MACHINE FOUNDATIONS





RESTORING AND UPDATING MACHINE FOUNDATIONS

GERB – The Expert for All Your Foundation Needs

More than one third of all power plants worldwide are older than 30 years of age. Many of these plants operate equipment that will require updating with newer, higher capacity turbinegenerators, coal pulverizers and mills, pumps and fans. Large machine foundations in other industries have also been updated successfully. The automobile industry, paper, printing, and chemical industry alike, have found a need for the restoration and GERB retrofit of their foundation systems. Problems that arise with machine foundations are typically caused by:

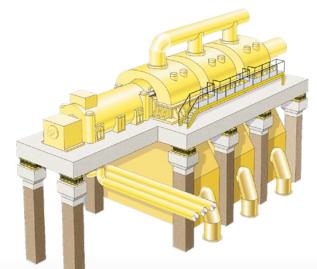
- >> Settlement of the foundation due to poor soil conditions
- >> Vibration and structure born noise problems in the plant or surrounding area
- » New requirements for seismic protection of sensitive equipment
- » Installation of new or larger machinery on existing foundations.

For more than 50 years, GERB has up-dated machine foundations for many leading groups in power generation and other industries. GERB offers complete civil engineering services, including:

- >> Soil assessment
- » Foundation assessment
- » Proposals for new machine foundation systems, with full documentation (i.e. dynamic and static analysis, general arrangement and reinforcement drawings, rebar lists)
- >> Construction, supervision, and startup assistance.



Typical GERB Spring Unit



Retrofit of a Turbine Foundation

The GERB Technology

In the last four decades, GERB has repaired and upgraded over 200 machine foundations, in many cases using elastic support systems to increase the load carrying capacity and to protect adjacent equipment and the surrounding neighborhood. GERB has gained considerable experience in the area of power generation, especially in renewing turbine generator foundations.

For turbines and machines like them, GERB incorporates the existing sub-structure to keep down the cost of the machine foundation restoration. At the same time considerable analysis is prepared to ensure suitable and secure foundation for the new equipment. GERB is your expert for the restoration and updating of existing substructures.

The following established options, especially for turbinegenerator foundations, are offered by GERB:

- >> Set a new spring-supported machine deck on the existing deck.
- Remove the old machine deck and set a new elastically supported deck on the existing, adjusted columns (see drawing on the left).
- Remove the existing machine deck and columns, and construct a new system of slender columns and spring supported machine deck on the existing base mat.





Retrofit of a Turbine Table, Germany













The GERB Service

GERB is experienced in the restoration and updating of machine foundations in power plants and other industries.

Let our engineers review the suitability of your existing equipment foundations and prepare a timely analysis and proposal for your foundation systems. GERB will coordinate with your equipment suppliers to insure that your systems are secure and reliable.

Your Benefits:

- + More than 100 years of machine foundation design experience
- + One stop shopping for all your civil engineering needs planning engineering, construction and startup
- + Alternative proposals to ensure the most cost effective use of plant space and construction time.





Reference List (Selection)

Restored and Updated Machine Foundations

Country	Machine	Capacity (MW) or total weight (t)	Project
Austria	Screw Press	2,390 t	Kapfenberg
China	Coal Mills Hydraulic Press Press Line Mechanic Press Hydraulic Press	6 x 410 t 1,000 t 1 x 2,000 + 4 x 1,000 t 2 x 1,400 t 1 x 1,250 + 1 x 1,600 t	Chao Yang Shanghai FAW FAW-VW Changchun Harbin Electric Motor
Germany	Screw Press Turbine Turbine ID-Fan Rubber Mill Rod Mill Turbo Compressor	1,088 t 2 x 7.8 MW 25 MW 5 MW 2 x 480 t 150 t 140 t 65 t	Buderus Dotternhausen Neumünster Ludwigshafen Buschhaus Aachen Luenen Bernburg
Great Britain	Turbine	11.4 MW	Bolton
ndia	PA-Fan Coal Crusher Coal Crusher Coal Crusher Coal Crusher Coal Crusher	55 t 90 t 90 t 90 t 90 t 90 t	Talcher Singrauli Parli Korba Ramagundam Wanakbori
taly	Mechanic Presses	3 x 120 t	Embraco
lacedonia	6 Fans	650 m³/h	HKW Bitola
zech Republic	Turbine Turbine Turbine Turbine Turbine Turbine Turbine Turbine Turbine	2 x 110 MW 10 MW 31 MW 8 MW 41 MW 2 x 20 MW 25 MW 25 MW 44 MW	Prunerov 1 Kladno Ceske Budejovice Tabor Karvina Trmice Otrokovice Nova Hut TG 5 Nova Hut TG 9
Portugal	Turbine	9 MW	Madeira
Russia	Fan Turbine Turbine Turbine	65 MW 65 MW 115 MW	Miass Saransk St. Petersburg Jushno Kusbass
Switzerland	Turbine Printing Hall	10 MW	Fribourg Fribourg
USA	Turbine	27.5 MW	Potlach



State State Retrofit of a Turbo Compressor Foundation, Germany





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