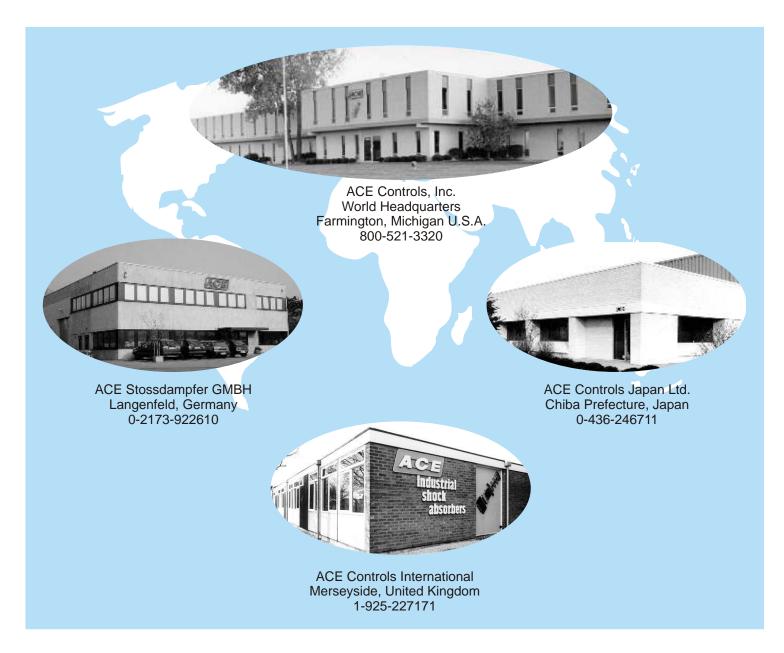


# Gas Springs & Hydraulic Dampers





Founded over 35 years ago, ACE Controls, Inc. is recognized as the world leader in the design and manufacture of deceleration devices for a wide variety of industries. Facilities are located in the United States, England, Germany and Japan together with extensive distribution throughout the world. ACE is able to provide an excellent and responsive sales and support network.

The ACE Controls product line includes gas springs, hydraulic dampers, industrial shock absorbers, stacker crane shocks as well as crane and heavy industrial shock absorbers, velocity controls, rotary dampers and TUBUS elastomer bumpers.

ACE's innovations include adjustable and selfcompensating shock absorbers as well as CAD files and simulation software for shock absorber applications and product selection. ACE Controls, Inc. is a certified ISO 9001:2000 manufacturer.

The ACE line of gas springs is ideal for counterbalancing loads to provide assistance in both lifting and lowering covers, guards and panels, as well as limiting the rate at which heavy covers, etc. can be moved.

ACE Controls' Applications Department is one of the most advanced in the industry. Engineers are available to assist you by providing full technical support for your gas spring and hydraulic damper application requirements. The ACE Controls Applications Department can be reached at 800-521-3320.

# ACE Function, Construction and Operation, Gas Springs

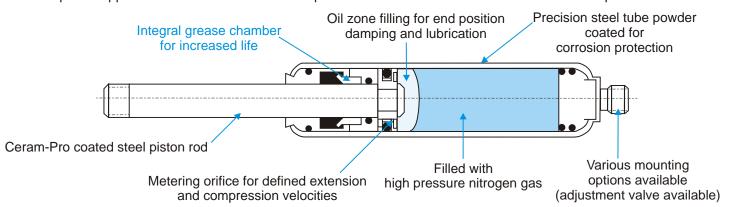
### **Function**

In every action involving a lifting or lowering motion, e.g. when opening a hatch lid, there are masses in movement which must be controlled.

If this is ignored, then the kinetic energy caused by the mass in motion can result in considerable damage. There are several ways that ACE offers to control this motion.

- a) Shock absorbers used when no return assistance is required and no restriction of the velocity is required, control being provided shortly before the mechanical components make contact.
- b) Velocity controls used when no return assistance is required, and control of velocity throughout the motion is required.
- c) Rotary dampers used in light load situations requiring no return assistance and controlled velocity throughout the motion.
- d) Gas springs used when return assistance or load support (counterbalance) is required throughout the motion.

The gas springs can be provided in a wide range of body sizes, stroke lengths and the force provided can be specified to suit the specific application. The extension and compression velocities can also be customized on request.



### **Construction and Operation**

ACE gas springs are maintenance free self-contained systems which are filled with high pressure nitrogen gas to a defined pressure. They also contain a small quantity of oil to provide end position damping.

During operation, the nitrogen gas flows through the metering orifice and allows the load to be lowered in a controlled manner. The force of the gas spring works against the weight and prevents it from accelerating and damaging mechanical components on closure.

Upon reversal the nitrogen flows back through the piston orifice and the gas spring force assists the action, reducing the effort required to reset the mechanism.

The opening and closing speeds can be varied by altering the size of the metering orifice.

For cushioning on the extension stroke, mount with the rod down. For cushioning on the compression stroke, mount with the rod up.

An integral grease chamber behind the rod seals ensures lasting lubrication which can increase the life of ACE gas springs by at least 100% compared to other products on the market.

The Ceram-Pro coated steel piston rod and powder coated precision steel body ensure excellent corrosion protection and provide a long maintenance free working life.

The wide variety of available mounting accessories provide mounting versatility and options.























### Additional Gas Spring Applications Include:

Computers Photocopiers -Aircraft Overhead Compartments Aircraft Galley Equipment Truck Engine Covers
Truck Side Panels **Electrical Enclosure Cabinets** 

**Boat Engine Hatches** Bus/Coach Engine Covers Bus/Coach Courier Seats Fork Lifts Conveyor Belt Tensioning Roof Ventilation Hatches Manhole/Access Covers

Molding Machines Executive Desks Smoke Vents Stair Lifts Security Cabinets Washing Machine Lids Automatic Cash Dispensers

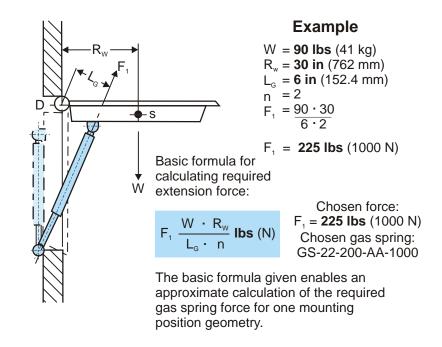
# ACE Calculations and Mounting Instructions, Gas Springs

Use the following application parameters to calculate a suitable ACE gas spring:

- Weight of the lid or flap
   Position of the center of gravity
   Ibs (kg)
   in (mm)
- 3. Sketch of the application layout

### Symbols used:

W	Force due to weight of the lid	lbs (kg)
$R_w$	Radius of center of gravity	in (mm)
$L_{G}$	Distance to gas spring	in (mm)
S	Center of gravity	-
D	Pivot point	
n	Number of gas springs	
	in parallel	

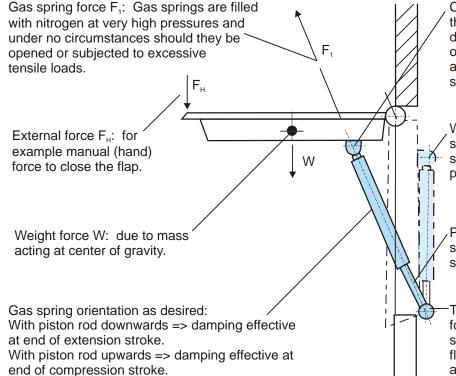


In order to save time we recommend that the calculation and selection of the most suitable gas spring be completed by ACE.

With our sophisticated selection software we can quickly determine the resultant opening or closing forces throughout the complete movement and recommend the optimum mounting points, gas spring model and nominal force.

Please fax us the completed Application Data form on page 10.

ACE gas springs are self contained, maintenance free devices and are supplied ready for installation. The following points should be noted to ensure the longest possible working life:



Choose a standard available gas spring from the ACE range featured in this catalog before determining the mounting position coordinates, or preferably allow ACE to do the calculations and provide a printout suggesting the most suitable model and mounting positions.

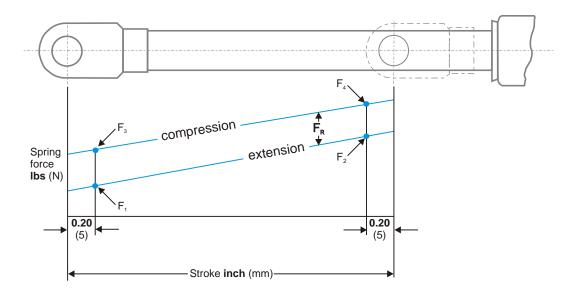
Where possible arrange the mounting positions so that the effective torque provided by the gas spring positively holds the flap in its closed position.

Protect the piston rod from impact damage, scratches, dirt or paint contamination. The gas spring barrel must not be deformed or damaged.

The gas spring must not be exposed to bending forces or side loads. If using eyelet fittings support the eye on both sides and allow some float. We recommend using ball joints on most applications as these help to eliminate any misalignment.

### **Gas Spring Force - Stroke Characteristics**

Gas Spring - Push Type



Туре	Progression* approximate %	Friction F <sub>R</sub> approximate lbs (N)
GS-15	27	<b>4</b> (20)
GS-19	33	<b>7</b> (30)
GS-22	38	<b>7</b> (30)
GS-28	52	9 (40)

F<sub>1</sub> = Nominal Force at **68**° F (20° C) (this figure is normally used when specifying gas springs)

 $F_1$  to  $F_2$  = Force on extension stroke

 $F_3$  to  $F_4$  = Force on compression stroke

\*The progression (slope of the force line in the characteristic diagram above) is due to the reduction of the internal gas volume as the piston rod moves from its initial position to its fully stroked position. The approximate progression values given above for standard springs can be altered upon request.

Effect of temperature: The nominal F<sub>1</sub> force figure is given at **68° F** (20° C).

An increase in temperature of **18°** F or 10° C will result in approximately a 3.4% increase in the force.

General extension force tolerance for fixed force gas springs is +40N/-20N.

General extension force tolerance for adjustable gas springs is plus or minus 5 - 7%.

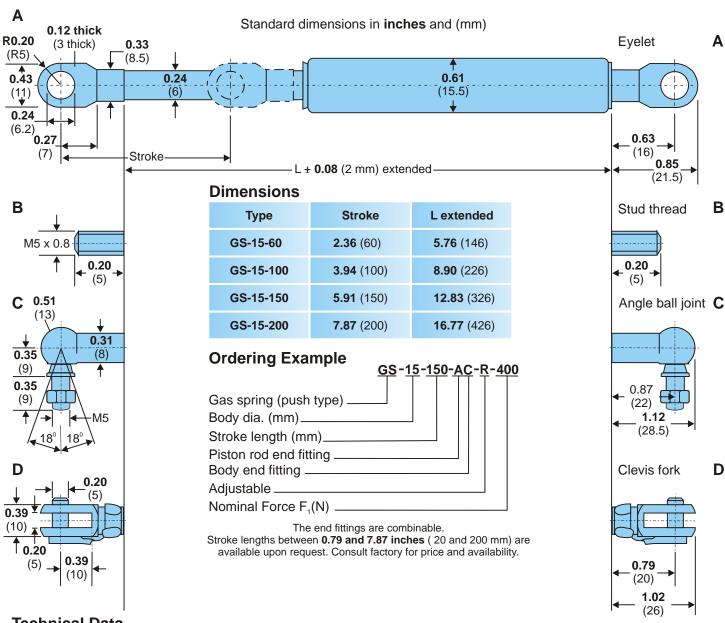
Note: Initial breakaway force may be higher if units are stored for a long period without use.

### Additional Gas Spring Available Options

- 1. Lockable gas springs: GBF & GBS 22, 28 & 40
- 2. Gas springs (push type): GS-40
- 3. Gas springs (pull type): GZ-19, GZ-28 (GZ models are a special order)

Note: GS and GZ gas springs are available as fixed force options with optional lengths.

Extension force range 2 to 90 lbs (10 to 400 N)



### **Technical Data**

ACE Gas springs are self contained and maintenance free.

**Mounting position:** Can be mounted in any position, but we recommend mounting with piston rod downwards so that damping is effective at end of extension stroke.

End position damping length: approximately 0.39 (10 mm)

Force progression: approximately 27%

Temperature range: -22 to +176° F (-30 to +80° C)

Fluid: nitrogen gas and oil (for end position damping)

Force range: 2 to 90 lbs (10 to 400 N)

Material: Ceram-Pro coated steel piston rod for corrosion

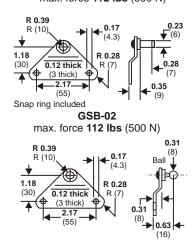
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End fittings: zinc plated steel or aluminum

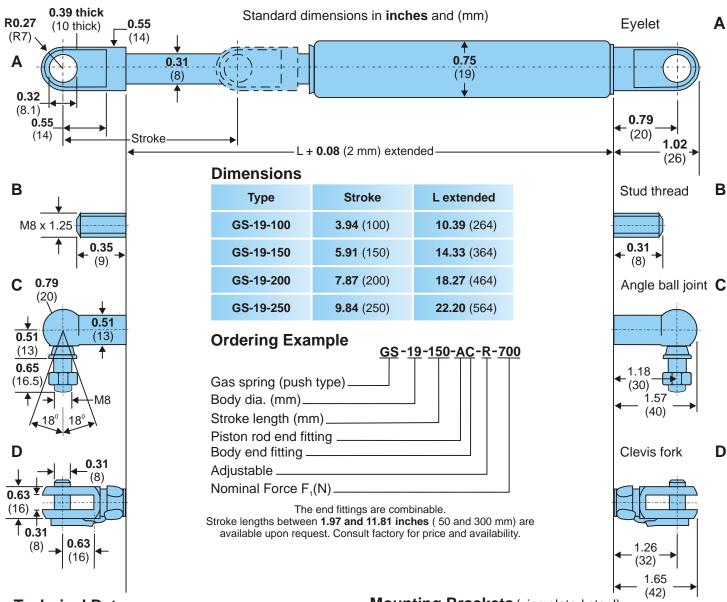
**Options:** without damping, extended length damping, special force curves, special lengths, alternative end fittings, M5 adjusting knob

### Mounting Brackets (zinc plated steel)

**GSB-01** max. force **112 lbs** (500 N)



Extension force range 11 to 157 lbs (50 to 700 N)



### **Technical Data**

ACE Gas springs are self-contained and maintenance free.

**Mounting position:** Can be mounted in any position, but we recommend mounting with piston rod downwards so that damping is effective at end of extension stroke.

End position damping length: approximately 0.39 (10 mm)

Force progression: approximately 33%

**Temperature range:** -22 to +176 $^{\circ}$  F (-30 to +80 $^{\circ}$  C) with special seals up to + 392 $^{\circ}$  F (+200 $^{\circ}$ C)

Fluid: nitrogen gas and oil (for end position damping)

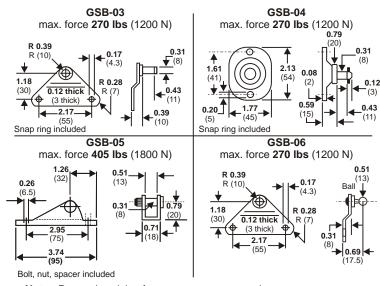
Force range: 11 to 157 lbs (50 to 700 N)

**Material:** Ceram-Pro coated steel piston rod for corrosion protection, body: powder coated steel

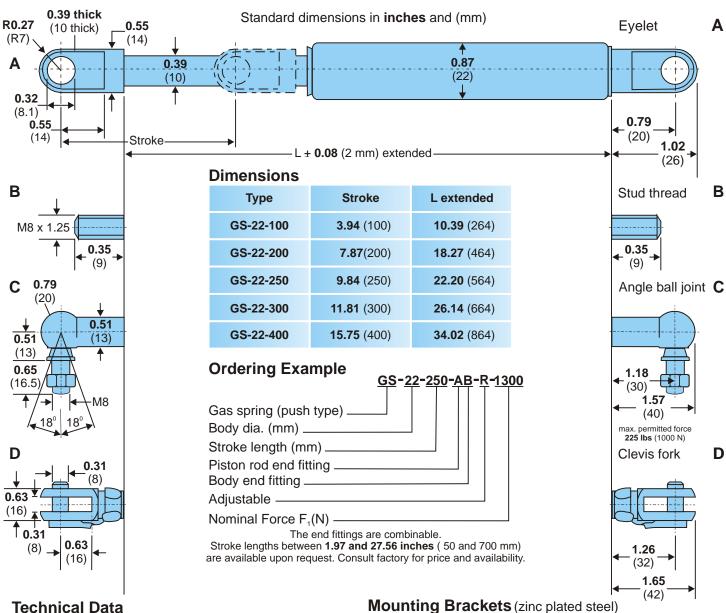
End fittings: zinc plated steel or aluminum

**Options:** without damping, extended length damping, special force curves, special lengths, alternative end fittings, M8 adjusting knob

### **Mounting Brackets** (zinc plated steel)



Extension force range **18 to 292 lbs** (80 to 1,300 N)



ACE Gas springs are self-contained and maintenance free.

Mounting position: Can be mounted in any position, but we recommend mounting with piston rod downwards so that damping is effective at end of extension stroke.

End position damping length: approximately 0.39 (10 mm)

Force progression: approximately 38%

Temperature range: -22 to  $+176^{\circ}$  F (-30 to  $+80^{\circ}$  C) with special seals up to +392° F (+200° C)

Fluid: nitrogen gas and oil (for end position damping)

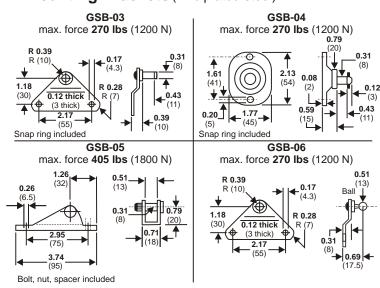
Force range: 18 to 292 lbs (80 to 1300 N)

Material: Ceram-Pro coated steel piston rod for corrosion protection, body: powder coated steel

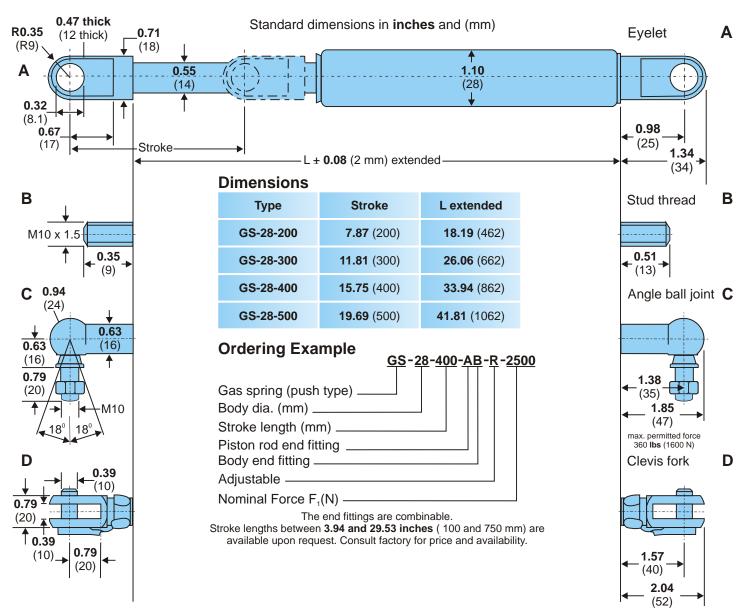
End fittings: zinc plated steel or aluminum

Options: without damping, extended length damping, special force curves, special lengths, alternative end fittings, M8 adjusting knob

### Mounting Brackets (zinc plated steel)



Extension force range **22 to 562 lbs** (100 to 2,500 N)



### **Technical Data**

ACE Gas springs are self-contained and maintenance free.

**Mounting position:** Can be mounted in any position, but we recommend mounting with piston rod downwards so that damping is effective at end of extension stroke.

End position damping length: approximately 0.39 (10 mm)

Force progression: approximately 52%

**Temperature range: -22 to +176°** F (-30 to +80° C) with special seals up to **+392°** F (+200° C)

Fluid: nitrogen gas and oil (for end position damping)

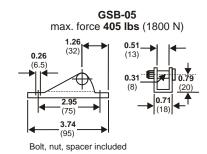
Force range: 22 to 562 lbs (100 to 2500 N)

**Material:** Ceram-Pro coated steel piston rod for corrosion protection, body: powder coated steel

End fittings: zinc plated steel or aluminum

**Options:** without damping, extended length damping, special force curves, special lengths, alternative end fittings, M10 adjusting knob

### Mounting Bracket (zinc plated steel)



# ACE Application Information - Options

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# Gas Spring Type

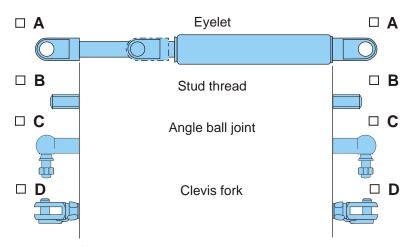
Input Data

Radius of center of gravity  $R_w$  Iin (mm) Moving weight W Ibs (kg) Radius of hand force  $R_H$  Iin (mm) Desired max. handforce  $E_H$  Iin  $E_H$   $E_H$  E

### Gas Spring fixing points (complete if desired)

Fixed point	(x-coord.) x1 _	in (mm)
Fixed point	(y-coord.) y1 _	in (mm)
Moving point	(x-coord.) x2 _	in (mm)
Moving point	(y-coord.) y2	in (mm)

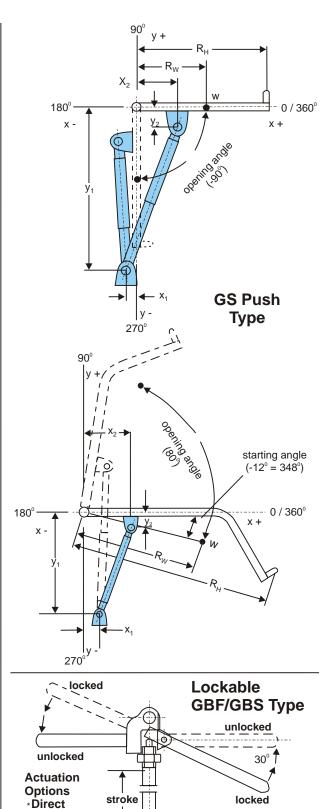
### **Desired Mounting Fittings**



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GBF and GBS types are available in 22 mm, 28 mm and 40 mm diameters with optional lengths. For range of types not shown in this catalog consult your local distributor or ACE Controls directly.

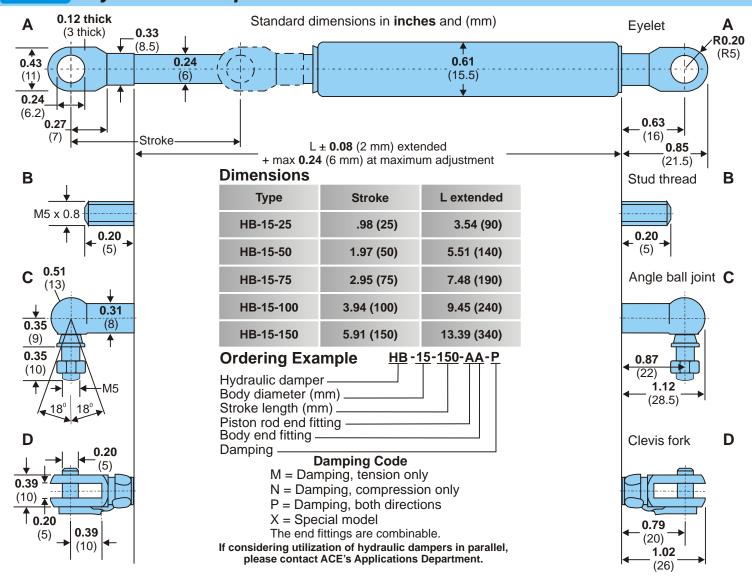
Lift up to unlock

or push down to unlock

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\* Hydraulic

# ACE Hydraulic Dampers



### **Technical Data**

**ACE hydraulic dampers** are self-contained and maintenance free.

Mounting position: can be mounted in any position

Adjustment: pull the piston rod out to its fully extended position. While pulling on the rod, turn it clockwise or counter-clockwise until the desired damping is achieved. The adjustment is multiturn and correct damping may require several trial and error adjustments.

Attention: dampers have free travel accounting for approximately 20% of stroke

Mechanical stop: required 1 to 1.5 mm before end of stroke

Temperature range: -22° to +176° F (-30° to +80° C), with special seals up to 248° F (120° C)

Fluid: hydraulic oil

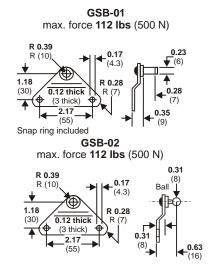
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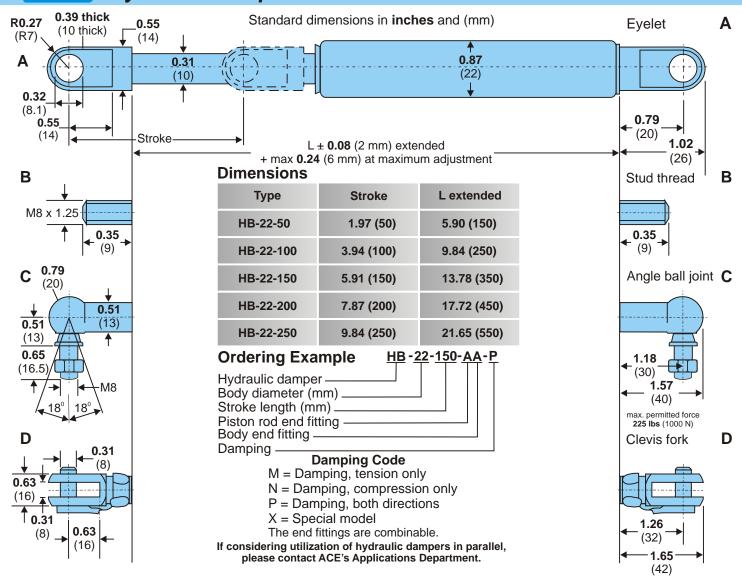
**Material:** Ceram-Pro coated steel piston rod for corrosion protection, body: powder coated steel

End fittings: zinc plated steel or aluminum

Options: units with other damping characteristics, other stroke lengths and alternative end fittings

### **Mounting Brackets** (zinc plated steel)





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**ACE hydraulic dampers** are self-contained and maintenance free.

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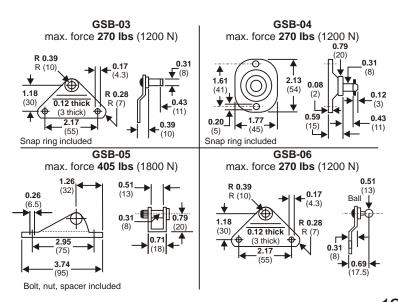
Minimum force: 7 lbs (30 N) Maximum force: 405 lbs (1,800 N)

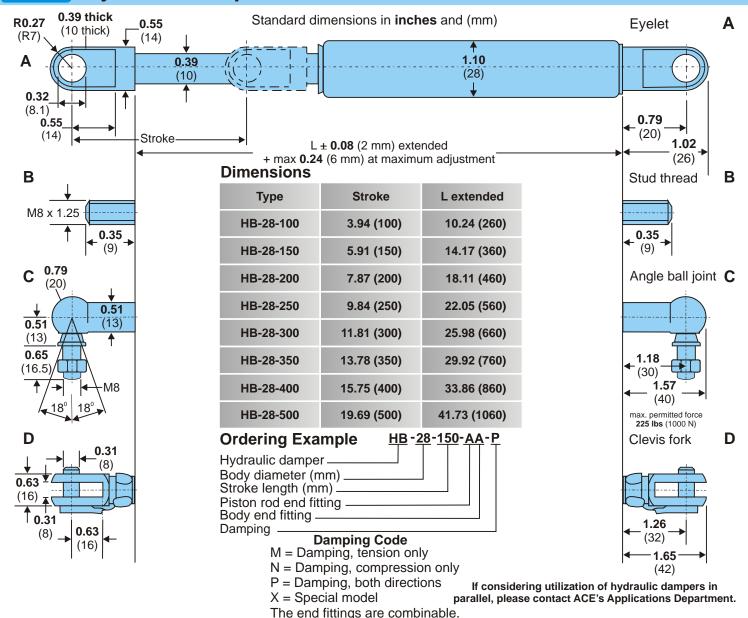
**Material:** Ceram-Pro coated steel piston rod for corrosion protection, body: powder coated steel

End fittings: zinc plated steel or aluminum

**Options:** units with other damping characteristics, other stroke lengths, alternative end fittings and protective rod sleeves

### **Mounting Brackets** (zinc plated steel)





### **Technical Data**

**ACE hydraulic dampers** are self-contained and maintenance free.

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Adjustment: pull the piston rod out to its fully extended position. While pulling on the rod, turn it clockwise or counter-clockwise until the desired damping is achieved. The adjustment is multiturn and correct damping may require several trial and error adjustments.

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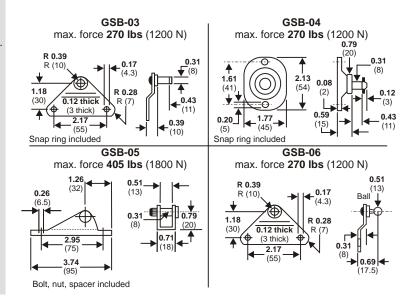
Minimum force: 7 lbs (30 N) Maximum force: 674 lbs (3,000 N)

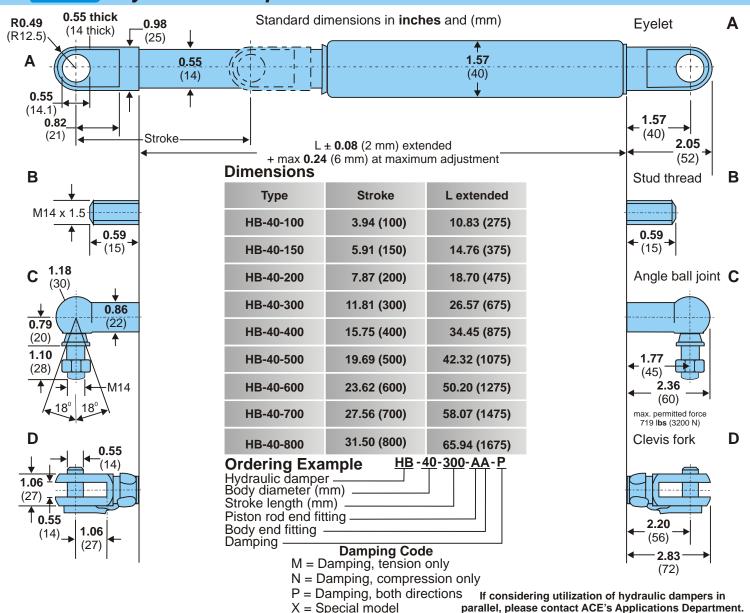
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End fittings: zinc plated steel or aluminum

**Options:** units with other damping characteristics, other stroke lengths, alternative end fittings and protective rod sleeves

### Mounting Brackets (zinc plated steel)





The end fittings are combinable.

**Technical Data** 

**ACE hydraulic dampers** are self-contained and maintenance free.

Mounting position: can be mounted in any position

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Mechanical stop: required 1 to 1.5 mm before end of stroke

Temperature range: -22° to +176° F (-30° to +80° C), with special seals up to 248° F (120° C)

Fluid: hydraulic oil

Minimum force: 7 lbs (30 N) Maximum force: 2,248 lbs (10,000 N)

**Material:** Ceram-Pro coated steel piston rod for corrosion protection, body: powder coated steel

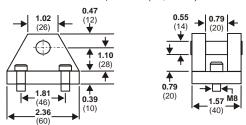
End fittings: zinc plated steel or aluminum

**Options:** units with other damping characteristics, other stroke lengths, alternative end fittings and protective rod sleeves

### Mounting Bracket (zinc plated steel)

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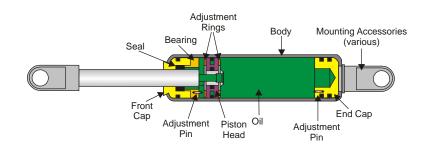
**ME14** max. force 2,248 lbs (10,000 N)



# ACE Hydraulic Dampers

ACE Controls hydraulic dampers are the economical choice for solving your automation damping problems. These maintenance free controls are ideal for drilling and tapping equipment, pick and place automation, swinging loads, tooling fixtures, lids, slides and more.

ACE hydraulic dampers are versatile and feature single or double-acting designs. Adjustment is easily achieved by pulling and turning the rod until the desired damping speed is attained.



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