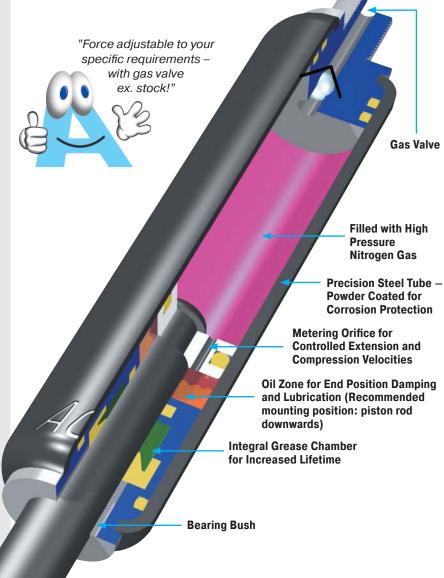
The ACE gas spring range includes push type and pull type (traction) gas springs all designed for the industrial environment.

ACE industrial gas springs are maintenance free and self-contained. They are available with body diameters from 8 mm up to 70 mm, and forces from 10 N up to 13 000 N ex. stock.

ACE gas springs offer a high service life with a hard ceramic coating on the piston rod. Also an integrated low friction bearing with grease chamber which provides a very low break away force (GS-15 to GS-40).

All of which are superior to a conventional gas spring. It also allows them to be mounted in any orientation, although rod downwards is preferable if you want to take advantage of the built-in end position damping. The optional valve allows the force to be adjusted to your specific requirements. A wide variety of interchangeable end fittings makes installation easy and versatile. They are universally applicable wherever you have lifting and lowering. They remove the need for "muscle power" and provide controlled motion for lids, hoods, machine guards etc. The ACE Selection Software quickly specifies the correct gas spring for your individual application and we can deliver, usually within 24 hours.

ACE traction gas springs work in pull direction and are available with body diameters of 19 mm and 28 mm.



free sealed for life system, being filled with high pressure nitrogen gas. The oil zone filling provides end position damping and internal lubrication for a long lifetime. On the extension stroke of the gas spring, for example when opening a car Piston Rod with tailgate, the nitrogen gas flows through the metering orifice in the piston to provide a controlled opening speed and the oil zone provides damping at the fully open position to avoid impact damage. The gas spring should be mounted "rod

Function: ACE industrial gas springs provide a maintenance

down" for this damping to be effective. On closing the tailgate the gas spring helps support the weight. The metering orifice

compression velocities of the gas spring.

**Hard Ceramic** 

Coating

Operating fluid: Nitrogen gas and oil (for end damping)

Mounting: In any position

controls the extension and

**Operating temperature** range: -20 °C to 80 °C

On request: Without damping, extended length damping, special force curves, special lengths, alternative end fittings.



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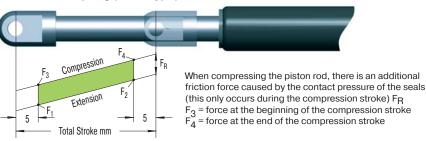
Gas springs are universally accepted, wherever you want to push, pull, lift, lower, or position covers, lids or other components by hand without using an external energy source.

**ACE gas springs** are individually filled to a predetermined pressure to suit a customer's requirement (extension Force F<sub>1</sub>). The cross-sectional area of the piston rod and filling pressure determines the extension force  $F = p^*A$ . During the compression of the piston rod, nitrogen flows through

an orifice in the piston from the full bore side of the piston to the annulus. The nitrogen is compressed by the volume of the piston rod. As the piston rod is compressed the pressure increases, so increasing the reaction force (progression). The force depends on the proportional relationship between the piston rod and the inner tube diameter, which is approximately linear.

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

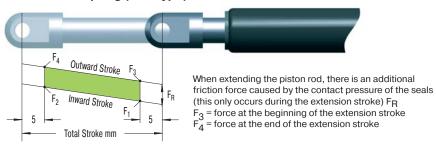
### Standard Gas Spring (Push Type)



 $F_1$  = nominal force at 20 °C (this is the pressure figure normally used when specifying the gas spring)

F<sub>2</sub> = force in the complete compressed position

## **Traction Gas Spring (Pull Type)**



Туре	<sup>1</sup> Progression approx. %	<sup>2</sup> Friction F <sub>R</sub> approx. in N
GS-8	28	10
GS-10	20	10
GS-12	25	20
GS-15	27	20
GS-19	36 - 42 <sup>3</sup>	30
GS-22	39 - 50 <sup>3</sup>	30
GS-28	60 - 95 <sup>3</sup>	40
GS-40	47 - 53 <sup>3</sup>	50
GS-70	25	50

Туре	<sup>1</sup> Progression approx. %	<sup>2</sup> Friction F <sub>R</sub> approx. in N
GZ-19	10	20 - 40
GZ-28	20	100 - 200

<sup>1</sup> The Progression (the slope of the force line in the diagrams 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 approx. progression values given above for standard springs can be altered on request. Effect of Temperature: The nominal F1 figure is given at 20 °C. An increase of 10 °C will increase force by 3.4% Filling Tolerance on F1 Force: -20 N to +40 N

or 5% to 7%

<sup>2</sup> Depending on the filling force.

<sup>3</sup> Depending on the stroke.

F<sub>1</sub> = nominal force at 20 °C (this is the pressure figure normally used when specifying the gas spring)

F<sub>2</sub> = force in the complete extended position

### **Service Life**

Filling tolerance: -20 N to +40 N or 5 % to 7 %

Effect of temperature: An increase in temperature of each 10 °C will increase force by approx. 3.4 %.

**Temperature range:** -20 °C to +80 °C (special seals from -45 °C to 200 °C)

Mounting: The gas springs should ideally be installed with the piston rod pointing downwards to use the end damping during the extension stroke to smoothly decelerate the motion of the gas spring. Some ACE gas springs have a uniquely designed front bearing with an integrated grease chamber allowing the gas spring to be mounted and operated in any position if required.

When fitting the gas springs ensure that the stroke is fully extended (GZ type fully compressed), this makes assembly and disassembly much easier. Support the moving mass/flap during assembly or disassembly to prevent accidents. To avoid twisting or side loading, it is recommended that ball joints or other pivoted mounting attachments are used. The mounting attachments must always be securely tightened onto the threaded studs of the gas spring.

ACE gas springs are maintenance-free. DO NOT oil or grease the piston rod!

The piston rod must be protected from any hits, scratches or dirt and especially paint. Damage to the surface finish of the piston rod will destroy the sealing system and cause loss of pressure. The outer body must not be deformed or mechanically damaged.

ACE gas springs can be stored in any position. Experience has shown that long storage periods do not result in loss of pressure. However you may experience some "stiction" requiring a higher effort to move the gas spring for the first time after a long storage period.

Generally, ACE gas springs are tested to 70 000 to 100 000 complete strokes. This is equivalent to the seal lifetime (depending on model size) to a distance travelled of 2 km up to 10 km. During these tests the gas spring must not lose more than 5 % of its pressure. Depending upon the application and operating environment, the service life of these gas springs may be much longer. In practise 500 000 strokes or more have been achieved on some applications.

Lifetime for traction gas spring see pages 132 and 133.

## Adjustment Instructions Valve, Filling Kit

## **Adjustment Instructions Valve**

GS









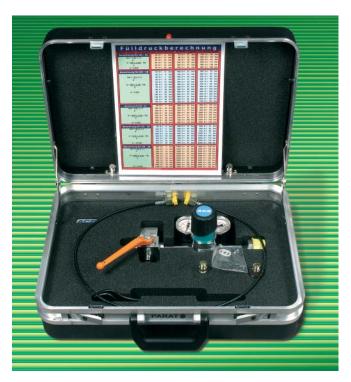


### **Adjustment Instruction**

- 1. Hold gas spring piston rod down.
- 2. Remove any fitting attached to the body end of the gas spring (GZ version the piston rod).
- 3. Insert adjuster knob on thread end on the cylinder body (on GZ version thread end on the piston rod). When resistance is felt, proceed slowly and with caution. This opens the valve and you can hear the nitrogen escaping and reducing pressure. Turn back the adjusting knob immediately, to avoid too much nitrogen being discharged.
- 4. After adjustment, remove the Adjuster knob, mount the end fittings and test the gas spring in your application. If necessary repeat the procedure.

If you use 2 gas springs in parallel, both gas springs should have the same force to avoid bending forces or side load on the application. If necessary return to ACE to refill both gas springs to the same (average) force. If too much nitrogen is discharged, the units can be returned to ACE for re-gassing.

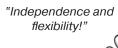
## **Gas Spring Refilling Kit**



The ACE gas spring refilling kit gives the ability to fill, or adjust pressure (or force) of a Gas Spring on site. You gain independence and flexibility. The refilling kit includes all the parts necessary to fill your ACE gas springs on site. Only the high pressure nitrogen bottle is not included in the kit.

Gas spring refilling kit with one filling bell. Please indicate the thread size.

Ordering Example: gas spring refilling kit GS-19 additional filling bell GZ-19





### Available filling bells

M3.5-8: GS-8 M3.5-10: GS-10 M3.5-12: GS-12

M5: GS-15 M8: GS-19 GS-22

M10:

GZ-19 GS-28

GZ-28

M14: GS-40





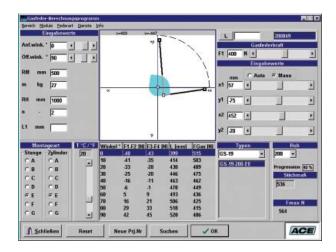
## Calculation

To obtain the ideal selection to give the optimum operation for a gas spring it is important to identify the following points:

- gas spring size
- required gas spring stroke
- mounting points on flap and frame
- extended length of the gas spring
- required extension force
- hand forces throughout the complete movement on the flap

With our free calculation service you can eliminate the time-consuming calculation and fax us your details. Just complete the information shown on the calculation formulae page number 122. Please attach a sketch of your application (a simple hand sketch is sufficient) in side view. Our application engineers will determine the optimum mounting points and calculate the ideal situation to satisfy your requirements.

You will receive a quotation showing the opening and closing forces and our recommended mounting points to suit your application.





## **Safety Instructions**

Gas springs are filled with pure nitrogen gas. Nitrogen is an inert gas that does not burn or explode and is not poisonous. Please note!: the internal pressure of gas springs can be up to 300 bar. Do not attempt to open or modify them.

ACE gas springs will operate in surrounding temperatures from -20 °C to +80 °C. We can equip our springs with special seals to withstand temperatures as low as -45 °C or as high as +200 °C. Gas springs should not be placed over heat or in open fire!

Disposal/Recycling:

Gas Springs consist mostly of metal and the metal could be recycled, but first the gas pressure must be removed. Please ask for our disposal recommendations which advise how to depressurize the gas springs and make them safe to recycle.

All gas springs are marked with the part number, the production date and a warning sign "Do not open high pressure". We are not responsible for any damages of any kind that arises due to goods that are not marked accordingly.

Gas springs should be installed with the piston rod downwards. This position ensures best damping quality. Only ACE gas springs include an integrated grease chamber which allows for alternative mounting opportunities.

Gas springs should not be exposed to tilting or side load forces during operation or whilst static (this can cause bending of the piston rod or early wear).

Gas springs are maintenance free. Do not grease or oil the piston rod.

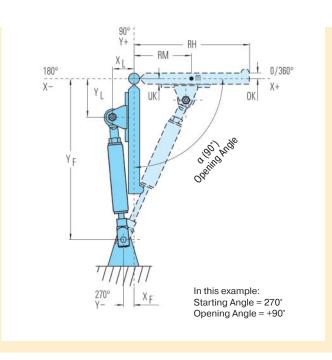
The piston rod must not be painted and should be protected against shocks, scratches and dirt. The cylinder should not be deformed as such damage would destroy the sealing system.

ACE gas springs can be stored in any position. Pressure lost through long storage is not to be expected. There are no known negative values, but there may be a sticking effect the first time you compress a spring. This may require a higher initial force to operate the gas spring for the first time (initial breakaway force).

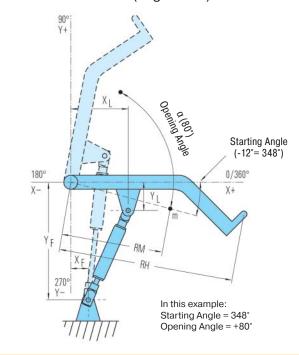
The tolerance for the installation length is generally deemed to be  $\pm 2$  mm. If very high demands are placed on durability and stability, please avoid the combination of small diameter + long stroke + high force.

The filling tolerance is -20 N to 40 N or 5 % to 7 %.

Case 1 (e.g. Flap)



Case 2 (e.g. Hood)



### Push type Pull type

Case 2 (with attached sketch only) Case 1

## **Input Date**

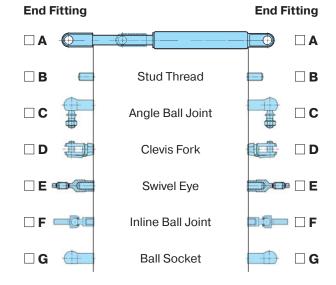
## **Gas Spring Fixing points**

The fixed point  $X_F$  and  $Y_F$  of the frame and the moving point  $X_L$  and  $Y_L$  of the flap are critical for the optimum operation.

Therefore please attach a sketch of your application on separate paper (a few lines with their dimensions are sufficient)!

Moving mass No. of gas springs in parallel Number of movements Ambient temperature	m n T	 kg pcs /day °C
(if not shown by the sketch)		
Radius of centre of gravity	$R_{M}$	 mm
Radius of hand force	$R_{H}$	 mm
Starting angle (0° to 360°)		 •
Opening angle (-360° to +360°)	α	 0
(- = downwards, + = upwards)		
Dimensions of the flap: thickness	SS	 mm
Distance between flap and pivot:		
Upper side O <sub>K</sub> =mm, Lower si	de U <sub>K</sub> =	 mm

## **Desired Mounting Fittings**



## The end fittings are interchangeable.

e.g.: -CE C = Angle Ball Joint, E = Swivel Eye

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Comments	Requirement per year	
	Machine type/reference	
Sender		
Co	Dept	
Address	Name	

Please copy, complete and fax to ACE: Fax +49 - (0)2173 - 9226 - 89

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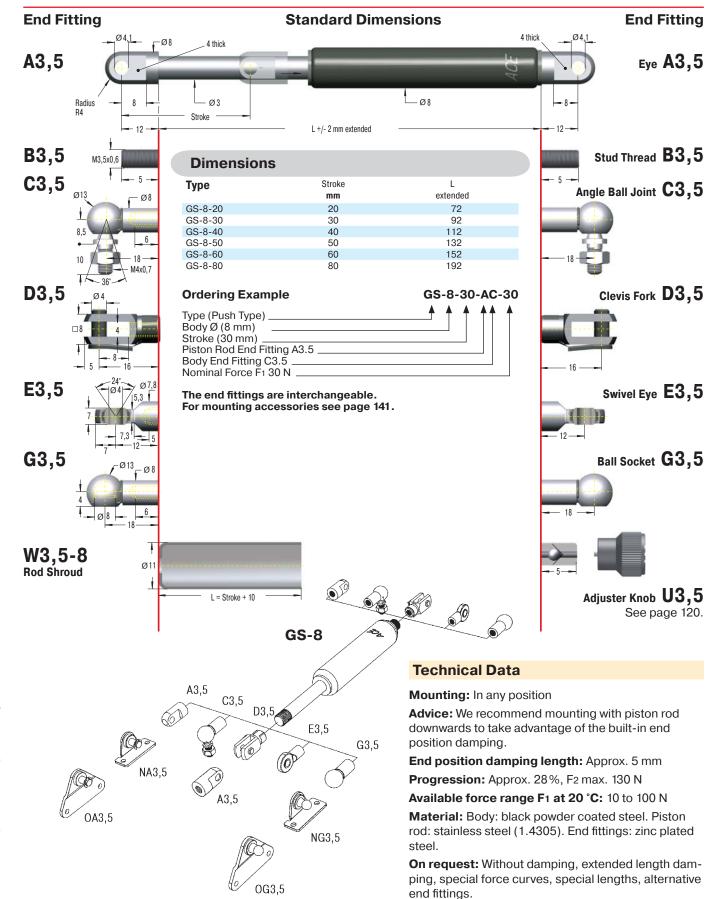
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# Industrial Gas Springs GS-8 (Push Type)

Extension Forces 10 N to 100 N (when Piston Rod Compressed up to 130 N)

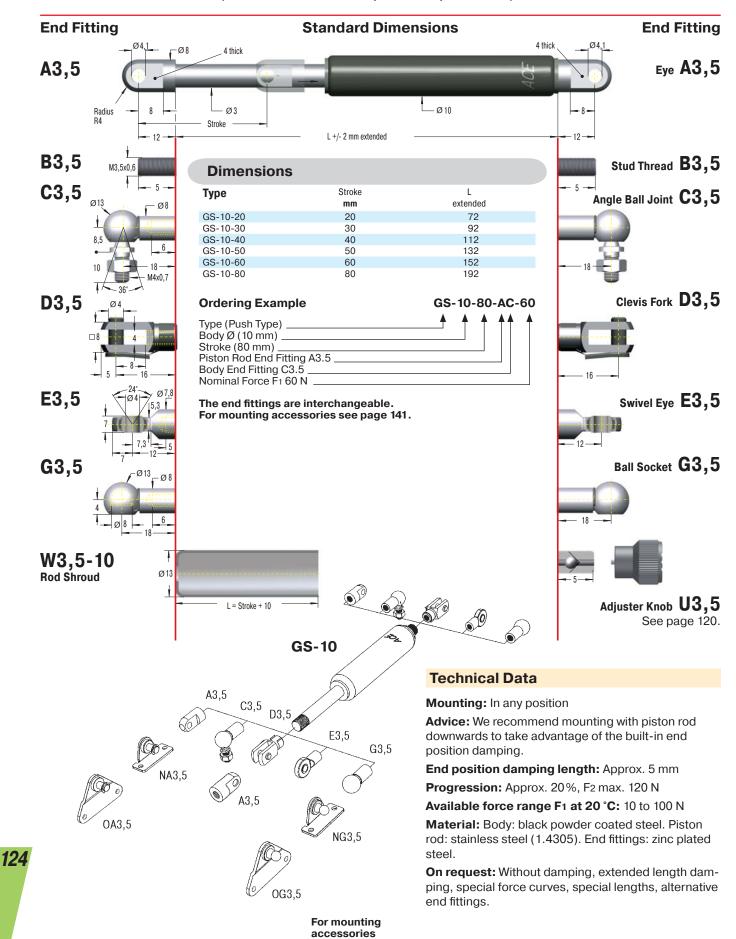


For mounting accessories see page 141.



## Industrial Gas Springs GS-10 (Push Type)

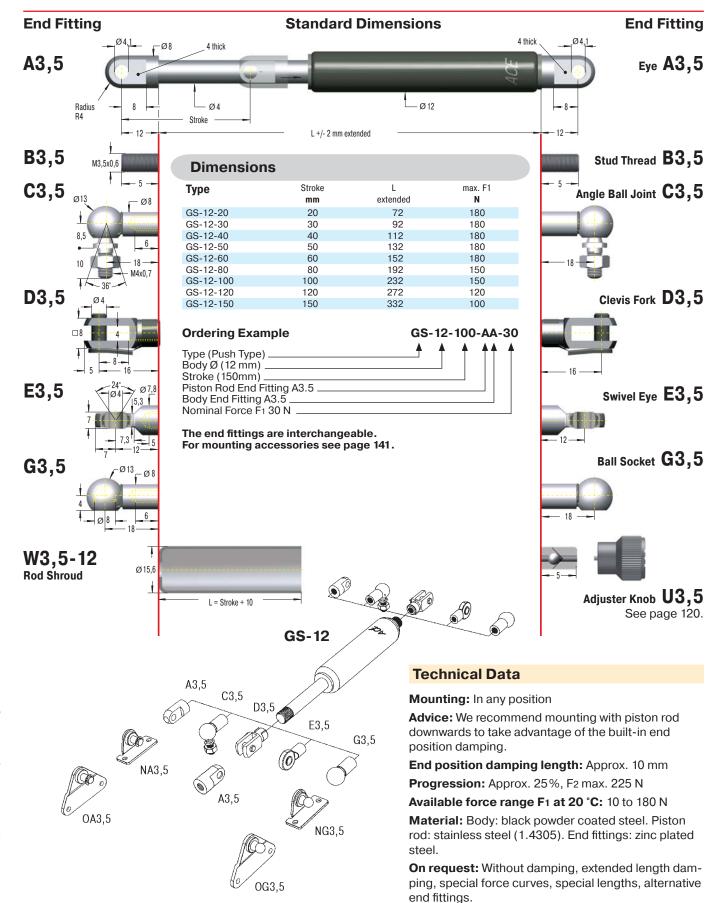
Extension Forces 10 N to 100 N (when Piston Rod Compressed up to 120 N)



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## Industrial Gas Springs GS-12 (Push Type)

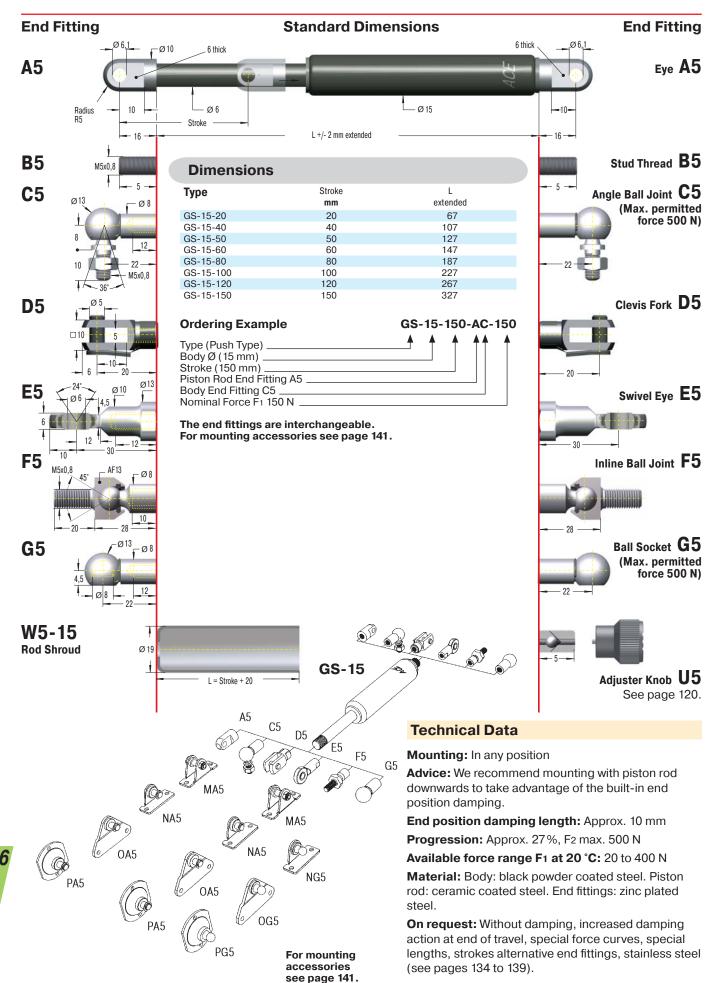
Extension Forces 10 N to 180 N (when Piston Rod Compressed up to 225 N)



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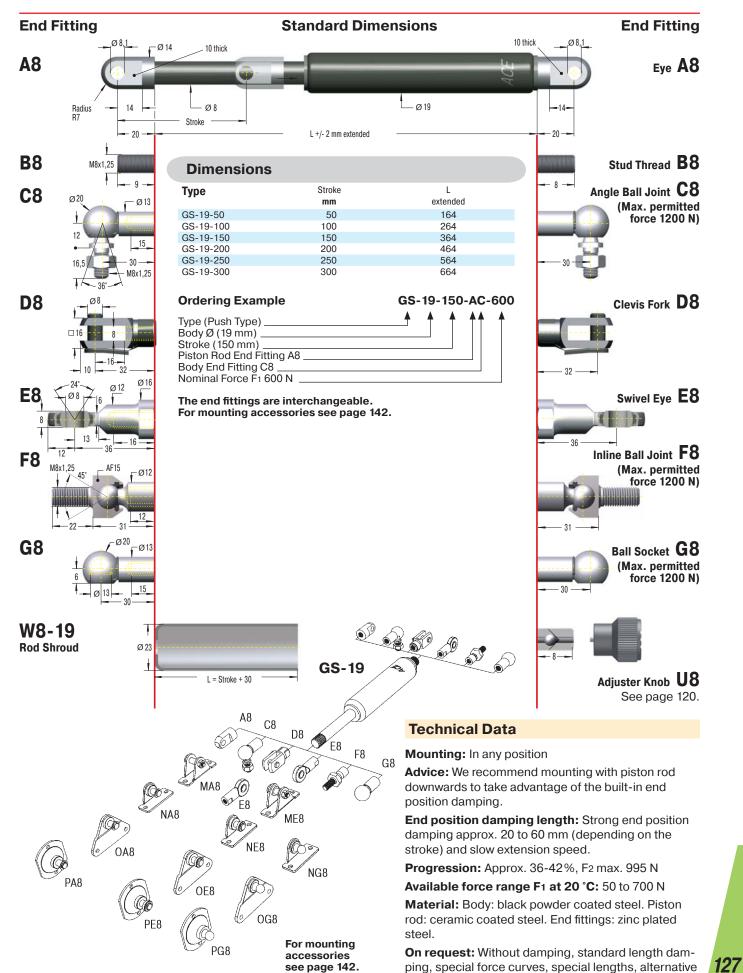
# Industrial Gas Springs GS-15 (Push Type)

Extension Forces 20 N to 400 N (when Piston Rod Compressed up to 500 N)



# Industrial Gas Springs GS-19 (Push Type)

Extension Forces 50 N to 700 N (when Piston Rod Compressed up to 995 N)

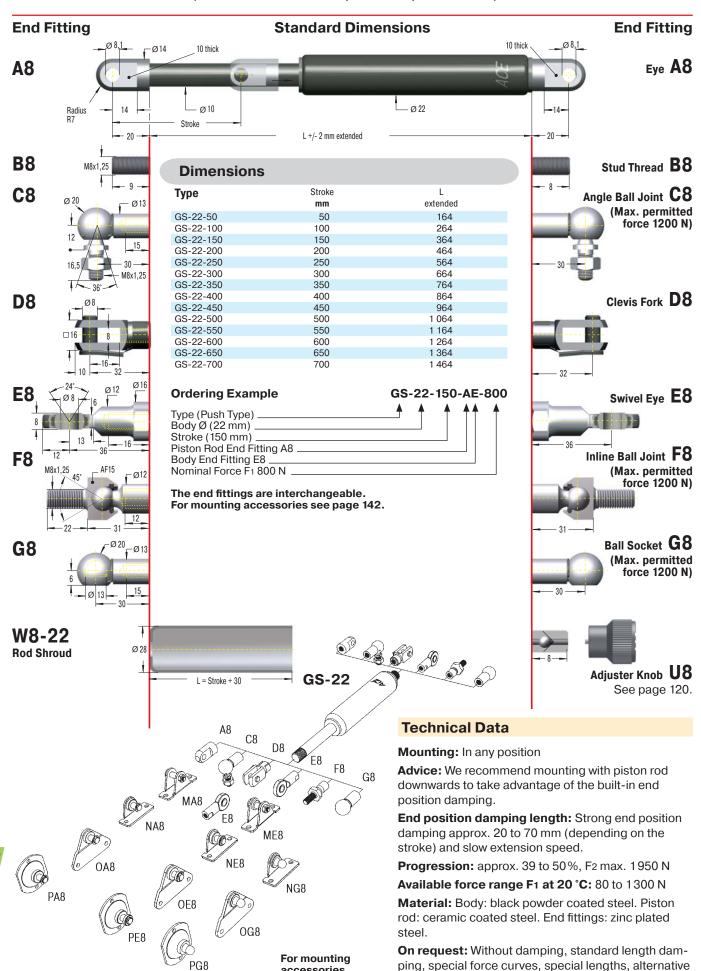


end fittings, stainless steel (see pages 134 to 139).



# Industrial Gas Springs GS-22 (Push Type)

Extension Forces 80 N to 1300 N (when Piston Rod Compressed up to 1950 N)



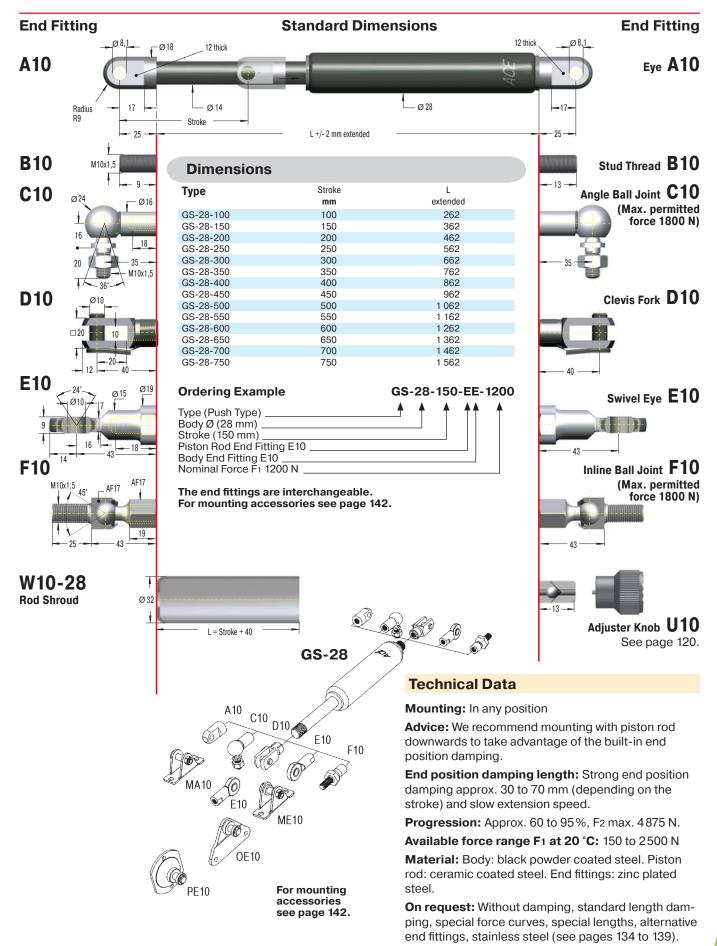
end fittings, stainless steel (see pages 134 to 139).

accessories

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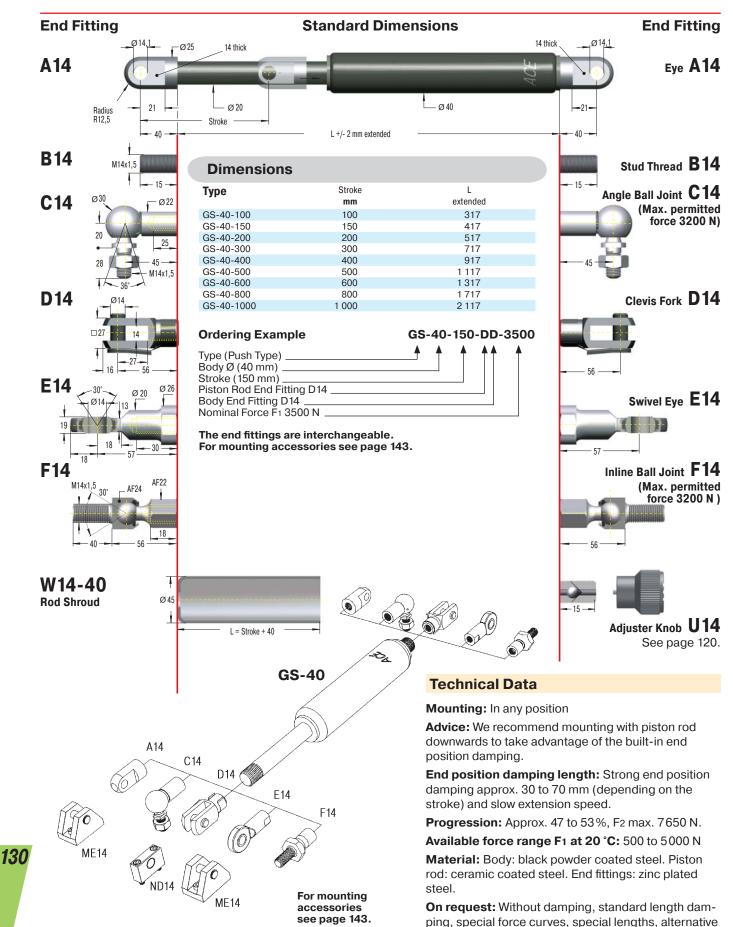
# Industrial Gas Springs GS-28 (Push Type)

Extension Forces 150 N to 2500 N (when Piston Rod Compressed up to 4875 N)



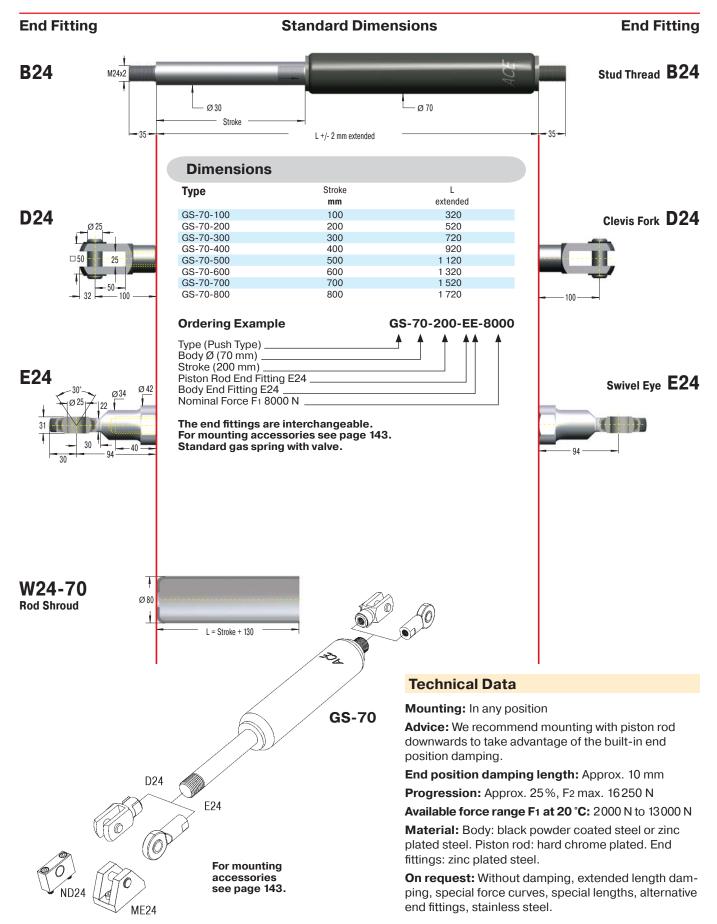
# Large Industrial Gas Springs GS-40 (Push Type)

Extension Forces 500 N to 5000 N (when Piston Rod Compressed up to 7650 N)



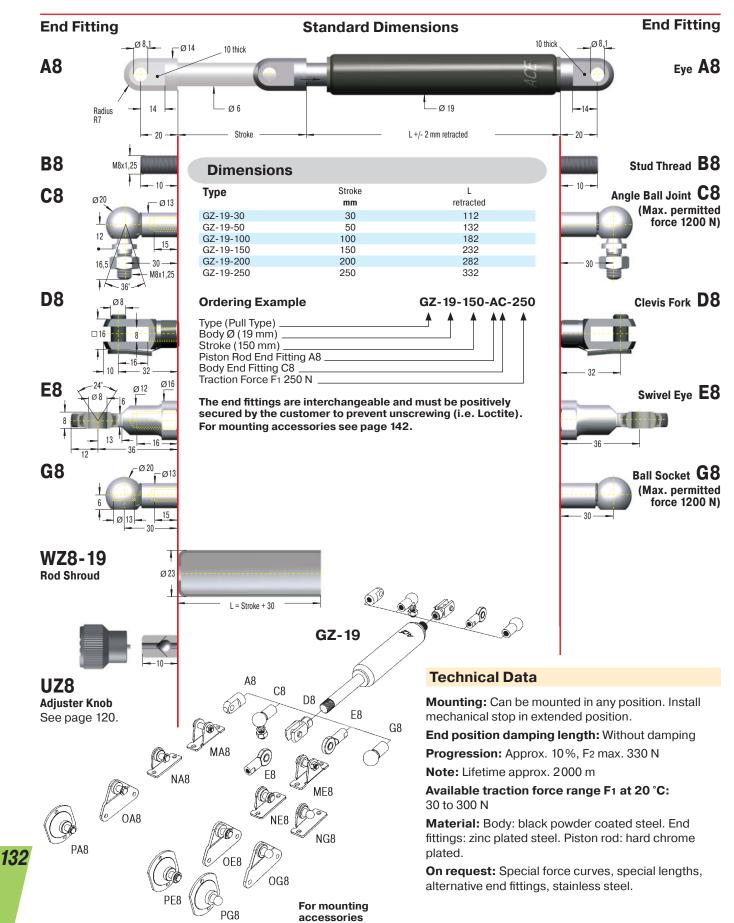
end fittings, stainless steel (see pages 134 to 139).

Extension Forces 2000 N to 13000 N (when Piston Rod Compressed up to 16250 N)



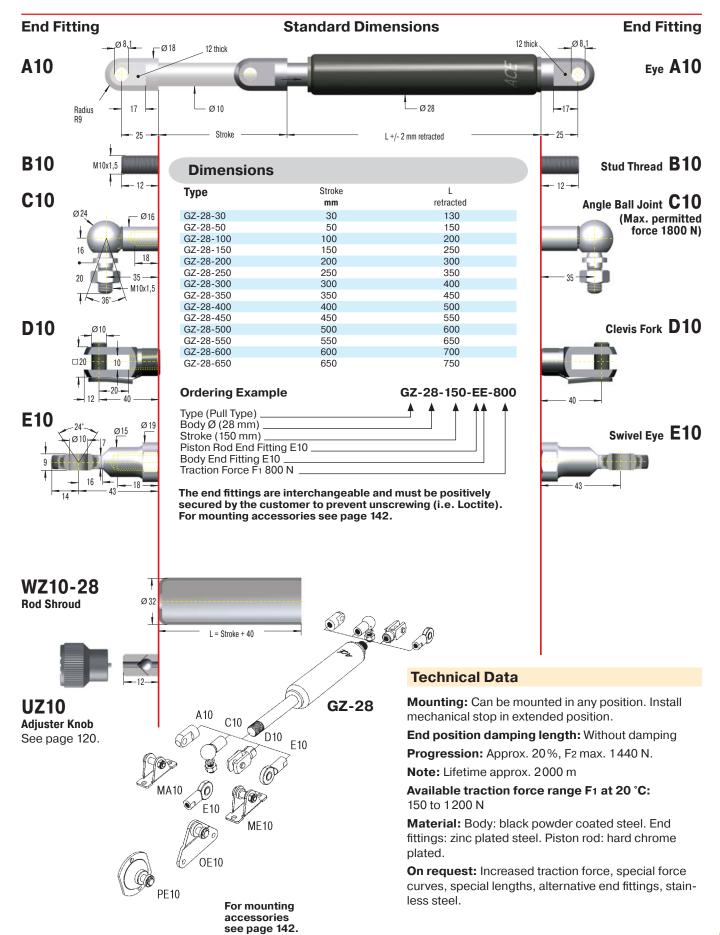
# Traction Gas Springs GZ-19 (Pull Type)

Traction (Pull) Forces 30 N to 300 N (when Piston Rod Extended up to 330 N)



see page 142.

Traction (Pull) Forces 150 N to 1200 N (when Piston Rod Extended up to 1440 N)



# Gas Spring and Hydraulic Damper Accessories

ACE

End Fittings and Mounting Brackets

# Just drill 4 holes – ACE does all the rest!

By taking advantage of the very extensive range of ACE end fittings and mounting brackets you can easily and simply install our gas springs and hydraulic dampers. You profit from the variety of DIN Standard end fittings such as swivel eyes, clevis forks, angle ball joints, inline ball joints, and complementary ball sockets. ACE also offers eye fittings made of wear resistant steel to meet the higher specification requirements found in industrial applications. With over 30 different types available these newly developed mounting accessories provide an extensive range of cominations for optimum installations.

With the ACE Selection Programme you can choose not only your gas springs but also the ideal end fittings and mounting brackets for your individual application example.

The complete range of accessories are also available as individual components.



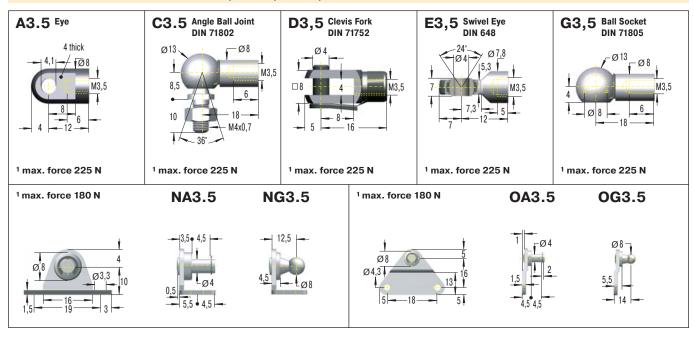


The wide range of mounting brackets available

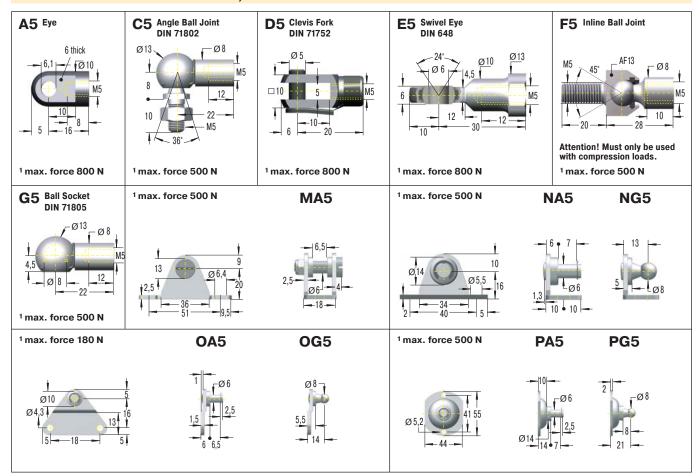




### Accessories M3.5x0.6 GS-8, GS-10, GS-12, HB-12

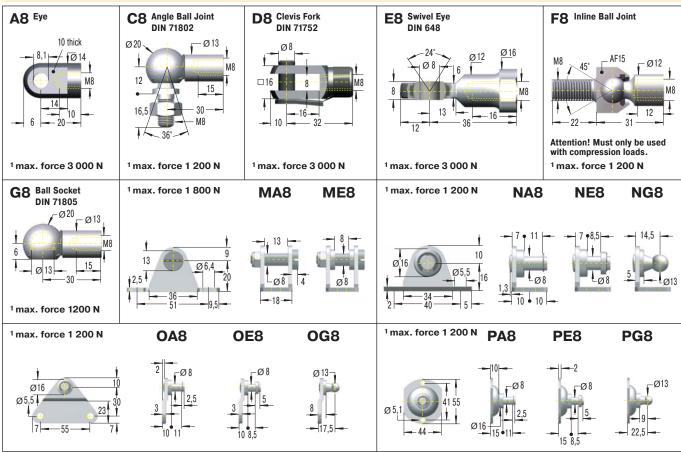


### Accessories M5x0.8 GS-15, HB-15

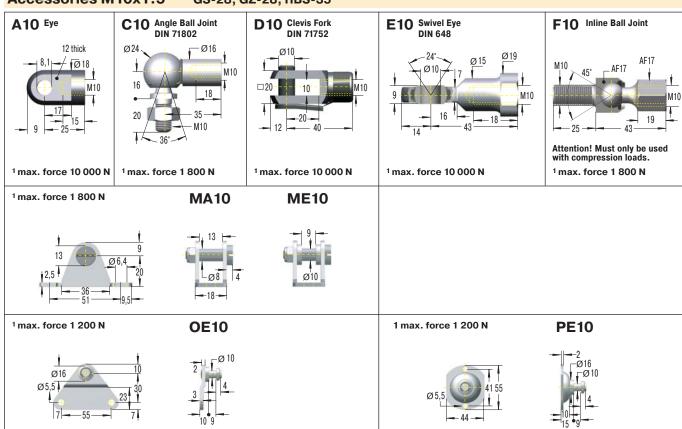


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### Accessories M8x1.25 GS-19, GS-22, GZ-19, HB-22, HB-28, HBS-28, DVC-32



### Accessories M10x1.5 GS-28, GZ-28, HBS-35

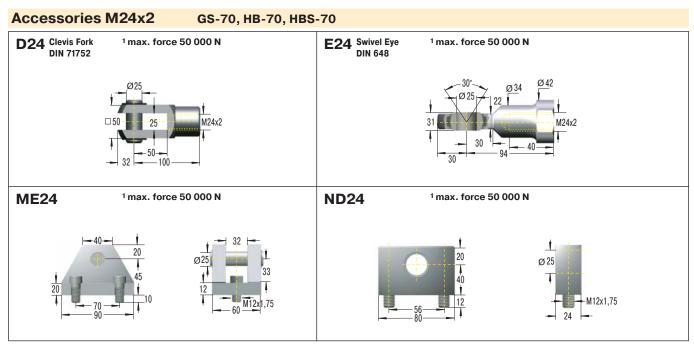


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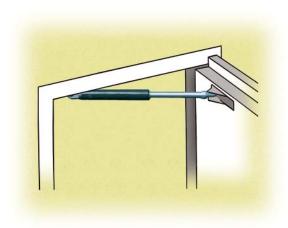


### Accessories M14x1.5 GS-40, HB-40 C14 Angle Ball Joint D14 Clevis Fork F14 Inline Ball Joint E14 Swivel Eye A14 Eye **DIN 648 DIN 71752** 14 thick Ø 30 AF24 M14x1,5 M14x1,5 M14x1,5 M14x1,5 18 Attention! Must only be used with compression loads. 1 max. force 10 000 N 1 max. force 3 200 N 1 max. force 10 000 N 1 max. force 10 000 N 1 max. force 3 200 N **ME14** <sup>1</sup> max. force 10 000 N **ND14** 1 max. force 10 000 N Ø14 M8x1.25

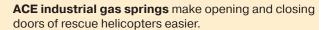
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Doors open and close safely



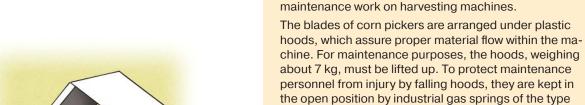
The maintenance-free, sealed systems are installed in the access doors of helicopters of the type EC 135. There, they allow the crew to enter or exit the helicopter quickly, thus contributing to enhanced safety.

The GS-19-300-CC gas springs provide a defined retraction speed and secure engagement of the door lock. The integrated end position damper allows gentle closing of the door and saves wear and tear on the valuable, lightweight material.



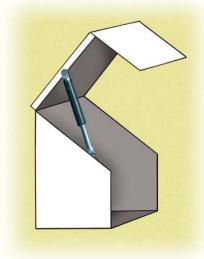
Industrial gas springs: For safety entry and exit

ACE industrial gas springs prevent injuries during



GS-22-250-DD.

Another advantage they offer is their stability under rough operating conditions due to their ceramic hardness structure on the piston rod and the powder-coated housing.



**Protection** under the hood



Enhanced protection: Industrial gas springs secure heavy hoods