

L. B. Foster Company Transit Products Division Direct Fixation Rail Fastener Model F23R4

The F23R4 Direct Fixation Fastener was originally designed, tested and supplied to the Portland, Oregon Tri-Met Authority in the mid 1990's. Subsequent supplies of the Model F23R4 have been delivered to San Diego's MTDB, Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) and New Jersey Transit Hudson Bergen LRT, Honolulu HART among others. Based on original design requirements, the fastener bodies provide the following basic functions:

- Secures 115RE rail (5 ½ inch rail base) directly to a supporting surface at a 1:40 cant
- ♦ Stabilizes vertical and lateral rail movement
- ♦ Controls longitudinal rail movement
- Provides track noise and vibration dampening
- ♦ Electrically isolates rail from track bed
- ♦ Utilizes non threaded rail hold down spring clip type clips

The Model F23R4 has completed extensive Qualification and Production testing to demonstrate the fastener's response to various load environments and electrical applications. Based on the results of these tests, the F23R4 Direct Fixation Rail Fastener provides the following fundamental performance characteristics:

- ♦ Vertical stiffness of approximately 135,000 pounds per inch deflection as determined by "static" loading between a range of 5,000 to 12,000 pounds per fastener body loading
- ♦ With a "static" vertical force of 16,200 pounds per fastener body (offset ¾ inch towards gage) and a "static" lateral force of 9,000 pounds per fastener body, the rail head movement along the gage line is limited to less than 0.360 inches
- ♦ Allows continuous longitudinal "slippage" of rail at approximately 2,500 to 3,000 pounds longitudinal force per fastener body

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- ♦ Withstands a minimum of 15,000 volts (DC) per fastener body in a clean and dry test environment without material breakdown or electrical flashover
- ◆ Provides individual fastener body electrical resistance properties of greater than 1 million ohms (wet) and 10 million ohms (dry) at 500 volts (DC)
- ♦ Exhibits a "dynamic" vertical stiffness of approximately 1.5 times that of the "static" stiffness throughout a similar load range
- ♦ Resists repeated combined vertical and lateral "dynamic" loading in excess of 3,000,000 cycles with a vertical force of 14,000 pounds per fastener body and a lateral force of 4,000 pounds per fastener body
- ♦ Resists repeated vertical uplift forces of 2,000 pounds per fastener body for greater than 1,500,000 cycles
- ♦ Resists repeated longitudinal loading of +/- 2000 pounds per fastener body for greater than 1,000,000 cycles

The above performance characteristics are provided for informational purpose only and are based solely on limited previous testing. Actual performances may vary from those stated above.

Variations to Model F23R4 can be made to accommodate various custom requirements. For more information concerning this Direct Fixation Fastener model or other product needs, please call us in our Suwanee, Georgia office at (678) 678-5200.



