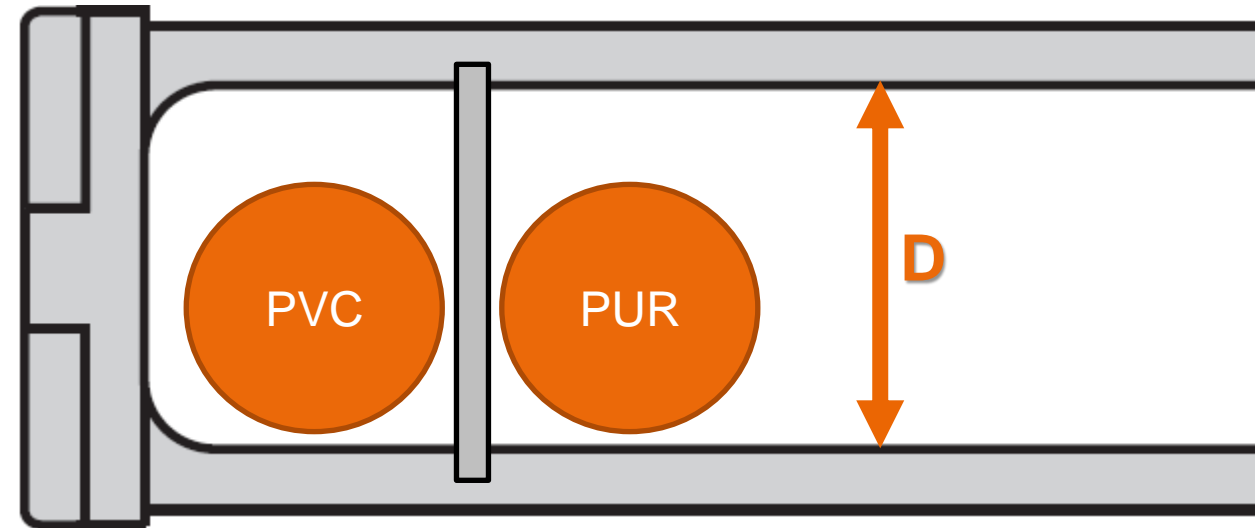
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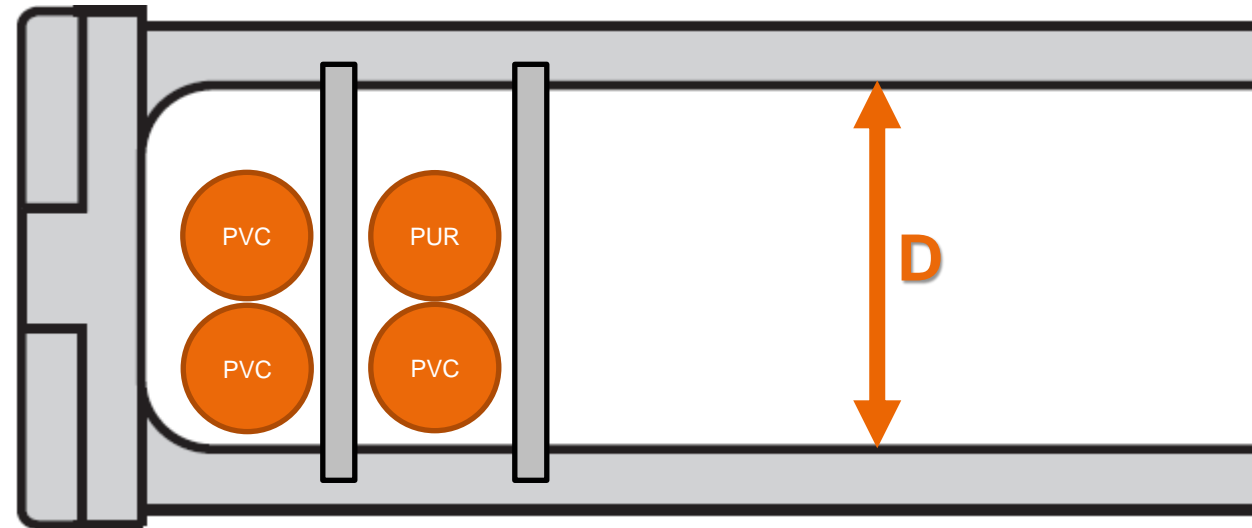


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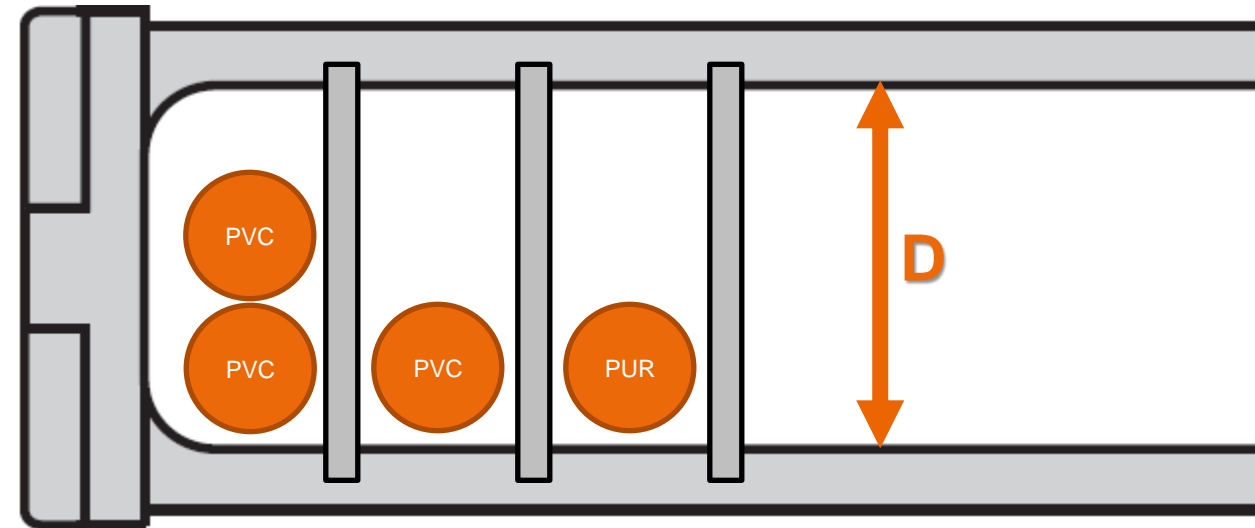
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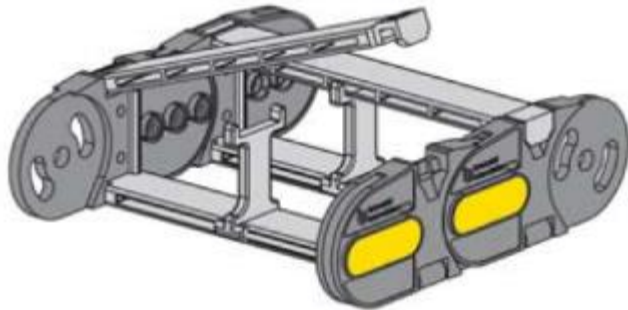
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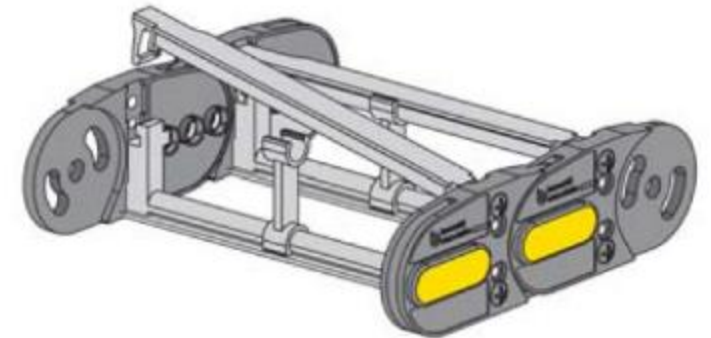
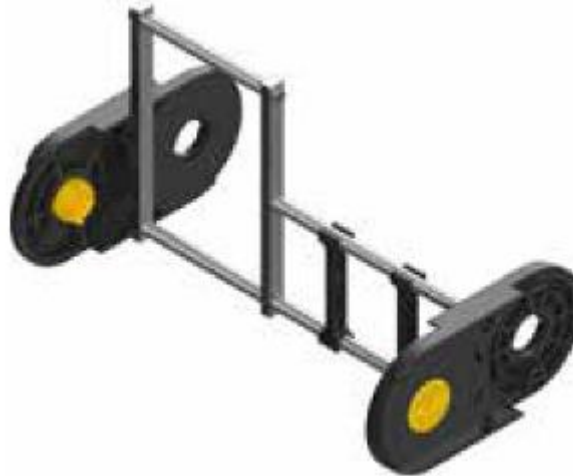
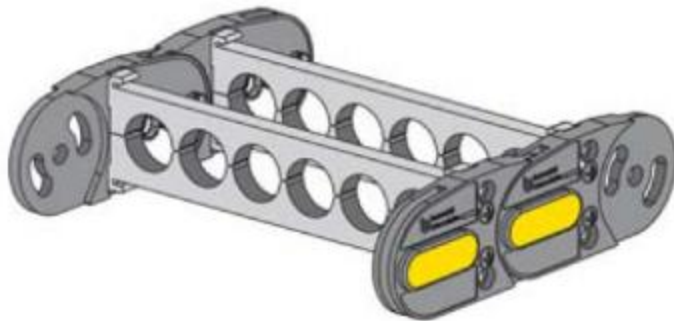
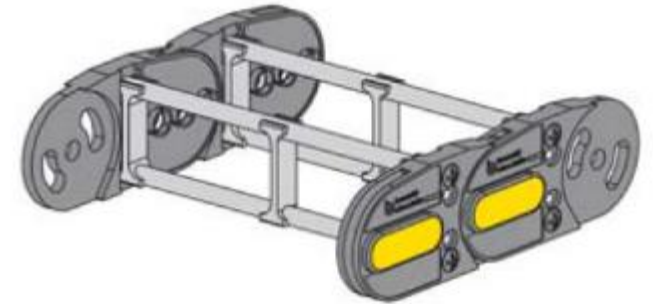
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Interior Shelving Examples:



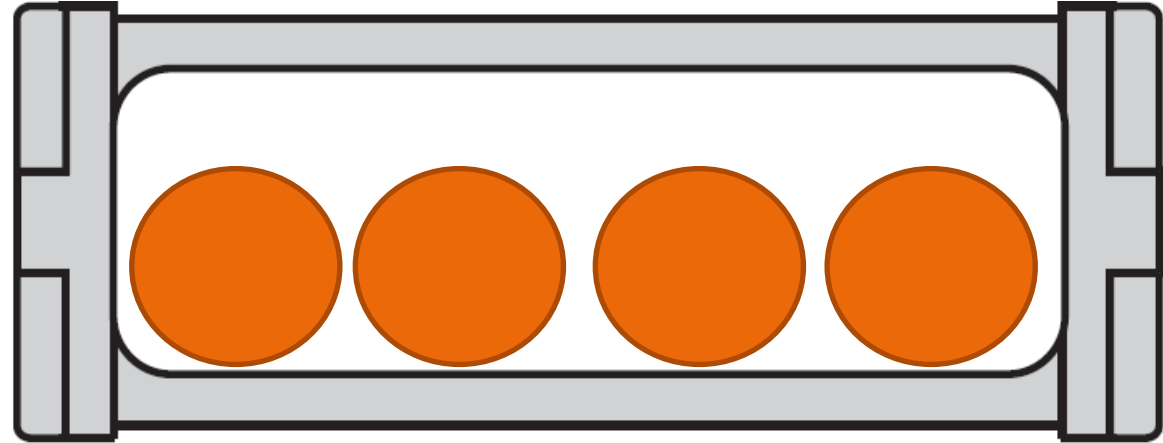
Different separator options



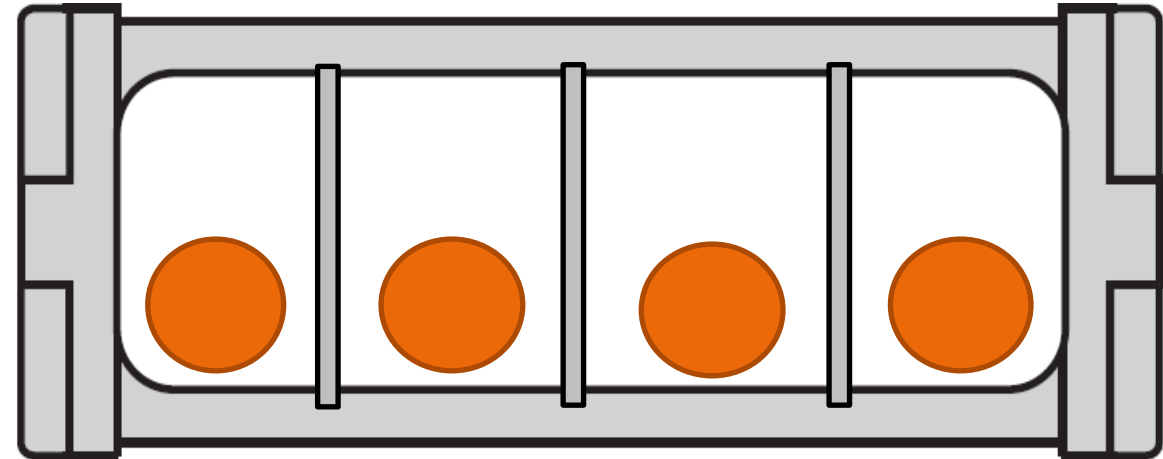
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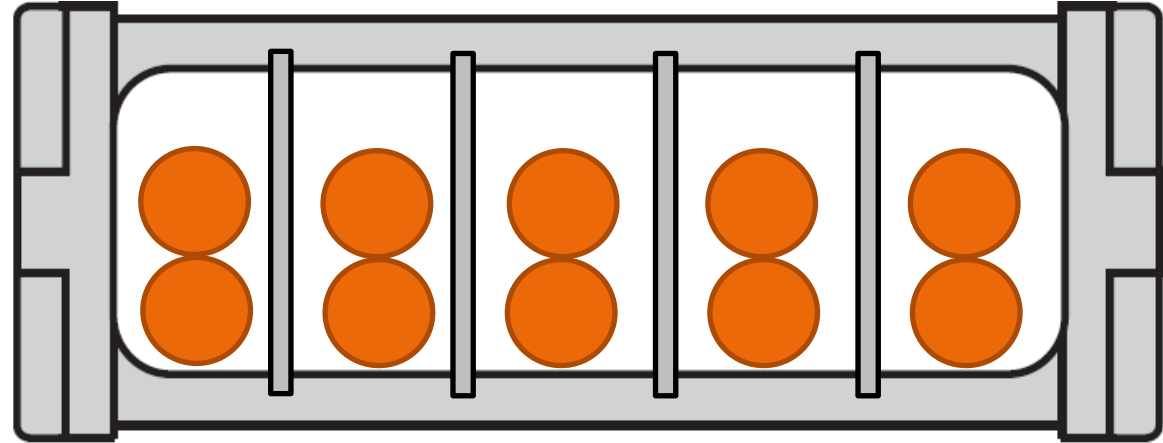
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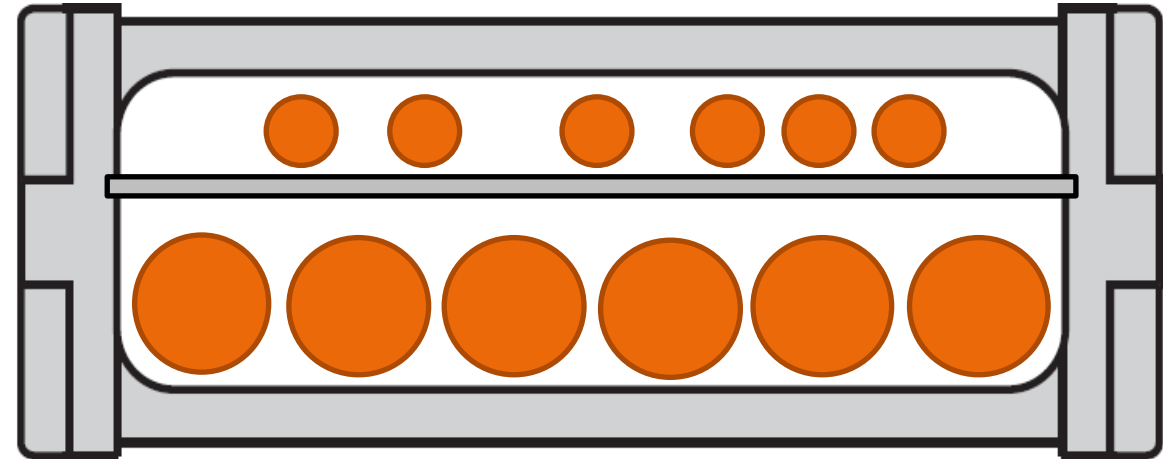
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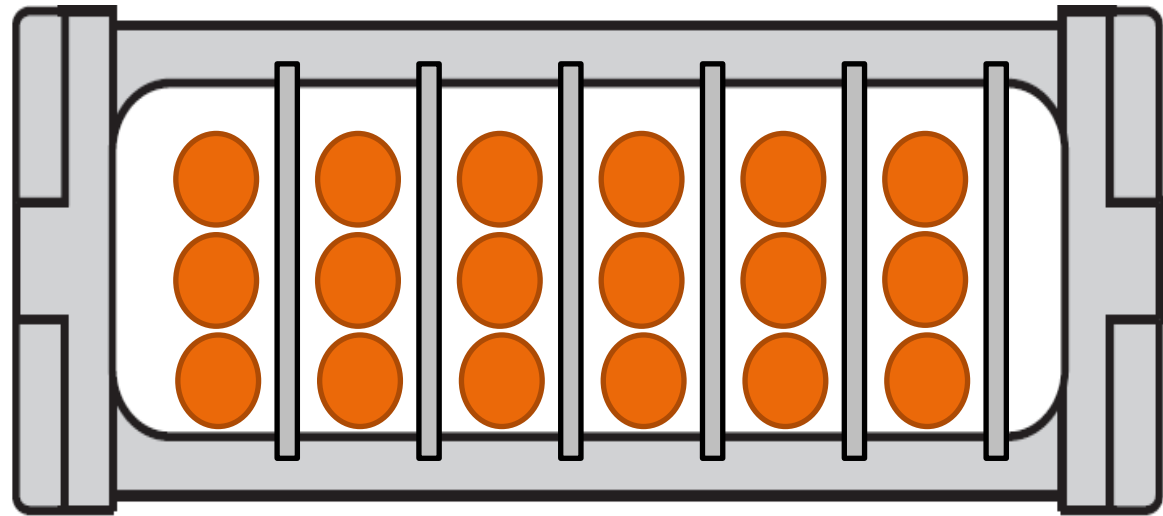


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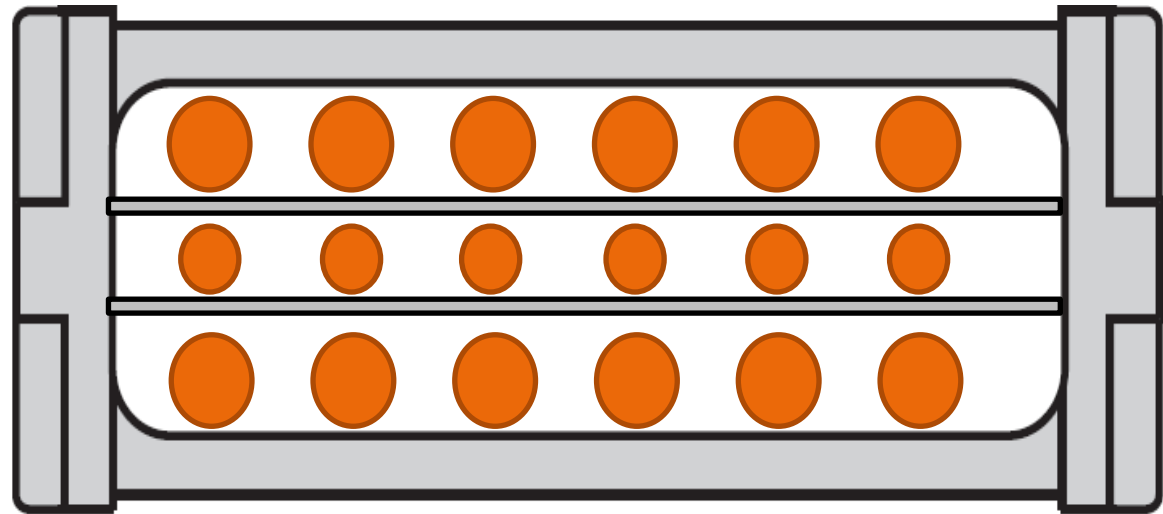


Cables on top of each other (three rows)

a. with separators



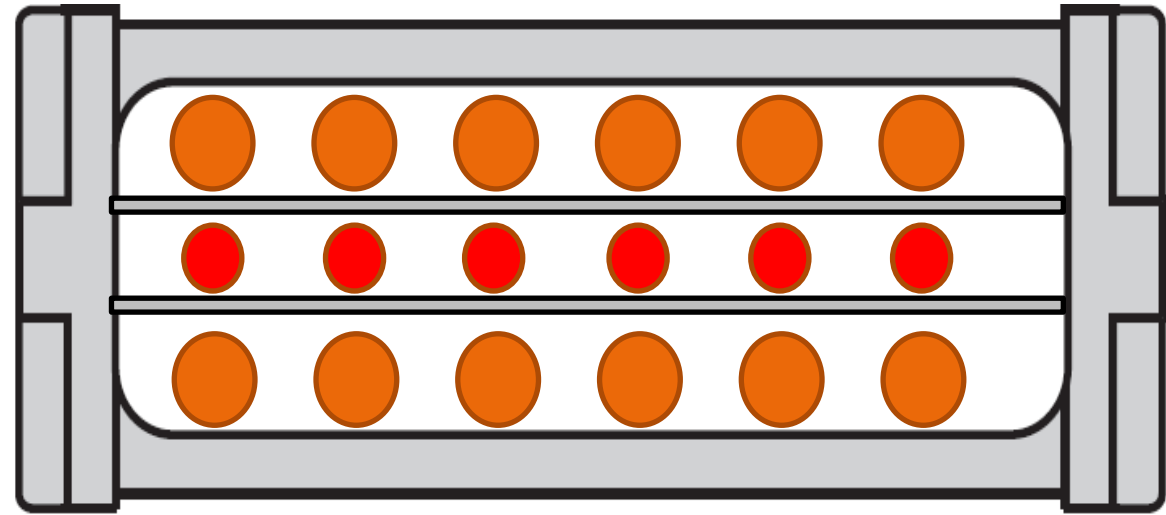
If possible, avoid placing 3 or more similar and/or different cables or hoses into one cavity compartment.



What's not so good with this design?

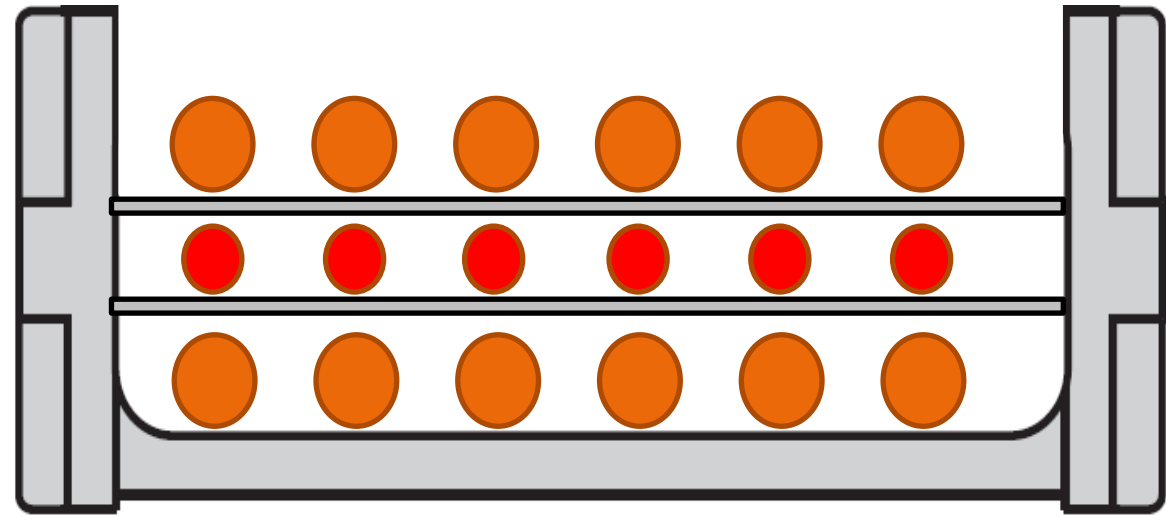
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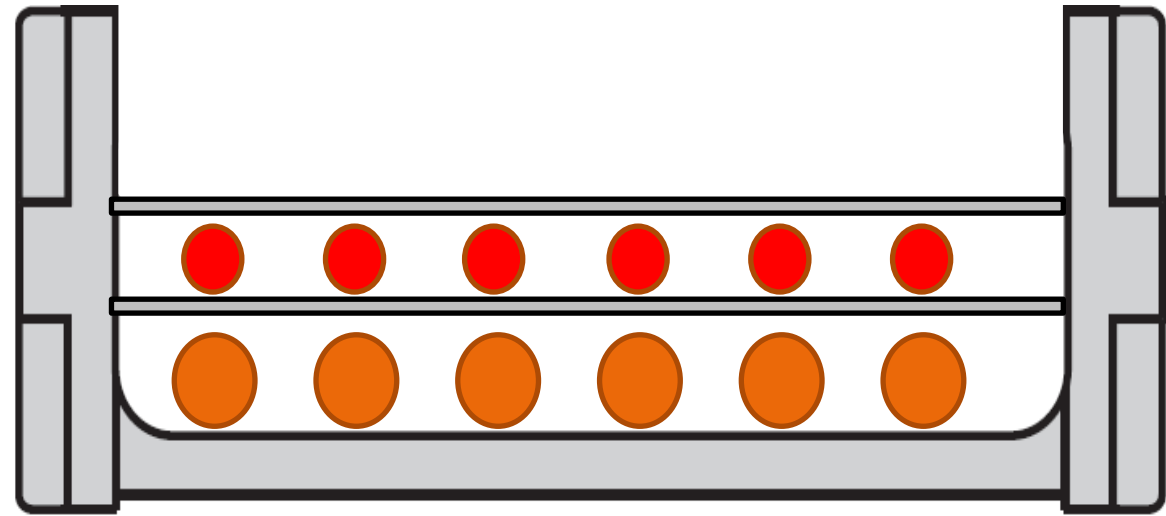


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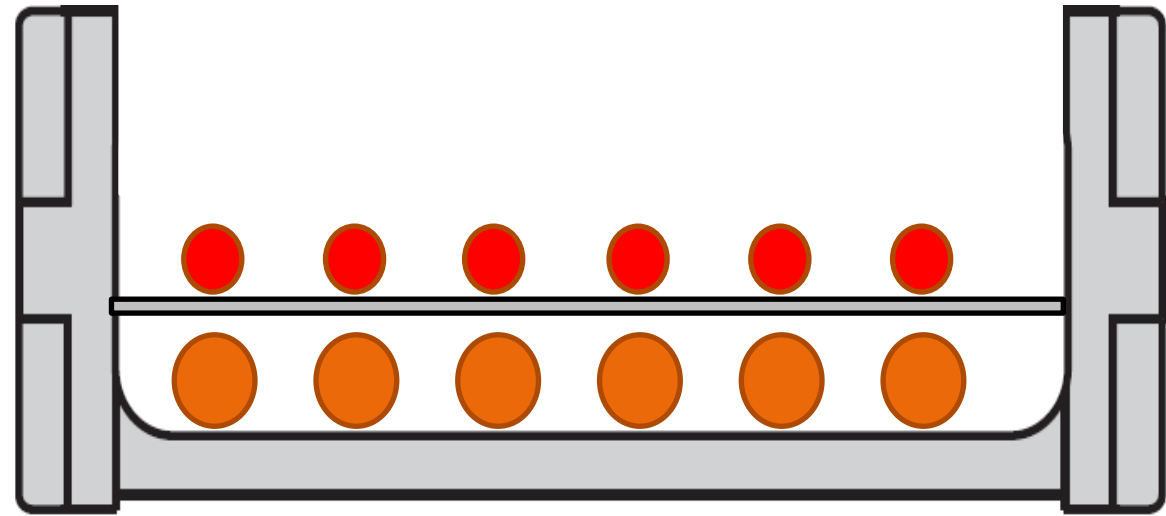


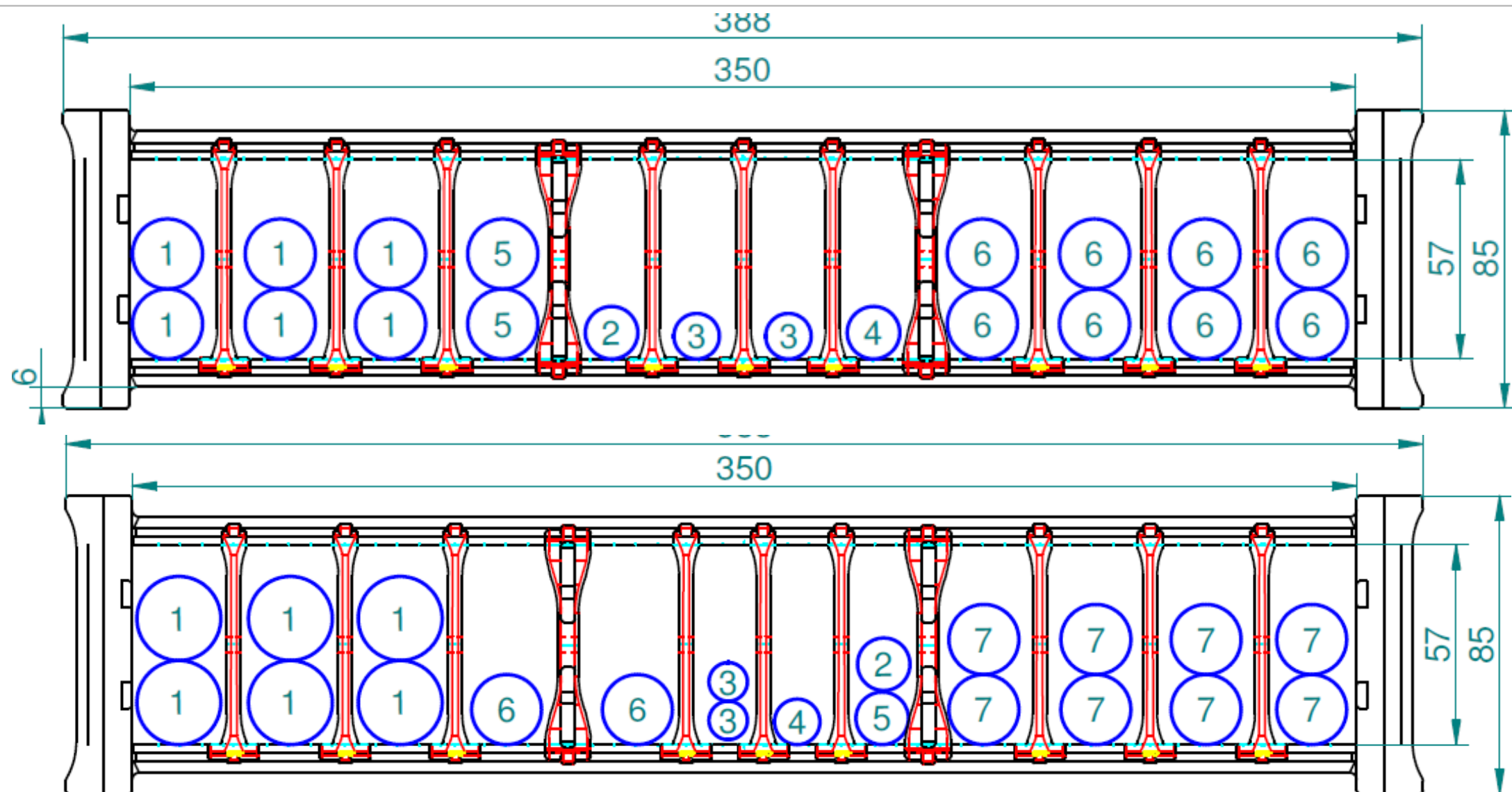
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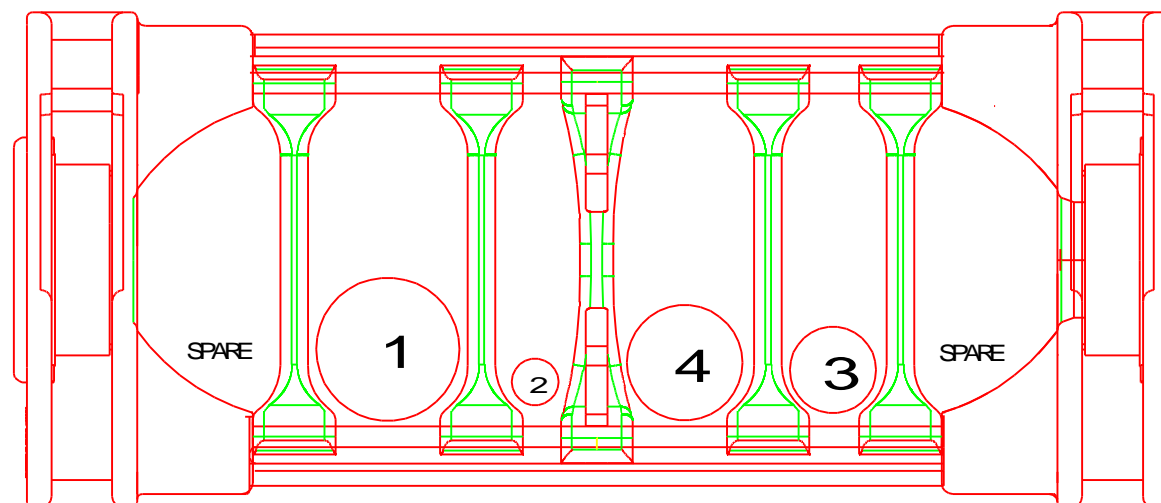
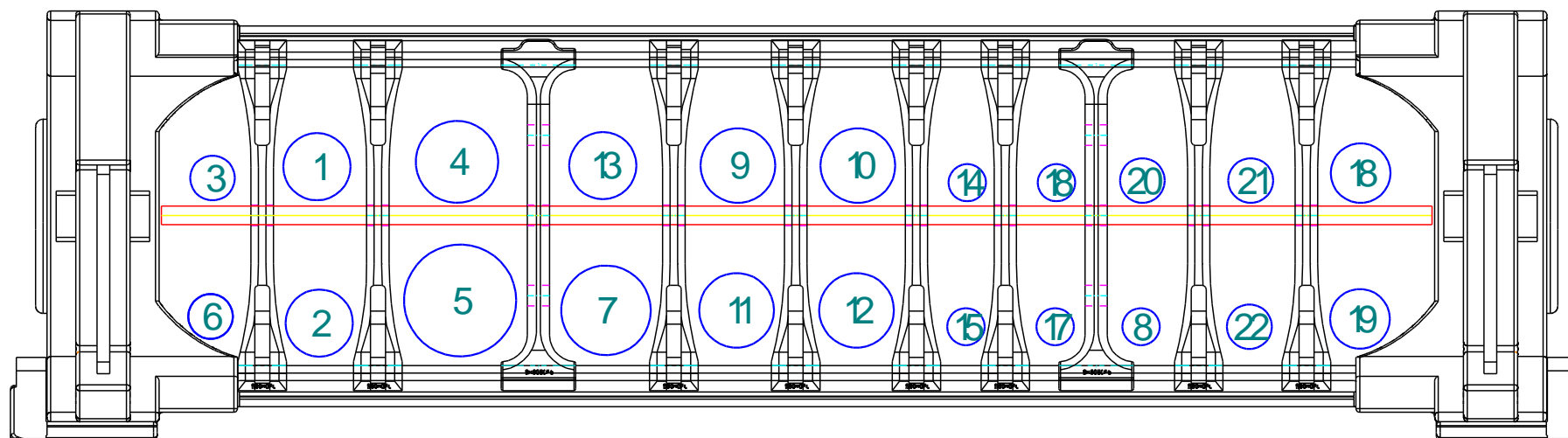


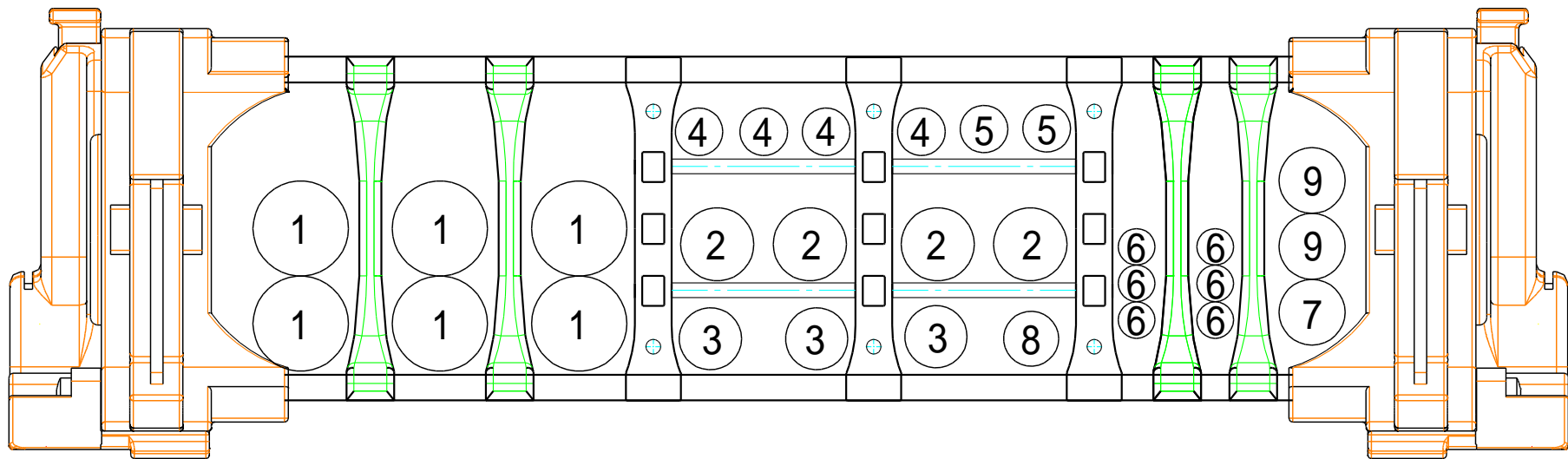
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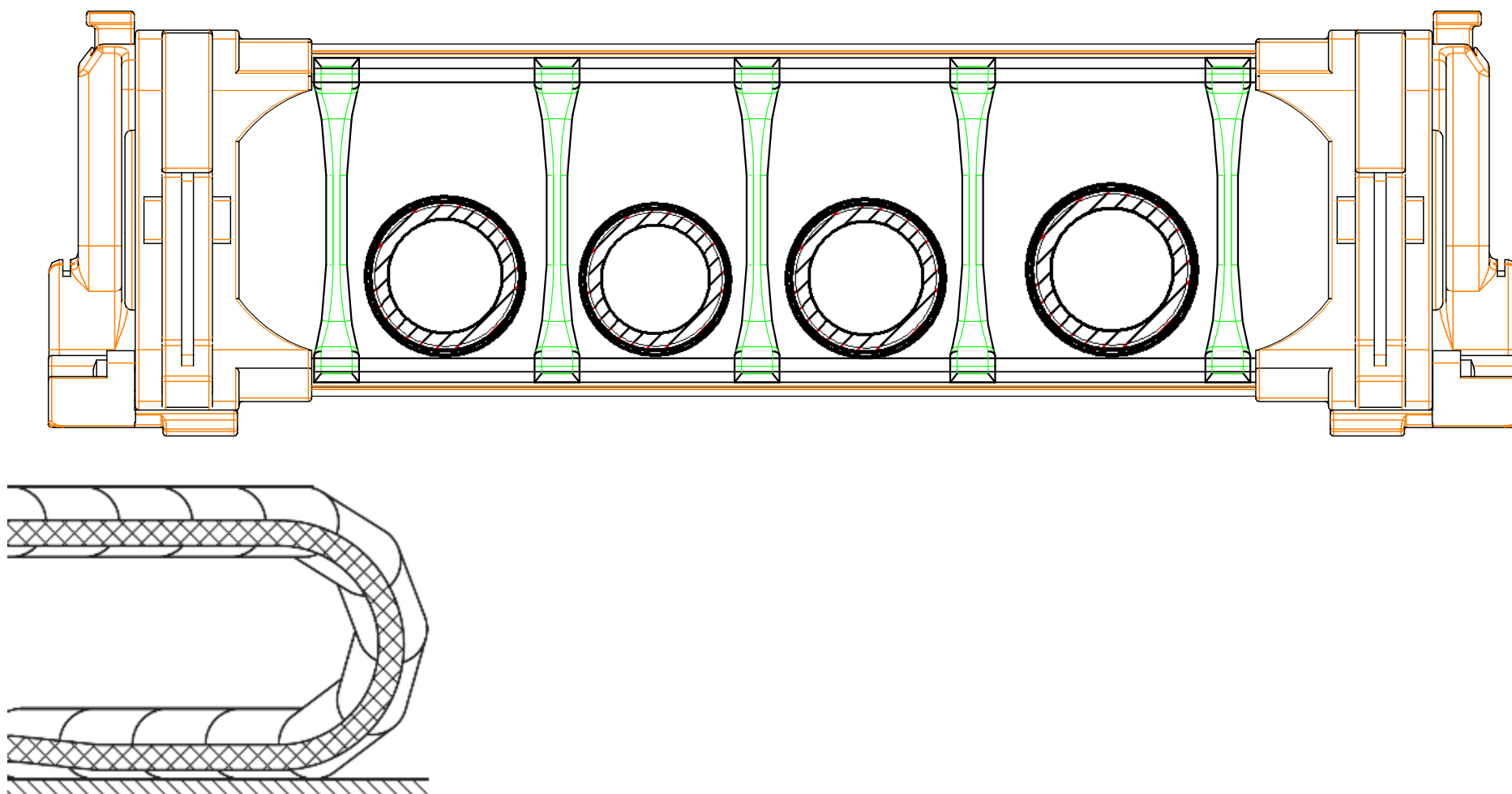
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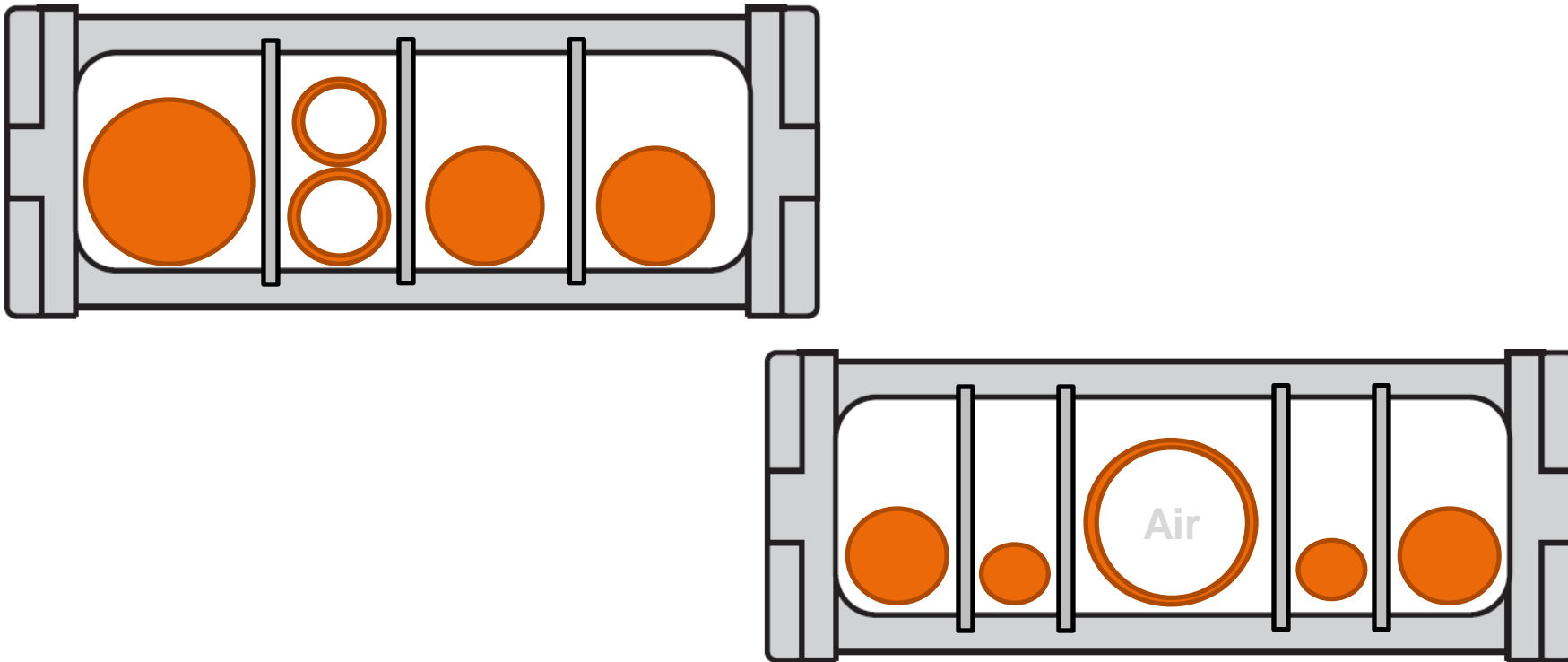


4. ADDITIONAL DESIGN ADVICE

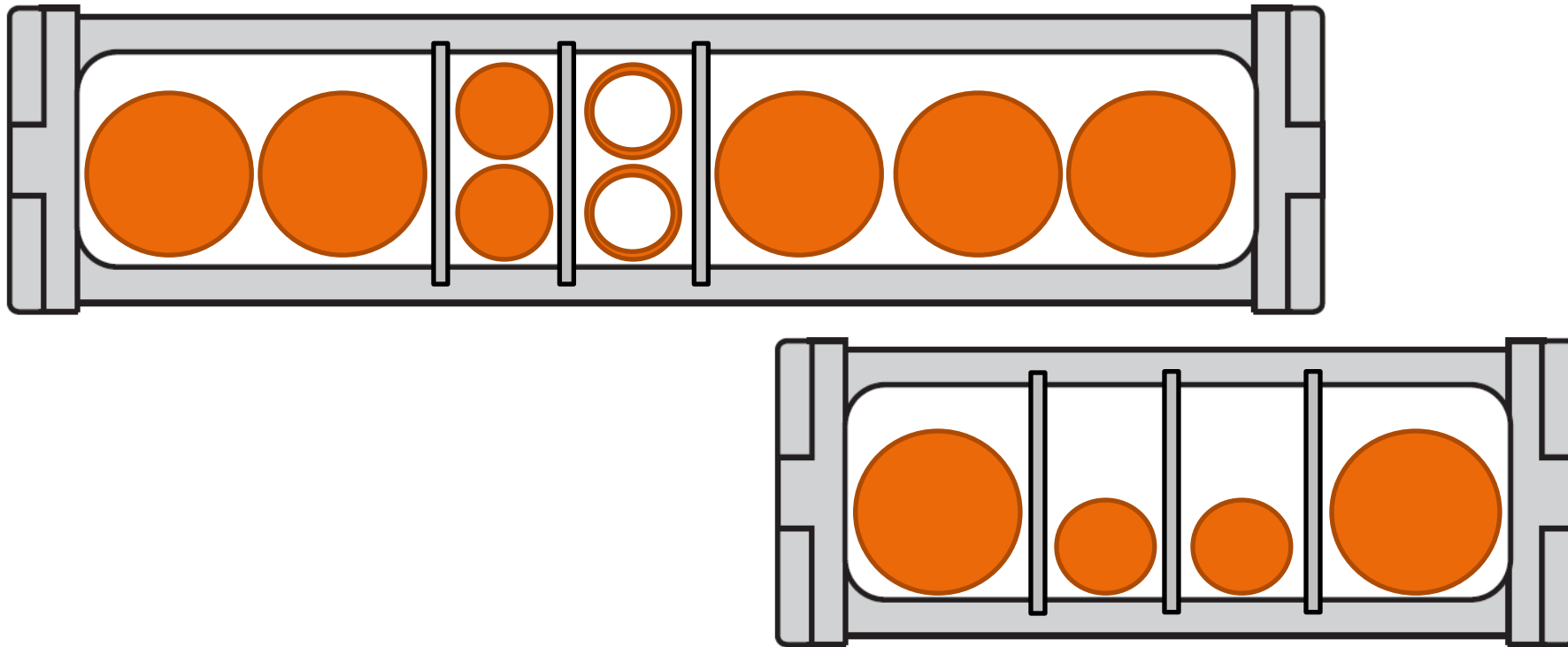
1. Separators are typically assembled every alternate link



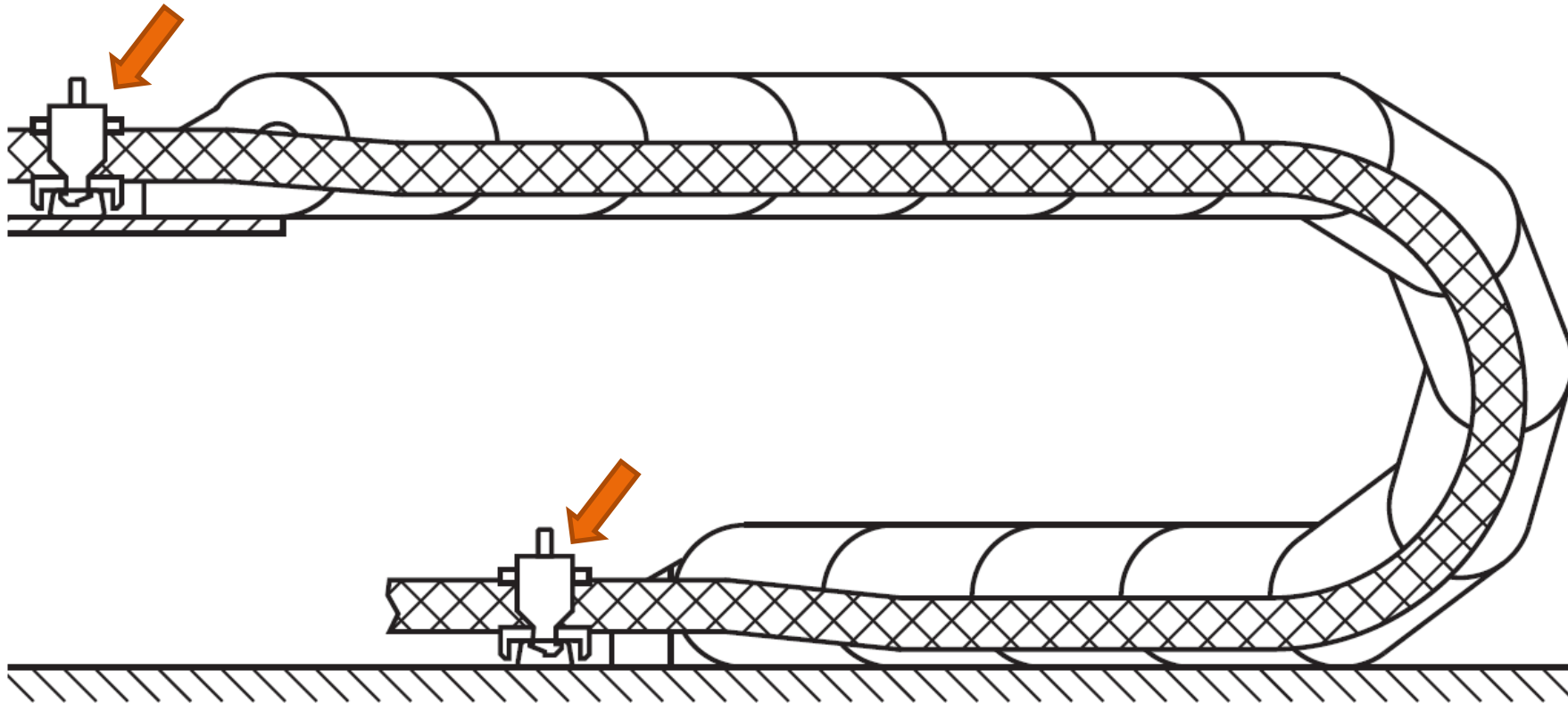
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3. Both cable ends must be fixed with strain relief



Fixation profiles



Cable clamps



Cable combs



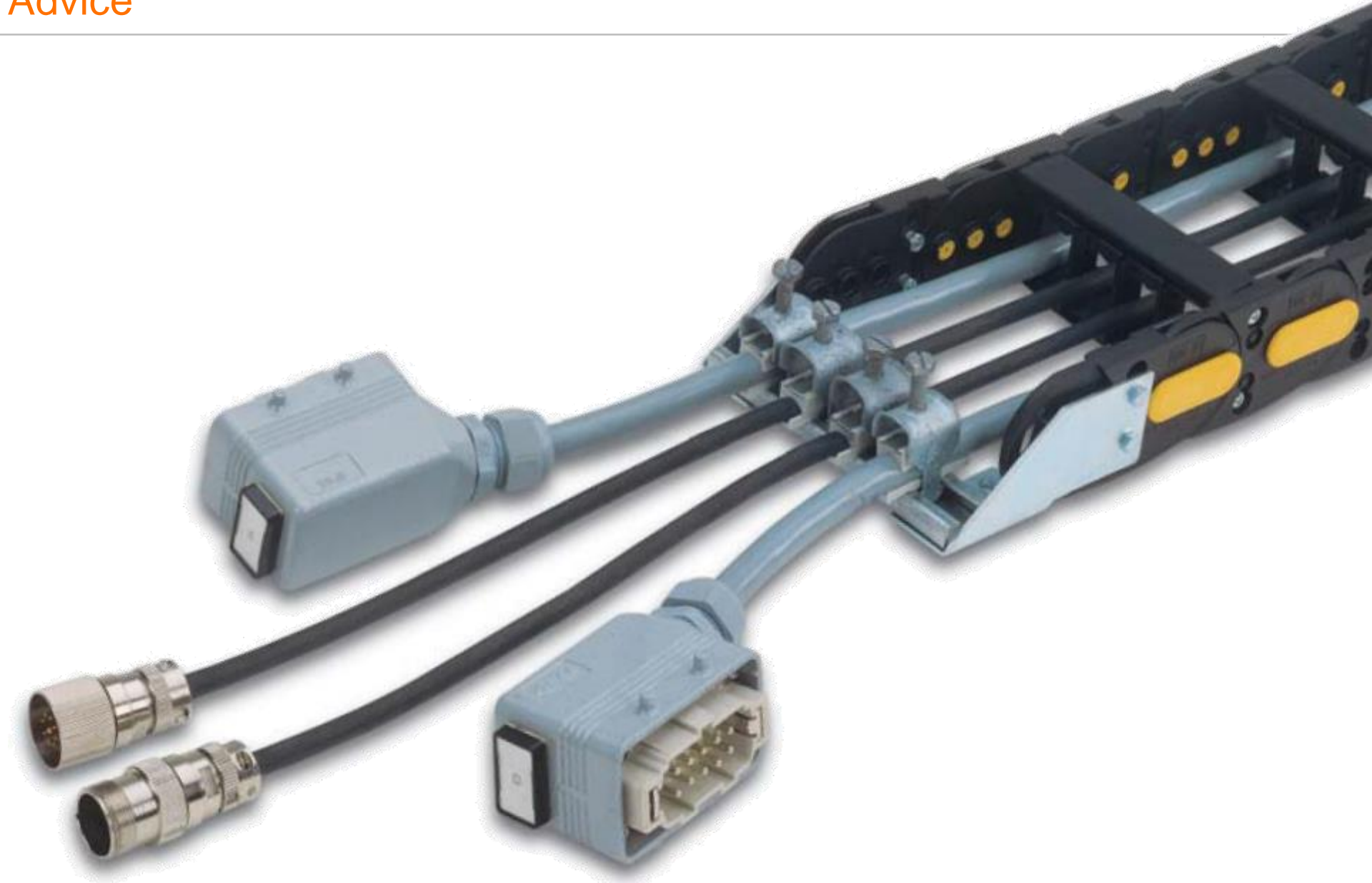
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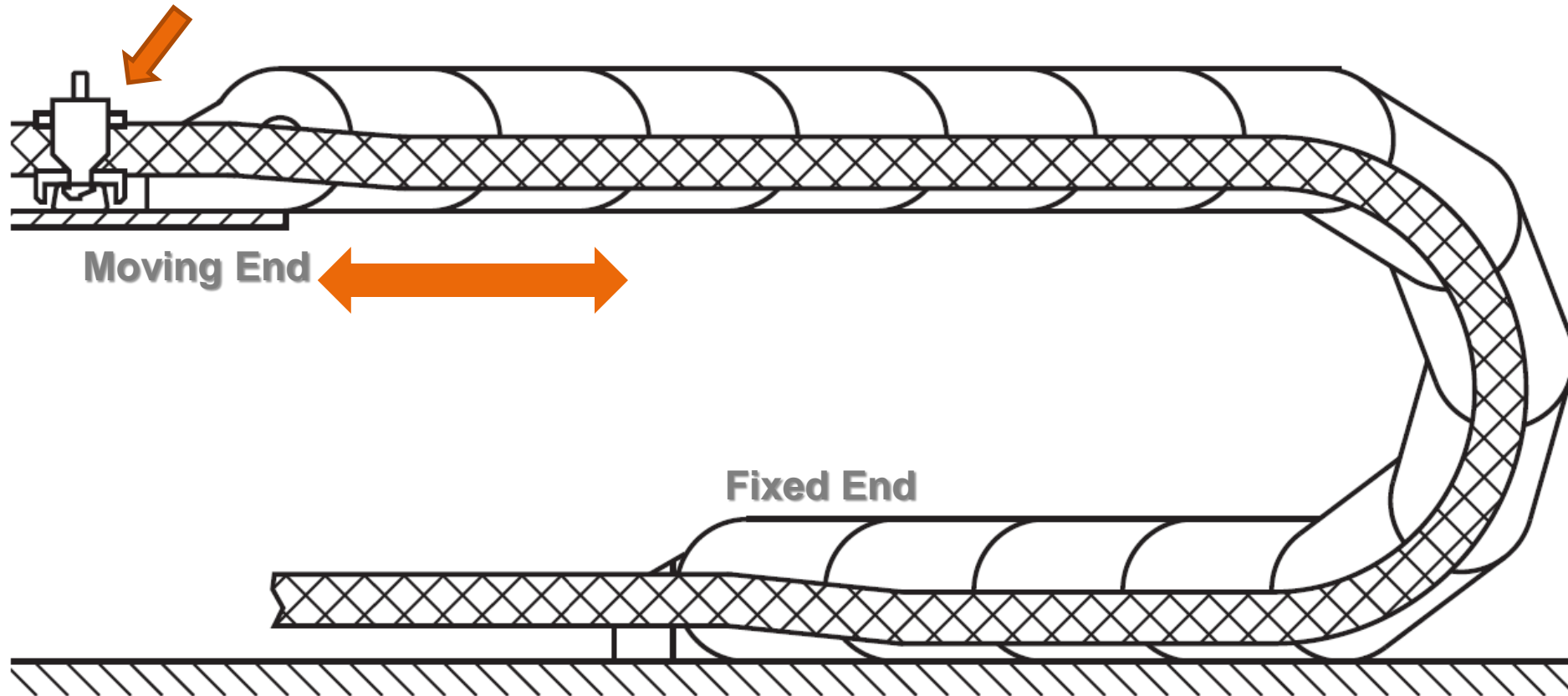
Clip mounted on cross frame



Clip mounted on a profile



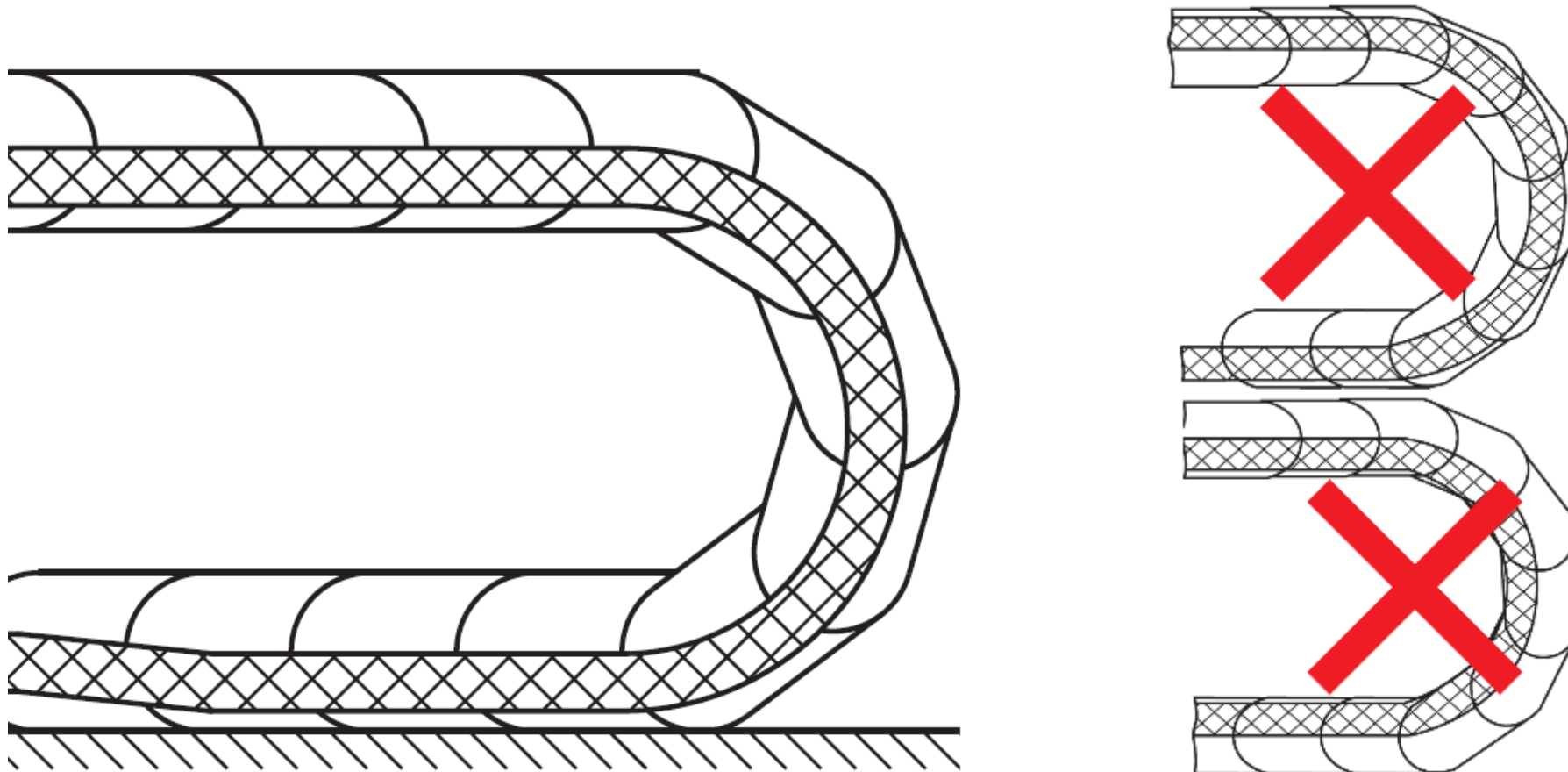
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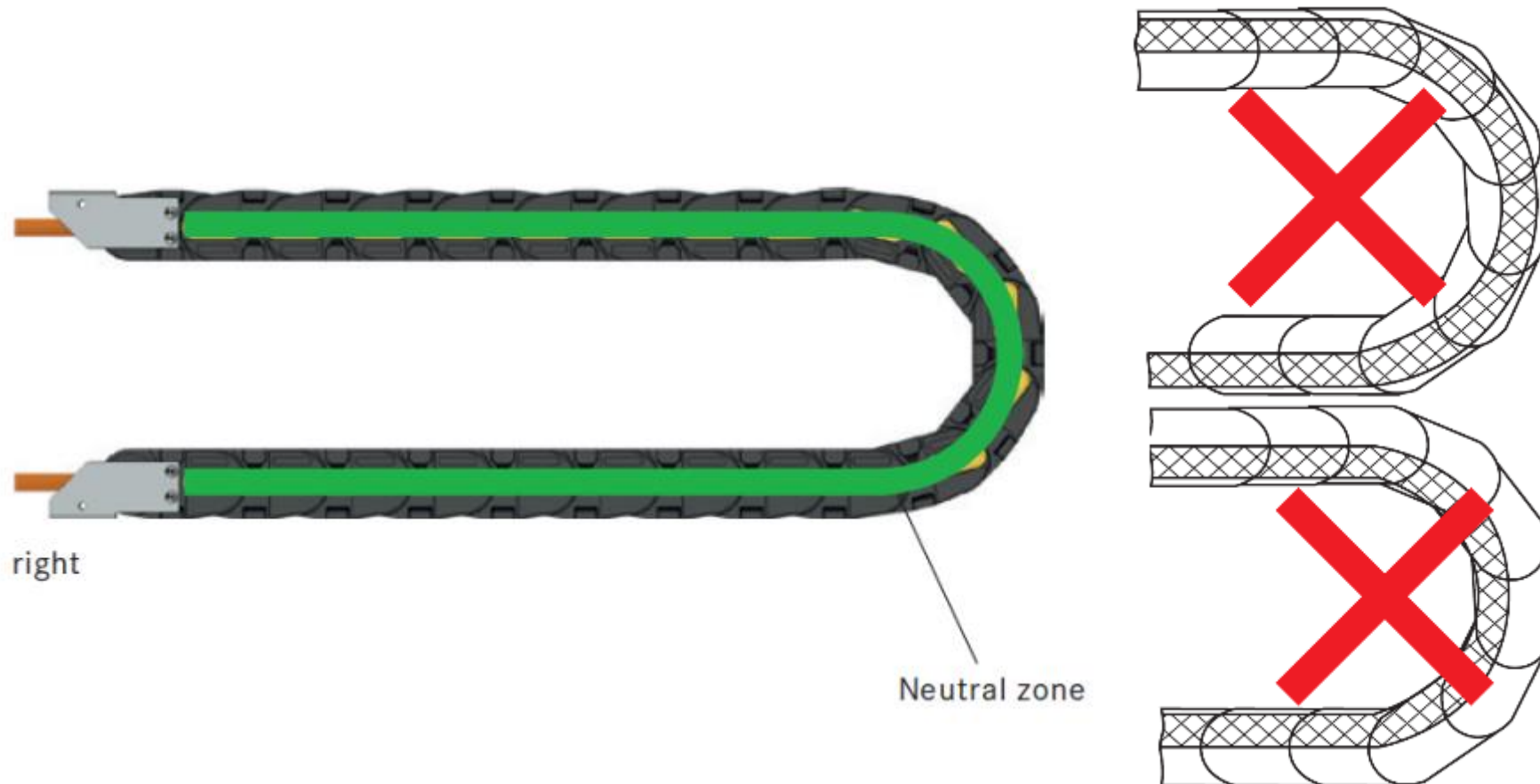
5. Never tie-wrap or fasten cables or hoses onto carrier system links or cross bars



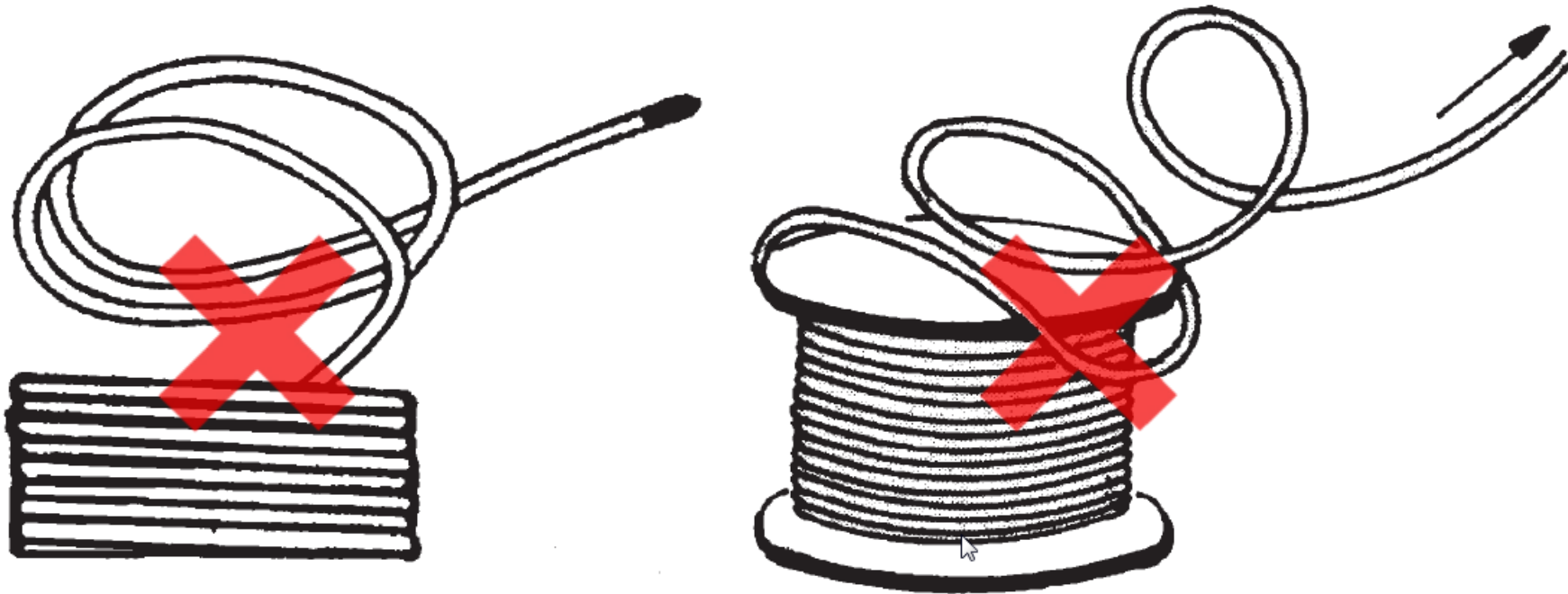
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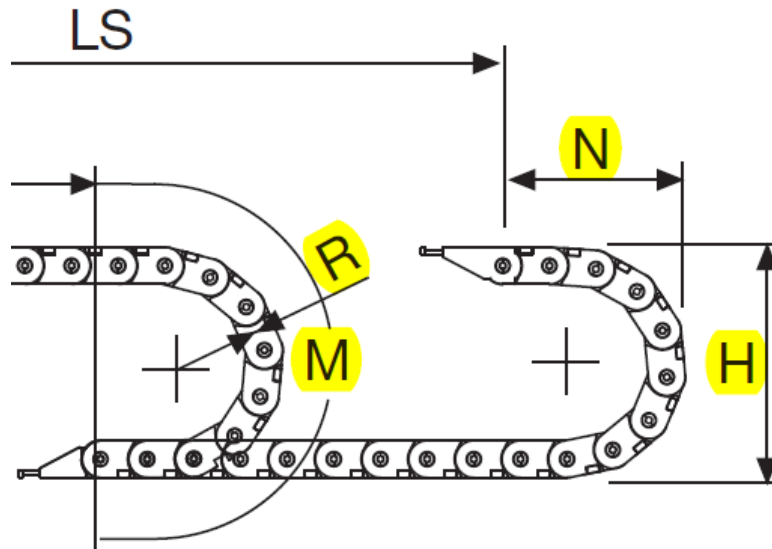
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IMPORTANT Design Advice

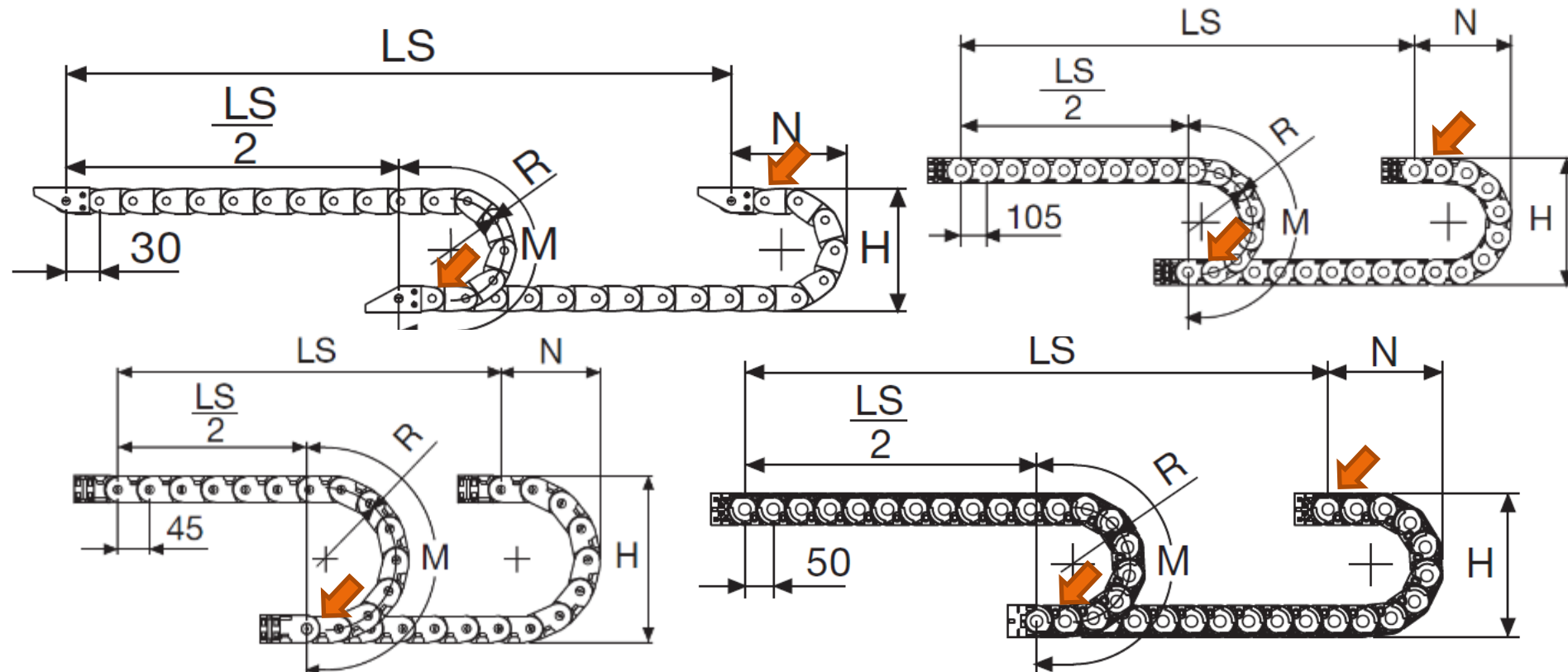


8. Drag Chain installation done according to recommendation value in the catalogue



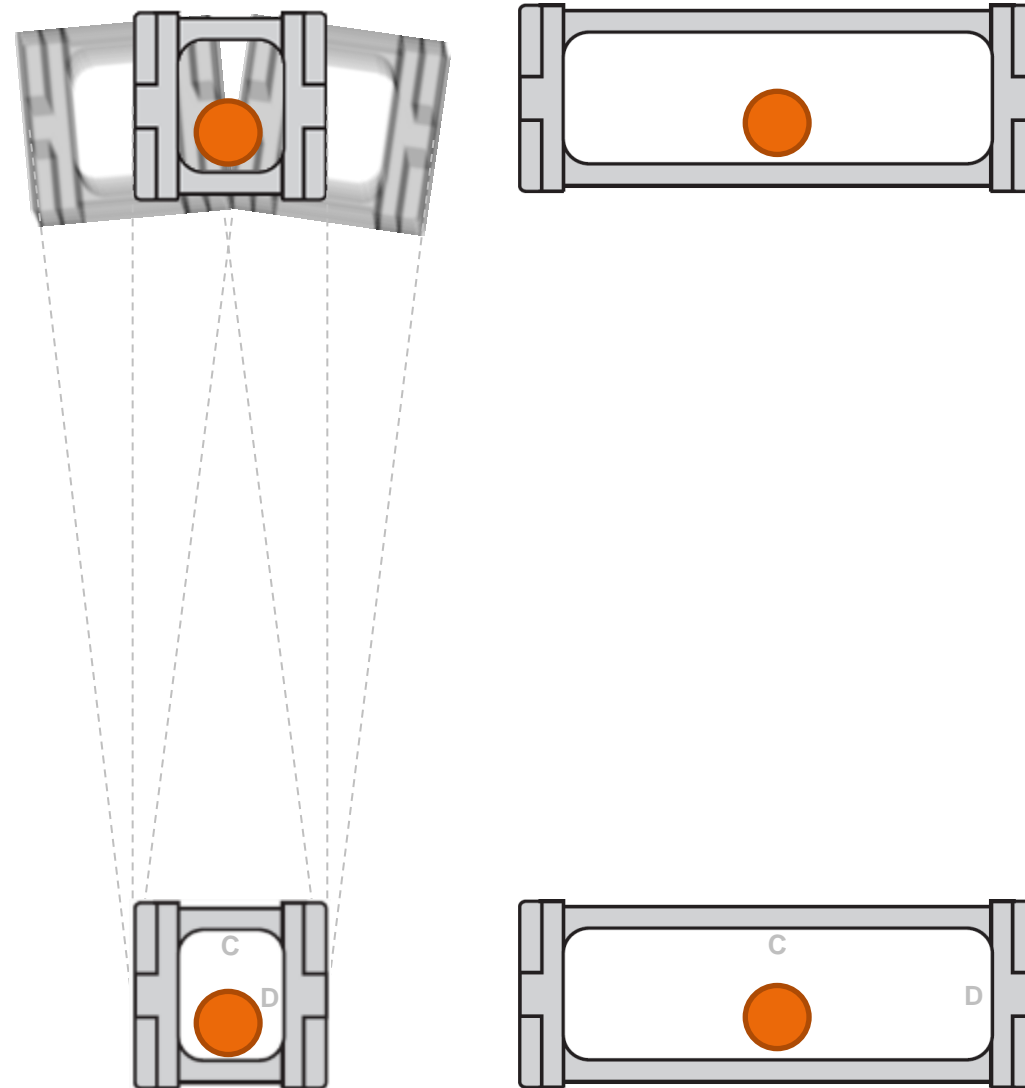
R mm	H mm	N mm	M mm
028	79	68,5	146
038	99	78,5	177
045	113	85,5	199
060	143	100,5	246
075	173	115,5	294
100	223	140,5	372

9. Always consider one extra link – this is to ensure the drag chain ends are rested when at max travel position

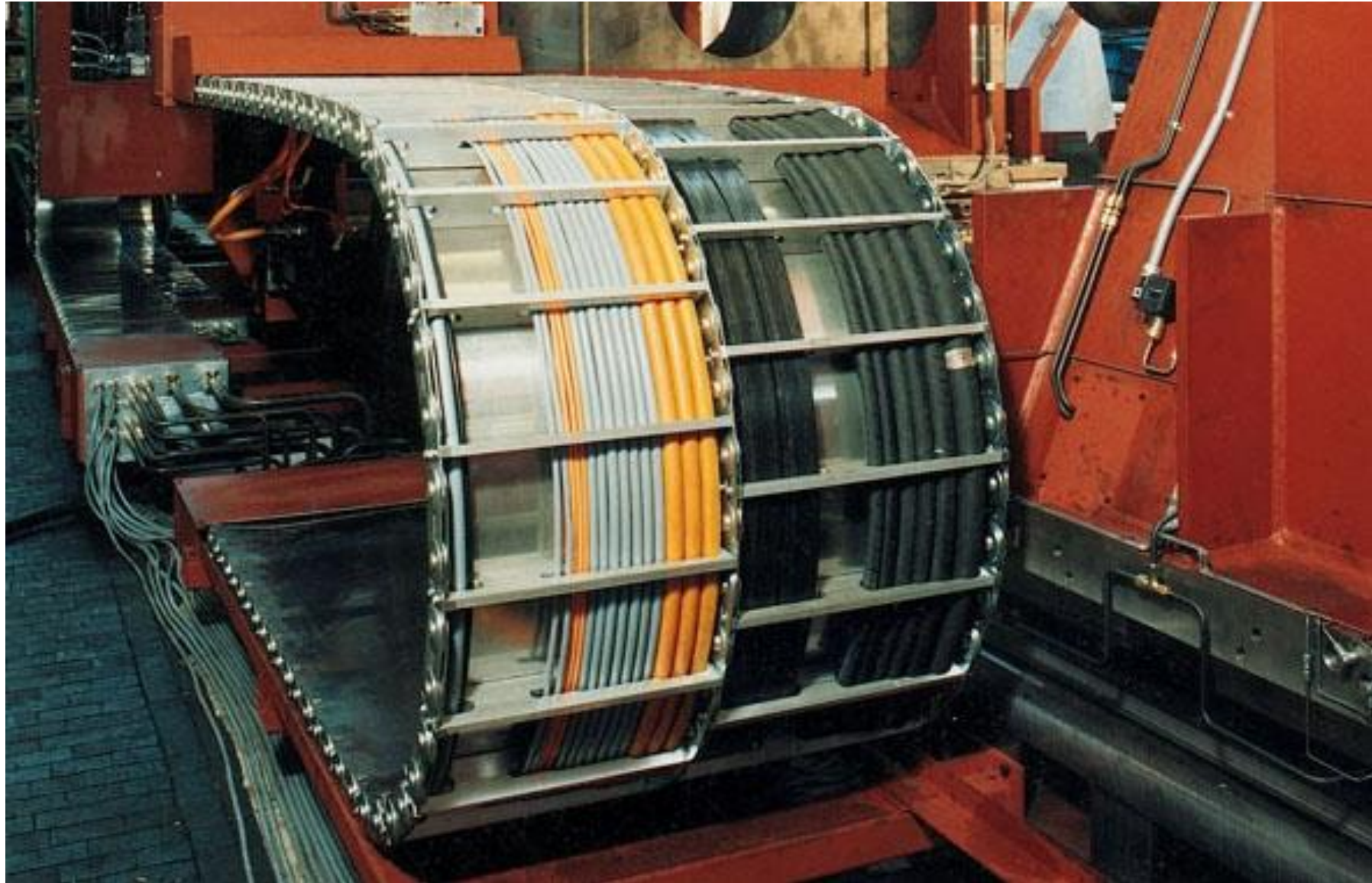


10. Carrier systems may become unstable when the inner width (**C**) is less than 2x the inner height (**D**).

Especially when the bending radius (**R**) selected is greater than 3x the link height.









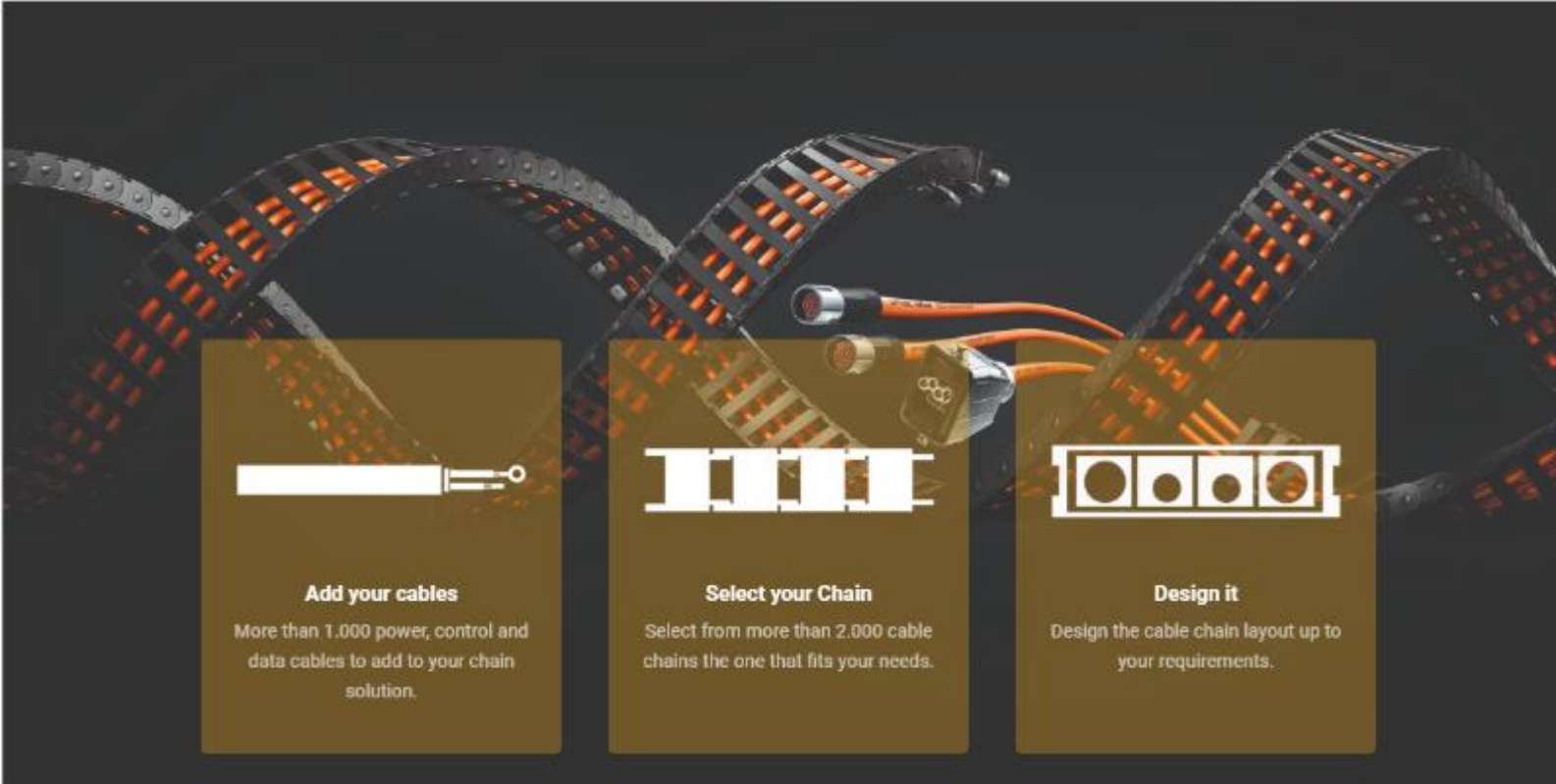


ONLINE TOOLS....



LAPP ÖLFLEX® CONNECT CHAIN CONFIGURATOR

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Add your cables

More than 1.000 power, control and data cables to add to your chain solution.

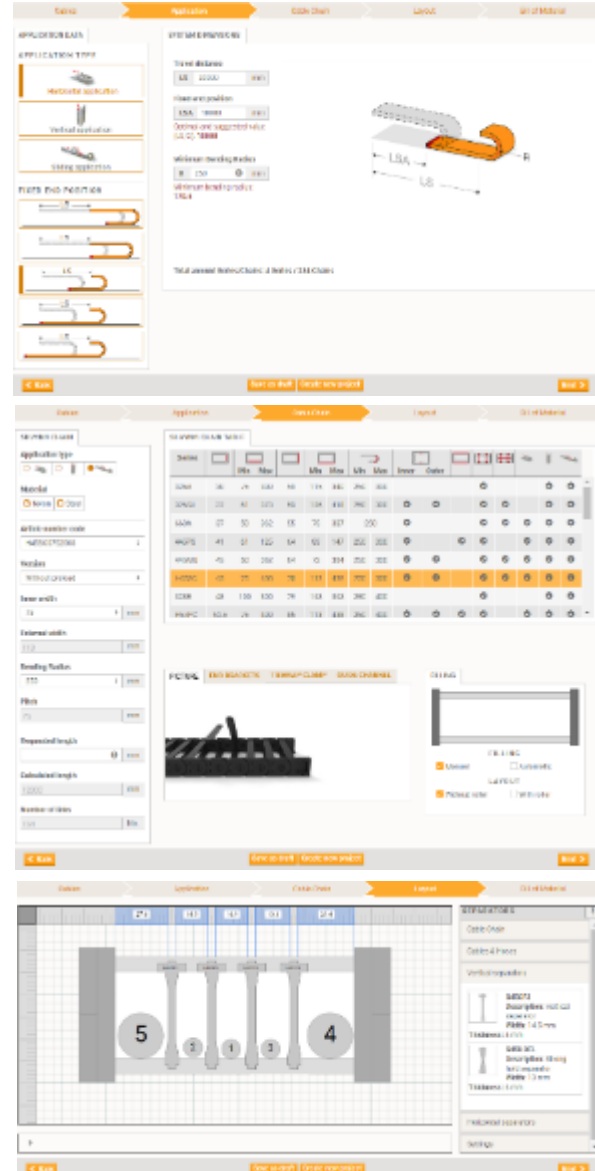
Select your Chain

Select from more than 2.000 cable chains the one that fits your needs.

Design it

Design the cable chain layout up to your requirements.

<https://chainconfigurator.lappgroup.com/>



The screenshot displays the LAPP Chain Configurator software interface, which is divided into several sections for configuring a cable chain system.

Top Navigation: Tabs for "Details", "Application", "Cable Chain", "Layout", and "Bill of Materials".

Left Sidebar (Application Details):

- APPLICATION DATA:** Includes fields for "APPLICATION TYPE" (e.g., "Machine tool"), "Travel distance" (e.g., "1000"), "Chain length" (e.g., "1000"), "Chain width" (e.g., "1000"), and "Chain depth" (e.g., "1000").
- PLUGS END POSITION:** Shows diagrams for different plug configurations.

Main Content Area:

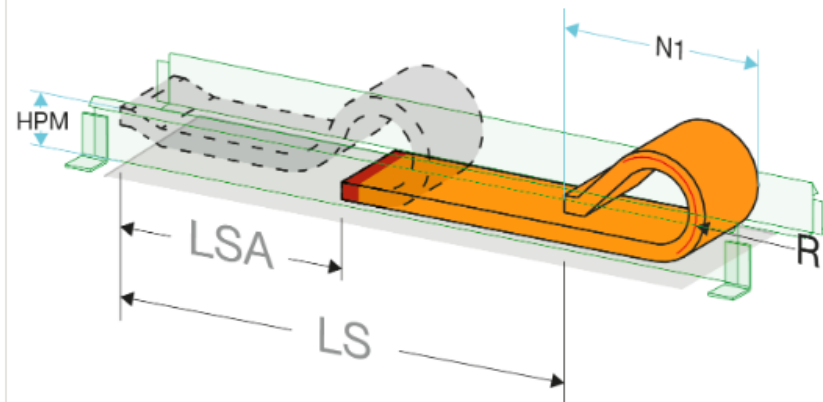
- Table:** A table listing various cable chain models with columns for "Model", "Length", "Width", "Depth", "Weight", and "Price".
- Diagram:** A 3D diagram of a cable chain system, showing the chain, cables, and end positions.
- Configuration Options:** Includes checkboxes for "Chain type" (e.g., "Standard", "Special"), "Chain material" (e.g., "Steel", "Aluminum"), and "Chain color" (e.g., "Black", "White").

Bottom Section (Layout):

- Diagram:** A 2D layout diagram showing the cable chain system with numbered components (1-5).
- Table:** A table listing the components of the cable chain system, including "Cable", "Plug", "Bracket", and "End cap".

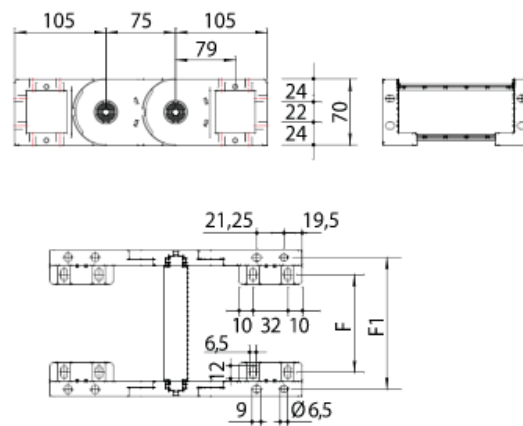
TECHNICAL DRAWING CHAIN ITEMS CABLE ITEMS

Lateral view



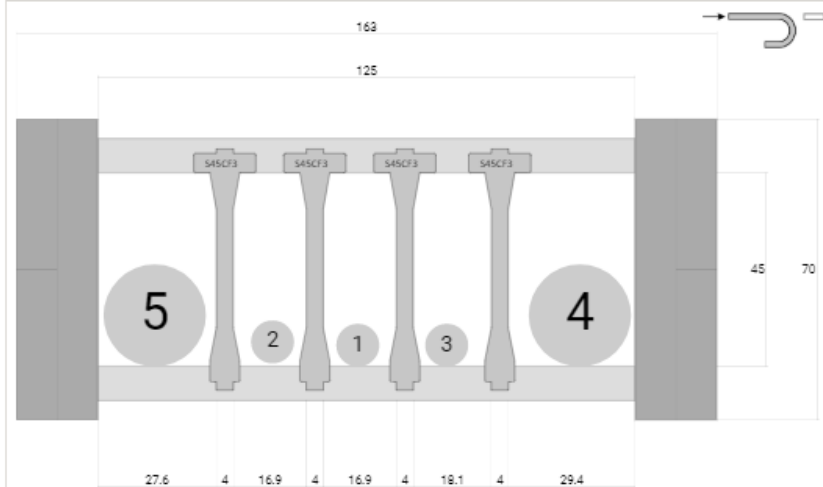
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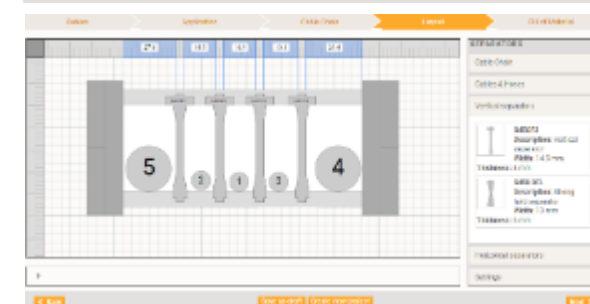
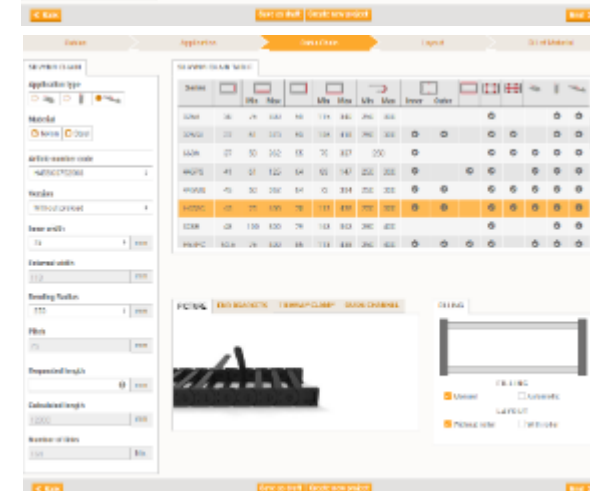
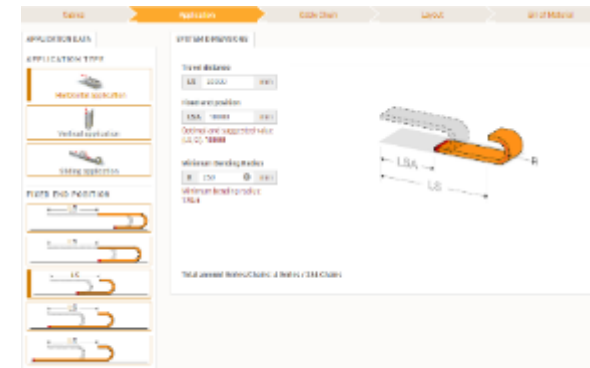
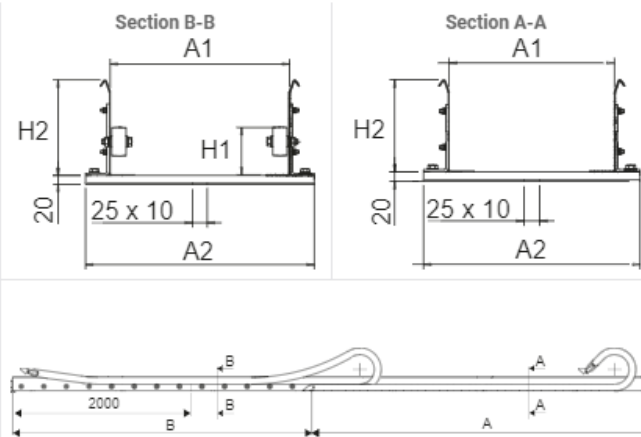


F1 = 105 F2 = 141

Chain section



Guide channel



QUESTION AND ANSWER

THANK YOU

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