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Main Roof-Bearing Structure for the Skating Hall in Maribor

Die Dachkonstruktion für die Eishalle in Maribor

Structure primaire du toit de la patinoire de Maribor

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To cover the skating-rink at the Skating hall, a roof structure was designed, consisting of two externally prestressed primary beams to which a secondary steel structure is attached by hangers.

The main structure is supported by four two-sided reinforced concrete piers; the secondary structure is peripherally supported by prefabricated reinforced concrete piers, spaced at 4.50 m. The whole structure roofs the existing skating - rink and galleries in the size of 67.60 x 67.10 m.

The statical system of the main structure represent two simply supported beams, 67.60 m long. The compression zone of the bearing system consists of reinforced concrete box segments and is elastically supported through reinforced concrete spacers by a polygonal system of prestressing tendons.

Each beam has been prestressed by 6 tendons LH 12 Ø 15.20 mm according to system Gradis - P.H. Outside the concrete section, the tendons are sheathed in galvanized steel pipes $\varnothing_i / \varnothing_e = 69 / 76$ mm; inside the concrete section they are in ribbed pipes $\varnothing_i / \varnothing_e = 75 / 82$ mm. For the needs of maintenance, the design provides the possibility of placing 7 tendons (6 + 1 additional one). The tendons have been prestressed in two steps: in the first step the tendons are prestressed for the case of dead load; the second step prestressing is effected after the erection of the secondary roof structure.

The existing lower structure of the skating-rink was spanned by a special steel structure on which a tower-crane was mounted. The concrete part of the main beam was assembled of segments on a 8 m high scaffolding. After filling the wide joints, placing the cable ducts and pulling in the tendons, the first step pre-stressing of beams took place.

With regard to the specificity of the statical system, span, construction details, method of construction and erection, the main beams were tested with a test load for the limit state of serviceability.

After test loading, the beams were lifted from the pipe scaffolding to the final position; the weight of beams is 2700 kN. The beams were lifter by two cables 12 Ø 15.20 mm according to system Gradis - P.H. (Fig. 1)



Fig.1: Lifting of main beams

When lifting and placing of beams was completed, the compressed parts of both beams were connected by a plane truss to secure the beams against buckling.

The statical system of the steel structure is Gerber's beam with hinges in external spans. The beam is a 2.00 m high truss made of steel pipes (Fig. 2).

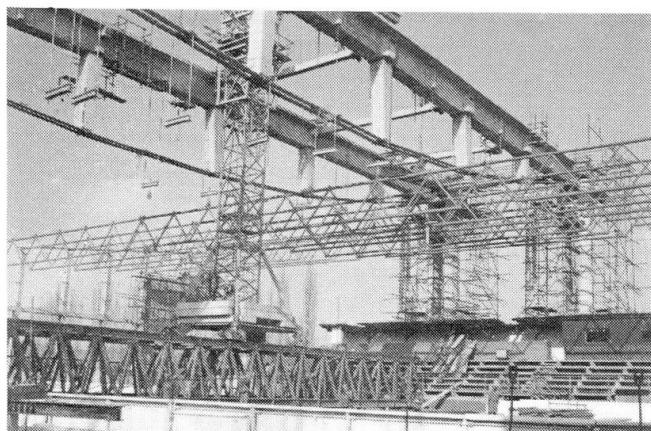


Fig.2: The secondary steel structure

After the erection of the steel structure and placing the roofing, the second-step prestressing was carried out.

The anticorrosive protection has been done by injecting the lithium grease LIP-LEKS-S-2EP (made by INA Zagreb) into the cable ducts, using the lubricators Lincoln.

The object was constructed in the period from July 1, 1987 to Dec. 25, 1987.



Fig.3: Completed roof structure