

New Vibracoustic factory in Yantai, China



The start of construction of our new production plant for airsprings and chassis parts was celebrated on the 2nd of September, 2009. With this plant we will be able to meet the requirements of our Chinese customers to offer anti-vibration solutions locally – and thereby faster and at more favourable costs.

By year 2010, 100 employees will be manufacturing airsprings and chassis parts in a production

area of 8,000 sqm in Yantai. Proximity to customers and suppliers, availability of skilled labour and its favourable location on the Yellow Sea were the decisive factors for site selection.



Airsprings with composite pistons in OE quality

Vibracoustic has started supplying commercial vehicle airsprings with composite pistons also to the commercial vehicle aftermarket. The airsprings in OE quality are intended for the applications of BPW Bergische Achsen.

Until now, we have been supplying airsprings without pistons as well as airsprings with metal pistons to the independent aftermarket. Having added airsprings with composite pistons to our aftermarket sales program, we extend our position as an innovative supplier also in the field of spare parts – in OE-quality.



Composite piston

REACH regulation in Europe

On 1st June 2007, the European Union chemical regulation No. 1907/2006 (REACH regulation) stepped into force and is valid in all European Union member countries. REACH stands for **Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals**.

The customers of commercial vehicle airspring suppliers and manufacturers from non-EU member states like e.g. Turkey or Asia, should especially be very careful. Here we recommend demanding an appropriate information in accordance with REACH regulation from their suppliers, or they have

to be in contact with quality manufacturers who are in conformity with Reach regulation.

It is important because the smallest offence regarding this regulation could cause significant consequences for the manufacturers, importers and even for the distributors. This means imprisonment up to two years, fine up to 100.000 EUR and if necessary demands for re-course when the production line stops! **Vibracoustic takes responsibility and as the first OE airspring manufacturer confirms a REACH conformal product quality.**

We welcome our new partner on the aftermarket in Latvia!

Vibracoustic has a new aftermarket partner in Latvia, company AUTO KADA who is dealing in aftermarket of spare parts and equipment for trucks and trailers since 1995, and during this time it has become one of the largest and leading companies in Latvia. Now more than 60 employees are working in

the company, 14 cars are delivering parts, the amount of customers has reached more than 4000.



Vibracoustic agreement with ZF Passau

After several years of successful collaboration on the European and Asian markets, both companies have agreed that Vibracoustic will continue to deliver the CV Airsprings for the ZF plants including those in Passau (Germany) and in Hangzhou

(China). This agreement is initially valid until 2012. Both companies started their cooperation in 2005 concerning development and supply of different chassis airsprings for Bus & Coach applications on several markets.