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# MARINE LOADING ARMS

**TB-NIIGATA** Marine Loading Arm Will Meet All Requirements for **Oil, Gas and Alternative Fuels Handling** 



## **About Us**

For more than 60 years, TB Global Technologies Ltd.(TBG) has been manufacturing transfer systems for loading and offloading of liquids and gases at ambient, elevated or cryogenic temperature. Our long experience and high technical know-how assure best practice design, production, installation and after-sales service through our world wide network.

## **Features**

Marine loading arm enable safer, faster and more secure economical loading operations in harsh conditions especially when compared with flexible hose. Marine loading arms are designed for various tanker sizes from barges to the largest crude tankers (100~500,000DWT) and are installed successfully at many terminals around the world. TB-NIIGATA marine loading arms are equipped single/multi-ball race(s) TB-NIIGATA swivel joints and specialized packing which permits safe loading operation avoiding product leakage. TB-NIIGATA marine loading arms with the right combination of swivel joints (style 50-40-80) allow adequate freedom of movement to follow any motion of a vessel within the operation range.

Swivel joints and packing can be tailored to the fluid type to give the best product transfer performance of any kind of fluids or gasses. Fluid types includes but are not limited to crude oil or petroleum products, cryogenic products, refrigerated LPG, ethylene or LNG (-162°C), LH2(-253°C), elevated temperature products such as molten sulfur (120°C) or asphalt (180°C) and many kinds of chemical products.

## **History**

- Started NOC (NIPPON OIL., LTD.)'s oil well machine maintenan 1902 business as a brunch factory of NIIGATA WORKS in Nagaoka ci Niigata prefecture
- Became NIIGATA ENGINEERING's Nagaoka factory (current GLOBAL TECHNOLOGIES Nagaoka factory) due to the establishme of NIIGATA ENGINEERING CO., I TD
- 1955 Tokyo Boeki started to import Loading Arms.
- Started a technical tie-up with CHIKSAN CORPORATION (USA).
- Started manufacturing Swivel Joints.
- Started manufacturing Loading Arms.
- Supplied first LNG loading arm to Tokyo Gas
- Completed retrofit work on 16" LNG arms with ERS. Total LNG loading arms supply excessed 100 sets
- First automated arm supplied to OSAKA GAS.
- Obtained ISO9001 1998
- February 26th : NIIGATA LOADING SYSTEMS, LTD. founded.
- Presented 5th generation LNG loading arm's new technologies at SOCIE
- of INTERNATIONAL GAS TANKER & TERMINAL OPERATORS LTD.

## **TOTAL SOLUTION**



Emergency Release System (ERS)



Hvdraulic Quick Coupler (H-QCDC)



Mobile Marine Loading Arms

nce	2005	Supplied LNG loading arms fully manufactured
ity,		in-house (Loading arm, ERS, H-QCDC) to SAKHALIN
		LNG.
ТΒ		Total LNG loading arms supply excessed 200 sets
ent	2008	Developed an ERS with single cylinder for LNG service.
	2013	Total LNG loading arms supply excessed 300 sets
	2015	NIIGATA LOADING SYSTEMS, LTD. changed its corporate
		name to TOKYO BOEKI ENGINEERING LTD.
	2018	Opened the Singapore branch.
	2019	Developed world's first loading arm for ship-to-shore
		transfer of liquefied hydrogen.
	2020	Appointed as the "Companies Taking on the Zero-Emission
		Challenge" by the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry
		in Japan
	2021	TOKYO BOEKI MACHINERY LTD. and TOKYO BOEKI
		ENGINEERING LTD. merged to form TB GLOBAL
ΤY		TECHNOLOGIES LTD.

# **Basic Models of Loading Arm**

## **Basic structure of Loading Arm**

Marine loading arm consists of 3 different types of swivel joints(6 swivels)-Style 50,40 and 80.

The combination of these 3 types of swivel joints allows the arms to follow the movement of vessel in all directions smoothly and enables safe un/loading operation.

**Style 50 swivel joint**, located at the top of the riser, permits horizontal slewing and vertical movement of the arm assembly.

**Style 40 swivel joint**, connects inboard and outboard arms at the apex of the assembly and provides vertical rotation at the point of junction between in/outboard arms.

**Style 80 swivel joint**, the termination of the arm assembly, provides required flexibility around the 3 axis where the arm connects to the barge or tanker manifolid.



## **Swivel joint**

Swivel joint, the key part of loading arm, with a machined ball-race allows 360-degree rotation and movement in one, while under internal pressure. TB-Niigata swivel joints with special cladding ball race used in joints enable high-resistance of thrust, radial and bending moment load and long endurance. The materials of joint body and packing are appropriately chosen depending on the kinds of fluids handled design pressure and temperature. As the prevention of corrosion, the sealing part is stainless-overlaid.



## FBMA

#### (Fully Balanced Marine Arm)

FBMA is the simplest and fully balanced loading arm having main counterweight and sub-counterweight.

It can be operated with only a few operators (manual type), and provide easy maintenance as well as overhaul. Desigh of the FBMA is available in 3"-12" up to 14.5m long (sum of the length of in/outboard arms) for different kinds of products. Hydraulic operation is also available.

Size (end connection) : 3"~12"		
Arm length	:8.5m~14.5m,up to 12.5m for 12"	
Tanker size	:100~10,000DWT	
Operation	: Manual, Hydraulic	



## RCMA/RCMA-T/RCMA-S (Rotary Counterweighted Marine Arm

## /RCMA-Truss structure/RCMA-Suspended)

RCMA is fully balanced in all positions with the combination of rotary counterweight and pantograph structure which balances both inboard and outboard arms simultaneously. It is desighed for smooth-operability and is used for larger diameter connection and also has wide working range. Both manual and hydraulic operation are available. Connecting size is from 8"-16" (end connection), and the length of arm is set from 12.5m up to 24m.

Size (end connection) :8"~16"		
:12.5m~24m		
:3,000DWT~500,000DWT		
: Manual, Hydraulic		



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## DCMA/DCMA-S

(Double Counterweighted Marine Arm /DCMA-Suspended)

DCMA is fully balanced in all positions with independent counterweights and pantograph structure.

Hydraulic operation is standard design and its end connection size is from 8"-16". The arm length is from 12.5m $\sim$ 28m.

Size (end connection):8"~16"		
Arm length	:12.5m~28m	
Tanker size	:3,000DWT~500,000DWT	
Operation	:Hydraulic	



## **For LNG**

## For LH2(Liquefied Hydrogen)

## **Cryogenic Swivel Joint**

Swivel joints for LNG without snap-in race have a ball race section of a single race with an overlay weld of a different metal material from that of the body to increase hardness. Swivel joints for LNG with snap-in races are or double raced or triple-raced as before.



Double Race

(With Snap-in-Race)

Single Race (Without Snap–in-Race)

## **Snap-in-Race**

Swivel joints used in TB-NIIGATA marine loading arms for cryogenic service can employ Snap-in-Race which is replaceable ball-race. This specially hardened stainless steel ball-races withstand large load and ensure long-term usage. They are used for not only cryogenic swivel joints but for joints at ambient and elevated temperature.



## MLA for Small Scale LNG

TB-NIIGATA new model for small-scale not only boasts a structure design that minimizes mechanical and temperature difference loads, but also offers a host of advanced features to enhance safety and efficiency. Equipped with an Emergency Release System (ERS) and the state-of-the-art Hydraulic Quick Connect/Disconnect (H-QCDC) mechanism, our loading arm ensures swift response in critical situations, safeguarding both personnel and equipment. Additionally, this versatile solution accommodates piping sizes from 6"to 10", with the option of a

# FBMA For Coastal Terminal (size : 6"~8")

RCMA-S/DCMA-S For Export / Import Terminal (size : 16")



vapor piggyback line (4"to 6"), and offers a wide range of adjustable arm lengths to perfectly match our customers' specific needs. Experience unparalleled performance and energy efficiency with our small-scale marine loading arm, setting a new benchmark for industry excellence.

Size (end connection)	: 6" to 10"
Arm Length	$\therefore$ 12m $\sim$ 18m
Max Flow Rate(10")	:≅ 2,000 m3/hr
Operation	: Hydraulic





Loading/Unloading operation of 6" LH2 Marine Loading Arm

## **Development of MLA for LH2**

In 2014, we started development of a 6" tubular steel loading arm for liquefied hydrogen in order to realize a carbon-neutral society in the future, and in 2022 we succeeded in the world's first loading of liquefied hydrogen.

In the area of liquefied hydrogen (-253 °C), which is much cooler than LNG (-162°C), existing low-temperature technology alone cannot cope.

We have developed a new structure for the entire LA including patented swivel joints, patented ERS (Emergency Release System), and pipes, which are constructed with a vacuum double-wall pipe structure for the entire wetted pipe, and measures against heat input and heat transfer for the swivel joints and ERS.

We are also taking on the challenge of developing larger equipment (16") for the construction of large-scale supply chains.

We will play a part in the hydrogen society and provide further social contribution.



16" Ship Shore Coupling (SSC) tested by LH2

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## **Technologies for Ship to Ship**

## Chokusen

Chokusen, which is exclusive and innovative system allows the operator to control the loading arm along a straight trajectory, with the significant benefits of facilitating the ship manifold connection and reducing the operating travelling time of the arm.

The straight movement is done by a specific trajectory

calculation and the use of proportional solenoid valves to modulate the speed of the arm along the 3 axis. Different than the conventional loading arms with rotational design, the straight movement makes the travelling time reduced of about 50% and the final connection remarkably facilitated.





## MLA for HP(CNG) service

TB-NIIGATA high-pressure natural gas (HPNG) loading arm extended periods, providing unmatched flexibility and is tailored to meet the growing demand for FSRU-type convenience. By design, this loading arm minimizes import terminals. The standard design features a robust maintenance operations, reducing downtime and 12" pipe size, capable of accommodating pressures up to maximizing productivity. 100 bar.g. For specialized applications, the design can be extended to an impressive 150 bar.g, catering to your specific requirements. Our loading arm seamlessly connects to a wide range of possible FSRU manifold arrangements, allowing continuous operation over

- Designed based on our safe and reliable RC-S loading arm for cryogenic service.
- Assuring perfect balance with counterweight

Diameter	:	12"
Fluid	:	HPNG
Design pressure	:	15MPa
Operating pressure	:	10MPa
Design temperature	:	-20°C/

## **Bunkering Boom for LNG/Ammonia**

## **LNG Bunkering**

TB-NIIGATA LNG bunkering boom is meticulously engineered to meet rigorous ship class certifications, enabling seamless integration onto LNG Bunkering Ships. This specialized solution is purpose-built for ship-to-ship transfers, ensuring safe and efficient bunker operations for a wide range of LNG-powered vessels. Equipped with a full bore Emergency Release System (ERS) as standard, it guarantees optimal flow rates and enhanced safety during transfers. By replacing the traditional crane and hose combination, our bunkering boom alleviates the burdensome aspects of bunker operations, allowing for a smoother and more efficient process.

## **Ammonia Bunkering**

TB-NIIGATA groundbreaking Ammonia bunkering boom is equipped with our innovative Emergency Release System (ERS) solution ensures to minimize any NH3 spillage, prioritizing safety and environmental protection. By taking proactive measures to develop this advanced Ammonia bunkering boom, we ensure that our customers have access to the latest technology and stay ahead in the evolving field of ammonia bunkering.

Diameter	: 4" to 8"
Fluid	: LNH3
Design pressure	: 1.9MPa
Operating pressure	: 1.0MPa
Design temperature	: -33°C / 80°C

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Diameter	: 4" to 8"
Fluid	: LNG
Design pressure	: 1.9MPa
Operating pressure	: 0.35MPa
Design temperature	: -165°C / 80°C



## Safety and Mobility ~ Satisfactory Product **Lineup To Meet Every Need**

## **Emergency Release System (ERS)**

Emergency Release System(ERS) is the system that disconnect the loading arm from the tanker manifold within several seconds with no leakage in any emergency circumstances such as sudden and rapid movement of vessels due due to unexpected events, such as gust, earthquake, etc...

This ERS system consists of the ERS unit installed integrally at style 80 swivel joint and the electrical/hydraulical equipment that control the ERS unit.

TBG has successful ERS delivery records. for different kinds of fluids and gases and since the first installation in 1982, all of the LNG loading arms supplied for LNG export/import in and outside Japan are equipped with this unit.

2 Two valves shut Start separating completely











## Position Monitoring System (PMS)

- (1) Position Monitoring System enables you to monitor the mooring location of the tanker connected with loading arms for safe un/loading operation.
- (2) By monitoring the mooring position of tanker or the drifting speed constantly, this system allows you to correct the tanker position instantly



[System outline]

Based on the data from angle sensors installed on the loading arm, PMS main unit calculates the location of the outer flange of the arm, mooring position of the ship, drifting speed, or allowable working range, then in the emergency situation, it alarms for prevention of arm damages.

These data from PMS main unit are sent to the PMS monitor located in the jetty control room or central monitoring room in the safty area, and the arm position and the tanker information (location-speed-distance) are shown on the display.

#### [Installation advantage]

PMS monitor shows you the position of each loading arm (stored-maneuvering-loading) or arm attitude instantaneously. It also monitors the mooring position of the ship and drifting speed constantly and enables you to figure out the safety angles of each arms quantitatively

The different kinds of real-time data from the angle sensors and alarming system for emergency allows you to handle any contingencies in appropriate measures instantly.

## **Radio Control System**

Radio control system is developed for safe, assured and easy loading arm maneuvering.

#### [Features]

- (1) This compact and lightweight radio control transmitter allows one person operation.
- (2) This cordless control system also permits safe and easy loading arm selection and flanging operation in the tanker manifold area.



## Hydraulic Quick Coupler (H-QCDC) for Cryogenic service

(1) This hydraulic coupler is installed on the end of the loading arm and enables guick, safe and asssured connecting and disconnecting operation.

- (2) By combination usage with radio controller, operatable by only one person. (3) H-QCDC units have installed on loading arms for large tanker to expedite arm dis/connecting operation.
- (4) TBG manufactures H-QCDC domestically to high quality standards. Few loading arm makers have the technical knowledge to manufacturing H-QCDC, TB Global Technologies Ltd. provides all applications of service-design, manufacturing, installation and after sales service for H-QCDC.

### Hydraulic Quick Coupler (H-QCDC) for Ambient temperature service

QCDC is installed at the end of the loading arm and allows fast, safe and accurate dis/connecting loading arm to the tanker manifold.

By using this quick coupler, it is not necessary to insert a flange gasket or to bolt the flange to the tanker manifold.

Quick coupler is activated by hydraulic pressure and its flanging time requires only a few seconds to complete a tight connection.

After connecting coupler to the tanker manifold, the clamp is tightened mechanically, to assure the correct tightness required for safe un/loading operation.

## Manual Quick Coupler

Manual Quick Coupler is installed at the end of the loading arm enabling an easy connection by rotating several clamps with the manual handle.

It is unnecessary to insert the gasket or to bolt the flange to the manifold. The available size is from 6" up to 12" and it can be installed on the existing loading arms.

#### After-Sales Service

TB Global Technologies Ltd. provides guick and reliable after sales service worldwide in case of any troubles and needs of repair. For safe and long-term usage of loading arms, our highly experienced personnel offer periodical inspection, maintenance and overhaul with TB-NIIGATA genuine spare parts.

All critical spare parts are stocked at TBG Nagaoka works and ready for timely shipment.



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#### (size : 16")



(size : 10"~16")

#### (Size: 6"~12")





