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Spring -Viscodamper<sup>®</sup> Combination

Forging hammers are designed to generate large dynamic forces with every hammer blow. Conventionally designed foundations require a relatively large, heavily reinforced concrete block to transmit the impact force into the soil. The size of the foundation block depends on the impact energy produced by the hammer, and on soil conditions.

Vibrations resulting from the hammer blow are also transmitted directly into the soil. These vibrations may have a detrimental effect on nearby equipment and operating personnel, and even on nearby residences. Vibrations may also cause the foundation to settle, and the hammer to tilt.

Many years ago, GERB developed a vibration isolation technology for forging hammers, featuring helical steel springs and viscous fluid dampers. Early elastic foundation systems required an inertia mass under the hammer. Through continuous research and development, GERB was able to develop a direct spring support system, eliminating the need for the inertia mass.

Direct spring support systems are now used worldwide on over 1000 hammers with blow energies up to 400 kJ. GERBspring-Viscodamper<sup>®</sup> combinations effectively isolate hammer vibrations, and bring the hammer to rest before the next blow. Springs and damper are combined into a single element. The viscous damping fluid is practically unaffected by temperature changes. Damping capacity is constant, even in continuous operation.

The spring-Viscodamper<sup>®</sup> system system is nearly maintenance free.

Nearly all hammers, including beltdriven drop hammers and one-column, air-driven hammers, can operate on the direct elastic foundation system.

#### Advantages include:

- Considerable reduction in construction time and cost. The foundation block is no longer required, and the foundation pit is much smaller.
- Equipment (hammers, presses, and sensitive equipment) can be installed in close proximity.
- Production cycles are improved. Hammers can operate with faster blow rates, and can be operated for longer periods of time.
- Vibrations are reduced by at least 80%, compared to conventional foundations.
- Foundation settlement and tilting are eliminated.

#### GERB offers:

- Elastic foundation design
- Worldwide supply of spring-Viscodamper<sup>®</sup> systems
- Complete civil engineering support, including vibration surveys and assessments, soil assessments, and pit design, including general arrangement drawings, reinforcement drawings and rebar schedules
- Installation or installation supervision.

The direct spring support systems of forging hammers are subject to extreme dynamic loads and should be treated as wearing parts. Thus regularly scheduled inspections are recommended. GERB offers this service upon request. Please contact your nearest GERB office.









Typical System Response of a Spring Supported Hammer





Spring Support of a Forging Hammer with Additional Steel Plate



# Direct Spring Support of Forging Hammers Reference List (Excerpt)



Spring Supported Otani-Hammer



Country	Customer	Manufacturer	Capacity (kJ)
Argentina	CRAFMSA	Chambersburg	250 + 320
Australia	Heggie/Westray	Eumuco	40
Austria	Steyr-Daimler-Puch	Lasco	20
Brazil	Forja Rio	Huta Zygmunt	175
Canada	IMP Aerospace	Chambersburg	45; 58; 125
Chile	Conmetal L.T.D.A.	Schuler Bêché	30
China	Asian Star Anchor Chain Shandong Jiuxin Tools Baicheng Zhongyi Precise Forge	Anyang Forging Press Mach. China Forging Machinery Jiangsu Baixie Forging Equipment	25; 80; 125; 200 100 2 x 25
France	Bar-Lorfogees Raymond Barre	Lasco Banning/Lasco	50 16/2 x 100
Germany	Hammerwerk Fridingen Brockhaus Halbach Hüttebräucher & Herfel Broch Adler Knipex Werke RUD Schöttler Carl Sülberg	Schuler Bêché Lasco Schuler Bêché Lasco Lasco Lasco Schuler Bêché Schuler Bêché	40 - 80 25 - 63 25 80 20 - 40 20 - 50 20 31.5 - 50
Great Britain	A. Edge Joseph Shakespeare	Lasco Massey	12.5 50; 60
Hungary	Raba Györ	Lasco	63; 40
India	Delhi Forge Sadhu Udvoa	Rattan Woronesh	62 125 + 310
Indonesia	Astra Tech P.T. SGI	Huta Zygmunt Otani	36 95
Italy	Pietro Rosa T.B.M. Varesina Stampi S.p.A.	Maglio Pensotti Huta Zygmunt	150 175
Japan	Okumura Forge	Otani	220
Korea	Dae Chang Dai-A-Metal Works	Nittan Sanwa	140 + 400 52
Norway	Kongsberg	Lasco	20
Schwitzerland	Schraner	Schuler Bêché	16
Spain	EUROTOOLS	Lasco	5 x 20
Taiwan	Tzei Pon	Huta Zygmunt	125; 175
USA	Autoforge Forgings & Stampings Trinity Force	Chambersburg Lasco	31 16; 20; 25 80

Spring Supported Bêché-Hammer





GERB spring support protects your neighbourhood. The diagram shows vibration values of hammers with and without GERB isolation system.

Vibrations are reduced by more than 80% compared to rigid foundation.

Impact Energy (kJoule)





### For a proposal and quotation please send us the following information:

- Type and manufacturer of hammer
- Total weight of hammer
- Impact energy
- Weight of ram
- Dimensions of anvil
- Depth of anvil below floor

Any additional information will help us to optimize our proposal.

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