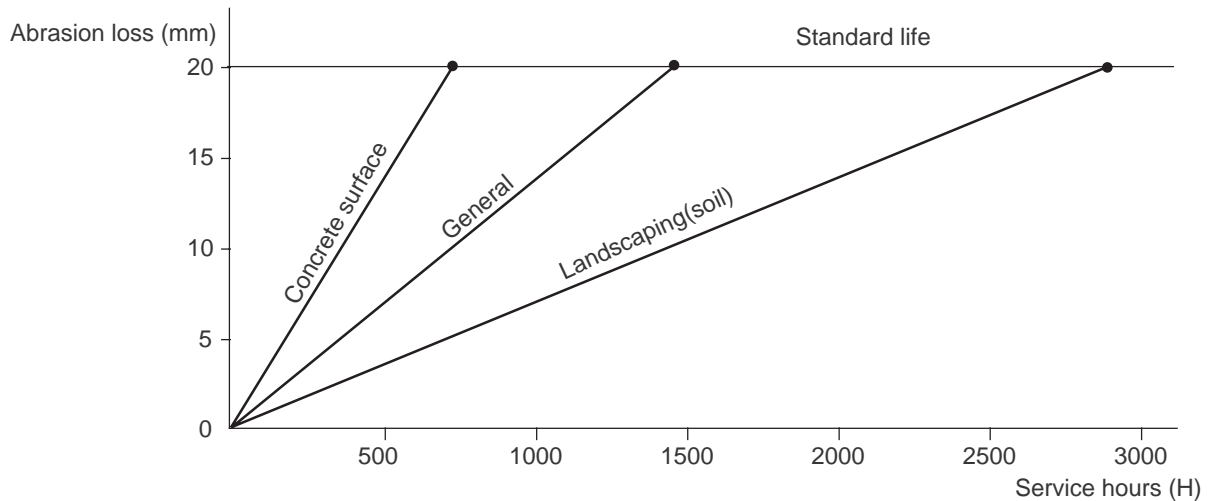


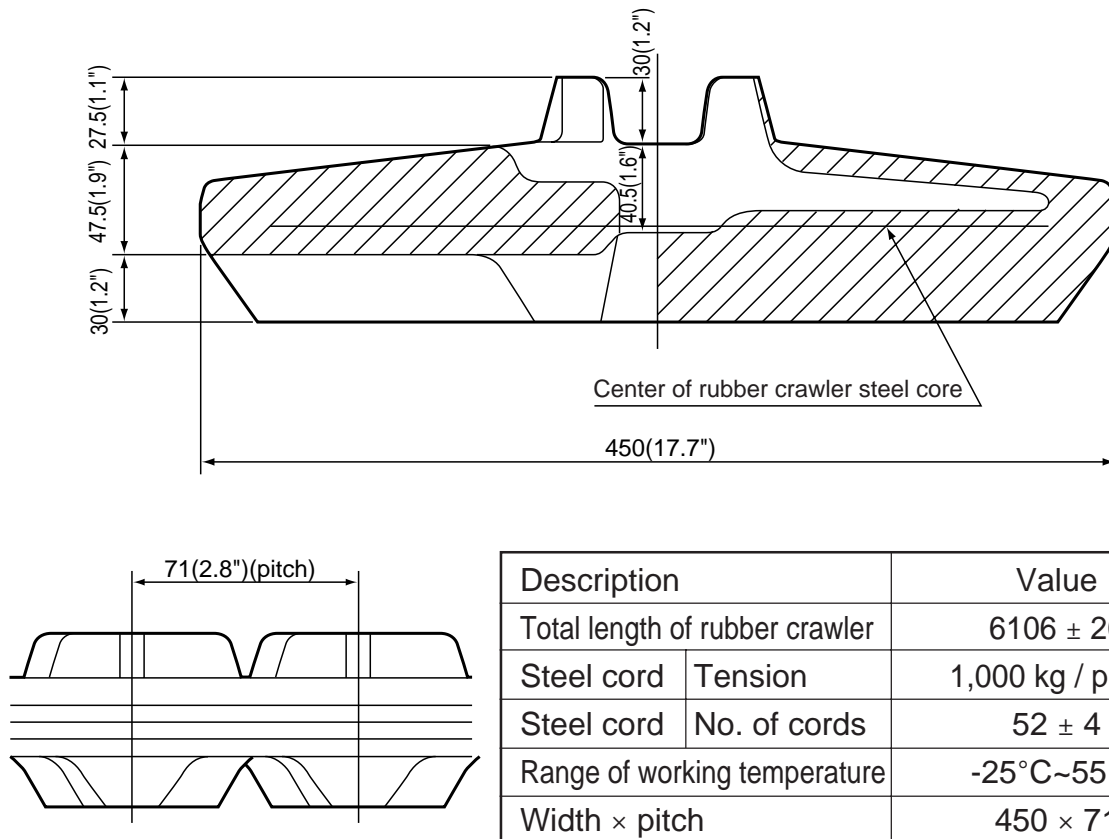
16-3-4 Life of the rubber crawler



Check the remaining life of the rubber crawler by the abrasion loss in the rubber crawler height as shown in the figure below. Note that the life slightly differs depending on the conditions of site and the operation of the machine.

PRECAUTIONS:

- (1) Wipe immediately if fuel or hydraulic oil sticks to rubber crawler.
- (2) Check that there are no sharp edges protruding on the ground.
- (3) Avoid using on beach. (This may affect the adhesion of the core metal.)
- (4) If the machine is going to be stored for a long time, never store it where it will be directly exposed to sunlight.



16-3-5 Handling the rubber crawler

1. Do not run over or turn on a sharp edge

If you run over or turn on a projecting sharp edge or a stepped grade, the machine will partially load on the rubber crawler and split it or cut the threads of the rubber crawler and the inner steel cord.

2. Prevent foreign matter from entering the rubber crawler

Foreign matter will strain the crawler and cut it.

3. No sharp turns

Do not turn sharply on a road with a high-friction factor (such as a concrete road).

4. Keep oil products away from the rubber crawler

If you spill fuel or hydraulic fluid on the rubber crawler, clean it promptly.

5. Protect from salt

Do not operate on beach (Core metal will rust due to salt corrosion).

6. Store indoors

If the machine is not used for a long time, keep it indoors to prevent exposure to direct sunlight and rain.

