

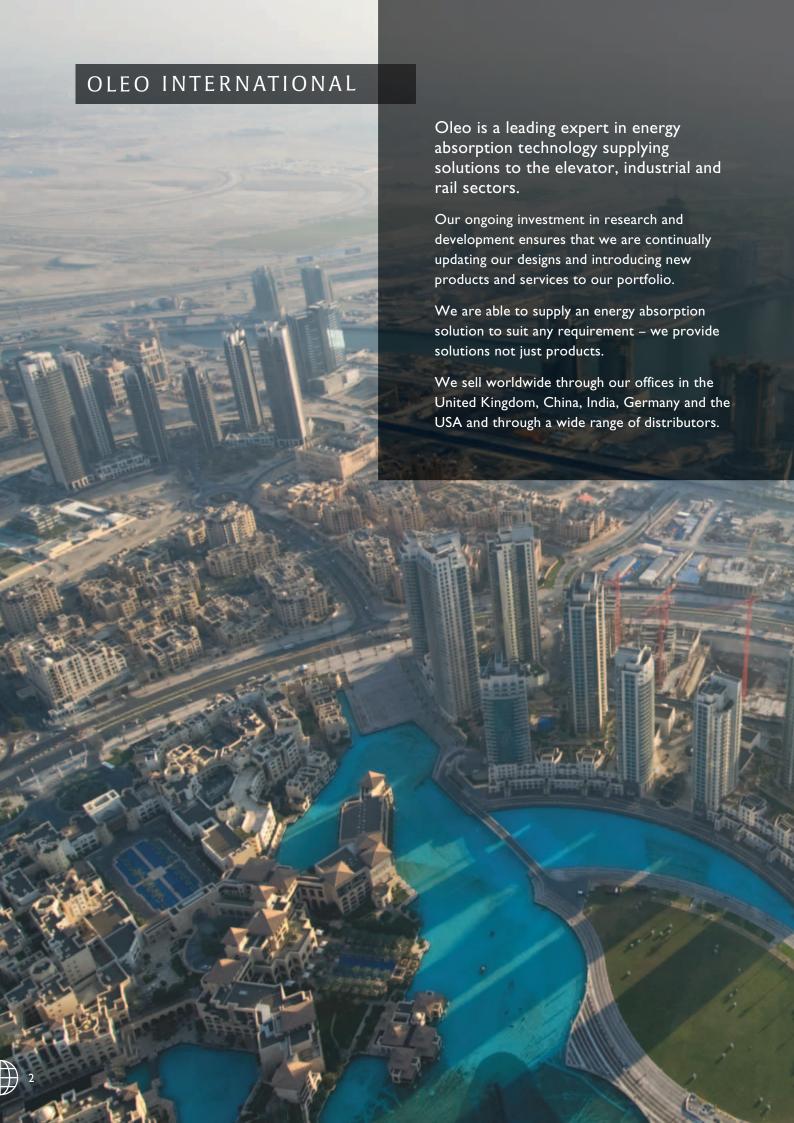


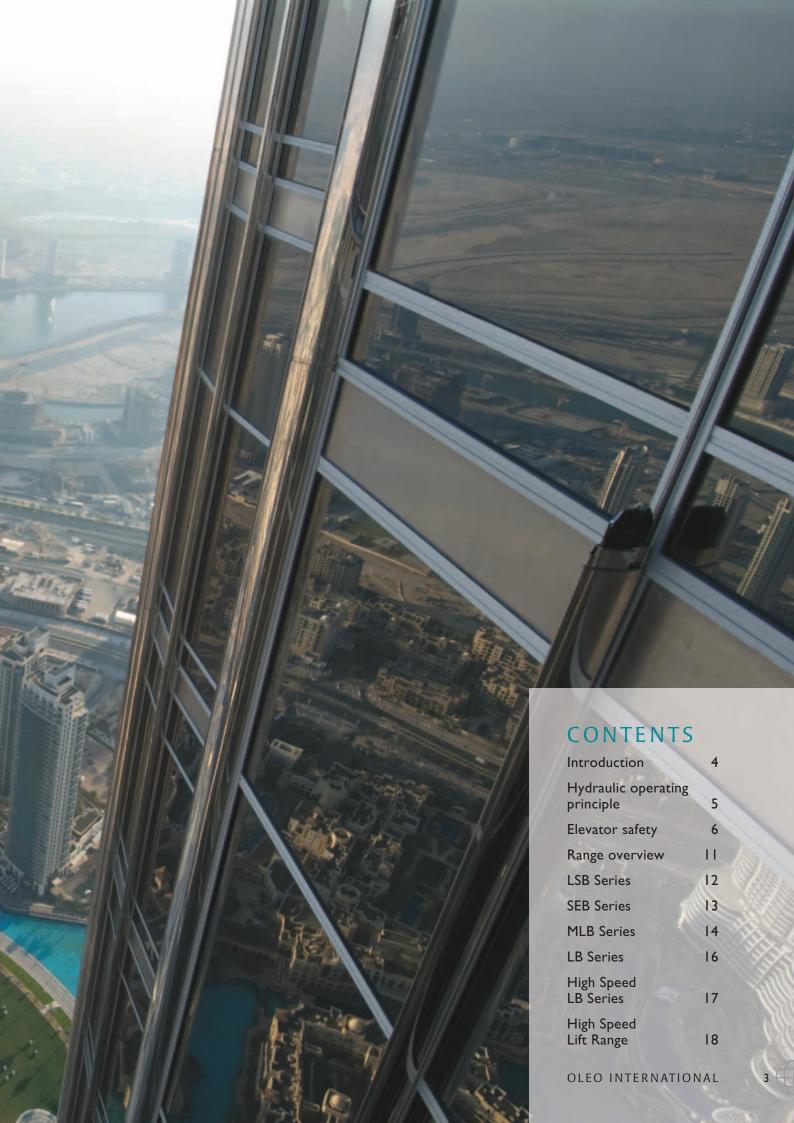
### LEADING THE WORLD IN ENERGY ABSORPTION



# ELEVATOR IMPACT PROTECTION

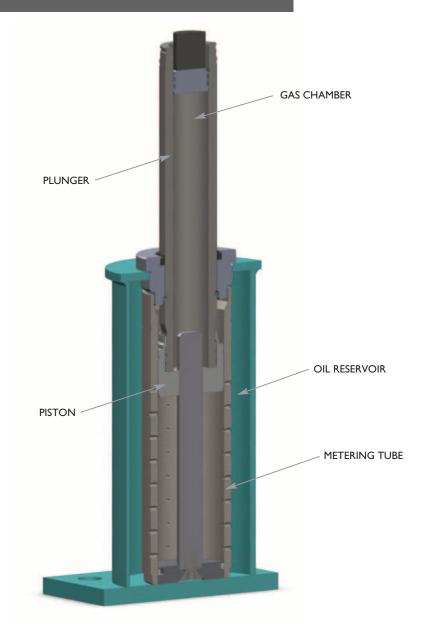








### HYDRAULIC OPERATING PRINCIPLE



The illustration shows the robust construction of the Oleo elevator hydraulic buffer unit. On impact the plunger is forced down around the gas rod and through the metering tube displacing oil through holes, thereby decelerating the impact mass. Following impact the gas hydraulic buffer returns to its full height using a unique method of moving the gas within the chamber.

The buffers performance on impact relies solely on oil displacement, the gas spring serves only to re-extend the plunger.

When the plunger is forced into the cylinder rapidly the oil displaced by the plunger has to pass through the metering holes at very high velocity. This raises the pressure in the oil chamber to a level which optimises the closure force of the unit.

This very useful feature is accomplished by Oleo's innovative metering designs which progressively alter the flow area as the unit closes. The actual metering designs are precisely calculated to provide the best possible protection.

The Oleo hydraulic unit therefore possesses the unique feature that its characteristics change according to operational needs. The majority of the impact energy is absorbed within the unit and the already low recoil force is damped by the reverse flow of oil, leaving very little energy and recoil force to be returned to the impacting vehicle.

### **ELEVATOR SAFETY**

Elevator buffers are safety devices which are required to be mounted at the base of an elevator shaft. As with any safety device, elevator buffers have to meet with a variety of specifications. One of the most important of these specifications is the manner in which the buffers must bring an impacting elevator car to rest. There are different technical specifications for elevator buffers in different regions worldwide however all employ the same basic performance criteria.

Since the very early days of elevators, a variety of safety systems have been employed to ensure that the elevator will not free fall. The purpose of elevator buffers is to provide protection against the malfunction of an elevator control system resulting in the elevator continuing to travel past the lowest stop to the base of the elevator shaft. The buffers are specified in accordance with the operating velocity and mass of the elevator.

Although freefall is not a realistic event for an elevator, the specification and code requirements are based on the assumption of freefall.

The requirement for elevator buffers fall into two categories depending on the type of buffer.

- I. Energy accumulation buffers: These can take the form of simple mechanical springs or polymer buffers which store the absorbed energy of the impact in the form of strain energy. In some accumulation buffers this stored energy can be dissipated on the return movement of the buffer leading to two separate requirements:
  - a) Buffers with linear and non linear characteristics these can be used if the elevator does not exceed 1.0 m/s
  - b) Buffers with buffered return movement these can be used for elevators that do not exceed 1.6 m/s.
- 2. **Energy dissipation buffers:** These are usually hydraulic buffers which dissipate the energy of the impact in the form of heat during the travel of the buffer. This type of buffer can be used for all rated speeds, but must be used for speeds of 1.6 m/s or over.

#### BUFFER PERFORMANCE CRITERIA - ENERGY DISSIPATION BUFFERS

Performance criteria in all specifications is governed by 2 underlying rules which state that the buffer must arrest a freefalling mass travelling at 115% of the rated speed of the elevator:

- (i) With an average deceleration not exceeding Ig.
- (ii) Without exceeding a deceleration of 2.5g for a time period greater than 0.04 seconds.

In addition a further, but separate, requirement states that the buffer stroke must be at least as great as free fall distance required to reach 115% of the rated elevator velocity. It is this requirement that dictates the stroke and consequently the installation height of elevator buffers. Due to customer demands, most elevator buffers do not deviate far from the minimum stroke requirement.



### MINIMUM BUFFER STROKES FOR SPECIFIC RATED SPEEDS

Rated Elevator Speed	Type Test Speed 115% of Rated Elevator Speed
m/s	m/s
1.00	1.15
1.30	1.50
1.60	1.84
1.80	2.07
2.03	2.33
2.54	2.92
3.15	3.62
3.56	4.09
4.06	4.67
5.09	5.85
5.61	6.45
5.85	6.73
6.09	7.00
7.25	8.34
8.70	10.01
10.10	11.62
11.55	13.28



### MINIMUM POSSIBLE STROKE LENGTHS

Oleo Buffer Type					MIN Stroke	Rated Buffer Speed	MAX Buffer Speed (115% of Rated Elevator Speed)	Reduced Stroke Elevator Speed before striking terminal slowdown device (ASME A17.1)	
					mm	m/s	m/s	m/s	
LSB 10					73.3	1.00	1.15	1.47	
		MLB 13			120	1.30	1.50	1.88	
LSB 16	SEB 16	MLB 16			173	1.60	1.84	2.26	
			LB 16		203	1.60	1.84	2.45	
LSB 18	3 18 SEB 18 MLB 18			219	1.80	2.07	2.54		
			LB18		249	1.80	2.07	2.71	
	SEB 20	MLB 20			279	2.03	2.33	2.87	
			LB 20		300	2.03	2.33	2.98	
	SEB 25	MLB 25			435	2.54	2.92	3.59	
			LB 25		462	2.54	2.92	4.53	
		MLB 32			679	3.15	3.62	5.49	
			LB 32		699	3.15	3.62	5.57	
		MLB 35	LB 35		881	3.56	4.09	6.26	
		MLB 40	LB 40		1141	4.06	4.67	7.12	
			LB 50		1740	5.09	5.85	8.80	
			LB 55		2109	5.61	6.45	9.68	
				HSL 58	2350	5.85	6.73	10.22	
			LB 60		2504	6.09	7.00	10.55	
				HSL 72	3600	7.25	8.34	12.65	
				HSL 87	5200	8.70	10.01	15.21	
				HSL 101	7000	10.10	11.62	17.65	
				HSL 115	9200	11.55	13.28	20.23	

### **ELEVATOR SAFETY**

The design engineer must consider the stroke requirements in the overall height of the buffer. If telescopic solutions are not to be used then the overall height must be at least double the minimum stroke with a further height requirement to restrict lateral movement when the buffer is fully extended.

Lateral movement should be restricted to +/-5 mm per metre of stroke from the centre.

#### **EMERGENCY TERMINAL SPEED LIMITING DEVICE**

The function of an emergency terminal speed limiting device is to automatically reduce the speed of a car or counterweight by removing power from the driving machine. The device effectively slows the car or counterweight to the rated speed of the buffer before impact. This device would normally be independent of the normal terminal slowdown devices. This is important when selecting a buffer for a particular application. If the emergency terminal speed limiting device is part of the installation then the 'reduced stroke' rules can apply. This effectively reduces the size of the buffer required for a particular application.

#### **REDUCED STROKE**

The calculation for reduced stroke is based on the stroke of the buffer and not the speed of the elevator. The reduced stroke calculation differs in some countries but the basic rules are as follows:

The stroke must not be less than:

- a) One half (50%) of the stroke for elevators that do not exceed 4.0 m/s
- b) One third (33.3%) of the stroke for elevators where the speed exceeds 4.0 m/s.

Minimum strokes also apply under some code requirements including EN81.1. Under EN81.1 the minimum stroke should be 420 mm for 50% calculation and 540 mm for the 33.3% calculation. This does not apply under all code requirements.

Using the reduced stroke calculation a buffer rated at 5.09 m/s could be used on an installation of 8.8 m/s if used with a terminal speed limiting device.

#### **BUFFER PERFORMANCE**

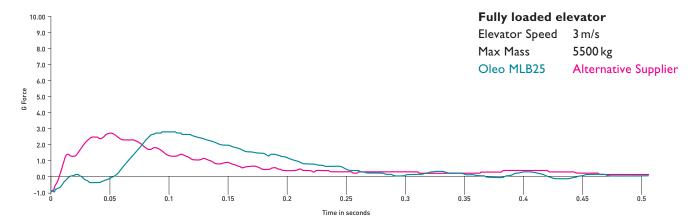
The minimum stroke for an elevator buffer is specified (within EN81.1 and ASME A17.1), as the necessary distance to bring an impacting mass, travelling at 115% of the buffer's rated speed, to rest with a uniform deceleration of 1g. However, this is only true if the buffer exerts a constant retardation force over its entire stroke.

A hydraulic buffer can be designed to closely match this idealised performance. This is achieved by precise control of hydraulic oil flow across an orifice throughout the buffer stroke. However, this can only be achieved for one specific impact mass. The same performance is not achievable for the range of elevator masses that are encountered in the real world where the elevator car mass varies with passenger load.

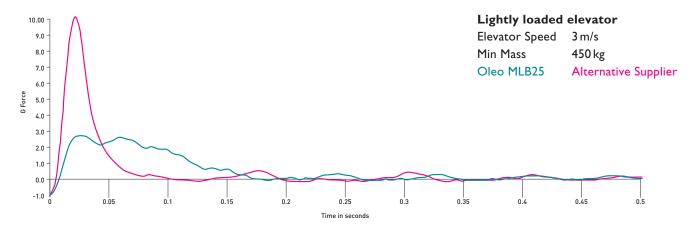
In the elevator application, where there is a need to protect passenger safety, it is important to try to minimise the deceleration experienced during stopping. This can be easily resolved when the elevator is fully loaded but at low loads the same retardation force will slow the elevator more quickly and therefore initially result in higher deceleration for the passenger.



The graphs below compare test data from two hydraulic buffers that both meet the elevator code specification requirement being used to stop an elevator car travelling at 3 m/s. This shows the g force that will be experienced by passengers travelling in fully and lightly loaded conditions.



The performance of the Oleo and the alternative supplier's elevator buffer is similar.



The performance of the Oleo buffer design shows its benefits with a much lower peak deceleration force of 2.6g in comparison to 10g for the alternative supplier's elevator buffer.

In both load conditions both buffers keep the average deceleration below Ig and do not allow 2.5g for more than 40 milliseconds and therefore are both fully compliant with elevator code specification requirements.

The limiting of peak deceleration force is not required by any elevator code or industry specification. Alternative buffers achieve the average Ig criterion by an initial period of high deceleration followed by extending the final stages as the elevator is coming to rest. The other key elevator buffer specification requires that passengers do not experience more than 2.5g for more than 40 milliseconds but within this period g forces are not limited. However, as illustrated above, in certain conditions very high instantaneous g forces occur and this may cause passenger discomfort.

Oleo has an overall passenger safety aware approach and seeks to avoid the passenger discomfort that may arise from instantaneous deceleration that may even exceed 10g in some circumstances. Many years of in-house testing and the development of mathematical algorithms that accurately simulate the performance of hydraulic buffers enable Oleo unsurpassed force control. The design philosophy is to minimise g force for all passenger load conditions the benefits are highlighted in the test data shown above.

### **ELEVATOR SAFETY**

#### **ELEVATOR SWITCHES**

Oleo elevator buffers are designed to withstand many more maximum load impacts than elevators are likely to experience in their service life. Despite this, elevator buffers remain an emergency only device. It is never a desirable outcome in the real world to have to rely on buffers to bring your elevator to a stop – that said, it is absolutely essential that you can rely on the buffers in the event that they are required.

It is for this reason that many elevator buffers are fitted with a switch. The switch is positioned to detect that the buffer is fully extended and therefore ready for impact in the case of an emergency. If for any reason the switch does not detect full buffer extension, the entire elevator system is shut down.

#### **MODELLING AND ANALYSIS**

Oleo employs computer modelling and analysis to refine elevator buffers performance. Simulations are compared directly with test results obtained on Oleo's own in-house dynamic test facility. The ability to both simulate and test, has allowed increased optimisation of elevator buffer performance, providing benefits in terms of cost, safety and reliability.



Oleo provide elevator impact simulation to validate test results

#### **BUFFER TYPE TESTING**

Elevator buffers are subjected to a type test before they can be sold to the market. Type test requirements vary depending on country but most follow the guidelines of the European specification EN81.1 or ASME A17.1.

To comply with the requirements of EN81.1 the buffer must perform to the criteria detailed earlier. To establish this, the buffers are subject to drop tests. This is where a mass is dropped in freefall. The drop tests must take place at a temperature between 0°C and 25°C. Tests are conducted with masses at either extreme of the stated mass range of the buffer. Subsequent to the maximum mass drop, the mass must remain on the buffer for a minimum of 5 minutes, after which the buffer must fully re-extend within a time period of 90 seconds. Measurements must be made of the displacement, velocity and acceleration of the freefalling masses at a sample rate of at least 100Hz.

In order to eliminate erroneous noise and high frequency vibration from accelerometer traces, low pass filtering is usually applied to a signal sampled at a higher than required sampling frequency.

### RANGE OVERVIEW

Buffer unit	Rated speed	Max speed (115%)	Stroke (min)		t mass nge	Height (extended)	Height (compressed)	Height to reservoir top	Weight no oil (dry)	Oil volume
	m/s	m/s	mm	min	g max	mm Dim H (max)	mm Dim C (min)	mm Dim F (nom)	Kg	litres
LSB 10	1.00	1.15	73.3	380	3250	222.9	146.0	102.4	3.6	0.5
LSB 16	1.60	1.84	173.7	450	3250	485.6	307.0	239.6	6.7	0.9
LSB 18	1.80	2.07	219.7	450	3250	577.6	353.0	285.6	7.6	1.0
SEB 16	1.60	1.84	173	450	4545	540.5	350.3	307.0	11.2	1.5
SEB 18	1.80	2.07	219	450	4545	643.5	404.3	364.0	12.8	1.8
SEB 20	2.03	2.33	279	450	4545	777.5	481.3	438.0	14.8	2.2
SEB 25	2.54	2.92	435	450	4545	1126.5	674.3	631.0	20.0	3.3
MLB 13	1.30	1.50	120	450	5500	408.0	273.5	238.0	8.7	1.0
MLB 16	1.60	1.84	173	450	5500	530.0	342.5	307.0	10.6	1.4
MLB 18	1.80	2.07	219	450	5500	632.0	398.5	363.0	12.0	1.7
MLB 20	2.03	2.33	279	450	5500	780.0	486.5	451.0	14.4	2.2
MLB 25	2.54	2.92	435	450	5500	1162.0	712.5	677.0	20.4	3.3
MLB 32	3.15	3.62	679	450	5500	1728.5	1033.0	981.0	29.0	5.2
MLB 35	3.56	4.09	881	600	5500	2108.3	1208.8	1167.0	60.9	19.5
MLB 40	4.06	4.67	1141	600	5500	2693.3	1533.8	1492.0	76.4	25.0
LB 16	1.60	1.84	203	500	8330	617.8	396.8	355.0	24.0	4.6
LB 18	1.80	2.07	249	500	8330	723.3	455.8	414.0	26.4	5.6
LB 20	2.03	2.33	300	500	8330	839.3	520.8	479.0	28.9	6.6
LB 25	2.54	2.92	462	500	8330	1211.3	730.8	689.0	38.6	10.0
LB 32	3.15	3.62	699	700	8330	1706.3	988.8	947.0	55.2	20.0
LB 35	3.56	4.09	881	1000	8330	2108.3	1208.8	1167.0	66.4	24.5
LB 40	4.06	4.67	1141	1000	8330	2693.3	1533.8	1492.0	81.9	31.5
LB 50	5.09	5.85	1740	1500	7500	4215.6	2439.5	2343.0	208.4	27.8
LB 55	5.61	6.45	2109	1250	7500	5038.6	2893.5	2797.0	241.8	33.3
LB 60	6.09	7.00	2504	1500	10000	6180.6	3597.5	3455.0	480.2	73.0
HSL 58	5.85	6.73	2350	4000	10000	4890.0	2540.0	_	800.0	98.0
HSL 72	7.25	8.34	3600	4000	10000	7290.0	3690.0	-	1100.0	144.0
HSL 87	8.70	10.01	5200	4000	10000	10290.0	5190.0	-	1600	207.0
HSL 101	10.10	11.62	7000	5000	8000	12569.0	4193.0	-	3000.0	275.0
HSL 115	11.55	13.28	9200	5500	8000	14900.0	5717.0	_	3497.0	490.0

### A complete range of elevator buffers for every application

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### LSB SERIES

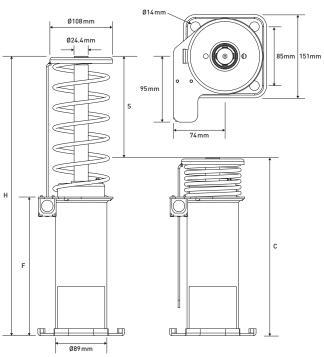
The LSB oil buffer series is a self contained, maintenance free\* unit designed for low and medium speed applications. The LSB series is designed to be low cost while maintaining Oleo's recognised performance standards.

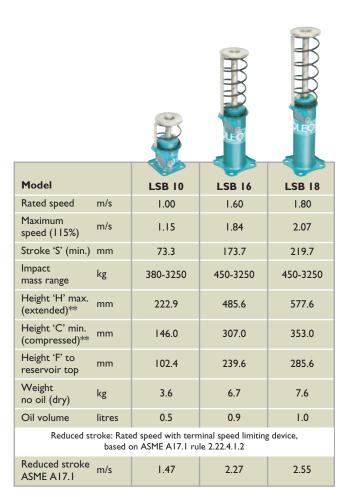
Oleo's LSB buffers weigh approx half of a conventional buffer and have a small space envelope, this means that shipping costs are significantly reduced. In addition there is the option to supply the buffers oil filled rather than with a separate container of oil saving valuable time during elevator installation and reducing the risk of errors and spillage.

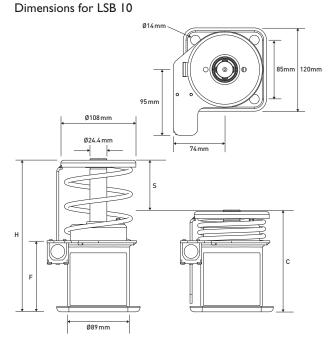
The LSB series is designed and built according to strict engineering standards and is universally approved and globally certified.

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#### Dimensions for LSB 16,18







In the event that the LSB elevator buffers are delivered without oil the buffers need to be filled with oil as per the installation instructions. The oil used must conform to the specification on the buffer data plate – ISOVG68 – SG.88/.90 at  $15^{\circ}$  C – hydraulic.

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### SEB SERIES

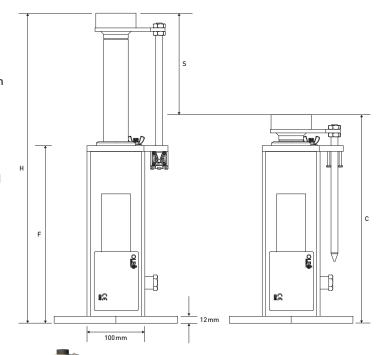
The SEB buffer range has been available for over twenty years with thousands successfully installed around the world.

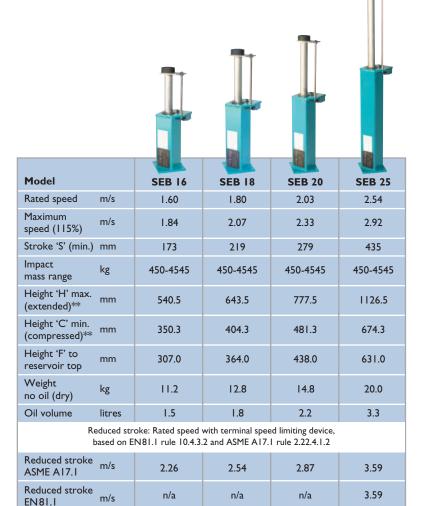
The SEB gas hydraulic buffer series provides a premium robust solution for medium speed applications.

A self contained, maintenance free\* unit designed to weigh approximately half of a conventional buffer and have a small space envelope. This means that shipping costs are significantly reduced and allows for quick and easy installation.

The SEB series is designed and built according to strict engineering standards and is universally approved and globally certified.

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The oil used must conform to the specification on the buffer data plate – ISOVG68 - SG.88/.90 at  $I5^{\circ}$  C – hydraulic.

Pour point -18° C or lower. Viscosity index 75 or higher.

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### MLB SERIES

The MLB series has been designed to complement the successful LB series while retaining key operational characteristics.

The MLB gas hydraulic buffer series is a self contained, maintenance free\* unit designed for quick and easy installation, primarily designed for medium speed elevator applications, typical applications include low to medium rise buildings.

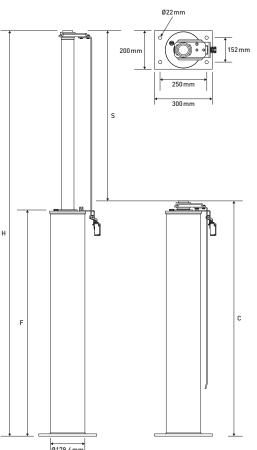
Oleo's MLB buffers weigh approx half of a conventional buffer and have a small space envelope, this means that shipping costs are significantly reduced. In addition there is the option to supply the MLB 13 – MLB 32 oil filled rather than with a separate container of oil saving valuable time during elevator installation and reducing the risk of errors and spillage. The MLB 35 and MLB 40 are delivered without oil.

The MLB series is designed and built according to strict engineering standards and is universally approved and globally certified.

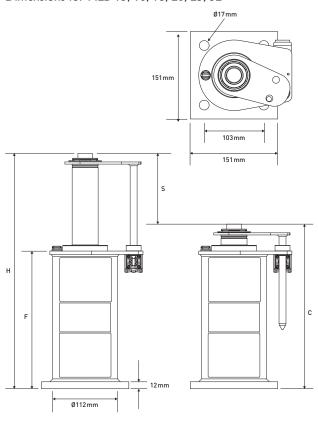
The MLB series provides a cost effective solution with excellent performance characteristics across an exceptionally wide mass range.

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#### Dimensions for MLB 35, 40

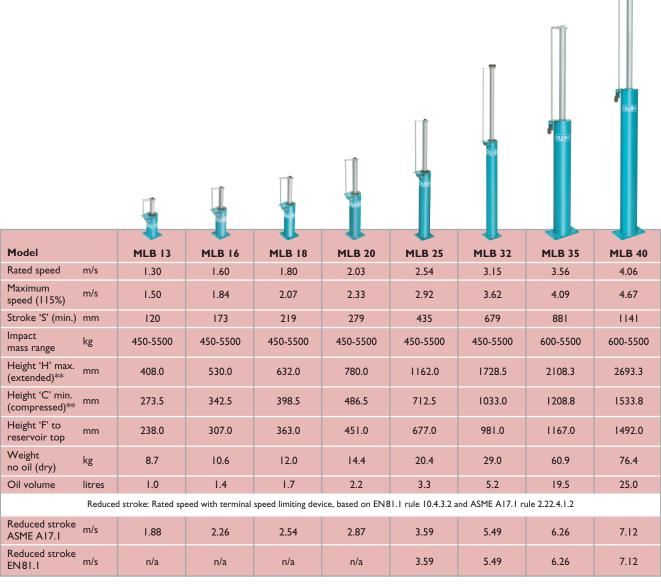


#### Dimensions for MLB 13, 16, 18, 20, 25, 32









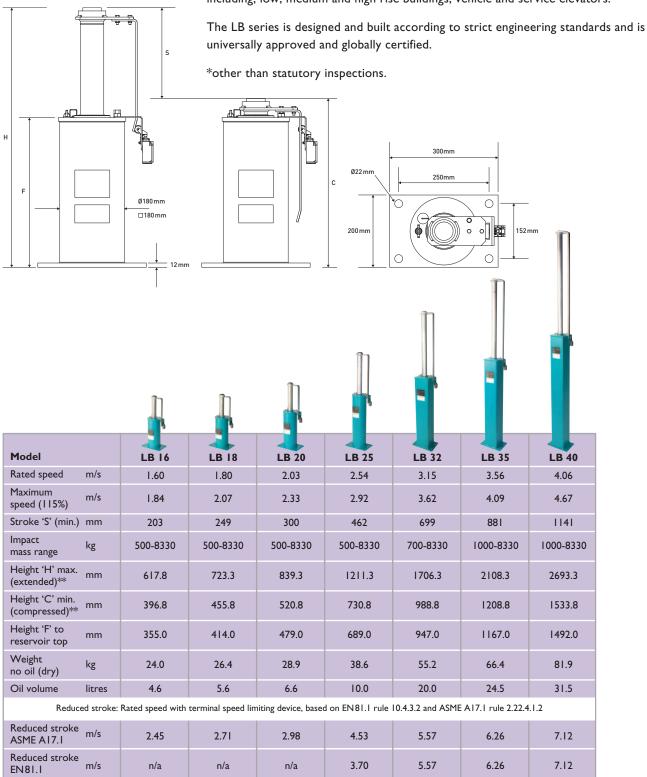
In the event that the MLB elevator buffers are delivered without oil the buffers need to be filled with oil as per the installation instructions. The oil used must conform to the specification on the buffer data plate – ISOVG68 - SG.88/.90 at  $I.5^{\circ}$  C – hydraulic.

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### LB SERIES

Oleo has been offering the LB series for over thirty years. The Oleo LB gas hydraulic buffer series is globally recognised for its excellent performance and reliability. It is a self contained, maintenance free\* unit designed for heavy and high speed installations offering our largest mass range.

Given the large mass range and rated speed of the LB series, this buffer can be found in a number of different installations including, low, medium and high rise buildings, vehicle and service elevators.



LB elevator buffers are delivered without oil. Buffers need to be filled with oil as per the installation instructions.

The oil used must conform to the specification on the buffer data plate – ISOVG68 – SG.88/.90 at  $15^{\circ}$  C – hydraulic.

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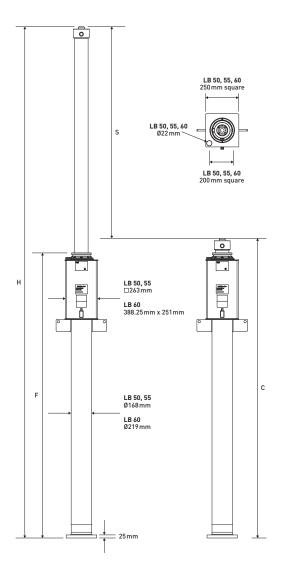
### HIGH SPEED LB SERIES

The Oleo LB 50-60 gas hydraulic buffer range is designed specifically for high speed elevator applications typically seen in high rise buildings where speeds over 5 m/s are achieved. If approved terminal speed limiting devices are employed by applying the reduced stroke calculation the LB 50-60 can deal with speeds up to 11.62 m/s.

The Oleo principle of designing self contained, maintenance free\* buffer units is applied to the LB50-60 series of buffers and offers an easy installation process, this makes Oleo buffers the best solution for the life of the installation.

The LB series is designed and built according to strict engineering standards and is universally approved and globally certified.

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LB elevator buffers are delivered without oil. Buffers need to be filled with oil as per the installation instructions.

The oil used must conform to the specification on the buffer data plate – ISOVG68 – SG.88/.90 at  $15^{\circ}$  C – hydraulic.

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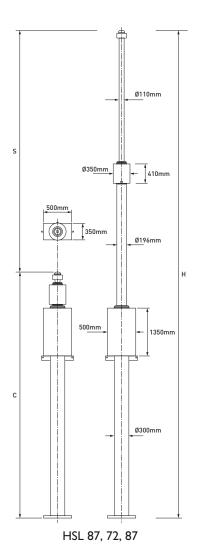
The new Oleo HSL telescopic gas hydraulic buffer range is designed specifically for high speed elevator applications typically seen in high rise buildings where speeds over 4.82 m/s are achieved. If approved terminal speed limiting devices are employed by applying the reduced stroke calculation the HSL115 can deal with speeds up to 20.23 m/s.

The HSL Series offers considerably more installation possibilities than conventional single stage buffers due to telescopic technology. This allows for lower compressed unit heights and smaller buffer envelopes at higher elevator speeds.

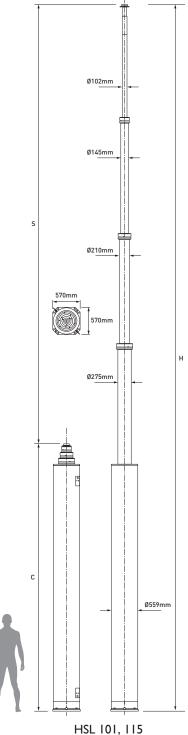
The Oleo principle of designing self contained, maintenance free\* buffer units is applied to the HSL series of buffers and offers an easy installation process, this makes Oleo buffers the best solution for the life of the installation.

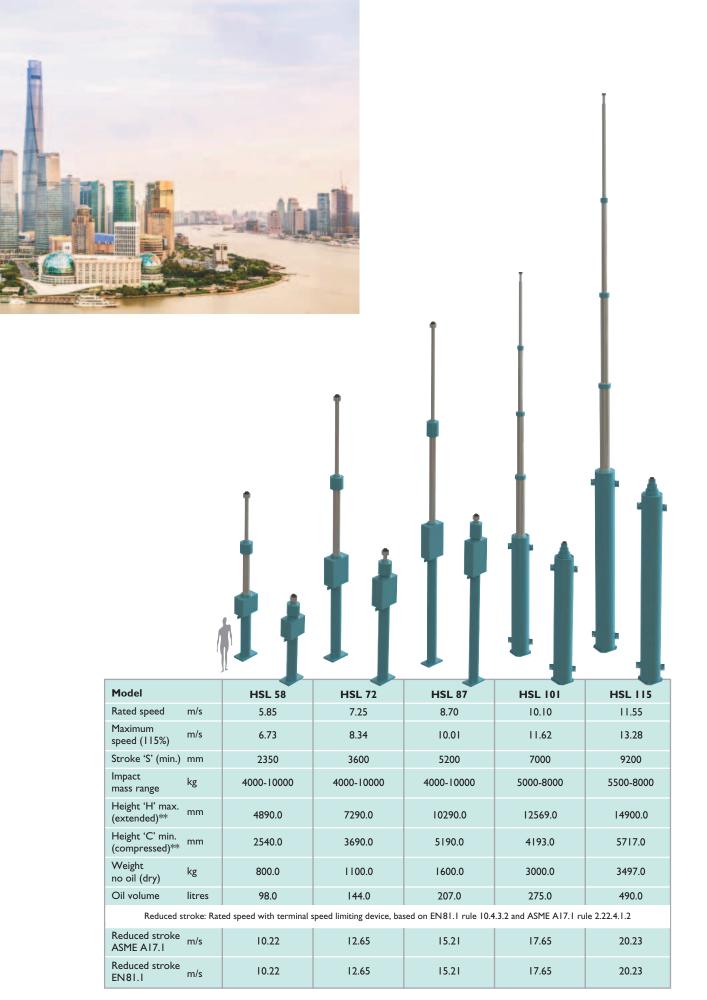
The HSL series is designed and built according to strict engineering standards and has achieved the EN81 and GB 7588 certification.

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HSL elevator buffers are delivered without oil. Buffers need to be filled with oil as per the installation instructions. The oil used must conform to the specification on the buffer data plate – ISOVG68 – SG.88/.90 at -18°F – hydraulic. Pour point  $60^{\circ}F$  or lower. Viscosity index 75 or higher.

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#### Notes for all Oleo Elevator buffers:

Environmental temperature acceptable conditions -15°C to +70°C. Note: for special conditions outside of this consult OLEO International.

Buffer must be securely supported and steadied vertically, parallel to guide rails +/- 5mm per metre. For non vertical applications consult OLEO International.

Buffer to be mounted in a suitable structure to support deceleration forces in accordance with installation sheet.

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