

Rail Exchange
inc.



ALL ABOARD WITH ONE SUPPLIER

For locomotive

GRAB IRONS ■

UNCOUPLING LEVERS ■

HAND RAILS ■

HAND RAIL SUPPORTS ■

CYLINDER HEAD BOLTS ■

There were high hopes for success in March 1979 when Rail Exchange, Inc. was founded in Chicago Heights, Illinois, to manufacture grab irons for railroad freight cars and locomotives.



More than 25 years later, Rail Exchange is a mainstay in the railroad

industry, manufacturing more than 125,000 grab irons on a monthly basis and much, much more.



LOCOMOTIVE EXPERTISE

In fact, for more than 25 years, we've been supplying locomotive manufacturers with key parts, including:

Grab Irons

Uncoupling Levers

Hand Rails

Hand Rail Supports

Cylinder Head Bolts

Rail Exchange can fulfill your needs for quality parts while providing competitive pricing and timely delivery.



GRAB IRON



HAND RAIL SUPPORT



CYLINDER HEAD BOLT

Grab Irons – We produce two sizes of grab irons, 3/4-inch and 1-inch, in any design configuration with your specifications using C-1018 – A-576 special bar quality steel.

Hand Rails – Any configuration is possible with your blueprint. We use C-1018 – A576 special bar quality 1-inch and 1-1/4-inch bar or tube steel.

Hand Rail Supports – Again, any configuration is possible with your blueprint. We use C-1010 1/4-inch x 4-inch flat stock.

Cylinder Head Bolt – Our cylinder head bolts are made of 4140 H 1.600-inch round stock.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

At Rail Exchange, delivering quality is a condition of employment and is everyone's responsibility. Rail Exchange's quality department oversees part production, but it is everyone's responsibility to spot non-conformances. Employees are instructed to follow procedures of inspection and measure parts using a tape and a square, which are calibrated on a regular basis to make sure they are accurate.

Rail Exchange has an ongoing training program for all operators. It blends a combination of classroom instruction in quality with one-hour manufacturing sessions that instruct operators in how to spot problems and how to fix what they spot.

Continuous improvement is a goal at Rail Exchange. Employees don't learn with just one class. They undergo continuous training with the goal to improve on a daily basis.

IT'S EASY TO DO BUSINESS

Rail Exchange is dedicated to customer service. For years, the Rail Exchange's motto has been to "make it easy for you to do business with us."

Simply call, fax or email your inquiry. You may also reference a part number. We can cross-reference parts from most major manufacturers. A sales representative will contact you with questions or a prepared quote.

Need to reorder a part? Simply reference Rail Exchange's job number or the part number to ensure accuracy on any repeat order.

STAFF

Early on, Rail Exchange developed a plant/employee Mission Statement to achieve a "100 percent commitment from all employees to supply high quality, competitively priced products to customers." That holds true today.

Our customer service representatives have an average of 15 years of experience in the industry. That kind of knowledge is hard to come by.

SHIPPING

We seek the best shipping rates available via common carrier. F.O.B. Chicago Heights, Illinois.

QUANTITY

We have no minimum order quantities at Rail Exchange. We're set up to produce one part or 100,000. It's your call.

FINISH

All parts can be shotblasted and/or primed in your choice of colors.

PRODUCTION

Rail Exchange's 36,000 square-foot plant in a south suburb of Chicago is well-equipped to handle your manufacturing requirements. Our equipment list for locomotive production includes:

- Amada metal cutting band saw
- Peddinghaus bender
- Williams White 200 ton hydraulic bulldozer
- Tocco refractory lined electric induction forge furnace
- Multiple forging centers equipped with punch presses, press brakes and fitting tables
- Teledyne Pines bender with digital Dial-a-Bend
- 235-ton Cincinnati 8-foot press brake
- 125-ton Kling multi-punch



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