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Foreword

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— *Part 1: Vocabulary and general specifications*

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Introduction

This International Standard deals with concrete mixers used either as individual machines on building sites or as components of batching plants.

The document provides the terms, definitions and commercial specifications for the subject machines.

The definitions refer to whole machines, their structures and parameters.

The commercial specifications establish technical characteristics of the whole machines and their components. Enclosed figures explain structures and dimensions characteristic of the concrete mixers.

Building construction machinery and equipment — Concrete mixers —

Part 1:
Vocabulary and general specifications

1   Scope

This International Standard establishes additional terms and definitions to describe the functioning and the required and optional components for various types of concrete mixers. The content of commercial literature specifications for these types of machines is defined.

It applies to concrete mixers as defined in ISO 11375, truck mixers excluded.

2   Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 11375:1998, *Building construction machinery and equipment — Terms and definitions*

3   Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 11375 and the following apply.

3.1
pan-type concrete mixer
compulsory mixer with agitators rotating about the vertical axis of a stationary or rotating pan

3.2
charging time
t_1
duration of charging the concrete components to the mixer for one batch

NOTE 1   Refers to batch-type concrete mixers.

NOTE 2   The charging time, t_1, is expressed in units of seconds.

3.3
mixing time
t_2
⟨batch-type mixer⟩ duration from the completion of charging the concrete components to the completion of their mixing

NOTE   The mixing time, t_2, is expressed in units of seconds.

3.4
mixing time
t_2
⟨continuous mixer⟩ duration during which the concrete components are kept in the mixing chamber

NOTE 1   The mixing time for a continuous mixer is calculated as follows:

$$t_2 = \frac{m_c}{q_m}$$

where

m_c is the mass of concrete components in the mixing chamber, expressed in kilograms;

q_m is the mass flow rate of the concrete components being charged, expressed in kilograms per second.

NOTE 2   The mixing time, t_2, is expressed in units of seconds.

3.5
discharging time
t_3
duration from the start of discharging to its completion

NOTE 1   The remainder in the mixer after discharging is expected not exceed 3 %.

NOTE 2   The discharging time, t_3, is expressed in units of seconds.

3.6
reset time
t_4
duration from the completion of the discharging to the start of charging for the next batch

NOTE   The reset time, t_4, is expressed in units of seconds.

3.7
cycle time
t_c
duration from the start of charging concrete components to the completion of preparation to accept the next charge after the reset

NOTE 1   The cycle time is calculated from the following equation: $t_c = t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + t_4$.

NOTE 2   The cycle time, t_c, is expressed in units of seconds.

3.8
number of batches
n
quantity of batches of mixing per one hour

NOTE   The number of batches per hour is calculated as follows:

$$n = 3\ 600/t_c$$

where t_c is the cycle time, expressed in seconds.

3.9
dry-components capacity
V_c
volume of dry components (cement + aggregates) for one batch

NOTE   The dry-components capacity, V_c, is expressed in units of cubic decimetres.

3.10
ready-concrete capacity
V_u
volume of ready concrete received from one batch

NOTE 1   The approximate volume of ready concrete received from one batch may be calculated from the following equation:

$$V_u = V_c \cdot \alpha$$

where

V_u is the volume of ready concrete, expressed in cubic decimetres;

V_c is the volume of dry components, expressed in cubic decimetres;

α is the coefficient equal to the ratio V_u/V_c, which, for ordinary concrete (as defined in the note in 3.11) is 0,7.

NOTE 2   The ready-concrete capacity, V_u, is expressed in units of cubic decimetres.

3.11
rated capacity
parameter equal to the dry components capacity, V_c, divided by the ready concrete capacity, V_u

NOTE   Typically, concrete mixer rating capacity refers to the ordinary concrete used in building sites which has a density between 1,8 kg/dm^3 and 2,5 kg/dm^3 and is composed of cement, water, fine and coarse mineral aggregates and possibly mineral additives and chemical admixtures. In the case of special concrete mixes (e.g. heavy aggregates), it is necessary that the concrete mixer capacity value be agreed between the supplier and purchaser.

EXAMPLE   If the dry-components capacity for a mixer is 500 dm^3 and the ready-concrete capacity is 350 dm^3, then the rated capacity is 500/350.

3.12
theoretical output capacity
Q
number of cubic metres of ready concrete received from the mixer per hour of operation

NOTE 1   The theoretical output for a batch type concrete mixer is expressed by the equation:

$$Q = n \times V_u / 1\ 000$$

where

n is the number of batches per hour;

V_u is the capacity of ready concrete, expressed in cubic decimetres.

NOTE 2   The theoretical output capacity for a continuous mixer is calculated as follows:

$$Q = \frac{3,6 \times q_m}{\rho}$$

where

q_m is the mass flow rate of charging concrete components, expressed in kilograms per second;

ρ is the specific gravity of the produced concrete components, expressed in kilograms per cubic decimetre.

NOTE 3   The theoretical output capacity, Q, is expressed in units of cubic metres per hour.

4 Description of the basic structures of concrete mixers

4.1 Basic structure of gravity mixers

Gravity mixers (see Figures A.1 to A.5) consist of the following basic units: an electric motor or combustion engine, a mixing drum, a mixing drum transmission, and a tipping drum mechanism and supporting frame, which may be provided with wheels to aid relocation. The bigger machines (with a capacity larger than approximately 350 dm^3) typically have a skip hoist or charging bucket, a water-dosing unit and a towbar (see Figures A.3, A.4 and A.5).

4.2 Basic structure of compulsory mixers

Compulsory mixers (see Figures A.6 to A.14) consist of the following basic units: a pan or trough, mixing blades, an electric motor and transmission for the mixing-blades drive, a discharging gate and its drive. Bigger machines (with a capacity larger than approximately 350 dm^3) are typically equipped with a charging skip hoist, a cover for the pan or trough and a water-distributing installation (see Figures A.7, A.8, A.10 and A.14). For easy relocation, the machines may be provided with wheels.

5 Commercial specifications

5.1 Basic characteristics of a concrete mixer

5.1.1 General data

Specify the following parameters in the designated units, where given:

a) general type, e.g. tipping drum, reversing drum, discharging chute, turbo, planetary, turbo-planetary, counter-current operation, concurrent operation, with high-speed stirrer and paddle concrete mixer;

b) rated capacity dm^3

c) output per hour for a specified number of cycles, n[1] m^3/h

d) maximum size of aggregates:

  — gravel   mm

  — crushed stone   mm

e) total power installed   kW

f) mass of the base machine   kg

g) mass of the unloaded machine in operating mode   kg

h) overall dimensions during operation:

  — length   mm

  — width   mm

  — height   mm

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1) This parameter designates the technical capability of a mixer and usually refers to ordinary concrete (as defined in the note to 3.11) production. Some concrete mixes (e.g. with a low water/cement ratio used in the precast-concrete industry) may require a prolonged mixing time. In these cases, it is necessary that the mixer's output capacity be agreed between the purchaser and supplier.

5.1.2 Detailed data for the concrete-mixer components

5.1.2.1 Motors and engines for mixing mechanisms

Specify whether the unit is driven by an electric motor or a combustion engine, and the relevant information from the following:

a) electric motors:

   — number of phases

   — supply voltage   V

   — power   kW

   — frequency   Hz

   — revolutions min^{-1}

b) combustion engines:

   — type:

       i) 4-stroke petrol

       ii) 2-stroke petrol

       iii) diesel

   — power   kW

   — revolutions min^{-1}

5.1.2.2 Skip hoist or bucket with optional specifications

Specify the following:

a) skip-hoist or bucket capacity dm^3

b) speed of lifting and descending   m/min

c) time of lifting and descending (for charging bucket)   s

d) mass of the skip hoist or bucket assembly   kg

5.1.2.3 Hydraulic or pneumatic installation for tilt mechanism

Specify the following:

a) capacity of the hydraulic pump or compressor   l/min

b) maximum pressure (gauge)   MPa

c) volume of the hydraulic oil tank or air tank dm^3

5.1.2.4   Water dosing installation with optional specifications

Specify the following:

a)   water-supply pressure   MPa

b)   water-pump capacity   l/min

c)   internal diameter of water supply line   mm

d)   type of water-supply unit:

⸺   flow type with flow meter

⸺   volume type with water tank

⸺   weighing type with scale

e)   operating capacity of water-supply unit   l

5.2   Dimensions characteristic of concrete mixers

The following dimensions, characteristic of concrete mixers and required for their installation and operation, shall be provided:

a)   overall dimensions (length, width and height) in operating mode and prepared for relocation (the latter pertains to a mixer provided with wheels);

b)   maximum angle of inclination of the mixing drum in operation (pertains to tipping-drum concrete mixers);

c)   dimensions and location of charging and discharging holes, including the slewing angle, δ, for the discharging gate;

d)   dimensions of the skip hoist or charging bucket assembly;

⸺   width and length of the skip-hoist track;

⸺   overall dimensions of the ship hoist and bucket;

e)   location of the charging skip hoist relative to the drum or pan;

f)   dimensions of the pan and its cover (diameter, height);

g)   spacing of mounting holes (pertains to stationary mixers).

Examples of characteristic dimensions of concrete mixers are presented in Figures A.1 to A.6 and A.8 to A.14.

5.3   Other specifications for particular types of concrete mixers

NOTE   These characteristics augment the data given in 5.1.

5.3.1   Tipping drum gravity concrete mixer

See Figures A.1, A.2 and A.3.

Specify the following:

a)   revolutions of the drum min^{-1}

b)   method of additional protection from electric shock (2-class isolation, residual current device (RCD), separating transformer, etc.)

c)   permissible hauling speed: km/h

d)   type of tilting mechanism:

— manual:

 i)   hand lever with drum position locking

 ii)   hand wheel with: direct drum position locking, brake disc or pedal operated of a drum position locking

— pneumatic

— hydraulic

e)   type and dimension of wheels:

— iron

— elastic

— solid-rubber tires

— pneumatic tires

— for dimensions, see 5.2 and Figures A.1, A.2 and A.3.

f)   options:

— car or truck towbar, mudguards, lighted licence plate and spring-mounted axle for towing up to 80 km/h

— drum cover for horizontal mixing

— washer for the drum cover

5.3.2   Reversing-drum concrete mixer

See Figures A.4 and A.5.

Specify the following:

a)   number of revolutions of the drum min^{-1}

b)   permissible hauling speed   km/h

c)   for dimensions, see 5.2 and Figures A.4 and A.5

d)   options:

— scraping shovel

— water-supply equipment (flow meter or volumetric gauging unit to measure water delivery)

— skip-hoist weighing system

5.3.3 Pan-type concrete mixers

See Figures A.6, A.7, A.8, A.9 and A.10.

5.3.3.1 General data

Specify the following:

a) method of discharging of the mixer:

   — rotary or sliding gate, either actuated manually or driven electro-mechanically, hydraulically or pneumatically

   — drop gate located in the centre of the pan bottom

   — by tipping of the mixer

b) method of suspension of the mixing blade arms:

   — rigid

   — elastic

c) control:

   — push-button contacts in switchbox

   — for dimensions, see 5.2 and Figures A.8 and A.10[2)]

   — options for the charging skip-hoist assembly, supporting the structure, metering the water flow, including a dirt-trap and a stop valve, volumetrically metering the water-supply unit, and weighing units for the cement and aggregates.

5.3.3.2 Turbo mixer

See Figures A.6, A.7 and A.8.

Specify following:

a) mixing-blade assembly:

   — number of revolutions of the rotor min^{-1}

   — number of mixing blades

   — number of scraper cleaning blades for the side surfaces of the pan

b) for dimensions, see 5.2 and Figure A.8

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2) Due to the variety of pan-type concrete mixers, only two examples of the characteristic dimensions are given. These are turbo and planetary mixers, which are mostly used ones.

5.3.3.3 Planetary and turbo-planetary mixer

See Figures A.9 and A.10.

Specify the following:

a) mixing-blade assembly:

 — number of revolutions of the planetary gear min^{-1}

 — number of revolutions of the mixing star(s) min^{-1}

 — number of mixing stars

 — number of blades for the single mixing stars

 — number of the scraper cleaning blades for the pan surface

 — number of working blades in the turbo system

b) for dimensions, see 5.2 and Figure A.10.

5.3.3.4 Counter-current and concurrent operation mixers

Specify the following:

a) mixing-blade assembly:

 — number of revolutions of the pan min^{-1}

 — number of revolutions of the mixing star min^{-1}

 — number of mixing stars

 — number of blades per single mixing star

 — number of the scraper cleaning blades for the pan surface

b) for dimensions, see 5.2

5.3.3.5 Concrete mixer with (a) high-speed stirrer(s)

Specify the following:

a) mixing-blade assembly:

 — number of stirrers;

 — number of revolutions of the stirrer min^{-1}

b) for dimensions, see 5.2

5.3.4 Paddle mixer

See Figures A.11, A.12, A.13 and A.14.

a) type of the mixer:

  — one-paddle agitator

  — two-paddle agitators

  — number of revolutions of the paddle agitators min^{-1}

b) method of discharging:

  — by opening of the segment of the trough bottom

  — by tipping (deals with small-sized paddle mixers)

  — dimensions

c) for dimensional characteristic of paddle mixers, see 5.2 and Figures A.13 and A.14

d) options for the charging skip hoist and for the water-supply installation comprised of the water-supply unit and the cut-off valve.

5.3.5 Continuous-type concrete mixer

See Figures A.15 and A.16.

Specify the following:

a) type of mixer:

  — gravity mixer

  — compulsory mixer (with one or two paddle agitators)

b) output capacity m^3/h

c) maximum size of aggregates:

  — gravel   mm

  — crushed stone   mm

d) power installed   kW

e) motor or engine characteristics (in accordance with 5.1.2.1)

f) mass   kg

g) for dimensions characteristic of the continuous-type concrete mixers, see 5.2 and Figures A.15 and A.16.

Annex A
(informative)

Examples of concrete mixers structures and dimensional characteristics

Dimensions in millimetres

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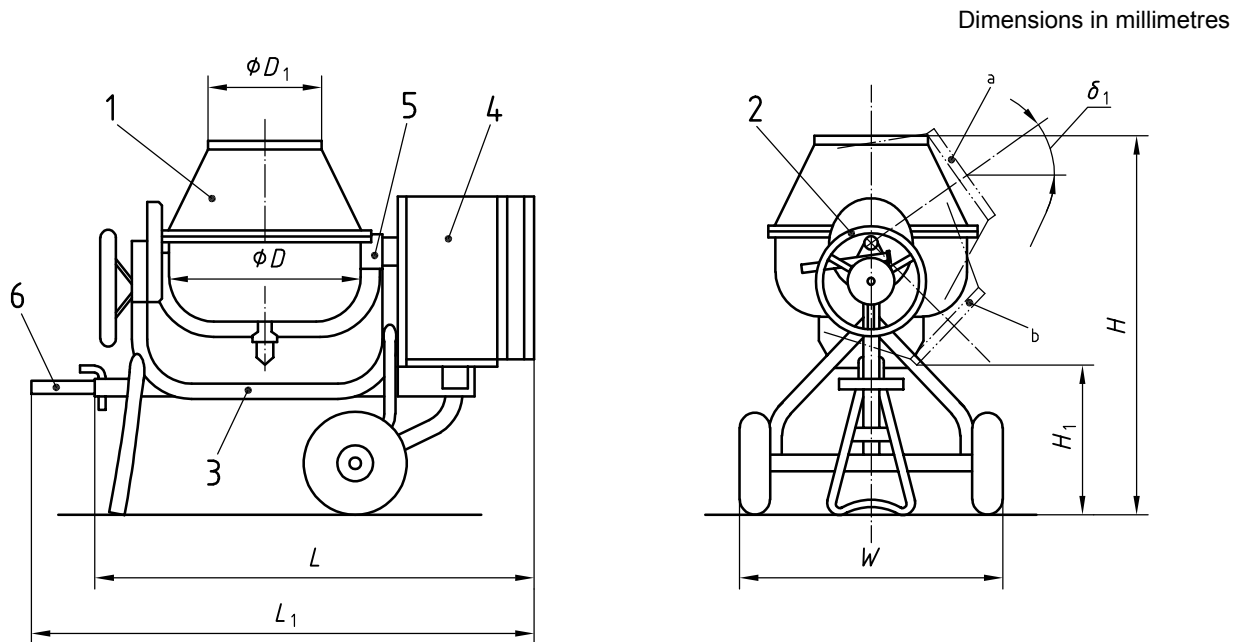
1 mixing drum
2 tipping mechanism with internal tooth gear and lock for the drum position
3 frame and running wheels
4 motor with belt transmission and electrical installation
5 bevel gear pair
6 towbar

D diameter of the mixing drum
D_1 diameter of the charging hole
H overall height
H_1 height of discharging
δ_1 angle of inclination of the mixing drum during operation, in degrees
L overall length
L_1 overall length in travelling position
W overall width

[a] Position for charging and mixing.
[b] Position for discharging.

Figure A.1 — Small-sized tipping-drum concrete mixer equipped with travelling wheels

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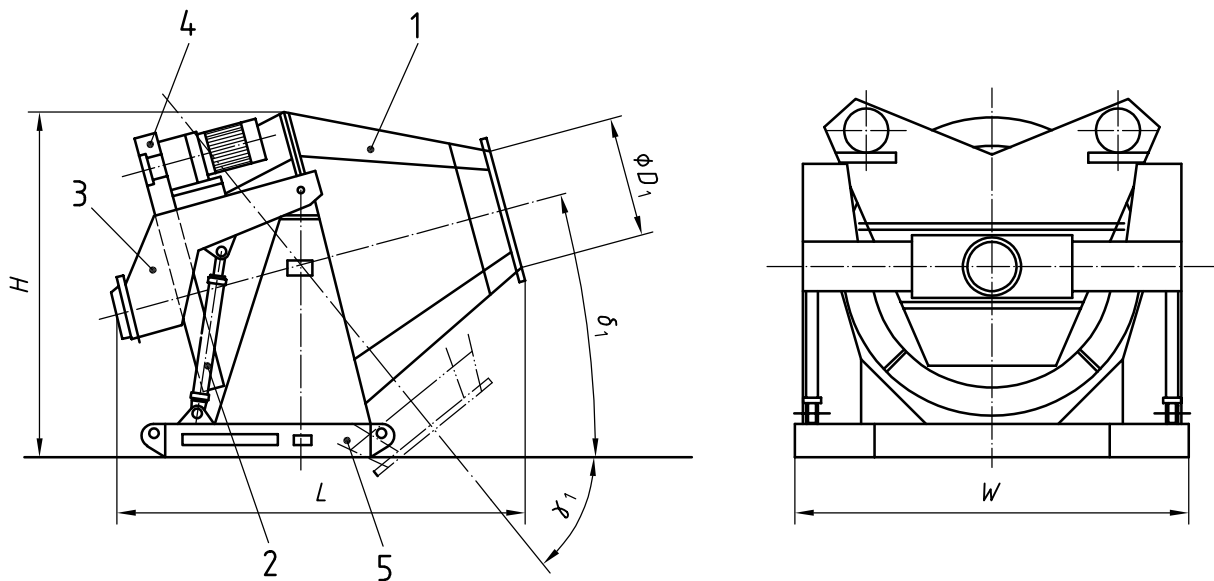
1 mixing drum

2 tipping mechanism

3 yoke

4 drive unit

5 frame

D_1 diameter of the charging hole

δ_1 angle of inclination of the mixing drum during operation

γ_1 discharge angle

L overall length

W overall width

H overall height

Figure A.2 — Tipping-drum stationary concrete mixer
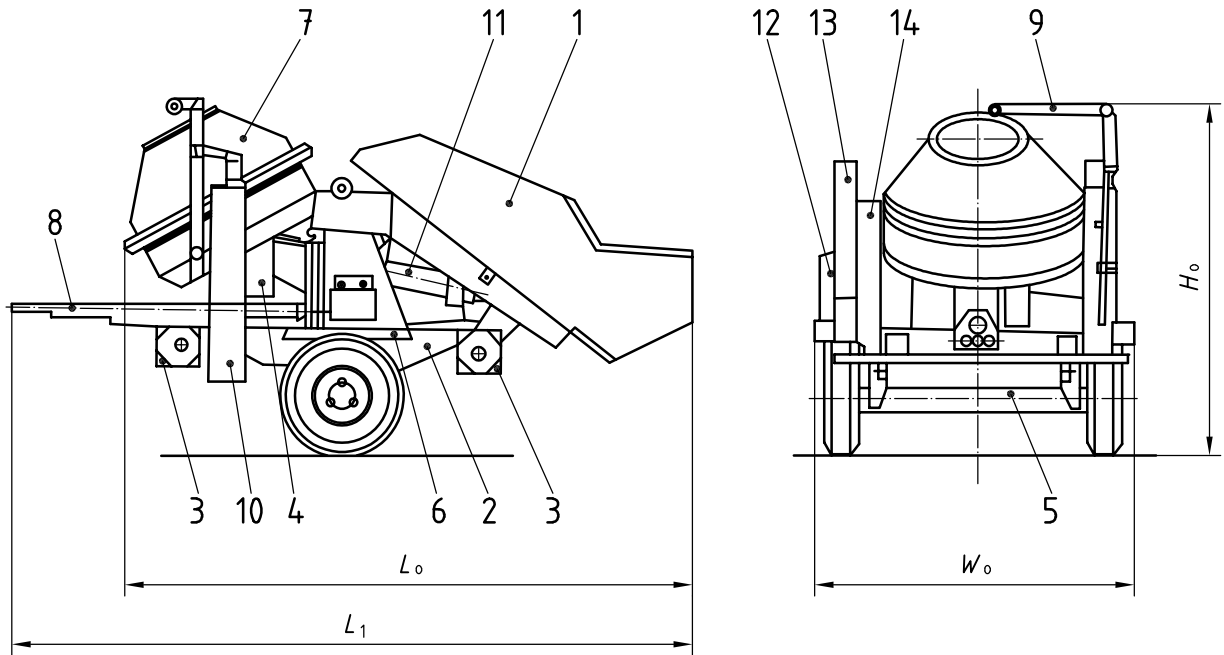
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1   charging bucket
2   chassis
3   front and rear supports
4   electric installation
5   axle
6   side support
7   mixing drum
8   towbar
9   water-supply installation
10 tipping mechanism
11 hydraulic drive
12 controls
13 guard
14 support for mixing drum

H_o overall height in operating mode
L_o overall length in operating mode
L_1 overall length in transport position
W_o overall width in operating mode

**Figure A.3 — Tipping-drum concrete mixer with an hydraulic drive for the drum
and the skip charging bucket**
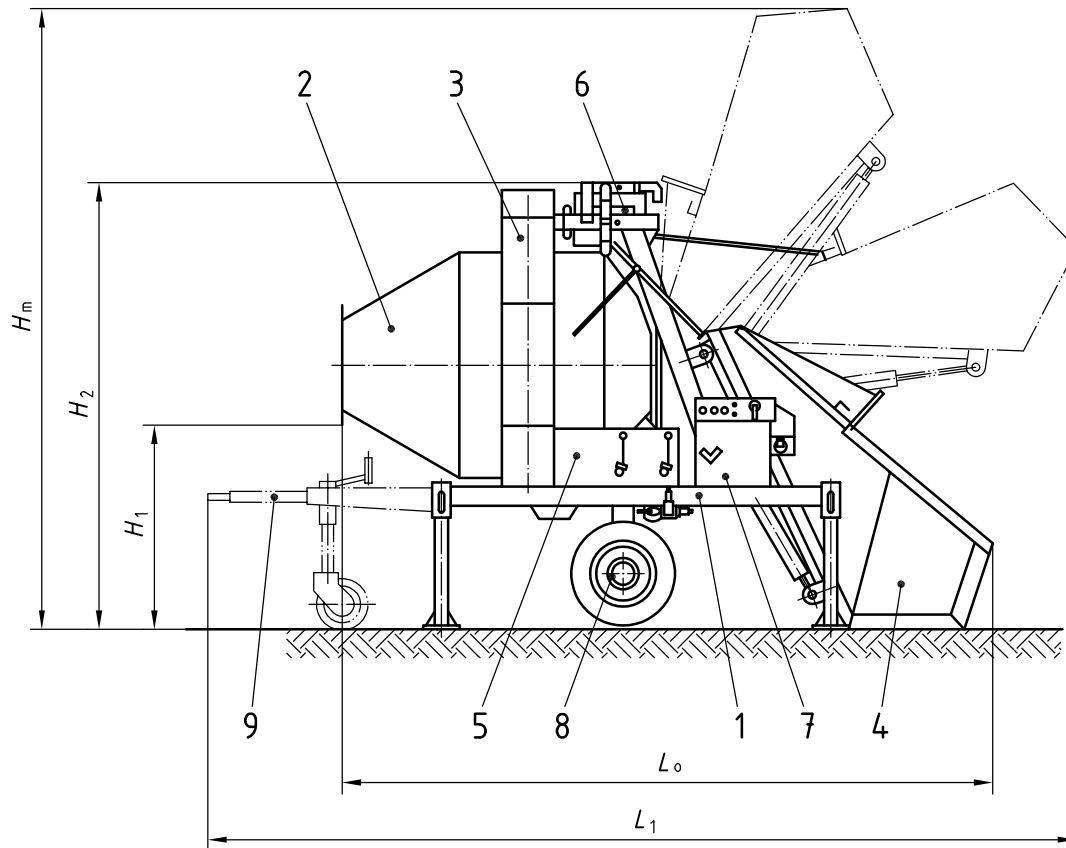
Key

1   frame
2   mixing drum
3   guard for the crown gear
4   charging bucket
5   hydraulic drive
6   water supply
7   electrical control panel
8   axle
9   towbar with mounting jack

H_m maximum height
H_1 height in discharging
H_2 height of transport position
L_o length in operating mode
L_1 length in transport position

Figure A.4 — Reversing-drum concrete mixer with hydraulically driven mixing drum and charging bucket
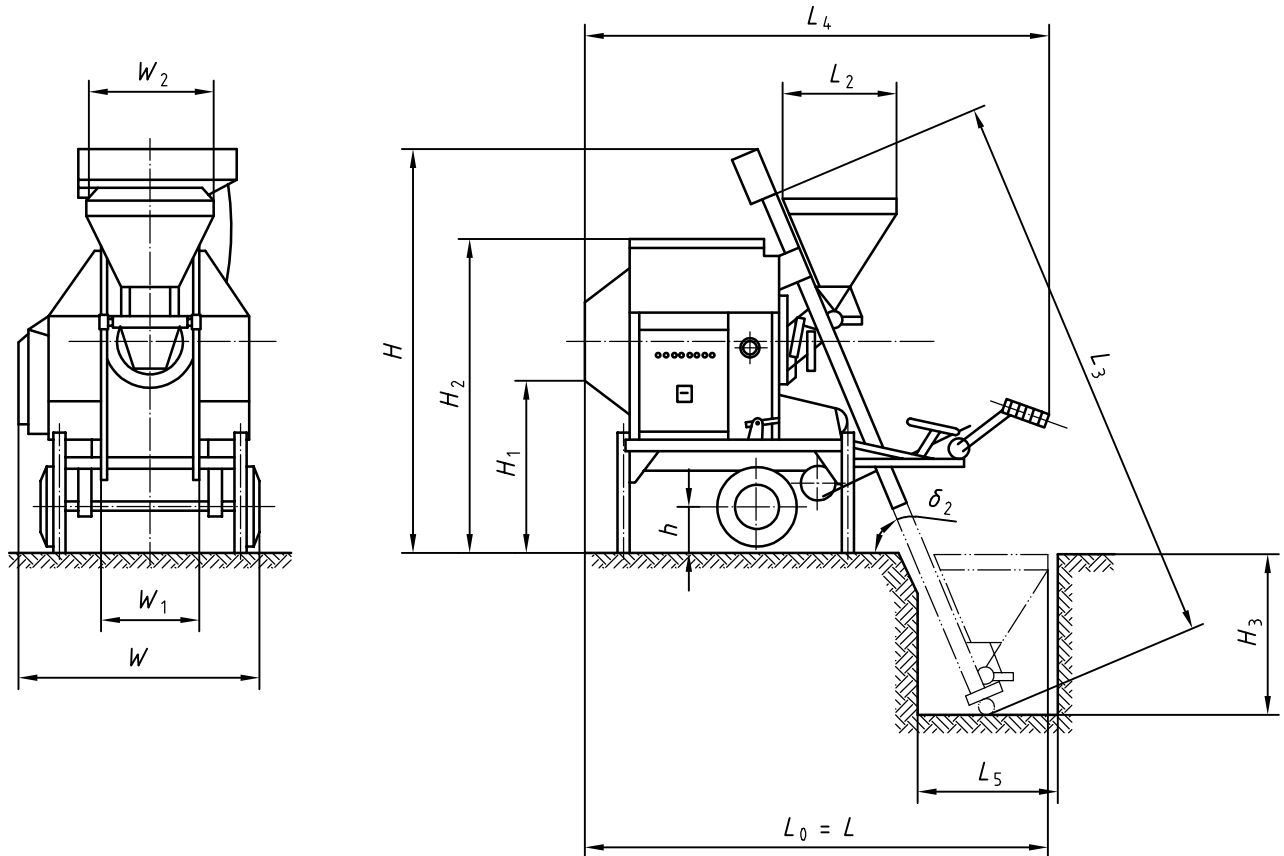
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L_0 length in operating mode

L_2 length of the charging skip hoist

L_3 length of the skip-hoist track

L_4 length from the head of the mixing drum to the mechanical shovel connection

L_5 length of the hole for the charging skip hoist

W_1 width of the skip-hoist track

W_2 width of the charging skip hoist

H_1 height of discharging

H_2 height

H_3 height of the hole for the charging skip

h distance from the transport axle to the ground

δ_2 angle of inclination of the track

L overall length

W overall width

H overall height

Figure A.5 — Reversing-mixing-drum concrete mixer with a mechanical drive for the drum and the skip hoist

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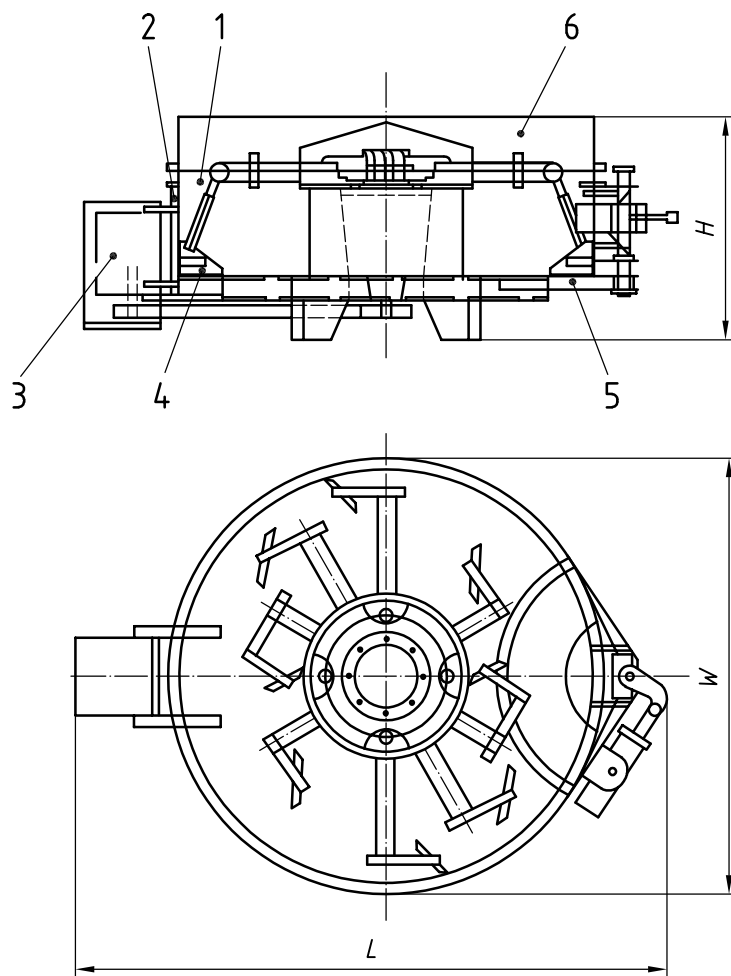
1   pan
2   lining
3   drive unit
4   mixing blades
5   discharging gate
6   cover for the pan

L overall length
W overall width
H overall height

**Figure A.6 — Turbo concrete mixer**

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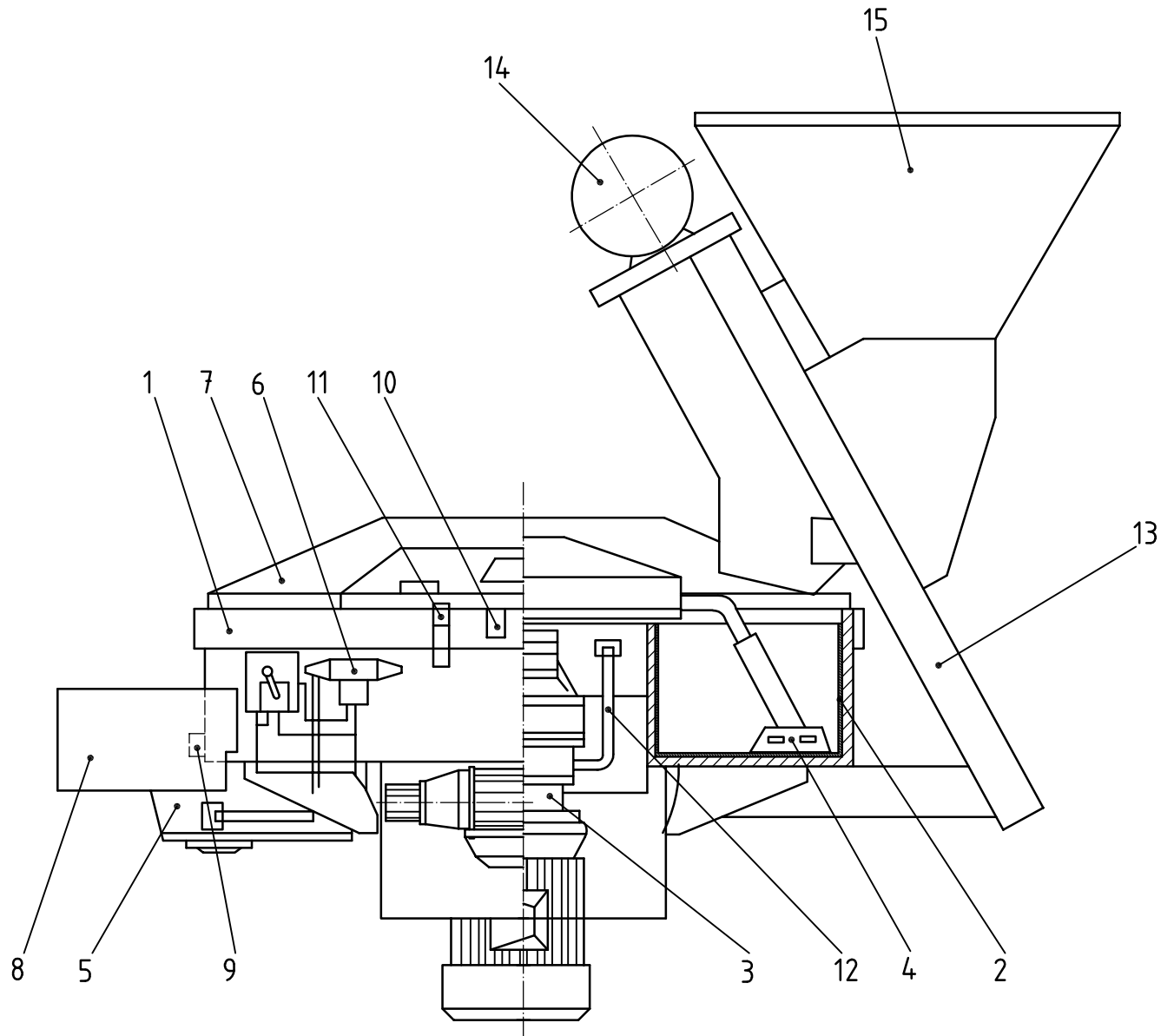
1 pan
2 lining
3 drive unit
4 mixing blades
5 discharging gate
6 hydraulic drive assembly for the discharging gate
7 pan cover
8 guard for the discharging gate
9 limit switches for the discharging gate
10 safety cut-out switch for the cover of the pan
11 water nozzle
12 oil-filling inlet
13 track
14 hoisting winch
15 charging skip hoist

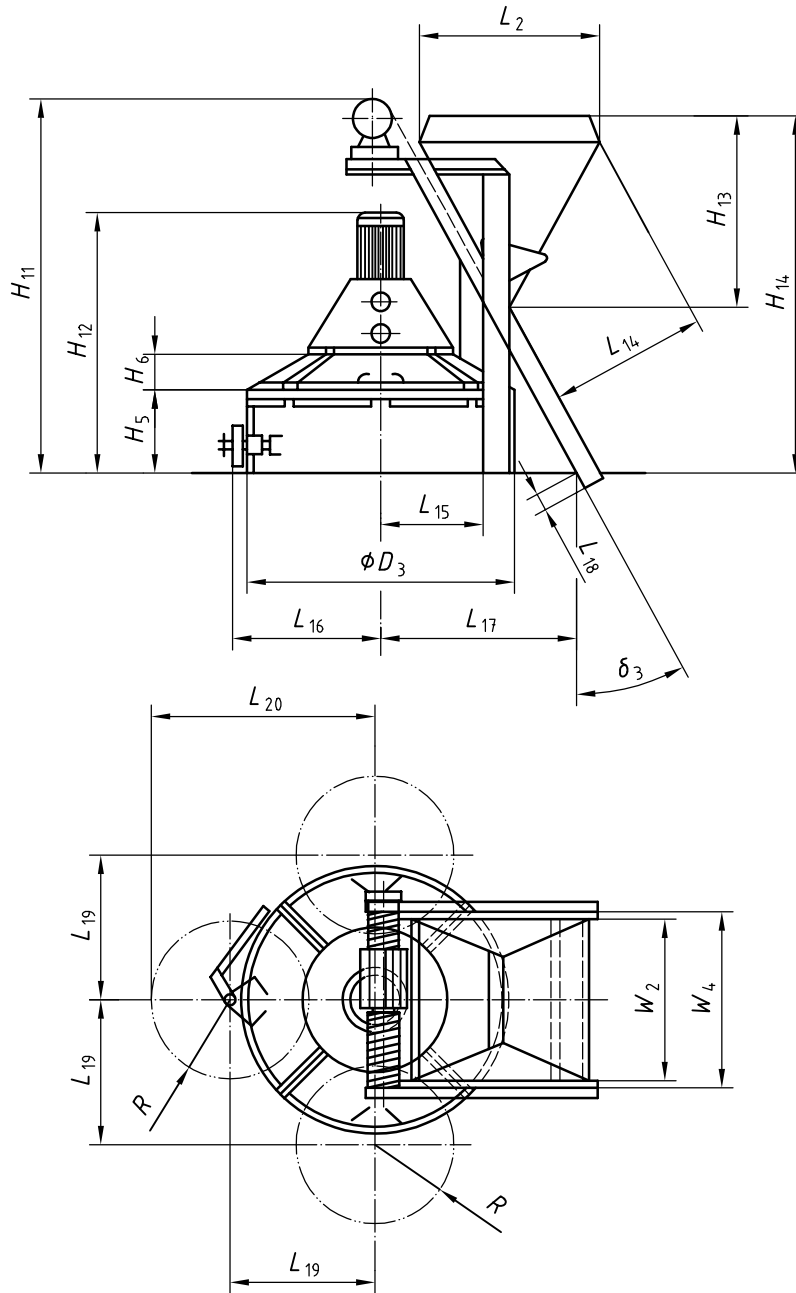**Figure A.7 — Structure of a turbo-mixer with a charging skip hoist**
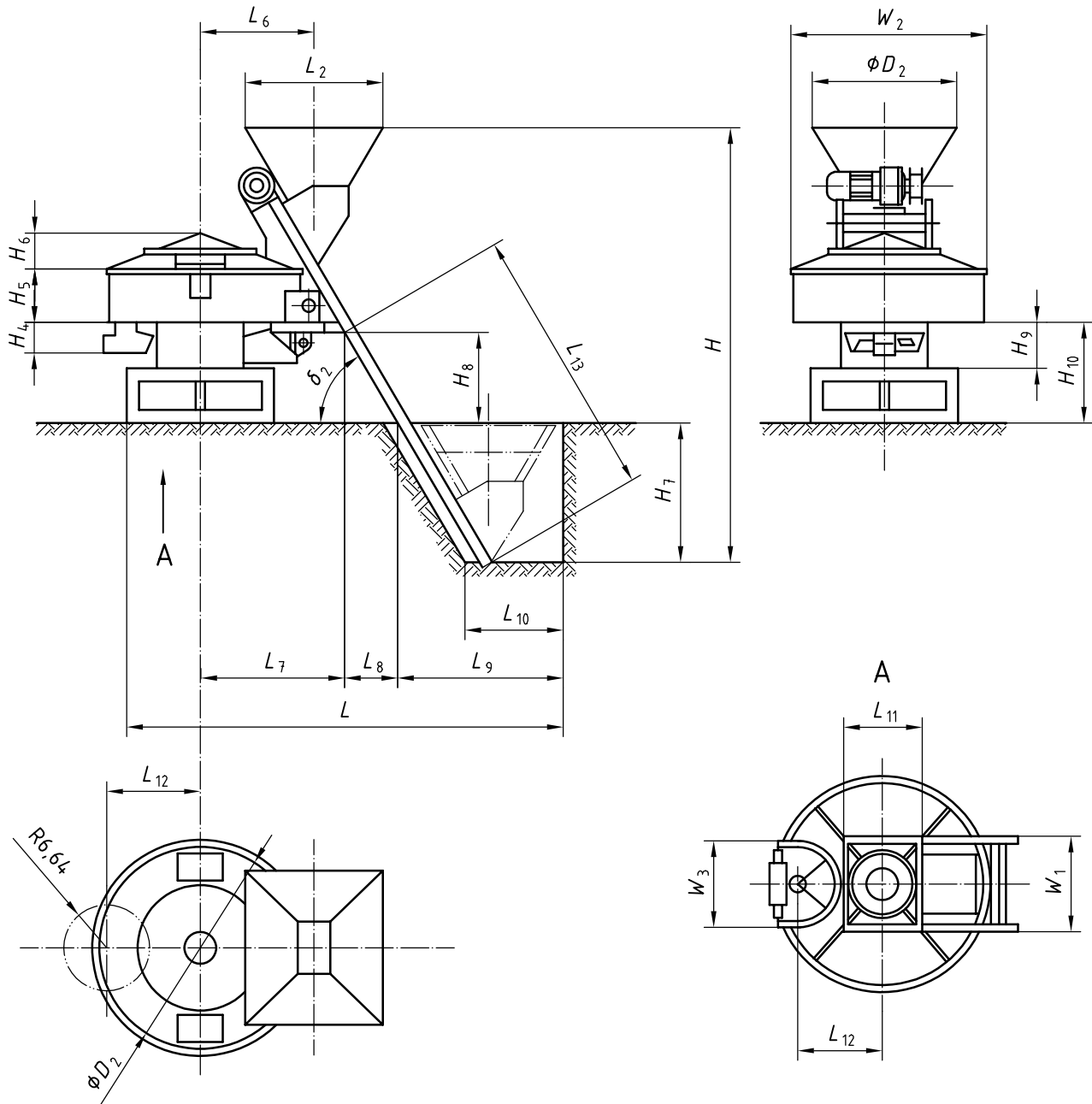
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H	overall height	L_6	distance between axles of the mixer and skip hoist in its discharging position
H_4	height of discharging unit assembly	L_7	distance between the axle of the mixer and track support
H_5	height of the pan	L_8	distance between the track support and the track entrance to the hole
H_6	height of the cover		
H_7	height of the hollow for the skip hoist	L_9	distance between the track entrance to the hole and its rear wall
H_8	distance between the support of the track and ground	L_{10}	length of the bottom of the hole
H_9	height of the housing of the mixing unit drive	L_{11}	length of the housing of the mixing-unit drive
H_{10}	distance between the pan and ground	L_{12}	distance between the axes of the discharging gate and the mixer
D_2	diameter of the pan	L_{13}	length of the lower part of the track
R	radius of slewing of the discharging gate	W_1	width of the skip hoist
L	overall length	W_2	width of the track
L_2	length of the skip hoist	W_3	width of the housing of the mixing-unit drive
		δ_2	angle of inclination of the track

Figure A.8 — Dimensional characteristics of the turbo mixer
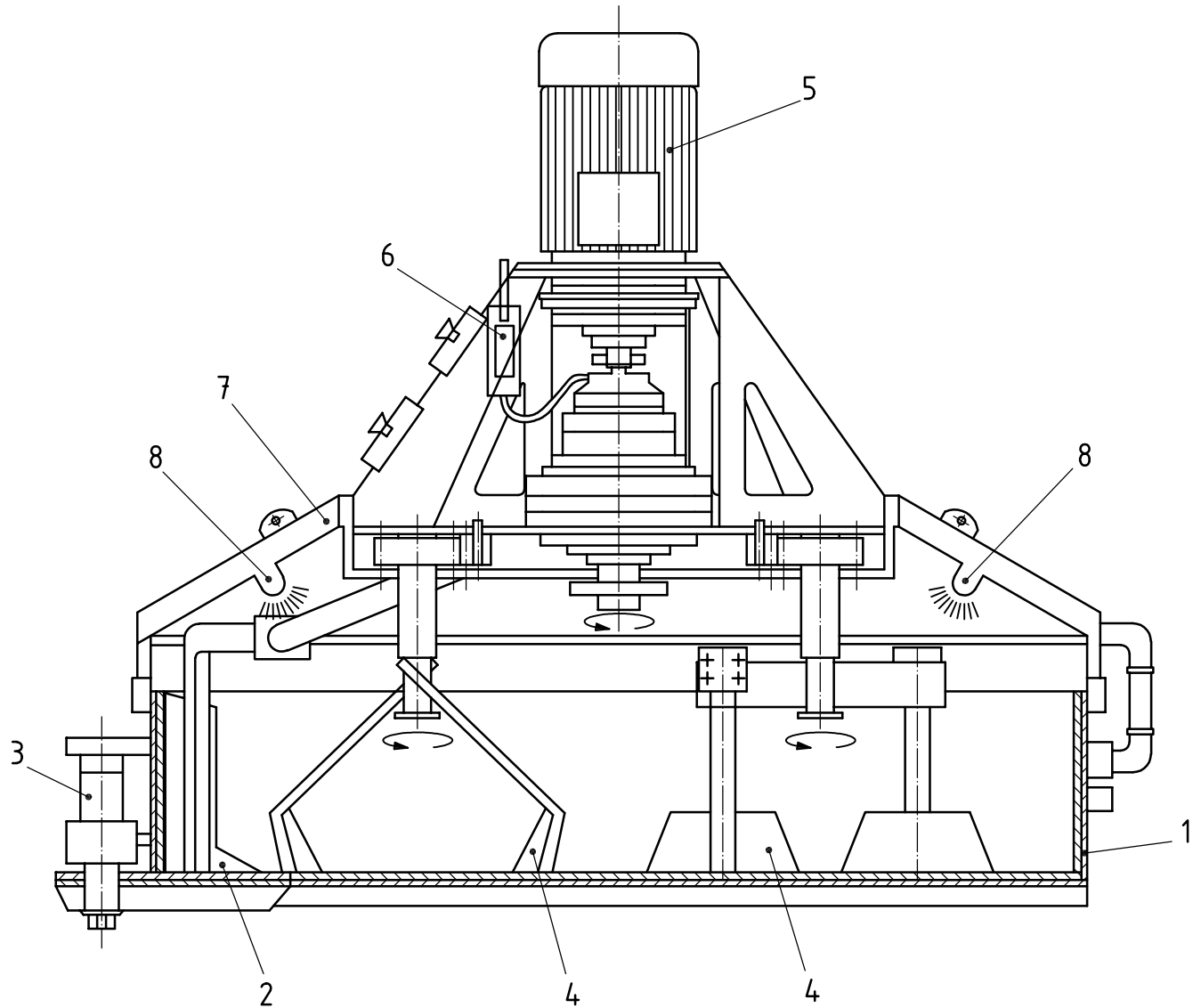
Key

1   pan

2   cleaning blade

3   hydraulic drive for the discharging gate

4   mixing blades for planetary movement

5   drive unit for the mixing blades

6   electrical control system

7   pan cover

8   water nozzle

Figure A.9 — Structure of the planetary concrete mixer

Key

H_5 height of the pan
H_6 height of the pan's cover
H_{11} height from pan support to the skip-hoist winch
H_{12} height of the mixer
H_{13} height of the skip hoist
H_{14} distance between the mixer base and skip-hoist upper edge
D_3 outer diameter of the pan
L_2 length of the skip hoist
L_{14} distance from the skip-hoist outer edge to the track
L_{15} distance from the track-supporting structure to the mixer's axis
L_{16} distance from the discharging gate driving unit to the mixer's axis

L_{17} distance from the track to the mixer's axis measured at the mixer's base plane
L_{18} length from lower part of the track measured to the mixer's base plane
L_{19} distance between the mixer's and the discharging gate axes
L_{20} maximum distance between discharging gate in its open position and the mixer's axis
R slewing radius of the discharging gate
W_2 width of the skip hoist
W_4 inner width of the track
δ_3 angle of inclination of the skip hoist track

Figure A.10 — Dimensions characteristic of the planetary mixer with charging skip hoist and three possible gates for discharging
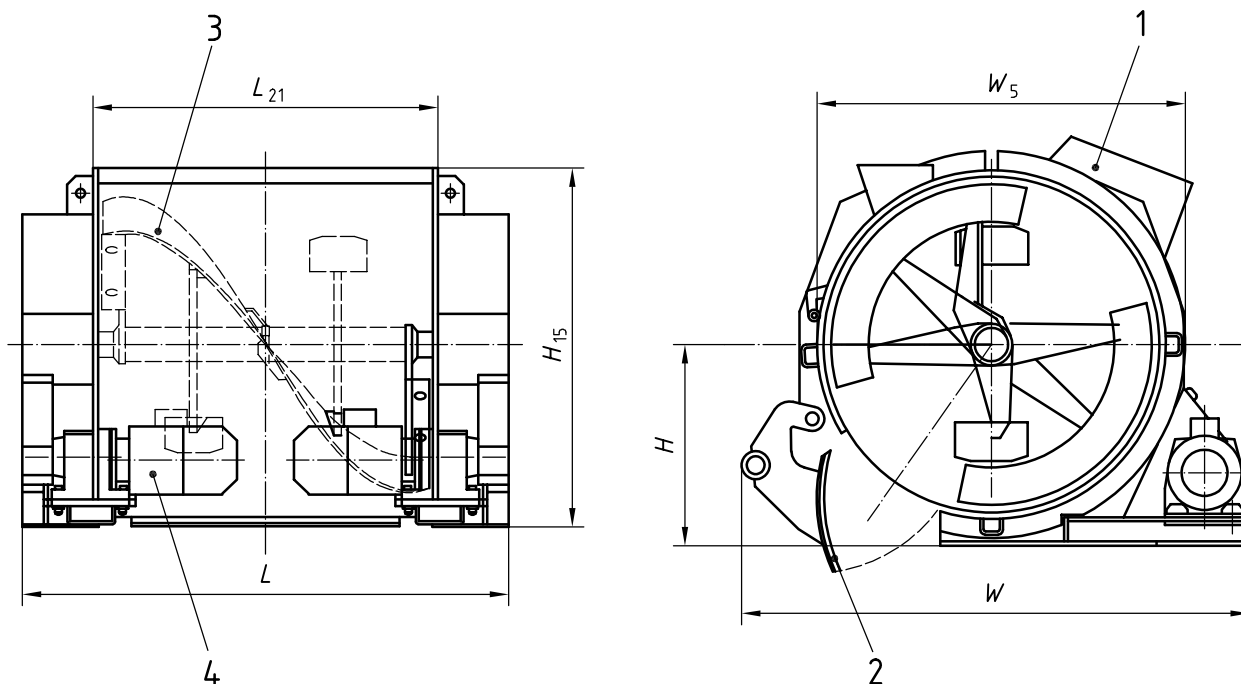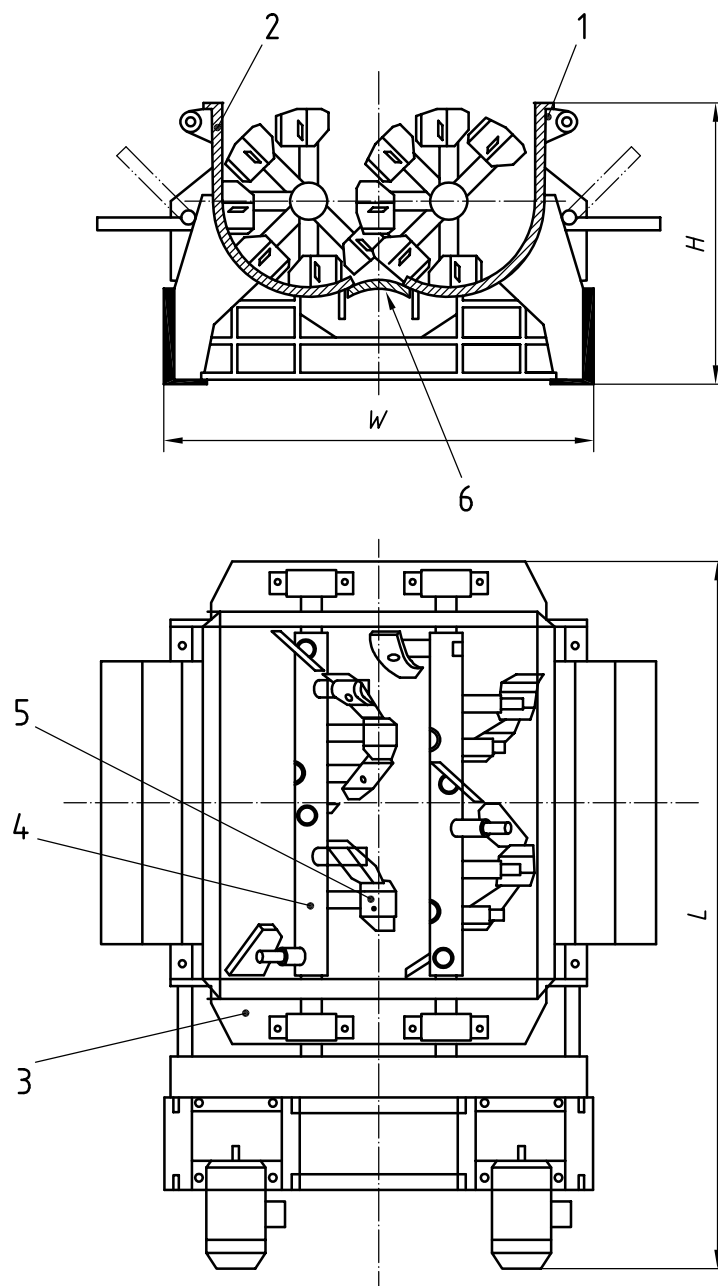
Key

1 aggregate inlet

2 discharging gate

3 mixing system with two helixes and blades

4 gear motor and chain transmission for mixing system drive

L overall length

W overall width

H overall height

H_{15} height of the shaft measured from the mixer's base

L_{21} length of the trough

W_5 width of the trough

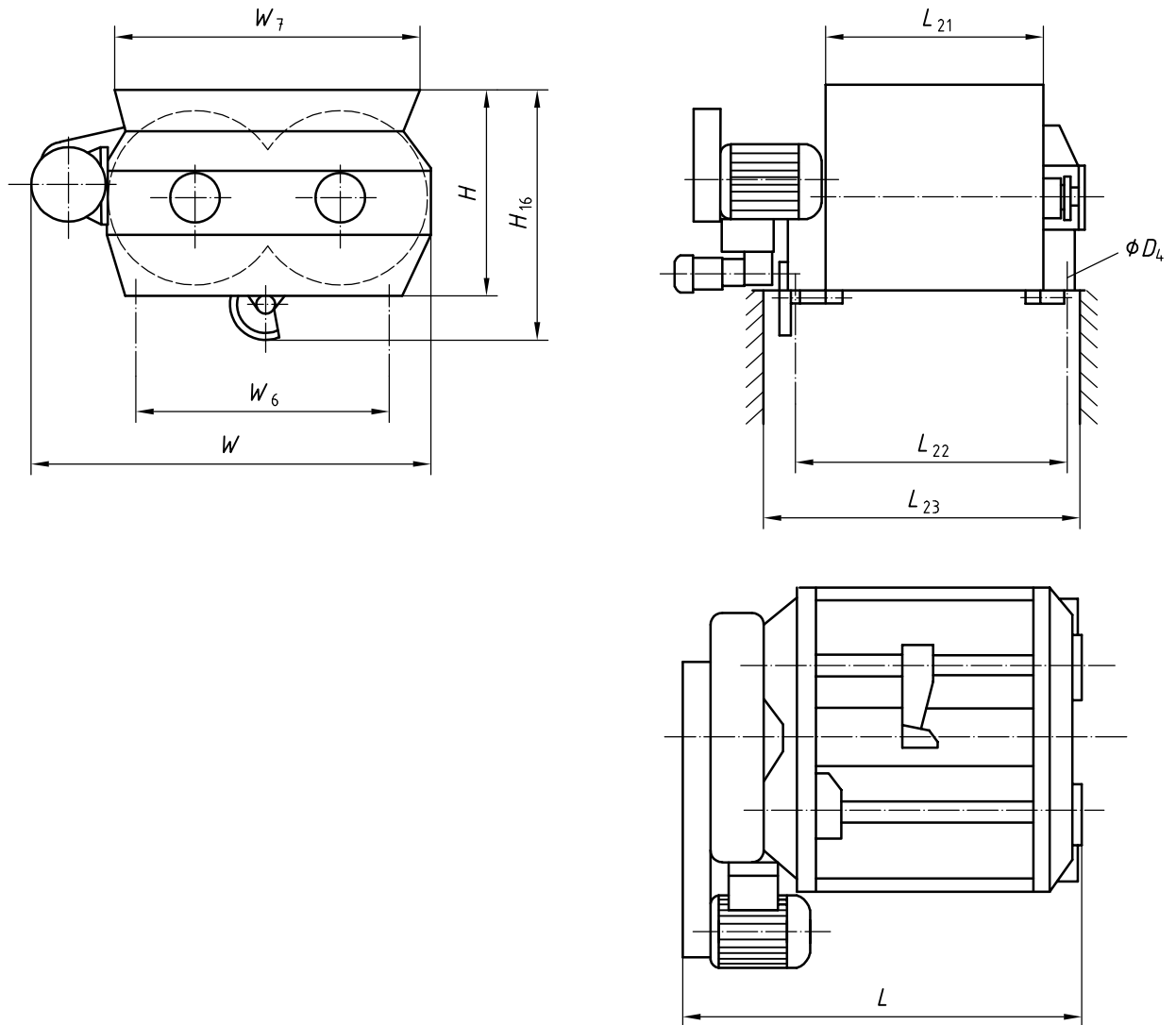**Figure A.11 — Paddle mixer with a single paddle agitator**

Key

1   trough
2   lining
3   drive unit
4   shaft and arms
5   mixing blades
6   discharging gate

L overall length
W overall width
H overall height

Figure A.12 — Paddle mixer with two-paddle agitators

Key

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L	overall length
L_{21}	length of the trough
L_{22}, W_6	distances between the axes of the mounting holes
L_{23}	required distance for discharging
W	overall width
W_7	width of the upper edge of the trough
H	overall height of the mixer
H_{16}	height of the mixer in discharging position
D_4	diameter of the mounting holes

Figure A.13 — Paddle mixer (characteristic dimensions)
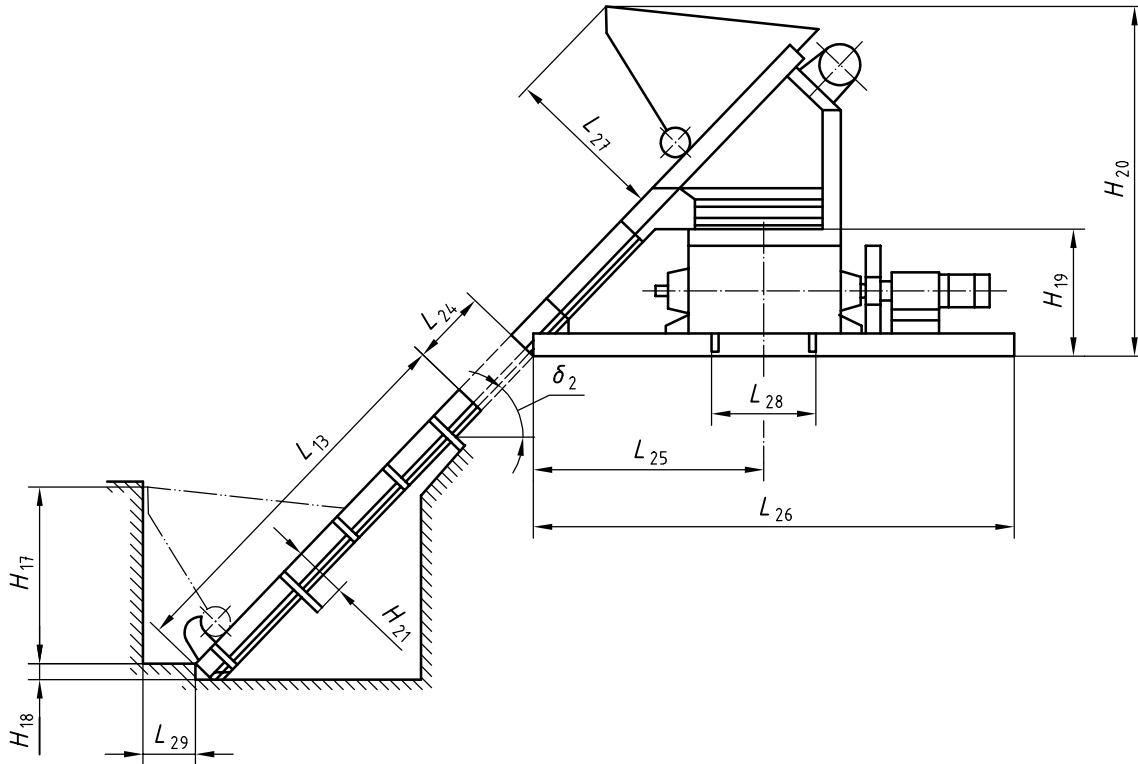
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H_{17}	height of the excavation for the charging skip hoist
H_{18}	height of the lower track support
H_{19}	height of the trough and base frame
H_{20}	height from base frame to the upper edge of the charging skip hoist
H_{21}	height of the support of the track
L_{13}	length of the lower part of the track
L_{24}	optional length of the track relative to the height the mixer's supporting structure
L_{25}	distance from the frame edge to its axis
L_{26}	length of the frame
L_{27}	distance between the track and the upper edge of the skip hoist
L_{28}	length of the hole for discharging in the base frame
L_{29}	length of the concrete rest for the track
δ_2	angle of inclination of the track

Figure A.14 — Paddle mixer with skip hoist for location on a supporting structure
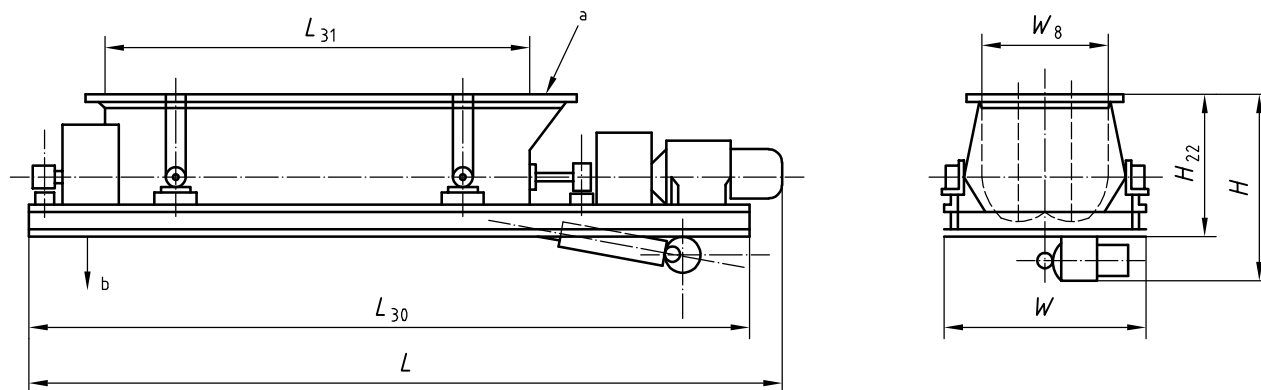
Key

L overall length

W overall width

H overall height

H_{22} height from the base frame to the upper edge of the trough

L_{30} length of the base frame

L_{31} length of the effective mixing part of the trough

W_8 width of the trough

a Charging of concrete components.

b Discharging of concrete mix.

Figure A.15 — Continuous-type concrete mixer

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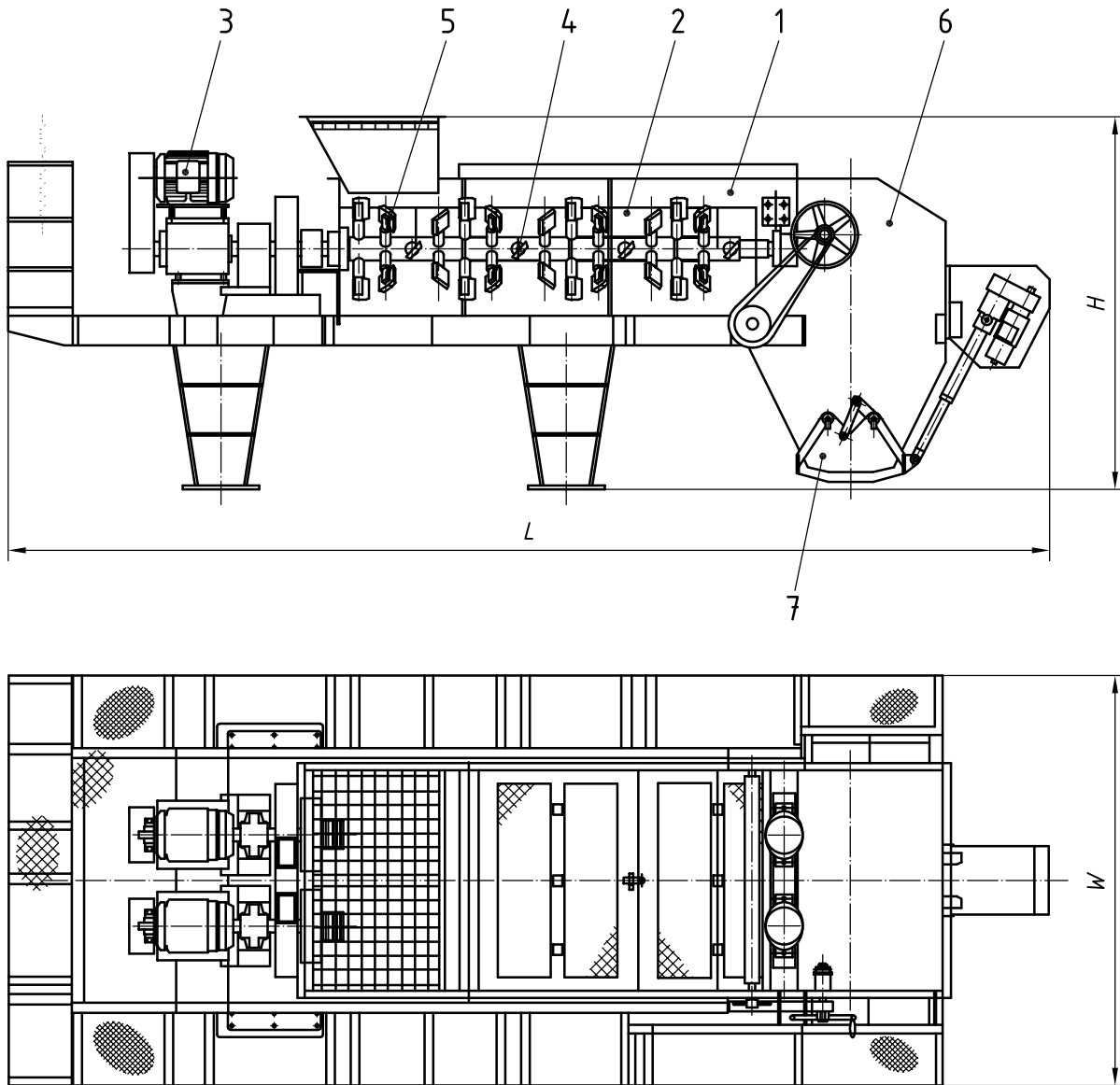
1 trough
2 lining
3 drive unit
4 shaft and arms
5 mixing blades
6 discharging hopper
7 discharging gate

L overall length
W overall width
H overall height

Figure A.16 — Continuous-type concrete mixer with two paddle agitators

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