



Martin® Impact Cradles MD / LD



Medium Duty (MD)



Light Duty (LD)

Operating Instructions

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1 General



NOTE

Before starting work these operating instructions must be read and understood completely

1.1 About these operating instructions

These operating instructions apply solely for Martin® Impact Cradles and are intended for those persons who install Martin® Impact Cradles, commission them, and monitor their usage.

The operating instructions must be kept for the lifetime of the Martin® Impact Cradles and be made available in an orderly condition to all persons entrusted with work with and on the Martin® Impact Cradles.

1.2 Intended usage

The Martin® Impact cradles are used on belt conveyors and are used to support conveyor belts, mainly in the loading area and in the area of the settling zones. They are installed under the conveyor belt and support its running side.

Depending on the design, they serve to absorb the impact of falling bulk material and / or to guide the conveyor belt level.

They may only be used

- in industrial areas above ground
- according to the technical data in the documentation
- in the installation position as described in the documentation

The usage of the Martin® Impact Cradles is only considered to be as intended if the following conditions are also fulfilled:

- Before starting initial work, the personnel must have been instructed on the work on the system and on all relevant issues of occupational health and safety
- Any personal protective equipment required must be worn
- The provisions of the operating instructions must be observed in full.

Operation of the Martin® Impact Cradles under deviating conditions and unauthorised modification of the Cradles is considered as improper usage

Special product variants of the Martin® Impact Cradles can also be used in ATEX zones 22 and 21 under certain circumstances.

1.3 Personnel qualification

Only authorised and qualified personnel may be entrusted with work with and on the Martin® Impact Cradles. Persons are considered qualified if they have the qualification of a skilled worker and meet all the following requirements:

- completed professional training or at least 5 years of professional experience in the field,
- technical experience,
- knowledge of the relevant occupational health and safety regulations.

The persons must

- be able to assess the tasks and risks assigned to them,
- be able to recognise potential dangers in advance,
- be physically and cognitively able to operate the conveyors and Impact Cradles safely,
- have been trained and instructed appropriately,
- have read and understood these operating instructions.

Work on earth connections (Protective Bonding Kits), cabling, switching, control, regulation, automation and all electrical components may be carried out only by trained electricians.

1.4 Part number

Martin® Impact Cradle **41800 - aaa b c**

Belt width in cm _____
(050 – 180)

Type / Duty Range _____
L – Light Duty acc. to CEMA 575 (3 bars)
M – Medium Duty acc. to CEMA 575 (4 bars)

Material _____
P – Painted Steel (1.0038 / RAL 2004)
S – Stainless Steel (1.4571)

1.5 Technical Data

The Martin® Impact Cradles are suitable for the following operating parameters:

	Operating parameter
Belt widths:	500 – 1.800 mm
Belt speed:	Max. 3,3 m/s
Temperature range:	-30 – 80 °C
Duty Range	Light Duty (3 bars) / Medium Duty (4 bars) acc. to CEMA 575
Trough Angles:	10° – 45°
Reversing operation	Yes

2 Safety

2.1 General safety instructions



DANGER

Entanglement in moving or rotating parts

Body parts and/or clothing may get caught and pulled in by moving or rotating parts of the machinery.

- *Before any installation or maintenance work is carried out, ensure that all power sources to the conveyor belt system and its accessories are switched off and secured against inadvertent switching on.*
- *Apply Log-Out / Tag-Out / Try-Out (LOTOTO) Procedures*
- *Apply warning signs*



DANGER

Automatic start-up of the conveyor

Serious or fatal injuries due to unintentional start-up of the conveyor.

- *Switch off the conveyor before starting work and secure it against being switched on again.*
- *Follow safe procedures to prevent unintentional restart.*



WARNING

Flying objects

Objects left on or in the conveyor can fly around uncontrollably when the conveyor is switched on and can hit and injure persons.

- *Before switching on the conveyor, remove all foreign objects such as tools, devices, etc. from the belt!*



WARNING

Danger of injury due to unapproved component parts





Unapproved parts can directly or indirectly cause personal injury or damage to property.

- Only use accessories and spare parts that are distributed by the manufacturer or are explicitly approved (in writing)!

2.2 Personal protective equipment

Persons carrying out work on Martin® Impact Cradles must wear suitable personal protective equipment.

Minimum requirements:

Symbol	Meaning
	Wear head and eye protection
	Wear at least ankle-high foot protection
	Use gloves
	Use fall protection, if required

2.3 Safety markings on the system

The safety markings on the Martin® Impact Cradles must be kept in good condition and clearly visible at all times.

If parts of the system are replaced, ensure that the spare parts are or will be provided with appropriate safety markings.

3 Installation



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WARNING

Risk of falling down

Martin® Impact Cradles are often mounted and operated in heights. There may be a risk of falling down.

- *Therefore, use a fall protection device when installing in higher working areas!*



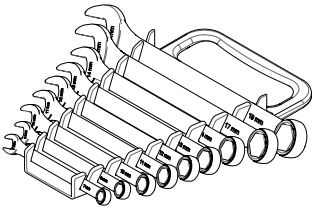
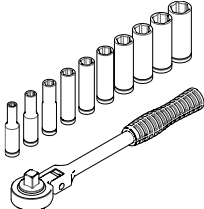
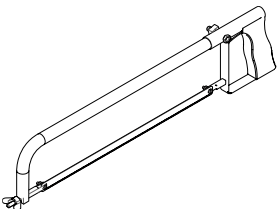
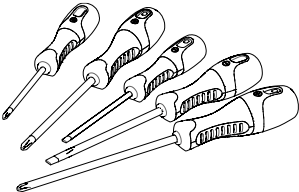
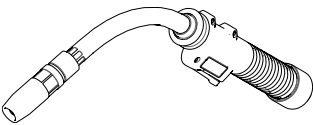
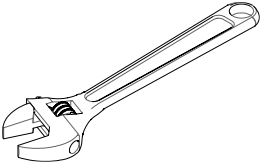
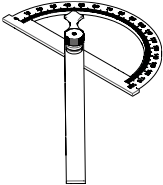
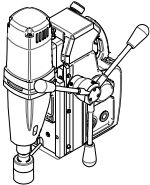
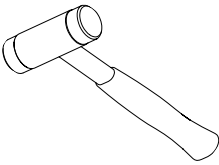
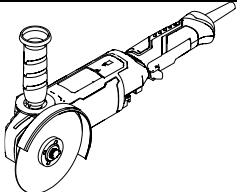
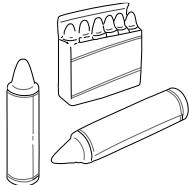
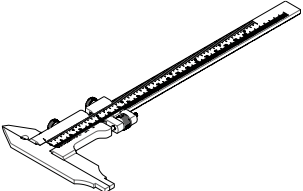
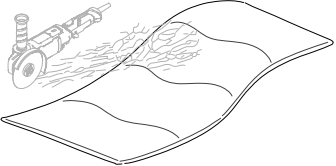
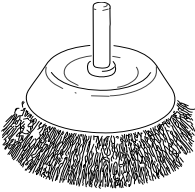
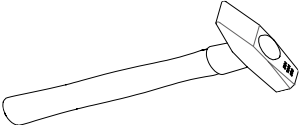
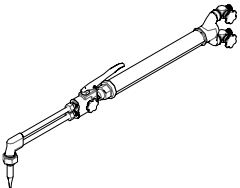
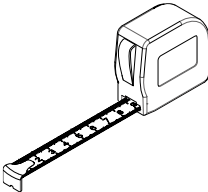
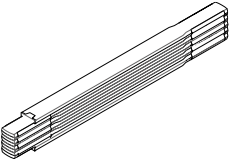
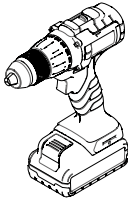
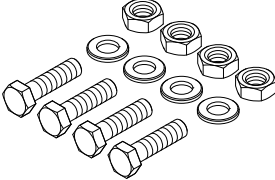

WARNING

Working in confined spaces

Areas in which Martin® Impact Cradles are installed are often difficult to access and include confined spaces. It is often necessary to work in difficult positions.

- *Determine whether occupational safety measures are necessary that go beyond the usual measures!*

3.1 Required maximum of tools and materials

3.2 Unpacking/transportation



WARNING

Heavy weight

The Martin® Impact Cradles may have weights that require handling by lifting devices. Handling Martin® Impact Cradles by hand can cause serious skeletal injuries.

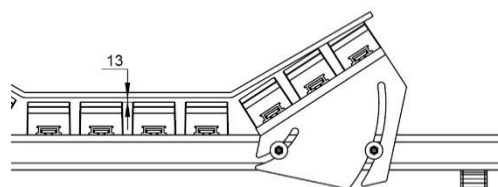
- Use suitable aids if the load is > 25 kg per person!

When unpacking, all components must be checked for completeness and intactness.

3.3 Requirements for installation

Make sure the Martin® Impact Cradle surface is approx. 13 mm below troughed belt and approx. 6 mm below flat belt in empty condition.

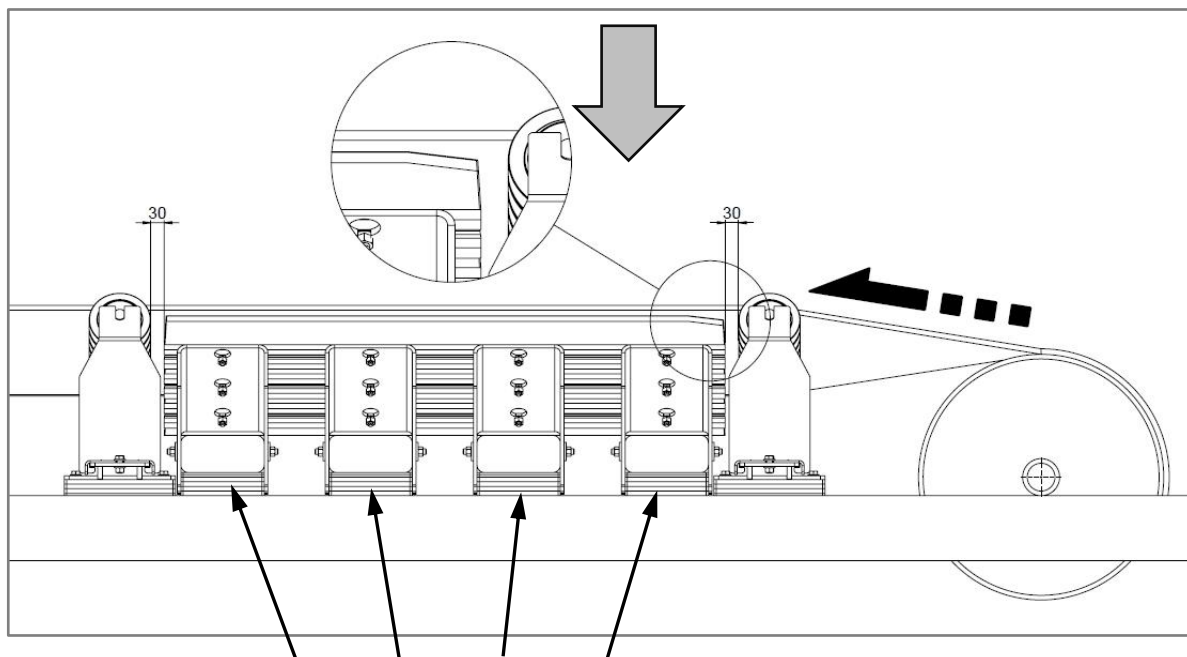
This allows the belt to absorb impact while avoiding continuous friction and wear if the belt is running empty.



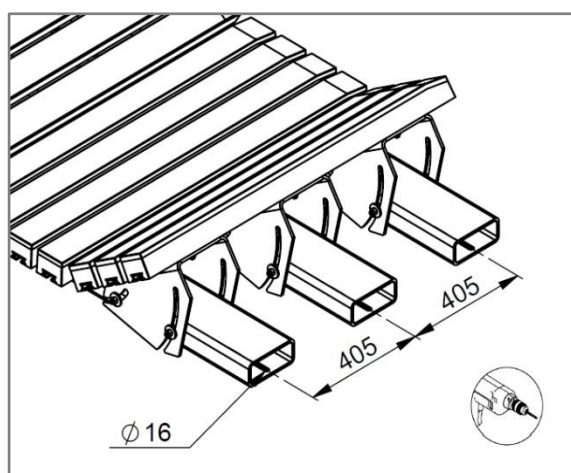
When installing one or more Martin® Impact Cradles, it is necessary to verify there is adequate power in the conveyor drive to compensate for the additional frictional drag.

Consult Martin Engineering for additional information.

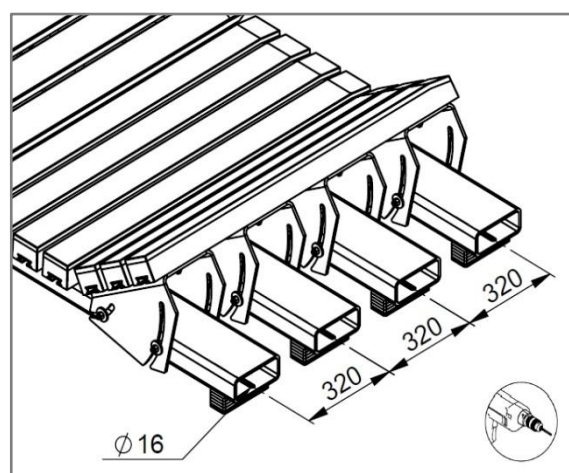
3.4 Determining the installation position



The installation of the stations is variable in height. The correct height can be adjusted by using shims. The correct height is set when the station is in line with the idlers mounted in front of and behind it. The instructions in chapter 3.3 Requirements for installation must be followed, according to which the bottom (horizontal) bars should be at a distance of 13 or 6 mm from the belt.



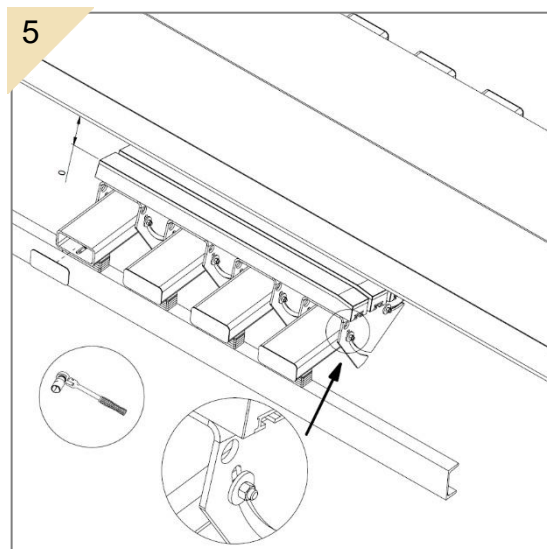
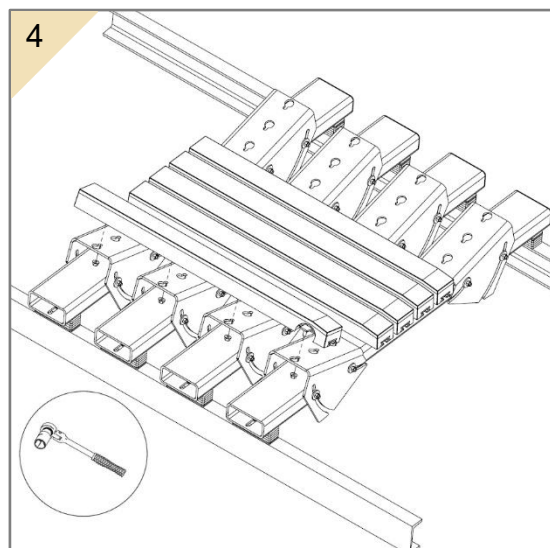
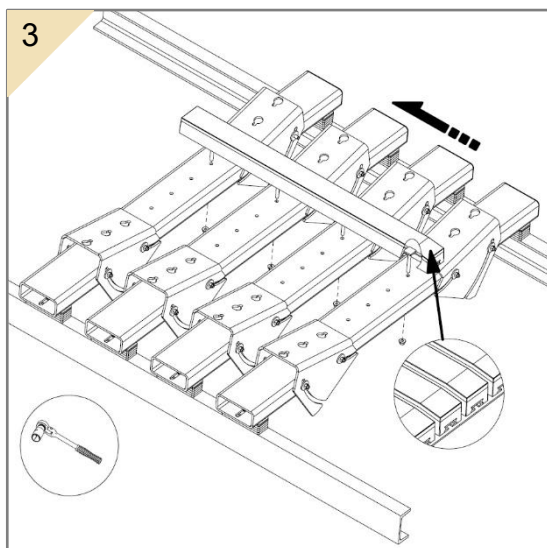
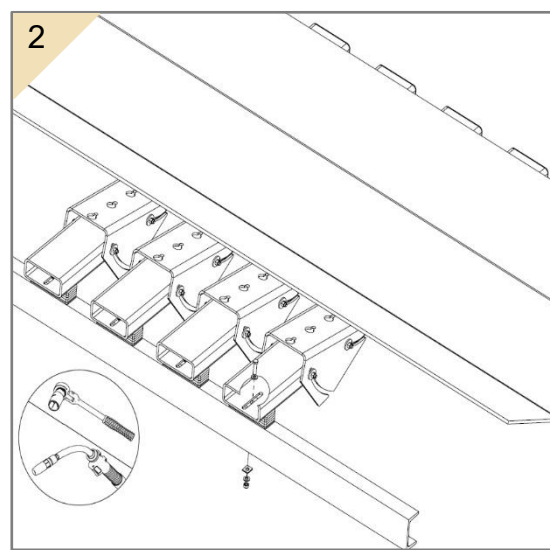
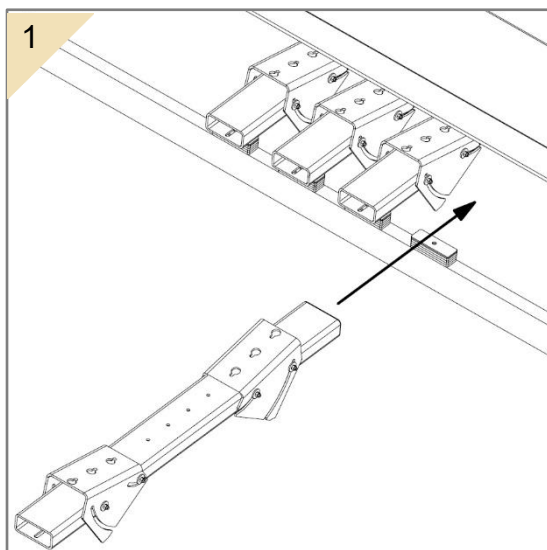
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Notice: If the beams protrude sideways, they should be shortened and flush with the conveyor structure.

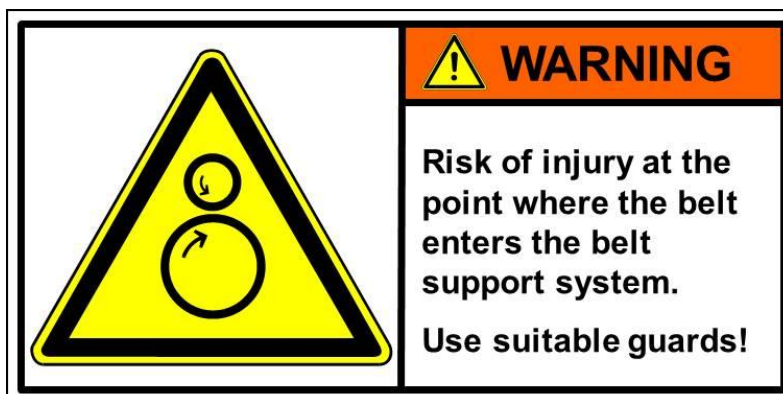
3.5 Mounting the Martin® Impact Cradles



3.6 Placing labels

3.6.1 Safety label

The safety label (safety marking) below must be attached to the conveyor system in the immediate vicinity of the Martin® Impact Cradles:



3.6.2 Other labels

The labels below are attached to the product:

1. Sticker showing the address of the Martin Engineering branch and the designation of the product

4 Maintenance / Repair



WARNING

Danger of injury due to unapproved component parts

Unapproved parts can directly or indirectly cause personal injury or damage to property.

- Only use accessories and spare parts that are distributed by the manufacturer or are explicitly approved (in writing)!

4.1 Maintenance

Interval	Task
Weekly	Check that all securing parts are tightened. Tighten any loose connections as required.
	Clean all warning labels. Replace any warning labels which are illegible.
	Check bars for wear. If top covering on bars is worn through to core material, replace bars.

4.2 Troubleshooting

Symptom	Corrective Action
High impact bar wear rate.	Martin® Impact Cradle is installed too close to belt. Make sure Martin® Impact Cradle surface is 13 mm below troughed belt and 6 mm below flat belt.
Impact bars worn unevenly.	Belt is unevenly loaded, wear liners are improperly installed, and/or impact bars are not parallel to belt travel. Inspect loading area and wear liners and modify transfer point if necessary.

5 Disassembly / Recycling / Disposal

1. Disassemble Martin® Impact Cradles by material groups as far as possible.
2. Contact official bodies (disposal centres, authorities) and request information about proper disposal or recycling possibilities.
3. Recycle the different materials.

Only materials that cannot be reasonably recycled may be disposed of.
Disposal must be carried out professionally.

Material groups that can be fed into a recycling process include:

- Sheet steel
- Steel profiles
- Plastics
- Rubber
- Non-ferrous metals
- Electrical cables
- Electrical components (with copper content)
- Lubricants

6 Scope of delivery and spare parts

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