Protection, Performance and Reliability

Progress Rail’s EL-286 Group J Draft Gear is designed and manufactured to provide exceptional performance and protection of freight car structures in all Gross Rail Load (GRL) applications, with special emphasis on the current 286,000-lb. GRL requirements. Understanding the need for improved buff and draft protection of freight car structures, the EL-286 is manufactured using only the highest quality materials and heat-treated components, and is uniquely tuned to provide uniform energy absorption throughout its entire range of travel. This benefits the car structure by reducing coupler forces generated during coupling, and train action events. The end result is a draft gear that provides the ultimate service life, and truly defines performance and reliability.

Other Specifications:
- AAR M901E 2006 - Group J Standard Draft Gear
- Fits standard AAR 24 5/8” draft gear pocket
- Provides 3 ¼” of travel in both the buff and draft directions
- Utilizes AAR standard yoke and follower

EL-286 Standard Draft Gear

Key Features and Benefits
- High performance
- All-steel components – No elastomeric materials used
- All materials and manufacturing processes meet or exceed current AAR, ASTM, AISI and European Standards