Air Chambers for Drum Brakes

Drum Brake Air Chambers

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Air Chamber Features

All Davton Parts brand air chambers have the following features -

1. A crimped cap for the spring brake.

2. The mounting housing and spring brake cap have e-coat paint for corrosion resistance.

3. The service and parking brake diaphragms are reinforced with nylon cord.

4. The pushrods are threaded to within a $\frac{1}{2}$ " of the mounting housing when the parking brake is charged with air.

5. 5/8"-11 locknuts and washers for the mounting studs.

6. 5/8"-18 jam nut for clevis assembly.

7. 5/8"-18 x 1/2" manual clevis assembly included except where noted without clevis.

8. The service band clamp is rotated 45 degrees off the centerline of the mounting studs to accommodate close mounting applications.

Double Diaphragm Combo Chambers

2424CE

2.5" Standard stroke 8.0" Pushrod length 8.6" Body height 1795 lbs force - 2.0" stroke @ 94 psi

2430CE

2.5" Standard stroke 8.0" Pushrod length 8.6" Body height 1795 lbs force - 2.0" stroke @ 94 PSI

3030CE (shown)

2.5" Standard stroke 11.8" Pushrod length 9.2" Body height 2470 lbs force - 2.0" stroke @ 94 psi

3030CE18 (shown)

2.5" Standard stroke 18.5" Pushrod length 9.2" Body height 2470 lbs force – 2.0" stroke @ 94 psi

3036CE

2.5" Standard stroke 12.0" Pushrod length 10.6" Body height 2470 lbs force - 2.0" stroke @ 94 psi

3636CE

3.0" Standard stroke 11.0" Pushrod length 11.2" Body height 2920 lbs force - 2.5" stroke @ 94 psi

3030CLE (shown)

3.0" Long stroke 14.0" Pushrod length 10.4" Body height 2470 lbs force - 2.5" stroke @ 94 psi

3036CLE

identify it is a long stroke air chamber.

3.0" Long stroke 12.9" Pushrod length 11.0" Body height 2470 lbs force - 2.5" stroke @ 94 psi



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Air Chambers with Welded Clevis

3030CEW (shown)

2.25" Standard stroke 1.3" Auto slack clevis pin spacing c-c 9.2" Body height 2470 lbs force – 2.0" stroke @ 94 psi

3030CLEW (shown)

2.85" Long stroke 1.3" Auto slack clevis pin spacing c-c 10.2" Body height 2470 lbs force – 2.0" stroke @ 94 psi

3036CLEW

2.85" Long stroke 1.3" Auto slack clevis pin spacing c-c 10.2" Body height 2470 lbs force – 2.0" stroke @ 94 psi



The 3030CLEW long stroke has square shaped ports to identify it is a long stroke air chamber.

Air Chambers for Hendrickson Intraax Axles

Direct replacement air chambers for Henderickson Intraax axles.

3030CE-INT (shown)

2.5" Standard stroke
12.3" Pushrod length
9.2" Body height
2470 lbs force – 2.0" stroke @ 94 psi

3030CLE-INT (shown)

3.0" Long stroke 12.8" Pushrod length 10.4" Body height 2470 lbs force – 2.5" stroke @ 94 psi

Note: Both of these chambers <u>*do not*</u> include a manual clevis assembly.



The 3030CLE-INT long stroke has square shaped ports to identify it is a long stroke air chamber.

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Piggy Back Kits for Air Chambers

3030PEK

2.5" Standard stroke chambers Diaphragm and service band clamp included Power Spring pre-caged 2200 lbs power spring

3030PLEK

3.0" Long stroke chambers Diaphragm and service band clamp included Power Spring pre-caged 2200 lbs power spring



3030PEK Standard Stroke Round Ports



The 3030PLEK long stroke has square shaped ports to identify it is a long stroke air chamber.



05-130 (shown)

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Service Chambers

05-116

2.5" Standard stroke 10.2" Pushrod length 3.5" Body height 1460 lbs force - 2.0" stroke @ 94 psi

05-120

2.5" Standard stroke 10.2" Pushrod length 3.6" Body height 1685 Ibs force - 2.0" stroke @ 94 psi

05-124

2.5" Standard stroke 10.2" Pushrod length 4.0" Body height 1795 lbs force - 2.0" stroke @ 94 psi

05-130 (shown)

2.5" Standard stroke 10.2" Pushrod length 4.0" Body height 2470 lbs force - 2.0" stroke @ 94 psi

05-136

3.0" Standard stroke 10.2" Pushrod length 4.0" Body height 2920 lbs force - 2.5" stroke @ 94 psi

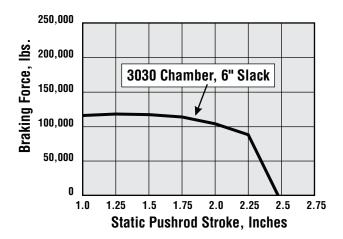
The S-Cam Brake

The s-cam brake is a series of simple levers that takes the pushrod stroke and reduces that movement or distance traveled in order to multiply the force being applied. Here are the three levers used and their values for the common 16.5" drum brake:

- 1. Slack Adjuster usually a 5.5" or 6.0" slack arm drilling
- 2. S-Cam Head a total lift of $\frac{1}{2}$ " for a 16.5" s-cam head
- 3. Brake Shoe 2 to 1 mechanical advantage

Slack Adjuster — A standard 3030 air chamber has 2.5" of pushrod stroke but only 80% of that can be used or 2.0" leaving the additional 0.5" of stroke as a safety margin.

See what happens in this graph for a 3030 chamber with a 6.0" slack when the stroke goes past 2.25".



Cutting the Pushrod

The amount of braking force begins to taper down slightly at 1.75" of stroke but it falls like a rock after 2.25" of stroke. Why is that? Because if this 16.5" brake assembly is set up correctly it should not take more than 2.0" of stroke to completely apply the brakes. After 2.25" of stroke the slack adjuster has gone well past 90° to the air chamber pushrod and therefore we just lost the mechanical advantage the slack adjuster was providing. By not cutting the air chamber pushrod correctly (which is the main reason for this happening) the effectiveness of the slack adjuster is eliminated basically removing the first of the three levers in the brake assembly.

Cutting a Type 30 air chamber pushrod for a manual slack adjuster clevis.

Figure A:

First, mount the air chamber in the axle bracket and connect the emergency air line to the spring brake inlet port. Next, charge the spring brake with air so the pushrod is in the released position. Make sure the pushrod is centered in the air chamber and not cocked to one side. Using a square, mark the pushrod at the 90 degree position with the short leg of the square flush along the pushrod and the long leg centered in the end of the s-cam as shown in the diagram to the right.

Figure B:

Next, measure from the 90 degree mark back towards the air chamber the "X" distance (see the chart in the second diagram to the right). Mark the pushrod at the "X" dimension and then cut the pushrod at this mark. The clevis for your manual slack adjuster is now ready to be installed on the pushrod.

For automatic slack adjusters, please refer to the slack manufacturers installation instructions.

