Automotive Industry

THE RIGHT LIFTING SOLUTION FOR YOUR PROCESSES
Konecranes for Automotive Industry

WIDE VARIETY OF LIFTING EQUIPMENT

The automotive industry uses many different processes from stamping, pressing and manufacturing car parts, to assembly. Customers in this demanding industry have a common need for efficient, safe and reliable lifting solutions that fit the processes they serve.

Expertise and complete solution portfolio equals the right solution
Konecranes has many decades of experience in the lifting business and many satisfied automotive customers. We offer a unique understanding of how lifting can meet your process requirements. We will deliver the right package of lifting solutions for your processes.

Zero tolerance for downtime
In order to keep high-speed production lines running 24/7, your cranes must work smoothly and steadily; any problem could affect the whole production line. This is where Konecranes’ global and yet local service support proves to be invaluable. Our preventive maintenance, swift on-call services and high spare part availability ensure that our cranes are up and running according to your needs. Our common goal is zero tolerance for downtime.

Mutual respect breeds trust
We have the will to serve our customers to the highest standard, listen to the customer’s needs from the very beginning and build a relationship that is beneficial and long-lasting.

NOT JUST LIFTING THINGS, BUT ENTIRE BUSINESSES
Konecranes is an industry-leading group of lifting businesses that offers a complete range of advanced lifting solutions to many different industries worldwide. We are committed to providing you with specialized lifting equipment and services that increase the value and effectiveness of your business.

When you choose Konecranes, you acquire a unique source of global experience and knowledge combined with local know-how to empower your lifting solution.
**Flexible solutions with steady benefits**

- Drawing from our vast experience, we are able to tailor a solution according to your actual needs.
- Our solutions save on costs: building and maintenance costs can be lowered by our space saving crane design and energy consumption reduced by feeding the braking energy back into the grid.
- We build long-lasting partnerships and work together with our customers to achieve the highest level of safety and reliability.
- Local service support with fast response times and spare parts availability help minimize downtime.
- More accurate crane movements allow faster and more efficient production sequences, which improves efficiency.
- Lift truck and reach stacker technologies enable lower running costs, smaller environmental impact and the highest precision in both handling and transport.

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**Manipulators**

Manipulators are based on workstation cranes consisting of a vertical lifting device combined with a customized gripping unit. Their modular system design ensures extreme flexibility and adaptability for individual use in customers’ businesses.

**Lift trucks**

Advanced low-emission fork lift trucks and reach stackers handle steel plates, coils and stamping tools as part of the production process. Goods in containers, swap bodies and trailers can also be handled.

**EOT cranes**

CXT cranes can be equipped with Smart Solutions, for example positioning and sway control, and many other intelligent crane functions.

**EOT cranes**

Stamping plant crane picks up the dies to supply the stamping line. Single lift and tandem hoisting are part of Smart Solutions.

**Workstation cranes**

Workstation cranes with aluminium or steel profiles have been developed to meet and exceed the specific requirements of the automotive industry. Modular design, high structural stiffness, low rolling resistance and very silent use allow a wide scale of standard and tailor-made solutions.
MEETING YOUR PROCESS NEEDS

Shorter cycle times and a new kind of safety for stamping plant
Konecranes solutions enable safe operation manners and ease the everyday life. Sway controlling makes manual operations easier and semi-auto functions more secure; no load sway caused by the crane. The crane cycle times are cut smaller by using PLC controlling, correct sensing, helpful semi-auto functions, radio controlling via Profibus and safety increasing sway control system.

Proven solutions
Konecranes solutions are based on proven, well-engineered technologies. They are a result of our responsive service and leading automotive industry knowledge of Konecranes professionals worldwide.

We offer a wide range of world-leading lifting solutions for the automotive industry – everything from industrial and jib cranes, monorail systems, hoists and work station lifting systems to lift trucks. Our equipment is backed by comprehensive service and modernization solutions to maximize the reliability of your production.

Our proven crane technology delivers big savings in construction costs. It is built of modular components that are designed to work together to meet your changing needs.

Smart Solutions for the automotive industry
Our cranes can be equipped with Smart Solutions, which make them even more user-friendly, logical and cost saving. Smart Solutions include for instance:

- **Sway Control** prevents the load from swaying saving time and making your work easier and safer.
- **Target Positioning** reduces cycle times and results in accurate positioning.
- **Protected Areas** eliminates human error and protects your employees and equipment.
- **Synchronization of Hoisting** makes balancing of hooks obsolete, providing a simpler and secure method.
- **HIM Human Interface to Machine** is an informative remote radio control system.
- **Regenerative Drive** saves energy by feeding it back to grid.
- **Micro Speed** provides precise positioning for difficult places.
A quest for production increase
VOLVO TRUCKS CORPORATION in northern Sweden, Umeå planned to increase its production capacity and invested in a completely new stamping plant.

Besides increasing its production, by having shorter crane cycle times for changing the dies in the stamping machine, Volvo needed to secure a safe working environment. As in many places, die change had previously been done by using chains to lift the dies in combination with the crane, which had meant slow cycle times and which may involve the risk of crushing.

Pulling together to achieve the best result
To meet the challenge Konecranes offered a semi-auto crane that can pick the dies up and increase overall safety, minimize cycle times and be suitable for the use of the special lifting device that the Umeå factory procured.

Konecranes was able to offer a good overall solution that took into account the available support from the local service organization.

The Volvo Process team developed and designed the unique lifting device by themselves. It can grip and release both small and heavy stamping tools in a fully automatic sequence. Volvo chose Konecranes due to their outstanding competence and knowledge in crane technology.

To achieve the best results a collaborative project team containing Volvo and Konecranes personnel was formed after the contract was signed. The team’s target was to ensure that the functions of the crane are defined and suitable for production needs and to work on the details of the crane and the interface between the crane and the lifting device.

As Konecranes had earlier attained good results with a lifting device hanging from two trolleys for basic stability, the crane was designed the same way. The crane design includes also a Siemens S7 PLC and Profibus absolute encoders for positioning in order to achieve the best accuracy for semi-automatic functions. Konecranes anti-sway system helps to avoid damage to dies or other equipment. The crane can also be controlled with a Profibus radio controller, which makes the manual and semi-automatic operations easier to use. As a safety feature, some operating areas were restricted to ensure operator and equipment protection.

Shorter cycle times and a new kind of safety
Safe operating methods have been achieved and the semi-automatic functions have eased the workload. The sway control has made the manual operations easier and secured the semi-automatic functions; no load sway is caused by the crane. The crane cycle times have been cut when PLC controlling, correct sensoring, the helpful semi-automatic functions and the safety increasing sway control system have been used.

"We chose Konecranes for a good overall package with solutions and punctuality. Mutual cooperation secured the original goals for safety and ease of operation."

Volvo Car Corporation, Olofström, Sweden
Anders Boking, Manager Production Planning
FOR EFFICIENCY IN THE YARD

Konecranes has supplied lift trucks for over 50 years to a wide range of industries including the automotive industry where our fork lift trucks and reach stackers provide heavy, reliable handling of steel, tools and machinery in the yard.

Move heavy goods cost-effectively

Our fork lift trucks lift from 10 to 60 tons and can be supplied with special lifting devices for your processes. Our reach stackers lift from 10 to 80 tons and can also be supplied with special lifting devices. All of our lift trucks are backed by services and spare parts supply that keep them running reliably and efficiently.

Why choose a Konecranes lift truck?

Konecranes fork lift trucks, including RoRo models, have many innovative features including:

• Strong box-type chassis
• Load-sensing hydraulics for power-on-demand
• Electronically-controlled, eco-efficient engines
• Cabin with advanced ergonomics and excellent visibility

WORKSTATION LIFTING SYSTEMS FOR SMOOTH HANDLING OPERATIONS

One of the leading manufacturers of cranes and lifting equipment introduces a new business area, Konecranes Workstation Lifting Systems. Wherever the typical lifting equipment featuring simple hooks or slings is not sufficient to do the job while a robot is too costly and inflexible, our workstation lifting systems are the ideal choice.

We deliver complete solutions and our success is the operator’s satisfaction.

Manipulators to your assembly line

Konecranes manipulators meet your requirements with flexible design. We provide manipulators for your assembly and final assembly lines, handling:

• Cockpit, front-end module, seats
• Roofs, doors, bumpers, windows
• Gearboxes, suspension, fuel tanks, batteries, wheels, brake discs, etc.

A Konecranes manipulator with a nutrunner for wheel assembly at Magna in Austria.

Konecranes reach stackers lift from 10 to 80 tons with top and bottom-lift. They can be fitted with special attachments for automotive processes.

A Konecranes manipulator based on a Vertical Lifter for front-end module at BMW in Germany.
KONECRANES SERVICE –
ON A LEVEL SUITED TO YOU

Our five service levels define the relationship and cooperation with you and they all aim at raising total life cycle value. From first CONTACT, to our professional evaluation of the CONDITION of your equipment, to preventive maintenance and consultation services for optimal CARE, Konecranes will tailor a program to lift your business.

When a mutual COMMITMENT to performance-based maintenance or COMPLETE material handling outsourcing is required, Konecranes has the experience and resources to help you meet your business objectives.

**Care**
A selection of inspection and preventive maintenance services.

**Commitment**
Full-scale maintenance operations with set common targets.

**Complete**
Full responsibility of crane operations, with equipment, maintenance and personnel.

THE FUTURE OF MAINTENANCE IS HERE TODAY WITH TRUCONNECT® REMOTE SERVICES

TRUCONNECT® Remote Monitoring and Reporting service monitors the real usage of your equipment through a remote connection. Using the available usage data we provide you with information that can help you increase the safety of your crane usage, optimize your maintenance spending, and plan and budget your crane fleet’s modernization needs in advance.
Konecranes is a world-leading group of Lifting Businesses™ offering lifting equipment and services that improve productivity in a wide variety of industries. The company is listed on NASDAQ OMX Helsinki Ltd (symbol: KCR1V). With over 11,500 employees at more than 600 locations in almost 50 countries we have the resources, technology and determination to deliver on the promise of Lifting Businesses™.

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