



DIESEL-ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE CRANE
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GRANTED TO AMERICAN HOIST
AND DERRICK CO.



DIESELECTRIC AN AMERICAN FIRST

Back in 1924, when the first experimental diesel-electric locomotive was built, a 25 billion dollar industry was revolutionized. Today, more than 9 out of 10 locomotives ordered by U.S. railroads are driven by the highly efficient electric traction motor, and powered by the diesel engine. Even more remarkable, is the parallel revolution in locomotive cranes. For this revolution was planned and developed almost single-handed by the American Hoist and Derrick Company.

In harnessing the super-smooth, ultra-efficient energy of the dieselelectric system for use on cranes, American Hoist engineers have met special needs in special and ingenious ways. Most notable is their patented method of applying electric power to the trucks and direct-diesel power to the deck and boom.

The American DiesELectric is a fully perfected, fully field tested unit. It is not, in any sense, a converted steam crane, or gasoline crane, or mechanical diesel crane, but is totally new from top to bottom. It brings the greatest advance in locomotive crane design yet achieved . . . Another of many "American firsts."



AN AMERICAN DIESELECTRIC

... Pays for itself in 5 years!

A locomotive crane is many things to many men. To the operator, it is a working tool in which ease of control, speed, and smoothness are all-important. To the master mechanic, it is a problem in maintenance. To the general manager, it is a production unit, judged by the tons of materials it can move per day. To the board of directors, it is an important capital investment.

The one fact about the American DiesELectric which sums up all others is this: Detailed cost and operating records show that this crane will write off its own cost fully in five years. Few, indeed, are the capital investments that can offer such a return.

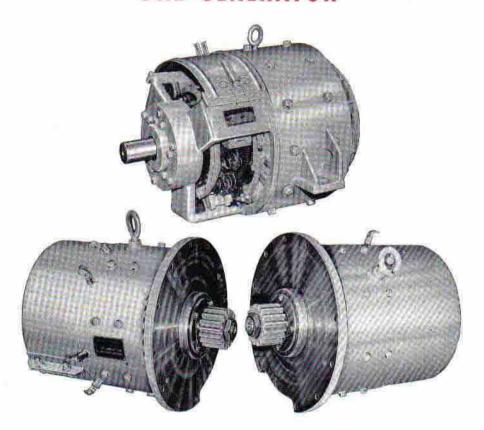
To understand how this is possible . . . to see how the DiesELectric can serve for many, many years after it has earned back its cost . . . study its features of design, as shown in this catalog.

American Hoist

AMERICAN HOIST & DERRICK CO.
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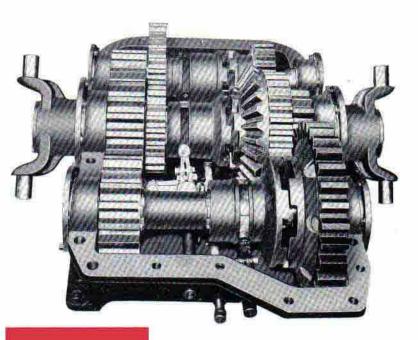
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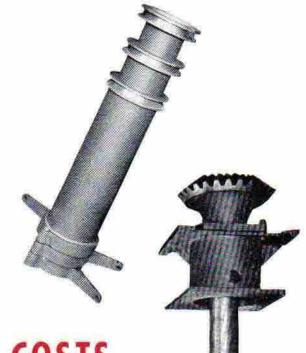
ONE GENERATOR



TWO TRACTION MOTORS

ELIMINATE ALL THESE WEARING PARTS





- 9 SHAFTS
- 2 FRICTION CLUTCHES
- 18 HEAVY BEARINGS
- 9 BEVEL GEARS
- 4 UNIVERSAL JOINTS
- 2 GEAR CASES

MISCELLANEOUS PINS,

COTTER KEYS, ETC.

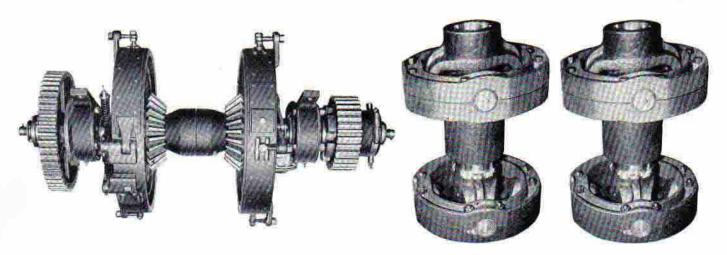
- 9 SPUR GEARS
- 3 SHIFTER SLEEVES
- 3 JAW CLUTCHES

TRANSMISSION CASE

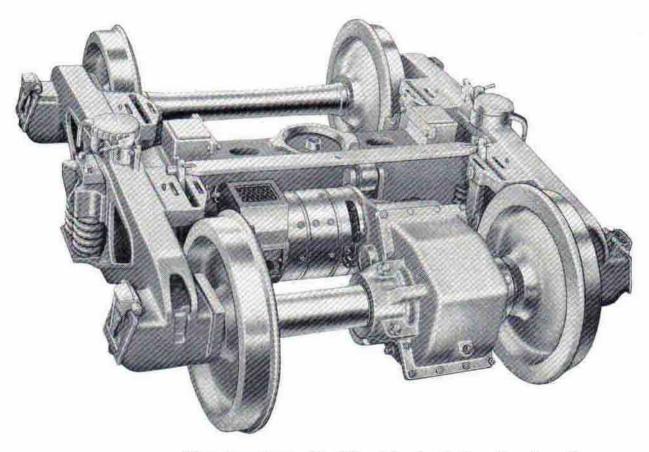
MAINTENANCE COSTS REDUCED - 25% TO 50%

At one stroke, all wearing parts shown and listed on this page have been eliminated—replaced by three fully enclosed, compact, simple units illustrated on the opposite page. Obviously, service work is reduced to a remarkable degree.

To translate this into dollars and cents, consider the fact that 50% to 75% of maintenance on mechanical cranes is centered under the crane. On this basis it will be evident that an estimated saving of 25% to 50% of upkeep cost with an American DiesELectric is conservative in the extreme.



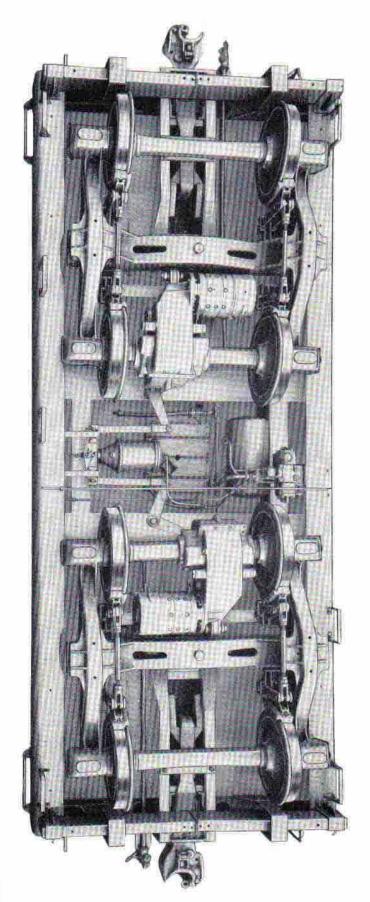
TRUCKS



TROUBLE-PROOF...
EACH TRUCK AN
INDIVIDUAL SELF
CONTAINED POWER
UNIT.

The American DiesELectric is designed primarily as a powerful crane, but by disengaging the main clutch, you can move or switch cars on your sidings... even with the clutch engaged, there is always adequate traction power for heaviest kinds of crane duty. The electric traction motors, proved by millions of miles of service on heaviest U.S. trains provides maximum draw bar pull at the instant of starting. These motors are mounted on specially designed trucks, built complete by American Hoist. They provide all the flexibility of steam power, plus the economy of diesel power and their extreme simplicity is insurance against trouble.

FEATURES INCLUDE: 1. Modern cast steel construction; conforms to latest AAR rules. Trucks swivel around a 60 foot radius curve. 2. Trucks specially designed for locomotive crane service. 3. Powerful air brakes conform to AA standards. 4. Motor suspended between axle and bolster. 5. Multi-wear rolled steel wheels.

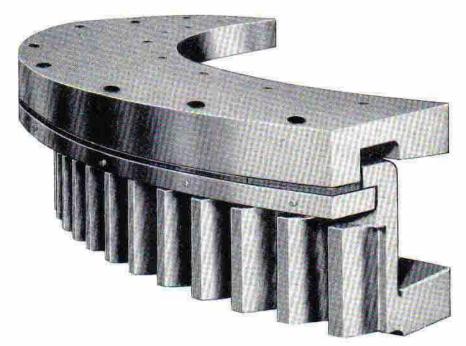


DIESELECTRIC

DRIVE MECHANISM

Notice the clean, simple underbody of this American 25 ton DiesELectric Crane—quite different from any other locomotive crane now in service. Check the following construction features and you'll see why the American DiesELectric is "the smoothest power on the rails."

- 1. No vertical travel shaft.
- Under truck free of shafts and gears except motor and axle gears. Axle gears fully enclosed running in oil.
- Trucks free to swivel on sharp curves or weave on rough track.
- 4. Heavy duty end outriggers.
- Motor pinion and axle gears quickly and easily disengaged for "in train transportation" from plant to plant or working site to working site.



NO KING PIN!

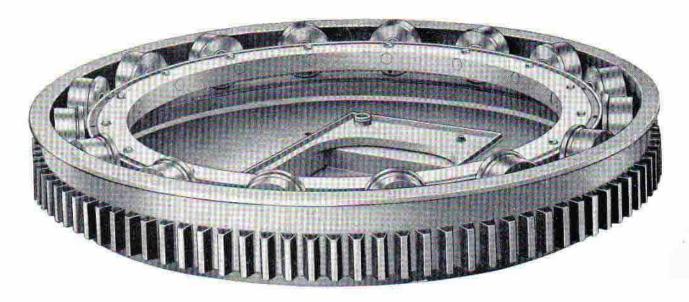
AMERICAN GIB RING ELIMI-NATES KING PIN . . . PROVIDES GREATER SHOCK ABSORBING STRENGTH

American Hoist developed its now famous interlocking gib ring to replace an old trouble maker—the king pin. Bumping and jolting transmitted when switching cars... the tremendous prying and shearing strains on connection between deck and car body made the slender, center king pin—a weak spot in crane design.

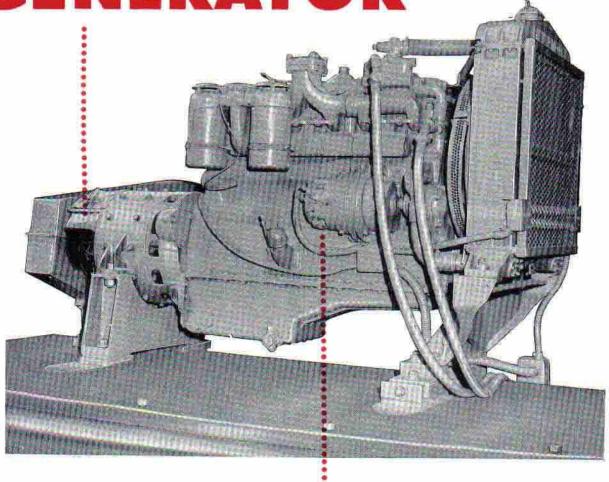
Now, American Gib Ring construction makes this connection one of the strongest points of DiesELectric design. Its large bearing area presents a full 6½ foot diameter to absorb shocks and strains.

DECK TURNS ON A TRUE ROLLER BEARING

Sixteen (16) bronze bushed, conical steel rollers carry the machinery deck of an American 825 DiesELectric. These rollers turn between two finished steel paths—a true roller bearing in every sense. Weight of machinery deck, boom and load is carried on live rollers—not by roller cage or roller axles. The American roller path system, being fully enclosed against dirt or grit and having full provision for complete lubrication, minimizes wear and reduces maintenance costs.







POWER UNIT

You get a complete package when you buy your American DiesELectric Locomotive Crane. The diesel engine and railway traction type generator are directly connected and perfectly aligned on a heavy steel base. The generator is built specifically for the DiesELectric and has ample capacity to handle both traction motors.

The diesel engine is furnished complete with electric starting, batteries, air cleaners, fuel filters and all accessories. Both engine and generator are easily accessible for servicing.

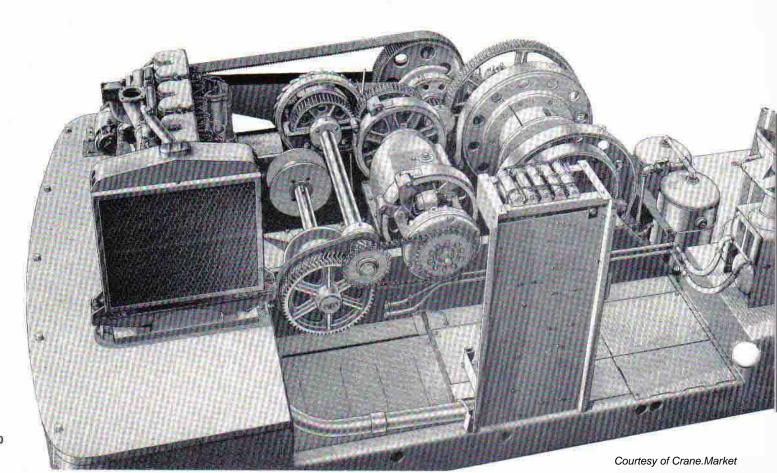
CLEAN MODERN

MAKES SERVICE WORK EASY!

Here is a new, clean, orderly and efficient machinery layout. It has structural soundness, ideal mechanical balance and a simple and sensible arrangement of all units.

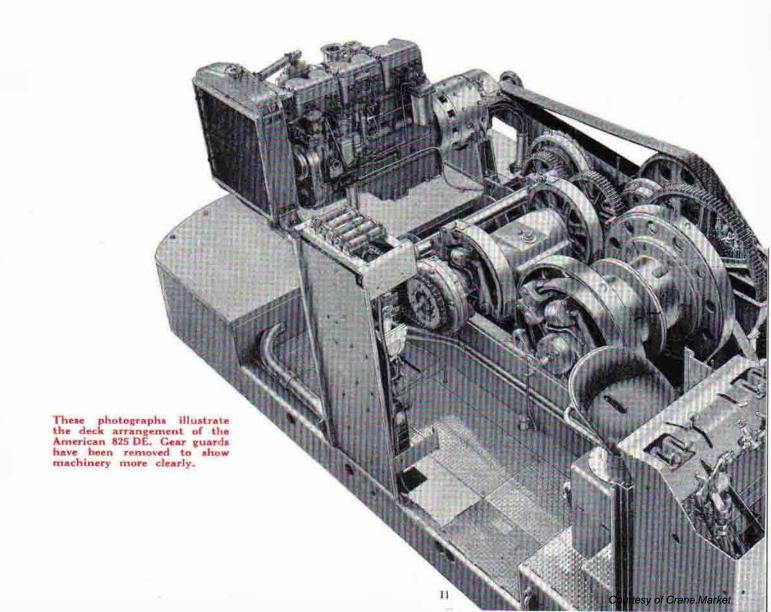
Simpler, safer, faster maintenance work will be evident from the first day. Oiling is now an easy job. All major machinery is above deck, instantly accessible, arranged for convenient checking.

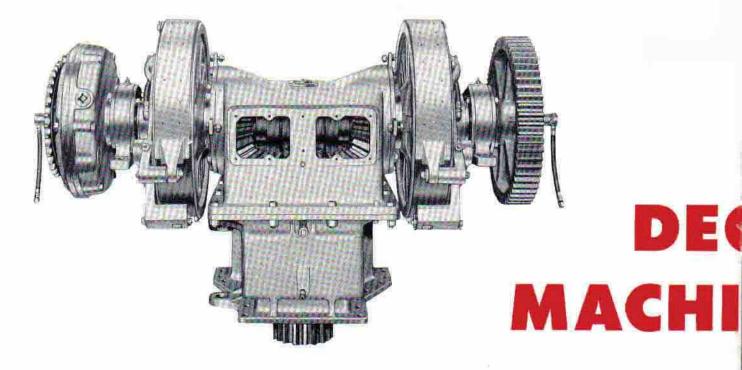
Standard 14" safety clearance between machinery deck and car body has long been a feature on American Locomotive Cranes. Every possible refinement adding to smooth, comfortable, safe, low cost operation is standard on the American DiesELectric.



DECK DESIGN

- FULL WIDTH HEAVY CONSTRUCTION. Walkways are integral with main deck, and will stand up for life of the crane.
- WELDED ROLLED STEEL DECK. Electrically welded rolled steel machinery platform. No blow or shock can crack it.
- CONTROLLED TENSION TAGLINE WINDER.
 Operator can instantly increase or reduce tension on tagline.
- FULL SHIELDING of all electrical controls and moving parts. All machinery safely enclosed. Operator's portion of cab shut off, reducing noise and making cab easy to heat.
- FULL VISION CONTROL POSITION. Operator's stand is placed ahead and at the side of the boom seat, for best view of load at all times.

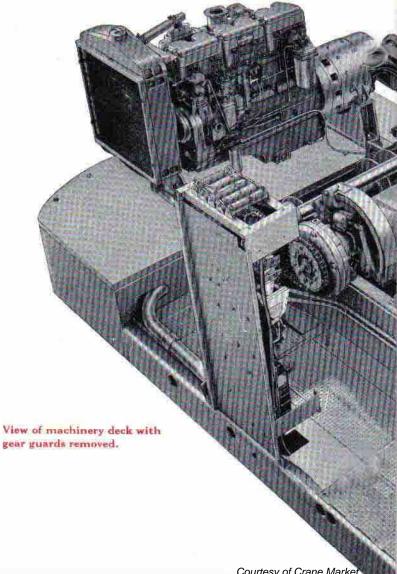


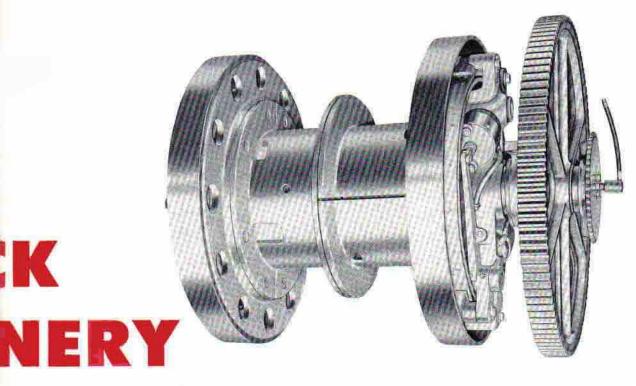


SWING CLUTCH ASSEMBLY

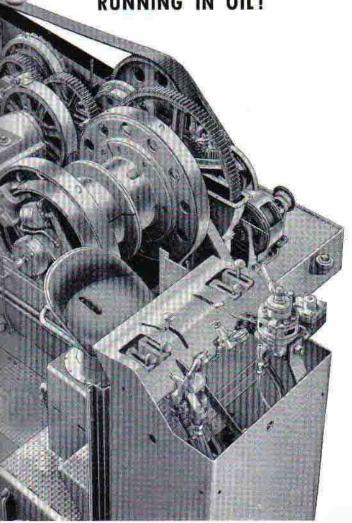
The ever increasing demands for higher working efficiency can have but one result - the utmost in smoothness and accuracy of control. Here in this American Swing Clutch assembly you'll find all the refinements that over five years research, experiment and testing can give.

You'll find outside contracting band, slewing clutches and brakes . . . double acting tandem type easy to adjust, simple to remove and re-line. You'll find bevel gears and clutch spider are supported by anti-friction bearings in the cast steel housing instead of by the swing shaft. This assures extreme rigidity plus perfect gear mesh and permits swing shaft clutch, which turns on anti-friction bearings, to take torque loads only! All vital mechanism fully enclosed running in oil.





ALL DECK GEARS ENCLOSED RUNNING IN OIL!

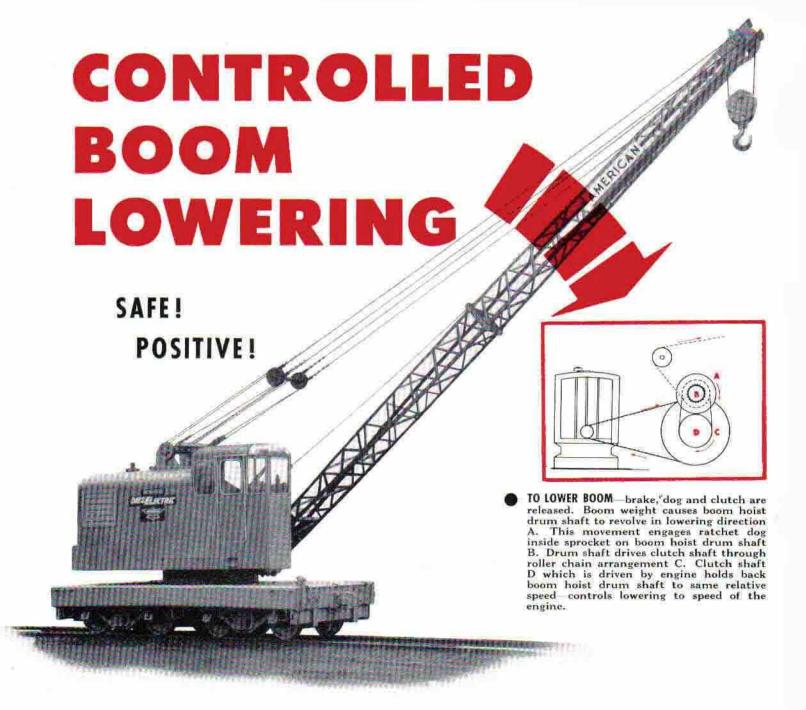


MAIN DRUM ASSEMBLY

With contracting type tandem band friction clutches designed into the main drum assembly, control is perfection smooth. Clutch is operated by two air cylinders—one for each half of the contracting band. Tandem construction also provides automatic equalization, eliminates drag and gives operator sensitive "feel" the load.

Drum gear is fully enclosed—running in oil to eliminate another trouble point in crane operation.

VIEW OF
TANDEM
CLUTCH
ARRANGEMENT



now ...

RAISE OR LOWER BOOM
 SWING

. TRAVEL

HOIST

All At The Same Time!

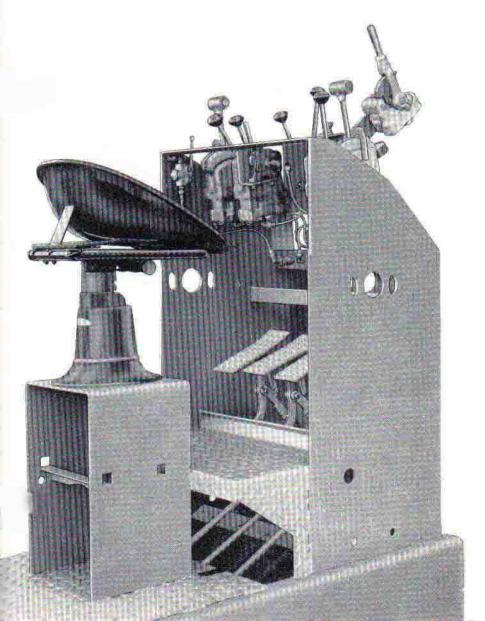
With the introduction of a friction operated boom hoist to replace older jaw type clutches, American Hoist has revolutionized Locomotive Crane operation. Now, instead of the heat producing worm gear drive, you'll find a spur gear driven boom hoist which can be used continuously over long periods of time without danger of failure.

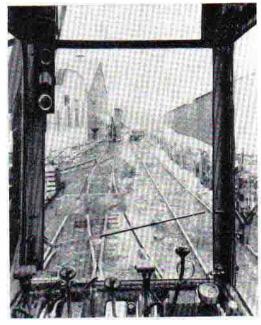
Boom lowering speed is controlled by speed of the engine for positive, foolproof safety. An operator with this new American arrangement can raise or lower his boom while traveling, hoisting or swinging—all operations simultaneously if necessary. You can imagine the time savings made possible by eliminating stops to change boom radius—or the crane flexibility made possible by using the American boom hoist extensively. Here is another American "First" that will make money for you!

AIR CONTROLS

20% more production with air controls! A rested and alert operator can move 20% more material in a day. By placing all controls in a compact stand, the operator of an American DiesELectric Crane can control hoisting, swing or travel by a

simple movement of his hand—his job is less fatiguing—he stays fresh, efficient and safe all day. From his wide open view cab he can see all directions with equal ease. He has "direct" view of his load at all times.





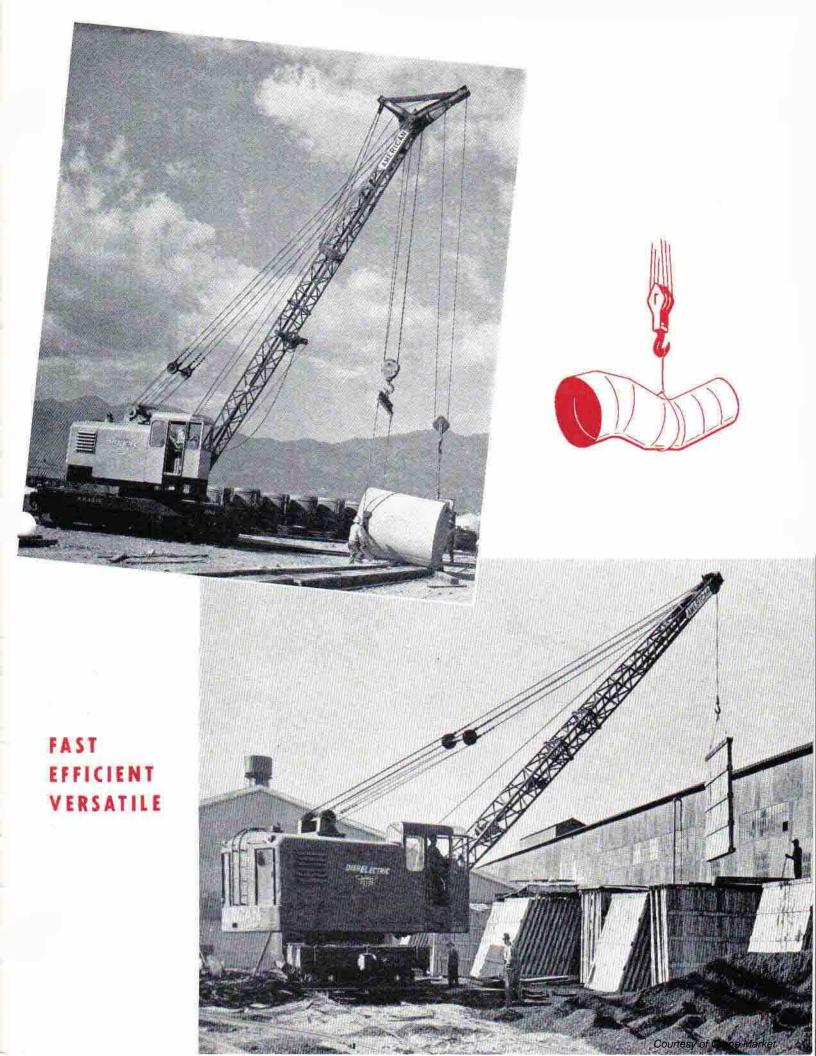
"OPERATORS EYE VIEW"

ACTUAL PHOTO FROM CAB OF AN AMERICAN LOCOMOTIVE CRANE. NOTE CLEAR VIEW OF TRACK AND LOAD.

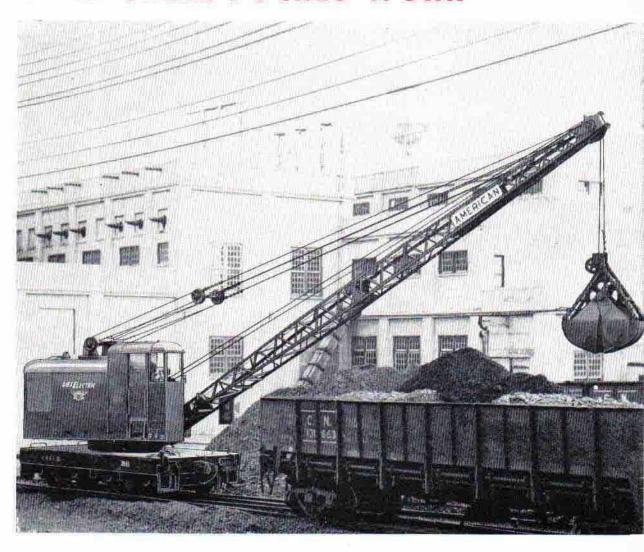
HOOK WORK



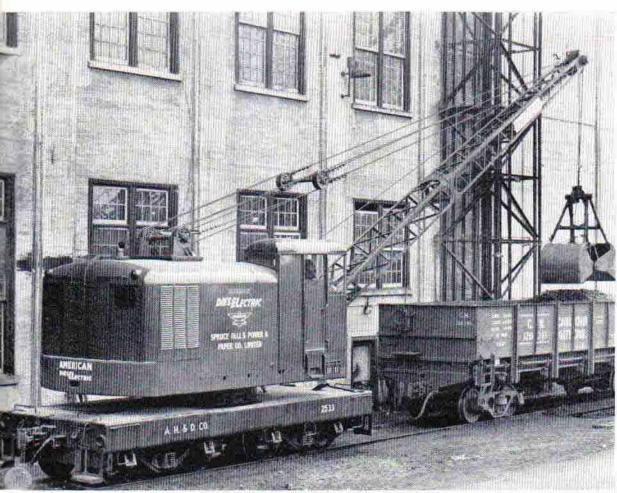
With the friction clutch boom hoist the American 825 DiesELectric has literally revolutionized locomotive crane operating methods. In performing all operations simultaneously, hair line load spotting is a reality.



CLAM SHELL BUCKET WORK



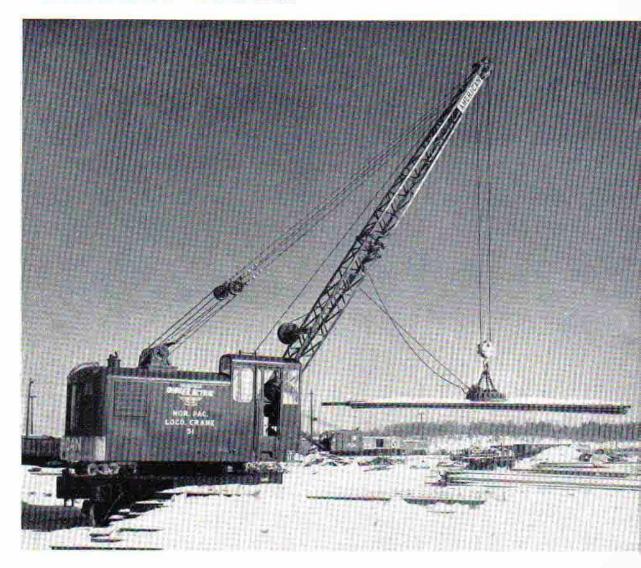
Continuous swinging on this type of work requires the speed and ruggedness of an American 825 DiesELectric. Finger tip air controls plus the "Roller Bearing" roller path arrangement assure more material handled per hour at lower cost.







MAGNET WORK



"Tops for magnet work" say owners and operators of American 825 DiesELectric locomotive cranes. "Over excitation" of the magnet, regulated voltage generator plus a patented push button control all team up for a "bigger" day's work!



LOCOMOTIVE CRANE

GENERAL

SPECIFICATIONS

TRAVEL SPEED AND DRAW BAR PULL

BRAKES Outside Band — mechanically operated

LIFTING CAPACITIES

IN POUNDS

Boom Length in Feet		BOOM RADIUS IN FEET																				
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CLEARANCES

TAIL SWING: 10 ft. 3 in.

WIDTH OVERALL: 10 ft. 8 in.

HEIGHT OVERALL: 14 ft. 81/2 in.

LENGTH OVER COUPLERS: 27 ft. 9 in.

BRAKES

GENERAL

SPECIFICATIONS

TRAVEL SPEED AND DRAW BAR PULL

LIFTING CAPACITIES

. . . . Outside Band — mechanically operated

IN POUNDS

17% overload required to tip on straight level track

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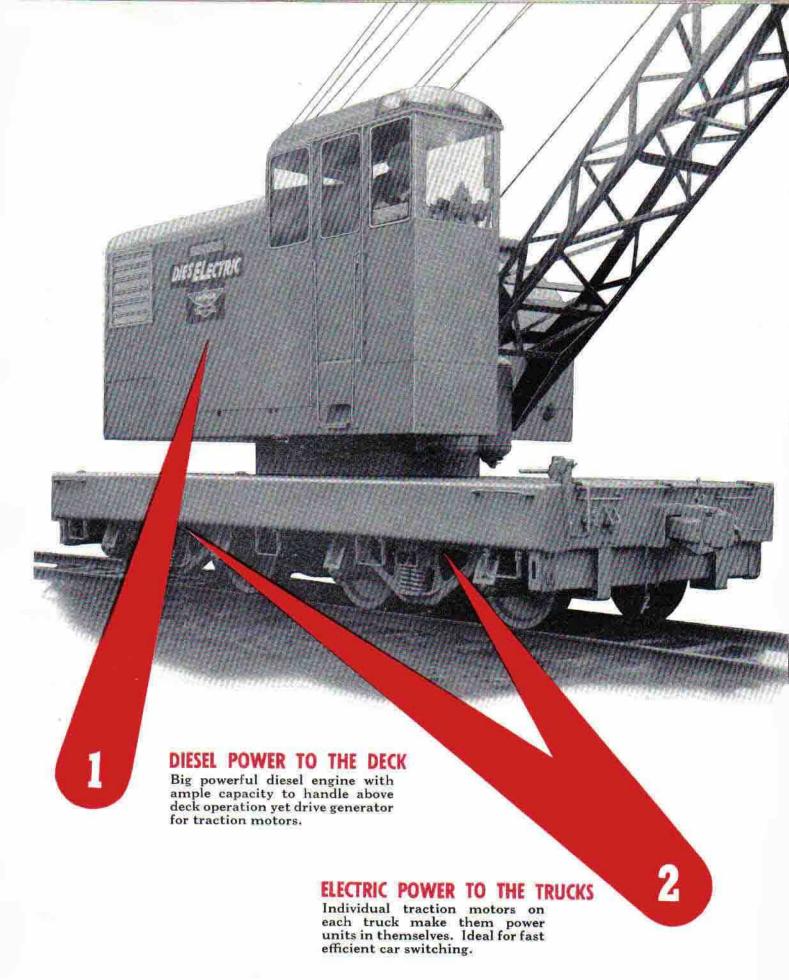
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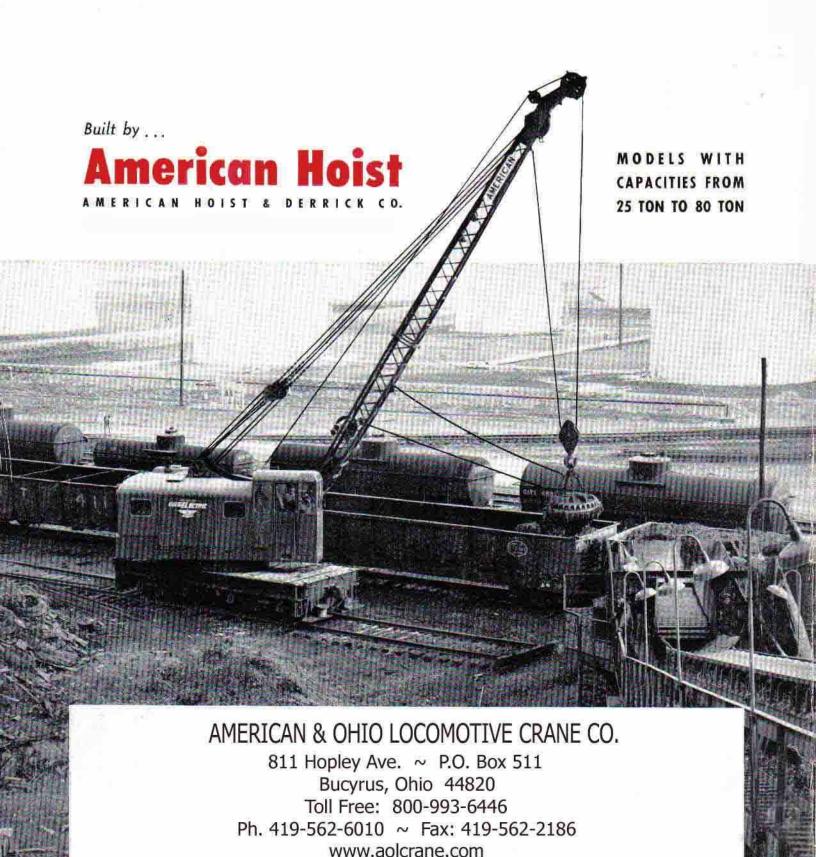
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