Gas Springs and Dampers
for Automotive Applications
Pioneer Performance
Ever since the company was founded in Koblenz in 1934, STABILUS has been involved in hydraulic damping elements for automotive applications. For example, the first horizontally acting damper was used as a steering damper in millions of applications. In 1962, STABILUS presented the first gas spring manufactured in series production in the world. To date, more than 1.2 billions of them have been produced. With its gas spring and hydraulic vibration damper product lines, STABILUS is the world market leader with an annual production of more than 100 million units.

Worldwide Activities
With a global sales and service network and 10 production sites in Europe, USA, Mexico, Brazil, New Zealand, Australia and Korea, STABILUS supplies and serves more than 2,000 customers worldwide.

Customer Satisfaction
Customer requirements and satisfaction, development know-how, speed, and service are major company goals. STABILUS is known for technical innovation, quality, and competitive pricing at all levels.

Gas Springs and Dampers for Automotive Applications
Highest quality, sound know-how, user-specific coordination and a high level of functional comfort provide new opportunities for installing STABILUS products in automobiles.

e.g., trunk lid...
Gas springs make opening and closing the trunk lid or tailgate safe and easy, with a defined speed curve.

e.g., hood...
Hoods open easily with the help of gas springs; they replace awkward hood props and prevent dirty hands.

e.g., seat adjustment...
Whether seat height, seat position, or backrest adjustment, gas springs and dampers provide comfort and safety.

e.g., vibration damping...
Dampers used as steering dampers or seat belt tensioning dampers provide the desired smooth running, safety and comfort.

Development Supplier
For decades, STABILUS has been supplying the international automotive industry as a recognized development supplier. The service ranges from support in the area of design and development, including all customary CAD activities and standard-compliant specification processes, to excellent development and coordination support through efficient and fast sample design.

Highest Quality
As the leading gas spring supplier worldwide, our quality management system certainly fulfills the high quality requirements of international standards, such as DIN EN ISO 9001 and the new world standard ISO/TS 16949 including the requirements as per QS 9000, VDA 6.1, EAQF and AVSQ.

Protected Environment
Our production processes make environmentally friendly manufacturing a high priority. Its success is documented by the successful certification of the environment management system in compliance with DIN EN ISO 14001.

Logistics Partner
The highest level of flexibility is needed if a supplier is to fulfill the requirements resulting from the just-in-time philosophy of the automotive industry. For years, STABILUS has been practicing this very successfully and uses state-of-the-art production and communication systems for efficient coordination with our partners at all levels.

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Non-lockable LIFT-O-MAT® Gas Springs

Lifting, Lowering, Moving, and Adjusting

With accurately defined extension force and user-specific damping, the LIFT-O-MAT® gas spring provides optimum weight equalization, supports forces, lifts heavy loads, and swings lids and hoods. With its damping characteristics it ensures user-friendly movements.

Properties and Advantages

- Numerous sizes and force variants are available as standard products
- Linear spring characteristics for even force increase across the entire range of movement
- Upon request, progressive or decreasing spring characteristics for force supply at the beginning or end of the stroke
- Available with dynamic or hydraulic damping, depending on the application and installation orientation
- Different end fitting systems for fast and easy mounting
- For operating temperatures between -30°C and +80°C

Product Variants

- End position stop: This mechanical end position stop, which can be located on the outside or inside, provides additional protection against accidental closing of trunk lids
- Hydro-LIFT®: In addition to the normal LIFT-O-MAT® function, the movement can be stopped in several positions
- LIFT-O-MAT® High friction: Due to increased friction, these gas springs can be stopped in any position
- Electro-LIFT®: In addition to the gas spring function, electricity is transmitted or even switched on, for example to illuminate the engine compartment or the trunk.
- Inter-STOP®: By dividing the stroke into different functional ranges, it is possible to manually hold/stop the application, such as the trunk lid, in several positions

Pressure tube connection

Damping forces in one direction, or force variants for different functional ranges, it is possible to manually hold/stop the application, such as the trunk lid, in several positions

Dampers and STAB-O-SHOC®

Hydraulic Vibration Damping

Dampers are used to influence the properties of movements and vibrations in a positive manner; they are matched to the individual application. Oil hydraulic dampers consist of a pressure cylinder, a piston rod with piston system and end fittings. During a movement, the filling medium — the oil — is forced through specifically dimensioned bores in the piston, thus creating the desired damping force.

Properties and Advantages

- Compact dimensions with high reliability and a long service life
- For operating temperatures between -30°C and +80°C
- Pre-defined linear, progressive, or decreasing damping characteristics for optimized results
- Position-controlled damping rate; e.g., for steering dampers and driver seat dampers
- Frequency-controlled damping characteristics
- Electrically adjustable dampers
- Different end fittings for easy mounting

Product Line

- Dampers are matched to the specific requirements of the application and their design is optimized
- For orientation-independent or orientation-specific mounting
- As dampers with and without extension force
- With damping forces in one direction, or in extension and compression direction
- Upon request, vibration damping only at certain frequencies (frequency-controlled damping)

Variable Positioning, Rigid or Spring Locking

BLOC-O-LIFT® gas springs work according to the same principle as the LIFT-O-MAT® gas springs. In addition, the BLOC-O-LIFT® gas springs can be locked in any position, and depending on their design — spring-locked or rigidly — in tension or compression direction. The locking function is made possible by a valve that is integrated into the piston; the valve separates the two pressure chambers in a gas leak-proof manner. If it is closed and the gas exchange between the two pressure chambers is interrupted, the BLOC-O-LIFT® gas spring is locked. The valve closes automatically as soon as the valve tappet is released from the outside.

Properties and Advantages

- Available with rigid locking in tension and compression direction. Optionally, this function can be achieved regardless of the orientation.
- Also available with a small actuation range of 1 mm (standard 2.5 mm) for very easy operation.
- Upon request, these safety applications are available with an override function.

Standard Series Program

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Left: BLOC-O-LIFT® gas spring with rigid locking and separating piston for orientation-independent installation

Right: BLOC-O-LIFT® gas spring with spring locking
Gas Springs and Dampers in the Automobile

- Pop-up Headlights
- Rod System Damping
- Hood
- Glove Compartment
- Window Adjustment
- Center Console, Phone Console
- Tailgate
- Trunk Lid
- Steering Damping
- Belt Tensioning Damping
- Engine Damping
- Steering Column Adjustment
- Gas Springs and Dampers in the Automobile
- Window Adjustment
- Seat Height Adjustment, Backrest Adjustment
- Seat Adjustment
- Fold-out Table
- Backseat Adjustment
- Convertible Top, Convertible Top Adjustment
- Roll Bar
- Center Console
- Glove Compartment
- Gullwing Doors
- Convertible Top
- Backseat Adjustment
Gas Springs and Dampers for Utility Vehicles

Compact design, high functional comfort and integrated operating safety expand the range of applications for STABILUS products in utility vehicle design.

**e.g., vehicle bodies...**
Gas springs and dampers make it easy to open and adjust tailgates, hoods, and covers.

**e.g., trucks...**
Gas springs are used for comfortable opening and securing of engine compartment covers, truck cab doors and windows. In the driver seat, they dampen unpleasant jolts due to bumpy roads and thus ensure a pleasant, relaxed, and ergonomic seating experience.

**e.g., buses...**
In luggage compartments, gas springs ensure comfortable opening, as well as damped, safe, and noiseless closing. Because the seats can be adjusted ergonomically, even long journeys are a pleasant experience.

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**Other Applications:**

- Shelf for the driver
- Shelf for carry-on bags
- Glove compartment
- Battery compartment
- Folding roof
- Tailgate
- Front end lid
- Steering
- Cover tarp
- Hood
- Air deflector
- Bunk
- Motor
- Carburetor control
- Manual transmission
- Driver seat
- Driver’s cab
- Luggage compartment
- Maintenance compartment
- Seats
- Roof light
- Steering column
- Radio cover
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