

APS-Electric Road System Conductive Solution Demonstrator February-2015



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Alstom: No. 1 in catenaryless solutions for tramways thanks to APS (ground-level feeding system), since 2003





APS Basic Principle



Period : 11m / Conductive Segment 8m / Neutral zone : 3m
Each power box drives 2 segments, a power box every 22m
Tramways are 30 or 40m long, covering every live segments
After tram passage, the segment is connected to the rail voltage





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Catenaryless tramways projects using APS







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Slide-in Electric Road System

 In 2012, in the context of an ERS solution evaluation initiated by the Swedish Energy Agency, Volvo Truck trusted Alstom as a partner for the adaptation of the APS system to the road. A demonstrator of conductive solution for slide-in application has been implemented and evaluated on Volvo Test track in Sweden.



APS / ERS Traffic and required power differences

Tramway	Road
1 tramway every 3 minutes	1 car every 3 seconds
2 tracks	Several tracks
Power 0,5MW / km	Power 2 to 10MW / km
Max power per segment : 1MW	Max required power per segment : 130kW
The return circuit via the running rails	Rubber tires



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APS / ERS Safety difference

short vehicles cannot cover the segments





The length of the vehicles is shorter and diversified, so the live polarity is applied to a virtual zone in the front of the vehicle and behind the vehicle only when the vehicle is detected at a minimum speed (60km/h).

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APS adaptation to ERS Safety solution: Live segments not accessible

- The basic safety principle is based on a virtual moving zone in front of and behind the vehicle.
- The platform is energized in front of the vehicle and behind the vehicle only when the vehicle is detected at a minimum speed.

Assumptions :

- Min speed = 60km/h (17m/s)
- Human time to escape = 1sec
- Min Distance between collector shoe and front / rear : I = 2m
- \rightarrow $Sf = Sr \sim 17m$

Result :

 \rightarrow Segment length = Sf + lc = 19m





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APS / ERS Slide-in evaluation – Göteborg (Sweden)

APS-ERS Demonstrator Power supply architecture

APS-ERS Demonstrator : The vehicle is developed by Volvo truck.

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ERS-APS Conductive slide-in solution evaluation Phase 2 20km run in Oct 2014 with transfer of energy up to 126kW

Adaptation of APS to ERS New third rail beam adapted for road St

Adherence improvement Engraved conductive bars

Static switches Power box

	Tramway	ERS
Nb vehicles per day	200	20 000
Nb switchings per 5 years	365 000	36 500 000

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Infrastructure with engraving in order to improve the road adherence.

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Current measured at the substation level

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Phase 2 Test conditions and results

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Current collection test	Result
126kWatts 180Amps 690VDC transfer	1
Truck speed more than 80km/h	1
20km of continuous power transfer	\checkmark
Rainy conditions	\checkmark
Short circuits tests	-
Track adherence tests	1

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APS-ERS Conductive solution Test-track Video

Today, APS technology meets ERS Slide-in requirements

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