

DESCRIPTION

Title of Invention: RAILCAR DRIVING BOGIE

Technical Field

[0001] The present invention relates to a railcar bogie, i.e., a driving bogie on which a traction motor is mounted.

Background Art

[0002] In a driving bogie of a railcar, a traction motor receiving seat including a keyway extending in a car width direction is provided at a cross beam of a bogie frame, and a traction motor is attached to the keyway (see PTL 1, for example).

Citation List

Patent Literature

[0003] PTL 1: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Publication No. 2014-37186

Summary of Invention

Technical Problem

[0004] By, for example, vibrations generated while the railcar is traveling, the traction motor tends to swing about the keyway serving as a swing axis in an upper-lower direction. Since the traction motor is large in weight, the traction motor receiving seat itself and a joined portion between the traction motor receiving seat and the cross beam need to have adequate strength which can endure the swinging of the traction motor. Therefore, there are problems that, for example, a weight increase is caused, and joining work requires skill.

[0005] An object of the present invention is to provide a configuration capable of lowering the requirement of strength of a support structure for a traction motor in a driving bogie of a railcar.

Solution to Problem

[0006] A railcar bogie according to one aspect of the present invention includes: a cross beam extending in a car width direction; a first traction motor supported by a first car longitudinal direction portion of the cross beam; a second traction motor supported by a second car longitudinal direction portion of the cross beam; and a coupling member arranged under the cross beam and between the first traction motor and the second traction motor and coupling the first traction motor and the second traction motor to each other.

[0007] According to the above configuration, when the traction motors are about to swing in an upper-lower direction, the coupling member serves as a tension rod that acts against the swinging, and therefore, the swinging of the first traction motor and the swinging of the second traction motor are canceled out through the coupling member. On this account, the requirement of the strength of the support structure for the traction motors can be lowered by a simple configuration.

Advantageous Effects of Invention

[0008] According to the present invention, the requirement of the strength of the support structure for the traction motors in the driving bogie of the railcar can be lowered.

Brief Description of Drawings

[0009] FIG. 1 is a side view of a railcar bogie according to an embodiment.

FIG. 2 is a plan view of the bogie of FIG. 1 when viewed from above.

FIG. 3 is a perspective view of a bogie frame of FIG. 2 when viewed from above.

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of the bogie frame of FIG. 2 when viewed from below.

FIG. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view of a pipe member of the bogie frame of FIG. 3 when viewed from a car longitudinal direction.

FIG. 6 is a longitudinal sectional view of an intermediate member of the bogie frame of FIG. 3 when viewed from the car longitudinal direction.

FIG. 7 is a longitudinal sectional view of an air spring seat and pressing member of the bogie of FIG. 1 when viewed from a car width direction.

FIG. 8 is a perspective view for explaining brake receiving seats and a coupling member of FIG. 4 when viewed from below.

FIG. 9 is a side view for explaining the brake receiving seats and coupling member of FIG. 8.

FIG. 10 is a bottom view for explaining traction motors and a coupling member in the bogie shown in FIG. 2.

FIG. 11 is a side view for explaining the traction motors and the coupling member shown in FIG. 10.

Description of Embodiments

[0010] Hereinafter, an embodiment will be described with reference to the drawings. In the following description, a direction in which a railcar travels and a car body extends is defined

as a car longitudinal direction, and a lateral direction perpendicular to the car longitudinal direction is defined as a car width direction. The car longitudinal direction is also called a front-rear direction, and the car width direction is also called a left-right direction.

[0011] FIG. 1 is a side view of a railcar bogie 1 according to the embodiment. As shown in FIG. 1, the bogie 1 supports a car body 2 from below through air springs 3 serving as secondary suspensions. The bogie 1 includes a bogie frame 4 on which the air springs 3 are mounted. The bogie frame 4 includes a cross beam 5 extending in the car width direction but does not include side sills extending in the car longitudinal direction from car width direction end portions 5a of the cross beam 5. A pair of axles 6 each extending in the car width direction are arranged at both sides of the cross beam 5 in the car longitudinal direction. Wheels 7 are provided at both car width direction portions of each axle 6. Bearings 8 rotatably supporting the axle 6 are provided at both car width direction end portions of the axle 6 so as to be located outside the corresponding wheels 7 in the car width direction. The bearings 8 are accommodated in axle boxes 9.

[0012] Each car width direction end portion 5a of the cross beam 5 is coupled to the axle box 9 by an axle box suspension 10. The axle box suspension 10 includes an axle beam 11 extending from the axle box 9 toward the cross beam 5 in the car longitudinal direction. A tubular portion 11a is provided at a tip end of the axle beam 11. The tubular portion 11a is open toward both sides in the car width direction. A core rod 12 is inserted into an internal space of the tubular portion 11a so as to project from the tubular portion 11a toward both sides in the car width direction. An elastic bushing (not shown) is interposed between the core rod 12 and the tubular portion 11a.

[0013] The bogie frame 4 includes receiving sills 14 each extending from the car width direction end portion 5a of the cross beam 5 toward both sides in the car longitudinal direction. A pair of receiving seats 15 are provided at each of tip ends of the receiving sills 14. The pair of receiving seats 15 include fitting grooves 15a that are recessed downward. Both end portions of the core rod 12 are fitted into the fitting grooves 15a from above. Both end portions of the core rod 12 accommodated in the pair of fitting grooves 15a are pressed by lid members 16 from above, and the lid members 16 are fixed to the receiving seats 15 by fasteners 17 (for example, bolts).

[0014] A pair of axle boxes 9 arranged away from each other in the car longitudinal direction support both longitudinal direction end portions 13b of a plate spring 13 extending in the car longitudinal direction. A longitudinal direction middle portion 13a of the plate spring 13 supports the car width direction end portion 5a of the cross beam 5 from below. With this,

the cross beam 5 is supported by the axle boxes 9 through the plate springs 13. To be specific, the plate spring 13 has both the function of a primary suspension and the function of a conventional side sill.

[0015] The plate spring 13 has a bow shape that is convex downward in a side view. Pressing members 18 are provided at lower portions of the car width direction end portions 5a of the cross beam 5. Each of the pressing members 18 includes a circular-arc lower surface that is convex downward. The pressing members 18 are placed on and separably contact middle portions 13a of the plate springs 13 from above. To be specific, the plate springs 13 are not fixed to the pressing members 18 in the upper-lower direction, and the pressing members 18 contact upper surfaces of the plate springs 13 by a downward load from the cross beam 5. To be specific, each pressing member 18 is not fixed to the corresponding plate spring 13 by fixtures, and a pressing state of the pressing member 18 against the plate spring 13 is maintained by pressure generated by a gravitational downward load from the cross beam 5 and reaction force of the plate spring 13 against the downward load. With this, the plate spring 13 can swing while changing a pressing region where the plate spring 13 is pressed against a lower surface of the pressing member 18.

[0016] A supporting member 19 is attached to an upper end portion of the axle box 9. The end portion 13b of the plate spring 13 is supported by the axle box 9 from below through the supporting member 19. An upper surface of the supporting member 19 is inclined toward a bogie middle side in a side view. The end portion 13b of the plate spring 13 is placed on the supporting member 19 from above without being fixed to the supporting member 19 in the upper-lower direction. The supporting member 19 includes a vibration-proof member 20 (for example, rubber) and a receiving member 21. The vibration-proof member 20 is provided on the axle box 9, and the receiving member 21 is provided on and positioned at the vibration-proof member 20.

[0017] FIG. 2 is a plan view of the bogie 1 of FIG. 1 when viewed from above. FIG. 3 is a perspective view of the bogie frame 4 of FIG. 2 when viewed from above. FIG. 4 is a perspective view of the bogie frame 4 of FIG. 2 when viewed from below. As shown in FIGS. 2 to 4, the cross beam 5 extends in the car width direction, and a center pin arrangement space S is formed at a car width direction middle portion 5b (see FIGS. 3 and 4) of the cross beam 5. For example, the cross beam 5 is made of metal. Specifically, the cross beam 5 includes a pair of pipe members 22 and 23, a pair of intermediate members 24 and 25, a center pin accommodating member 26, air spring seats 27, and the pressing members 18.

[0018] The pair of pipe members 22 and 23 extend in the car width direction and are lined

up so as to be located away from each other in the car longitudinal direction. For example, the pipe members 22 and 23 are square pipes. Internal spaces of the pipe members 22 and 23 are sealed so as to be used as auxiliary air chambers for the air springs 3. The pipe member 22 includes linear portions 22a and a curved portion 22b, and the pipe member 23 includes linear portions 23a and a curved portion 23b. The linear portions 22a and 23a are located at the car width direction end portions 5a of the cross beam 5 and extend linearly in the car width direction. The curved portions 22b and 23b are located at the car width direction middle portion 5b of the cross beam 5 and project outward in the car longitudinal direction such that a clearance between the pair of pipe members 22 and 23 increases. The center pin arrangement space S is provided at a space formed between the curved portions 22b and 23b of the pair of pipe members 22 and 23. Therefore, the car width direction end portion 5a of the cross beam 5 is smaller in size in the car longitudinal direction than the car width direction middle portion 5b of the cross beam 5. It should be noted that the internal spaces of the pipe members 22 and 23 do not have to be sealed when the internal spaces are not used as the auxiliary air chambers.

[0019] The pair of intermediate members 24 and 25 are arranged at both sides of the center pin arrangement space S in the car width direction and extend in the car width direction. Each of the intermediate members 24 and 25 is sandwiched between the linear portions 22a and 23a of the pair of pipe members 22 and 23. The pair of intermediate members 24 and 25 are located away from each other in the car width direction to form a gap at a middle of the cross beam 5. For example, the intermediate members 24 and 25 are square pipes. Internal spaces of the intermediate members 24 and 25 are sealed so as to be used as auxiliary air chambers for the air springs 3. For example, vertical sizes of the intermediate members 24 and 25 are the same as vertical sizes of the pipe members 22 and 23. For example, sizes of the intermediate members 24 and 25 in the car longitudinal direction are smaller than sizes of the pipe members 22 and 23 in the car longitudinal direction.

[0020] The center pin accommodating member 26 is arranged between the curved portions 22b and 23b of the pair of pipe members 22 and 23 and between the pair of intermediate members 24 and 25. The center pin accommodating member 26 includes a tubular portion 26a, a pair of longitudinal attaching portions 26b, and a pair of lateral attaching portions 26c. The tubular portion 26a forms the center pin arrangement space S. The pair of longitudinal attaching portions 26b project from the tubular portion 26a toward both sides in the car longitudinal direction. The pair of lateral attaching portions 26c project from the tubular portion 26a toward both sides in the car width direction. An internal space of the tubular portion 26a is open toward both sides in a vertical direction and serves as the center pin

arrangement space S. A cylindrical elastic bushing 29 is fitted in the tubular portion 26a. A center pin 30 projecting downward from the car body 2 is inserted into the elastic bushing 29.

[0021] The longitudinal attaching portions 26b are joined to circular-arc inner side surfaces of the curved portions 22b and 23b of the pipe members 22 and 23, the inner side surfaces being located close to a center of the cross beam 5. Each of car longitudinal direction outer joining ends (tip ends) of the longitudinal attaching portions 26b has a circular-arc shape in a plan view. The car longitudinal direction outer joining ends (tip ends) of the longitudinal attaching portions 26b are joined to the inner side surfaces of the curved portions 22b and 23b by circumferential welding, the inner side surfaces being located close to the center of the cross beam 5. Each of the longitudinal attaching portions 26b has such a shape as to gradually spread toward the joining end thereof. With this, tractive effort acting in the car longitudinal direction can be smoothly transmitted between the pipe member 22, 23 and the center pin 30 through the center pin accommodating member 26.

[0022] Vertical sizes of the joining ends of the longitudinal attaching portions 26b are smaller than vertical sizes of the inner side surfaces of the curved portions 22b and 23b, the inner side surfaces being located close to the center of the cross beam 5. A welded portion W1 by which the joining end of the longitudinal attaching portion 26b and the curved portion 22b are joined to each other is provided at and within the inner side surface of the curved portion 22b, and another welded portion W1 by which the joining end of the longitudinal attaching portion 26b and the curved portion 23b are joined to each other is provided at and within the inner side surface of the curved portion 23b. Therefore, each welded portion W1 can be completed on one side surface of the curved portion 22, 23b, and stress generated at the welded portion W1 can be suppressed.

[0023] Car width direction outer joining ends (tip ends) of the lateral attaching portions 26c are joined to end edges of the intermediate members 24 and 25 by welding, the end edges being located close to the center of the cross beam 5. The joining ends of the lateral attaching portions 26c are the same in shape as the end edges of the intermediate members 24 and 25, the end edges being opposed to the corresponding lateral attaching portions 26c. The joining ends of the lateral attaching portions 26c are joined to the end edges of the intermediate members 24 and 25 by circumferential welding. With this, a load generated by the displacement of the center pin 30 in the left-right direction (car width direction) is transmitted through the center pin accommodating member 26 to the intermediate members 24 and 25, and the intermediate members 24 and 25 suitably inhibit an excessive movement of the center pin 30 in the left-right direction. To be specific, the pair of intermediate members 24 and 25 serve as left-right

movement stopper receivers configured to prevent the car body 2 from being excessively displaced relative to the bogie 1 in the left-right direction (car width direction).

[0024] In the present embodiment, the center pin accommodating member 26 includes the tubular portion 26a, the longitudinal attaching portions 26b, and the lateral attaching portions 26c. However, the present embodiment is not limited to this. For example, the lateral attaching portions 26c may be omitted, and the intermediate members 24 and 25 may be directly joined to the tubular portion 26a. Various modified examples are applicable.

[0025] Each of the air spring seats 27 is provided on upper surfaces of the pair of pipe members 22 and 23 and an upper surface of the intermediate member 24 or 25 so as to be located at the car width direction end portion 5a of the cross beam 5. Each of the air spring seats 27 has a plate shape. Each of the pressing members 18 is provided on lower surfaces of the pair of pipe members 22 and 23 and a lower surface of the intermediate member 24 or 25 so as to be located at the car width direction end portion 5a of the cross beam 5. The pair of pipe members 22 and 23 and the intermediate members 24 and 25 are fixed to each other through the air spring seats 27 and the pressing members 18. Each of the pressing members 18 includes a pressing portion 18a and plate-shaped attaching portions 18b. The pressing portion 18a includes a lower surface having a circular-arc shape when viewed from the car width direction. The attaching portions 18b are provided at both sides of the pressing portion 18a in the car width direction. In the present embodiment, the air spring seats 27 are provided at the car width direction end portions 5a of the cross beam 5. However, the present embodiment is not limited to this, and the air spring seats 27 may be provided at desired positions in the car width direction depending on the type of a car.

[0026] Each of the pressing members 18 is fixed to the pipe members 22 and 23 and the intermediate member 24 or 25 by the attaching portions 18b. With this, the pressing members 18 configured to transmit the downward load from the cross beam 5 to the plate springs 13 serve to connect the pipe members 22 and 23 and the intermediate members 24 and 25 with each other. Moreover, since the pressing members 18 are integrated with the cross beam 5, the number of parts is made smaller than when, for example, the pressing members 18 configured as separate parts are engaged with the cross beam 5. Therefore, the structure of the bogie and the assembly work are simplified.

[0027] At each of the car width direction end portions 5a of the cross beam 5, a first brake receiving seat 31 is joined to the linear portion 22a of the pipe member 22, and a second brake receiving seat 32 is joined to the linear portion 23a of the pipe member 23. As shown in FIG. 9, a unit-type first wheel tread brake device B1 configured to brake the wheel 7 located at one side

in the car longitudinal direction is fixed to the first brake receiving seat 31, and a unit-type second wheel tread brake device B2 is fixed to the second brake receiving seat 32. The first wheel tread brake device B1 and the second wheel tread brake device B2 are independent from each other and individually brake a pair of wheels 7 arranged away from each other in the car longitudinal direction. The wheel tread brake devices B1 and B2 are arranged so as to project downward beyond the cross beam 5.

[0028] The car width direction end portion 5a of the cross beam 5 is smaller in size in the car longitudinal direction than the car width direction middle portion 5b of the cross beam 5. Therefore, work spaces are secured such that the wheel tread brake devices B1 and B2 can be arranged easily. The curved portions 22b and 23b are formed at the pair of pipe members 22 and 23 so as to be located at the car width direction middle portion 5b of the cross beam 5. Therefore, a clearance between the pair of pipe members at the car width direction middle portion 5b of the cross beam 5 is wide, but a clearance between the pair of pipe members at each of the car width direction end portions of the cross beam is narrow. On this account, by a simple step that is bending of the pipe members 22 and 23, the arrangement spaces for the wheel tread brake devices B1 and B2 can be easily secured, and in addition, productivity improves.

[0029] A first gear box G1 and a first traction motor M1 are arranged at one side of the cross beam 5 in the car longitudinal direction, and a second gear box G2 and a second traction motor M2 are arranged at the other side of the cross beam 5 in the car longitudinal direction. The traction motor M1 is connected to the gear box G1 through a universal joint 33, and the traction motor M2 is connected to the gear box G2 through a universal joint 34. The first and second gear boxes G1 and G2 are connected to the corresponding axles 6. To be specific, in a plan view, the first gear box G1 and the second gear box G2 are arranged symmetrically about a point that is a center of the cross beam 5, and the first traction motor M1 and the second traction motor M2 are arranged symmetrically about the point that is the center of the cross beam 5.

[0030] A first gear box receiving seat 35 and a second gear box receiving seat 36 are joined to the cross beam 5 by circumferential welding. The first gear box G1 is fixed to the first gear box receiving seat 35, and the second gear box G2 is fixed to the second gear box receiving seat 36. The first gear box receiving seat 35 is arranged between a top of the curved portion 22b and the first brake receiving seat 31 in the car width direction, and the second gear box receiving seat 36 is arranged between a top of the curved portion 23b and the second brake receiving seat 32 in the car width direction. A vertical size of a joining end of the gear box receiving seat 35 which end is opposed to the curved portion 22b is smaller than a vertical size of an outer surface of the curved portion 22b which surface is located outside in the car longitudinal direction, and a

vertical size of a joining end of the gear box receiving seat 36 which end is opposed to the curved portion 23b is smaller than a vertical size of an outer surface of the curved portion 23b which surface is located outside in the car longitudinal direction. A welded portion W2 by which the joining end of the gear box receiving seat 35 and the curved portion 22b are joined to each other is provided at and accommodated in the outer surface of the curved portion 22b. Another welded portion W2 by which the joining end of the gear box receiving seat 36 and the curved portion 23b are joined to each other is provided at and accommodated in the outer surface of the curved portion 23b.

[0031] The gear box receiving seat 35 is joined to the outer surface of the curved portion 22b which surface is inclined relative to the car width direction, and the gear box receiving seat 36 is joined to the outer surface of the curved portion 23b which surface is inclined relative to the car width direction. Therefore, the gear box receiving seat 35 projects diagonally from the curved portion 22b outward in the car longitudinal direction and outward in the car width direction, and the gear box receiving seat 36 projects diagonally from the curved portion 23b outward in the car longitudinal direction and outward in the car width direction. According to this configuration, even when the wheel tread brake device B1 is arranged close to the gear box G1 in the car width direction, and the wheel tread brake device B2 is arranged close to the gear box G2 in the car width direction, a portion of the pipe member 22 to which portion the gear box receiving seat 35 is joined is located away from the brake receiving seat 31 in the car width direction, and a portion of the pipe member 23 to which portion the gear box receiving seat 36 is joined is located away from the brake receiving seat 32 in the car width direction. Therefore, work of welding the gear box receiving seat 35 to the pipe member 22 and welding the gear box receiving seat 36 to the pipe member 23 is facilitated.

[0032] A first traction motor receiving seat 37 and a second traction motor receiving seat 38 are joined to the cross beam 5 by circumferential welding. The first traction motor M1 is fixed to the first traction motor receiving seat 37, and the second traction motor M2 is fixed to the second traction motor receiving seat 38. The first traction motor receiving seat 37 is arranged at an opposite side of the first gear box receiving seat 35 in the car width direction so as to be located between the top of the curved portion 22b and the first brake receiving seat 31. The second traction motor receiving seat 38 is arranged at an opposite side of the second gear box receiving seat 36 in the car width direction so as to be located between the top of the curved portion 23b and the second brake receiving seat 32. A vertical size of a joining end of the traction motor receiving seat 37 which end is opposed to the curved portion 22b is smaller than a vertical size of an outer surface of the curved portion 22b which surface is located outside in the

car longitudinal direction, and a vertical size of a joining end of the traction motor receiving seat 38 which end is opposed to the curved portion 23b is smaller than a vertical size of an outer surface of the curved portion 23b which surface is located outside in the car longitudinal direction. A welded portion W3 by which the joining end of the traction motor receiving seat 37 and the curved portion 22b are joined to each other is provided at and within the outer surface of the curved portion 22b. Another welded portion W3 by which the joining end of the traction motor receiving seat 38 and the curved portion 23b are joined to each other is provided at and within the outer surface of the curved portion 23b.

[0033] The above-described receiving sills 14 are fixed to lower surfaces of the car width direction end portions 5a of the cross beam 5. Each of the receiving sills 14 extends from the car width direction end portion 5a of the cross beam 5 toward both sides in the car longitudinal direction. The receiving sill 14 includes a pair of side wall portions 14a arranged away from each other in the car width direction, and the pressing member 18 is arranged in a space between the pair of side wall portions 14a.

[0034] FIG. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view of the pipe member 22 of the bogie frame 4 of FIG. 3 when viewed from the car longitudinal direction. It should be noted that FIG. 5 representatively shows the pipe member 22 that is one of the pair of pipe members 22 and 23. The pipe member 23 is the same in structure as the pipe member 22. As shown in FIGS. 3 to 5, first projecting members 41 and second projecting members 42 are provided at the pipe member 22. The first projecting members 41 and the second projecting members 42 project upward and downward from the linear portions 22a located at the car width direction end portions of the pipe member 22. Specifically, a fitting hole 22e and a fitting hole 22f are formed at an upper wall portion of each linear portion 22a of the pipe member 22 so as to be spaced apart from each other in the car width direction. The fitting holes 22e and 22f penetrate the upper wall portion of the linear portion 22a of the pipe member 22 in the vertical direction. An upper end portion of the first projecting member 41 is fitted in the fitting hole 22e, and an upper end portion of the second projecting member 42 is fitted in the fitting hole 22f. In the present embodiment, each of outer peripheral surfaces of the first projecting members 41 and the second projecting members 42 has a circular shape from the viewpoint of below-described weldability but may have a polygonal shape. The first projecting members 41 and the second projecting members 42 may be hollow or solid. The first projecting members 41 and the second projecting members 42 do not have to penetrate the pipe members 22 and 23 and may be fixed to the surfaces of the pipe members 22 and 23.

[0035] An attaching hole 27a is formed at the air spring seat 27. A diameter of the

attaching hole 27a is larger than an outer diameter of a portion of the first projecting member 41 which portion projects from the pipe member 22. When viewed from above, the attaching hole 27a includes the fitting hole 22e. The upper end portion of the first projecting member 41 is inserted into the attaching hole 27a with some play. The upper end portion of the first projecting member 41 is joined to the pipe member 22 by circumferential welding through the attaching hole 27a of the air spring seat 27 and also joined to the air spring seat 27 by circumferential welding. The upper end portion of the second projecting member 42 is also joined to the pipe member 22 by circumferential welding. As above, the air spring seats 27 are fixed to the pipe members 22 and 23 through the first projecting members 41, and therefore, the pair of pipe members 22 and 23 are connected to each other. A welded portion W4 by which the first projecting member 41 and the air spring seat 27 are joined to each other is formed in a closed loop shape along the outer peripheral surface of the first projecting member 41. A welded portion W5 by which the second projecting member 42 and the pipe member 22 are joined to each other is also formed in a closed loop shape along the outer peripheral surface of the second projecting member 42. Each welded portion is formed throughout the projecting member according to need, and with this, required strength as the bogie frame is secured. According to this, since each of the welded portions W4 and W5 is formed in a closed loop shape having no end edge, robot welding is easily performed, and therefore, productivity improves.

[0036] A fitting hole 22g and a fitting hole 22h are formed at a lower wall portion of each linear portion 22a of the pipe member 22 so as to be spaced apart from each other in the car width direction. The fitting holes 22g and 22h penetrate the lower wall portion of the linear portion 22a of the pipe member 22 in the vertical direction. A lower end portion of the first projecting member 41 is fitted in the fitting hole 22g, and a lower end portion of the second projecting member 42 is fitted in the fitting hole 22h. Attaching holes 18c are formed at the attaching portions 18b of the pressing member 18. Diameters of the attaching holes 18c are larger than outer diameters of portions of the first and second projecting members 41 and 42 which portions project from the pipe member 22. When viewed from below, the attaching holes 18c include the corresponding fitting holes 22g and 22h. The lower end portions of the first and second projecting members 41 and 42 are inserted into the corresponding attaching holes 18c with some play.

[0037] The lower end portions of the first and second projecting members 41 and 42 are joined to the pipe member 22 by circumferential welding through the attaching holes 18c of the attaching portions 18b of the pressing member 18 and also joined to the attaching portions 18b of

the pressing member 18 by circumferential welding. As above, the pressing members 18 are fixed to the pipe members 22 and 23 through the first projecting members 41 and the second projecting members 42, and with this, the pair of pipe members 22 and 23 are connected to each other. A welded portion W6 by which the pressing member 18 is joined to the first projecting member 41 is formed in a closed loop shape along the outer peripheral surface of the first projecting member 41, and a welded portion W7 by which the pressing member 18 is joined to the second projecting member 42 is formed in a closed loop shape along the outer peripheral surface of the second projecting member 42.

[0038] FIG. 6 is a longitudinal sectional view of the intermediate member 24 of the bogie frame 4 of FIG. 3 when viewed from the car longitudinal direction. It should be noted that FIG. 6 representatively shows the intermediate member 24 that is one of the pair of intermediate members 24 and 25. The intermediate member 25 is the same in structure as the intermediate member 24. As shown in FIGS. 3, 4, and 6, a third projecting member 43 is provided at the intermediate member 24. The third projecting member 43 projects upward and downward from the intermediate member 24 at a position which overlaps the pressing member 18 in a plan view. Moreover, a tubular body 44 is provided at the intermediate member 24 so as to be located at a position which overlaps the air spring seat 27. The tubular body 44 makes the internal space of the intermediate member 24 communicate with the air spring 3.

[0039] Specifically, fitting holes 24b and 24c are formed at an upper wall portion of the intermediate member 24 so as to be spaced apart from each other in the car width direction. The fitting holes 24b and 24c penetrate the upper wall portion of the intermediate member 24 in the vertical direction. An upper end portion of the third projecting member 43 is fitted in the fitting hole 24c, and an upper end portion of the tubular body 44 is fitted in the fitting hole 24b. A fitting hole 24d in which the third projecting member 43 is fitted is formed at a lower wall portion of the intermediate member 24. In the present embodiment, each of an outer peripheral surface of the third projecting member 43 and an outer peripheral surface of the tubular body 44 has a circular shape but may have a polygonal shape. The tubular body 44 is required to be hollow and be configured such that an internal space thereof is open upward and downward. However, the third projecting member 43 may be hollow or solid. The third projecting member 43 does not have to penetrate the intermediate member 24 (25) and may be fixed to a surface of the intermediate member 24 (25). In the present embodiment, the number of projecting members 41 to 44 is one example and may be suitably increased or decreased according to need.

[0040] An insertion hole 27b is formed at the air spring seat 27. A diameter of the insertion hole 27b is larger than an outer diameter of a portion of the tubular body 44 which

portion projects upward from the intermediate member 24. When viewed from above, the insertion hole 27b includes the fitting hole 24b. The upper end portion of the tubular body 44 is inserted into the insertion hole 27b with some play. The upper end portion of the tubular body 44 is joined to the intermediate member 24 by circumferential welding through the insertion hole 27b of the air spring seat 27. A welded portion W8 by which the tubular body 44 and the intermediate member 24 are joined to each other does not have to be joined to the air spring seat 27. Welded portions W9 and W10 by which the third projecting member 43 and the intermediate member 24 are joined to each other are the same as the welded portions W5 and W7 by which the second projecting member 42 and the pipe member 22 are joined to each other.

[0041] FIG. 7 is a longitudinal sectional view of the air spring seat 27 and pressing member 18 of the bogie 1 of FIG. 1 when viewed from the car width direction. As shown in FIG. 7, the clearance between the pipe members 22 and 23 is adequately shorter than a size of a lower end surface 3a of the air spring 3 in the car longitudinal direction. To be specific, at a position that is the same in the car width direction as the position of the air spring 3, a distance L1 between a center P1 of the linear portion 22a of the pipe member 22 and a center P2 of the linear portion 23a of the pipe member 23 in the car longitudinal direction is shorter than the car longitudinal direction size of the lower end surface 3a of the air spring 3 mounted on the air spring seat 27. The lower end surface 3a of the air spring 3 overlaps the pipe members 22 and 23 so as to include the car longitudinal direction centers P1 and P2 of the car width direction end portions of the pipe members 22 and 23 when viewed from above. Similarly, the air spring seat 27 overlaps the pipe members 22 and 23 so as to include the centers P1 and P2 of the car width direction end portions of the pipe members 22 and 23 when viewed from above. A load transmitted from the air spring 3 through the air spring seat 27 to the cross beam 5 is transmitted to the middle portion 13a of the plate spring 13 by the pressing member 18.

[0042] The curved portions 22b and 23b are formed at the pair of pipe members 22 and 23 so as to be located at the car width direction middle portion 5b of the cross beam 5. Therefore, the clearance between the pair of pipe members 22 and 23 at the car width direction middle portion 5b of the cross beam 5 is wide, but the clearance between the pair of pipe members 22 and 23 at each of the car width direction end portions 5a of the cross beam 5 is narrow. On this account, even when the center pin arrangement space S is formed between the pair of pipe members 22 and 23 at the car width direction middle portion 5b of the cross beam 5, the pipe members 22 and 23 are prevented from largely protruding from the lower end surface 3a of the air spring 3 outward in the car longitudinal direction. Thus, smooth load transmission from the air springs 3 to the pipe members 22 and 23 is realized while adequately securing the center pin

arrangement space S. As above, the downward loads from the air springs 3 are smoothly transmitted to the centers P1 and P2 of the car width direction end portions of the pipe members 22 and 23. Therefore, stress generated at the air spring seats 27 themselves and stress generated at joined portions between the air spring seat 27 and the pipe members 22 and 23 are effectively reduced.

[0043] FIG. 8 is a perspective view for explaining the brake receiving seats 31 and 32 and a coupling member 49 of FIG. 4 when viewed from below. FIG. 9 is a side view for explaining the brake receiving seats 31 and 32 and coupling member 49 of FIG. 8. As shown in FIGS. 8 and 9, the first brake receiving seat 31 includes an attaching portion 45 and a receiving seat portion 47. The attaching portion 45 projects from the cross beam 5 outward in the car longitudinal direction, and the receiving seat portion 47 extends from the attaching portion 45 in the vertical direction. Moreover, the second brake receiving seat 32 includes an attaching portion 46 and a receiving seat portion 48. The attaching portion 46 projects from the cross beam 5 outward in the car longitudinal direction, and the receiving seat portion 48 extends from the attaching portion 46 in the vertical direction. The attaching portion 45 of the first brake receiving seat 31 is joined to an outer surface of the pipe member 22 which surface is located outside in the car longitudinal direction. The first wheel tread brake device B1 is fixed to the receiving seat portion 47 of the first brake receiving seat 31. The attaching portion 46 of the second brake receiving seat 32 is joined to an outer surface of the pipe member 23 which surface is located outside in the car longitudinal direction. The second wheel tread brake device B2 is fixed to the receiving seat portion 48 of the second brake receiving seat 32.

[0044] Through holes 47a are formed at the receiving seat portions 47 and 48. The attaching portion 45 is inserted into the through hole 47a of the receiving seat portion 47 and joined to the receiving seat portion 47 by circumferential welding, and the attaching portion 46 is inserted into the through hole 47a of the receiving seat portion 48 and joined to the receiving seat portion 48 by circumferential welding. To be specific, a welded portion W11 by which the receiving seat portion 47 and the attaching portion 45 inserted into the through hole 47a of the receiving seat portion 47 are joined to each other is formed in a closed loop shape along a peripheral edge of the through hole 47a, and another welded portion W11 by which the receiving seat portion 48 and the attaching portion 46 inserted into the through hole 47a of the receiving seat portion 48 are joined to each other is formed in a closed loop shape along a peripheral edge of the through hole 47a. As above, since each of the welded portions W11 is formed in a closed loop shape having no end edge, the robot welding is easily performed, and therefore, the productivity improves.

[0045] A vertical size of a joining end of the attaching portion 45 which end is located close to the pipe member 22 is smaller than a vertical size of the outer surface of the pipe member 22 which surface is located outside in the car longitudinal direction. A vertical size of a joining end of the attaching portion 46 which end is located close to the pipe member 23 is smaller than a vertical size of the outer surface of the pipe member 23 which surface is located outside in the car longitudinal direction. A welded portion W12 by which the joining end of the attaching portion 45 and the pipe member 22 are joined to each other is provided at and within the outer surface of the pipe member 22. Another welded portion W12 by which the joining end of the attaching portion 46 and the pipe member 23 are joined to each other is provided at and within the outer surface of the pipe member 23. With this, since stress generated when a car body load is applied to the air spring seats 27 mainly concentrates on the upper surface and lower surface of the cross beam 5, stress generated at the welded portions W12 provided at not the upper and lower surfaces of the cross beam 5 but the side surfaces of the cross beam 5 is small. Fastening holes 47b and 47c to which the wheel tread brake device B1 is fastened are formed at upper and lower portions of the receiving seat portion 47, and fastening holes 47b and 47c to which the wheel tread brake device B2 is fastened are formed at upper and lower portions of the receiving seat portion 48.

[0046] The coupling member 49 is arranged under the cross beam 5. The coupling member 49 is sandwiched between the receiving seat portion 47 of the first brake receiving seat 31 and the receiving seat portion 48 of the second brake receiving seat 32. The coupling member 49 couples the lower portion of the receiving seat portion 47 of the first brake receiving seat 31 and the lower portion of the receiving seat portion 48 of the second brake receiving seat 32. The coupling member 49 is located at substantially a height of the center of the axle and extends in a direction perpendicular to brake supporting surfaces 47d and 48d of the receiving seat portions 47 and 48. For example, the coupling member 49 has a rod shape. The number of coupling members 49 is one in the present embodiment but may be plural.

[0047] An insertion hole 47e is formed at the lower portion of the receiving seat portion 47 of the brake receiving seat 31, and an insertion hole 48e is formed at the lower portion of the receiving seat portion 48 of the brake receiving seat 32. Car longitudinal direction end portions of the coupling member 49 are inserted into the insertion holes 47e and 48e and joined to the receiving seat portions 47 and 48 by circumferential welding. To be specific, a welded portion W13 by which the end portion of the coupling member 49 inserted into the insertion hole 47e and the receiving seat portion 47 are joined to each other is formed in a closed loop shape along a peripheral edge of the insertion hole 47e. Another welded portion W13 by which the end

portion of the coupling member 49 inserted into the insertion hole 48e and the receiving seat portion 48 are joined to each other is formed in a closed loop shape along a peripheral edge of the insertion hole 48e. According to this, since the coupling member 49 is positioned with respect to the receiving seat portions 47 and 48 by being inserted into the insertion holes 47e and 48e, work of welding the coupling member 49 to the receiving seat portions 47 and 48 can be easily performed.

[0048] As shown in FIG. 9, brake reaction force applied from the wheel 7 to the wheel tread brake device B1 during braking is transmitted to the receiving seat portion 47 of the brake receiving seat 31, and brake reaction force applied from the wheel 7 to the wheel tread brake device B2 during braking is transmitted to the receiving seat portion 48 of the brake receiving seat 32. The coupling member 49 serves as a tension rod that acts against the brake reaction force. Therefore, the brake reaction force applied to the first brake receiving seat 31 and the brake reaction force applied to the second brake receiving seat 32 are canceled out through the coupling member 49, and therefore, the necessity of providing strong reinforcing members at the brake receiving seats 31 and 32 can be eliminated.

[0049] FIG. 10 is a bottom view for explaining the traction motors M1 and M2 and a coupling member 50 in the bogie shown in FIG. 2. FIG. 11 is a side view for explaining the traction motors M1 and M2 and the coupling member 50 shown in FIG. 10. As shown in FIGS. 10 and 11, the coupling member 50 is arranged under the cross beam 5. The coupling member 50 is sandwiched between the first traction motor M1 and the second traction motor M2. The coupling member 50 couples the first traction motor M1 and the second traction motor M2 to each other. The coupling member 50 has, for example, a substantially I shape, and both end portions of the coupling member 50 are fixed to the traction motors M1 and M2. The number of coupling members 50 is one but may be plural.

[0050] The traction motor receiving seat 37 includes a keyway 37a to which the traction motor M1 is locked and which extends along the cross beam 5. The traction motor receiving seat 38 includes a keyway 38a to which the traction motor M2 is locked and which extends along the cross beam 5. The traction motor M1 is fastened to the traction motor receiving seat 37 while being locked to the keyway 37a, and the traction motor M2 is fastened to the traction motor receiving seat 38 while being locked to the keyway 38a. The traction motor receiving seat 37 is joined to an outer surface of the curved portion 22b which surface is inclined relative to the car width direction, and the traction motor receiving seat 38 is joined to an outer surface of the curved portion 23b which surface is inclined relative to the car width direction. Therefore, the keyways 37a and 38a are inclined relative to the car width direction. The first traction

motor M1 is attached to the first traction motor receiving seat 37 so as to swing about the keyway 37a serving as a first swing axis X1, and the second traction motor M2 is attached to the second traction motor receiving seat 38 so as to swing about the keyway 38a serving as a second swing axis X2. The traction motor receiving seats 37 and 38 are only required to be arranged such that the swing axes X1 and X2 are perpendicular to a virtual line V. The keyways 37a and 38a do not necessarily have to be inclined relative to the car width direction.

[0051] In a plan view, each of the swing axis X1 of the first traction motor M1 and the swing axis X2 of the second traction motor M2 is inclined relative to the car width direction in such a direction that a bogie middle side of the swing axis X1, X2 extends away from the center of the cross beam 5. In a plan view, the swing axis X1 of the first traction motor M1 and the swing axis X2 of the second traction motor M2 are substantially perpendicular to a virtual line V connecting a gravity center C1 of the first traction motor M1 and a gravity center C2 of the second traction motor M2. The coupling member 50 extends along the virtual line V. When the number of coupling members 50 is one, the coupling member 50 is only required to overlap the virtual line V in a plan view.

[0052] With this, when the traction motors M1 and M2 are about to swing in the upper-lower direction, the coupling member 50 serves as a tension rod that acts against the swinging, and therefore, the swinging of the first traction motor M1 and the swinging of the second traction motor M2 are canceled out through the coupling member 50. On this account, the requirement of the strength of a support structure for the traction motors M1 and M2 can be lowered by a simple configuration. Since the swing axes X1 and X2 of the traction motors M1 and M2 are substantially perpendicular to the virtual line V in a plan view, a load generated by the swinging of the traction motor M1 and a load generated by the swinging of the traction motor M2 are opposed to each other, and therefore, the generation of torsional force at the coupling member 50 is suppressed. Then, since the coupling member 50 extends along the virtual line V, the strength of the coupling member 50 in a pulling direction and a compressing direction is only required to be secured. Therefore, the swinging of the traction motor M1 and the swinging of the traction motor M2 can be effectively canceled out while reducing the weight of the coupling member 50.

[0053] The present invention is not limited to the above embodiment, and modifications, additions, and eliminations may be made with respect to the configuration of the embodiment. For example, the above embodiment has described the bogie which omits the side sills of the bogie frame and includes the plate springs. However, the above embodiment may adopt a general bogie including side sills extending from both car width direction end portions of a cross

beam in a car longitudinal direction. The general bogie is only required to be configured such that the car width direction end portions 5a of the cross beam 5 are fixed to the side sills by welding or the like. Moreover, the general bogie does not require the pressing members 18 that press the plate springs 13. Therefore, instead of the pressing members 18, plate-shaped members are simply used for mutual connections among the lower surfaces of the pipe members 22 and 23 and the lower surfaces of the intermediate members 24 and 25, and as with the air spring seat 27, the pipe members 22 and 23 and the intermediate members 24 and 25 are only required to be fixed to each other through the projecting members. The curved portion (22b) may be formed at only one of the pair of pipe members 22 and 23. The center pin may be connected to a single link type traction device through the center pin arrangement space S without providing the center pin accommodating member 26. The above embodiment has described a driving bogie but may adopt a non-driving bogie. The non-driving bogie does not require structures related to the traction motor and the gear box, but the structures of the cross beam 5 and the brake receiving seat may be suitably adopted in the non-driving bogie.

Reference Signs List

[0054]	1	bogie
	3	air spring
	3a	lower end surface
	4	bogie frame
	5	cross beam
	5a	car width direction end portion
	5b	car width direction middle portion
	13	plate spring
	13a	car width direction middle portion
	13b	car width direction end portion
	18	pressing member
	22	pipe member
	22a	linear portion
	22b	curved portion
	24, 25	intermediate member
	26	center pin accommodating member
	26a	tubular portion
	26b	longitudinal attaching portion

26c	lateral attaching portion
27	air spring seat
30	center pin
31	first brake receiving seat
32	second brake receiving seat
35	first gear box receiving seat
36	second gear box receiving seat
37	first traction motor receiving seat
37a	keyway
38	second traction motor receiving seat
38a	keyway
41	first projecting member
42	second projecting member
43	third projecting member
45, 46	attaching portion
47, 48	receiving seat portion
49	coupling member
50	coupling member
B1	first wheel tread brake device
B2	second wheel tread brake device
C1, C2	gravity center
G1	first gear box
G2	second gear box
M1	first traction motor
M2	second traction motor
P1, P2	center
S	center pin arrangement space
V	virtual line
W1 to W13	welded portion
X1	first swing axis
X2	second swing axis

CLAIMS

1. A railcar bogie comprising:
 - a cross beam extending in a car width direction;
 - a first traction motor supported by a first car longitudinal direction portion of the cross beam;
 - a second traction motor supported by a second car longitudinal direction portion of the cross beam; and
 - a coupling member arranged under the cross beam and between the first traction motor and the second traction motor and coupling the first traction motor and the second traction motor to each other.
2. The railcar bogie according to claim 1, wherein:
 - the first traction motor is arranged at a first side in the car width direction;
 - the second traction motor is arranged at a second side in the car width direction;
 - in a plan view, a swing axis of the first traction motor is inclined relative to the car width direction in such a direction that a portion of the swing axis of the first traction motor which portion is located at the second side in the car width direction extends away from the cross beam; and
 - in the plan view, a swing axis of the second traction motor is inclined relative to the car width direction in such a direction that a portion of the swing axis of the second traction motor which portion is located at the first side in the car width direction extends away from the cross beam.
3. The railcar bogie according to claim 2, wherein in the plan view, the swing axis of the first traction motor and the swing axis of the second traction motor are substantially perpendicular to a virtual line connecting a gravity center of the first traction motor and a gravity center of the second traction motor.
4. The railcar bogie according to claim 3, wherein the coupling member extends along the virtual line.
5. The railcar bogie according to any one of claims 2 to 4, comprising:
 - a first traction motor receiving seat provided at the first car longitudinal direction portion of the cross beam, the first traction motor being attached to the first traction motor

receiving seat; and

a second traction motor receiving seat provided at the second car longitudinal direction portion of the cross beam, the second traction motor being attached to the second traction motor receiving seat, wherein:

the first traction motor receiving seat includes a keyway to which the first traction motor is attached;

the second traction motor receiving seat includes a keyway to which the second traction motor is attached;

the first traction motor is attached to the first traction motor receiving seat so as to swing about the keyway serving as the swing axis; and

the second traction motor is attached to the second traction motor receiving seat so as to swing about the keyway serving as the swing axis.

6. The railcar bogie according to claim 5, wherein:

a car width direction middle portion of the cross beam includes a curved portion projecting toward both sides in a car longitudinal direction and including inclined surfaces inclined relative to the car width direction; and

the first traction motor receiving seat and the second traction motor receiving seat are provided on the respective inclined surfaces of the curved portion.