

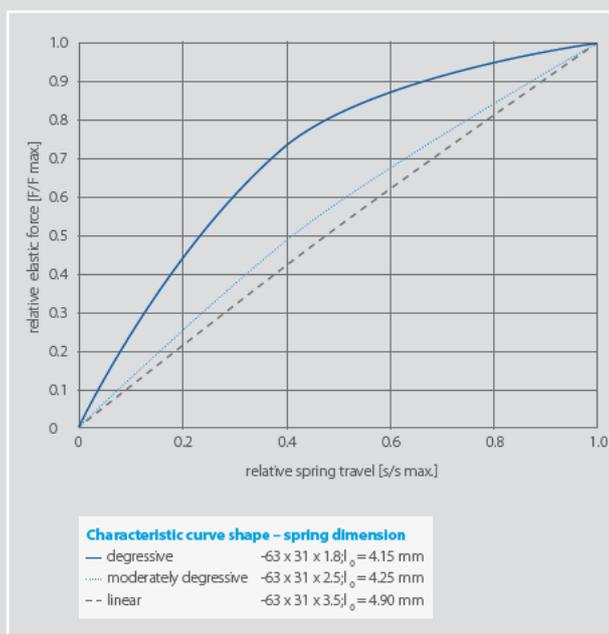


Spring Forces

Effect of spring forces

The importance of disc springs on machines and control systems is very often underestimated. At the same time, any change to the behaviour of these components may give rise to a malfunction or even failure of entire facilities.

Classification of the various spring type is often carried out according to the kind of load. The disc spring has a special place in the range of springs commonly available. By changing its geometric parameters it is possible to provide individual springs with characteristic curves from linear to strongly degressive according to the application needs.



A key advantage of the disc spring is that it can raise a high elastic force with a small spring travel. That is why it is used very often to store potential energy. Apart from this virtual static use, it is also often used in dynamic applications.

When using disc springs under sinusoidal oscillating loads, fatigue strength and time yield diagrams are available in order to enable a safe design. Wherever possible the spring arrangement applied should achieve a fatigue life in excess of 2 million cycles. Fundamental to the successful application of a disc spring under these conditions is observing the minimum preload requirements and that the springs are correctly guided.

SCHNORR® fatigue life estimates are based on a sinusoidal load input. For applications where step input (i.e. impact) is seen SCHNORR® can advise on fatigue life according to application.

Original SCHNORR® disc springs

The characteristic benefits of original SCHNORR® disc springs include:

- ① Load deflection curves of straight, progressive or degressive character according to the selection of spring arrangement and dimension.
- ② Simple adjustment of the spring stack length by the addition or removal of individual springs, thus altering the spring stack characteristic.
- ③ Efficient use of space with high spring forces obtainable with small deflections.
- ④ Largely self damping, particularly with parallel stacking.
- ⑤ No setting or fatigue under normal loads load.
- ⑥ Long service life
- ⑦ Flexibility in application of the disc springs can lead to a reduction in stock levels.

By means of these characteristics, the original SCHNORR® disc spring has developed such a wealth of application areas that nowadays there is scarcely an engineering area where it is not used.



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