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During the operation of presses, strong vibrations are caused by speed changes of moving parts, the impact of the ram and especially during cutting processes, which can lead to unacceptable disturbance and inconvenience in the neighbourhood. Moreover, high-frequency vibration components lead to structureborne noise in adiacent rooms.

Elastic support provided by GERB spring units can considerably reduce the vibrations caused by the press. Reductions in the vibration speeds – as a yardstick for the assessment of the vibration - of about 80% and more are possible.

A significant aspect for the dimensioning of the elastic support of presses is the type of the vibration excitation.

In the case of 1-crank and 2-crank presses, imbalance in the crank operation of freely acting forces of inertia at the crankshaft level can cause severe tilting motions of the machine. In such a case, it may become necessary to provide a foundation block as a vibration-damping mass or an enlarged base frame to enhance the rotational stability in order to restrict the movements of the system within permissible limits.

In 4-point crank presses, transfer and hydraulic presses, the vibrations are caused primarily by the vertically accelerated or retarded masses.

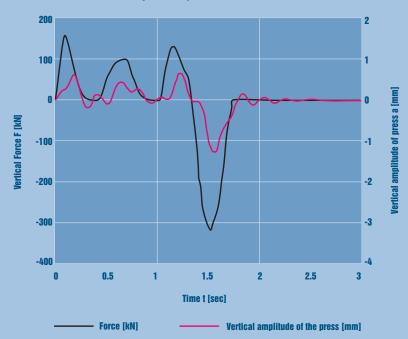
Typical Spring Viscodamper®

With the elastic support of larger hydraulic presses, and also with mechanical car body and transfer presses, low-frequency vibrations often need to be taken into consideration either as vibrations of the moving masses or as pillar vibrations. These frequencies may be in resonance either with the natural frequencies of buildings or with the natural bending frequencies of wide-span floors and lead to severely enhanced levels of vibration caused by the resonance.

Presses equipped with a servo drive place an extraordinary demand on the elastic support. Specially adapted support systems are necessary as a result of the high flexibility of this type of press design.

GERB has developed support systems, in close cooperation with renowned manufacturers of servo presses that meet these requirements.

Force and motion history of a servo press





Typical Spring Viscodamper® Combination for Elastic Support of Presses



AP & T Hydraulic Press – Sweden

For elastic support of presses GERB offers:

Spring units

 Spring units with high-quality cylindrical helical compression springs in rigid housing shells.

Viscodampers®

VISCO® damping connected in parallel to spring units ensures machine stability and enhances its efficiency. However, the damping also means that the machine quickly comes to rest or returns to its idle state after each stroke.

Blocking devices

• It is necessary to be able to transfer the tool easily between the fixed foundation and the elastically supported press for a streamlined process of tool change. GERB has developed different blocking devices for this purpose. These can be supplied as separate block supports or even as blocking systems that are integrated into the spring Viscodamper® combinations.

Engineering

 Apart from the supply of spring units and Viscodampers®, GERB provides overall planning and complete civil engineering for the press foundations.

Assembly

 GERB also offers services for the installation or supervision of installation of the elastic support. In case of subsequent settlement of the foundation soil, if required, GERB fitters realign the press within a short period of time.

Vibration measurements

 Measurements can be made to determine in advance whether a press intended to be installed will cause impermissible or unreasonable levels of vibration in the vicinity, just as the options for reducing the vibrations can be specified prior to installation.

Please consult our project engineers for this purpose.





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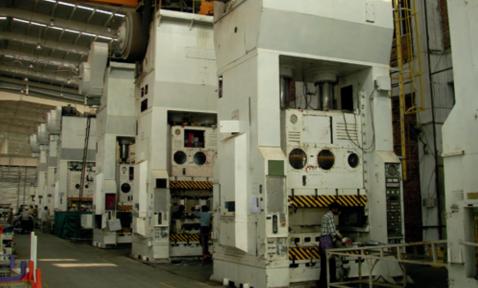
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The installation on prestressable GERB spring units ensures the press can be easily aligned and even realigned in case of sinking supports. Usually, no bolts are required for fixing of the spring units. Fixing is done with self-adhesive resilient pads supplied by GERB.

Acceleration levels used as a yardstick for the vibration and wear of presses are consistently lower in isolated installations than in the case of rigid installation.





Elastic Support of Presses Reference List (Selection)





Shanghai

Schuler



Presses for Sheet-Metal Processing

VW

China

	GM BMW-Shanghai Dong-Feng Nissan Great Wall Auto Chery Auto	Shanghai Shenyang, Liaoning Guangzhou, Guangdong Baoding, Hebei Wuhu, Anhui	Müller-Weingarten Schuler Komatsu Fagor Arrasate Jier Machine-tool Group
Czech Republic	Skoda	Mlada Boleslav	Müller-Weingarten
France	Renault	Sandouville	AIDA
Germany	AUDI BMW DaimlerChrysler Opel VW	Ingolstadt Dingolfing Sindelfingen Rüsselsheim Mosel	Müller-Weingarten Schuler Müller-Weingarten Schuler Müller-Weingarten
Great Britain	IBC Vehicles Rover	Luton Swindon	Müller-Weingarten Müller-Weingarten
India	Caparo JBM SKH Tata Motors	Gurgaon/Jamshedpur Gurgaon/Manesar Gurgaon/Manesar/Pune Sanand	Isgec/Kaushico Isgec/HMT/Erfurt/Schuler Keiserling/HMT/Emco Pr Schuler
Italy	Iveco-Fiat	Brescia	Clearing
Japan	Kikuchi Press	Hamura	AIDA
Korea	Sung Woo Coil Center Samsung Motor	Yang San Pusan	Ssang Yong Press Kojima, Fukui Kikai
Malaysia	Proton	Petaling Jaya	Komatsu, Hitachi Zosen
Mexico	Benteler de Mexico	Puebla	Umformtechnik Erfurt
Netherlands	Volvo Car Polynorm	Bunschoten	Müller-Weingarten Dieffenbacher
Spain	Opel SEAT VW	Zaragoza Barcelona Barcelona	Müller-Weingarten Umformtechnik Erfurt Arrasate
Sweden	Volvo Car	Olovström	Müller-Weingarten
USA	Ford Radar	Dearborn/Michigan Warren/Michigan	Eumuco Schuler Brazil





GERB worldwide



The following information is required for the design of elastic support systems of presses:

- ▶ Type and manufacturer of the press
- ► Arrangement drawing (Installation plan)
- Total weight of the press
- ▶ Weight of the unbalanced moving masses
- Stroke
- Number of strokes/min

In addition, for screw presses:

Screw diameter

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