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In 1976 the acoustical community asked us to develop a floating floor mounting that would last as long as the building and provide response frequencies lower than two inch (50mm) thick fiberglass.

We were pleased to find that Neoprene molded in exact accordance with DuPont formulations had addressed the life expectancy requirement as bridge supports. Outdoor applications are far more severe than within a building because of the temperature extremes, sunlight, rain, snow and ice.

We continued with Neoprene until 2006 when we developed Natural Rubber Compounds with the same life expectancy but much lower dynamic stiffness. These compounds are referred to as LDS. Frequencies in 2 inch (50mm) thickness are now 7 – 8 Hz compared to fiberglass @ 15 Hz. It is hard to understand why fiberglass is still acceptable. Please refer to Bulletin ACS-102-3, page 6 for a complete discussion.

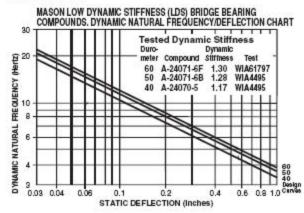
In bridge and overpass work there is a need for very high loadings with pressures as high as 2000 lbs/square inch. If strain is limited to 10 to 15 percent of the pad thickness, both creep and permanent set are very acceptable.

Since we started by supporting floating floor areas of 1 square foot (0.1 square meters), our initial problem was to design a stable rubber column that would deflect 0.2 to 0.3 inches (5mm to 8mm) under minor loadings. A mounting thickness of 2 inches (50mm) at 10 to 15% deflection (strain) met the deflection criteria. A 2 inch (50mm) diameter reduced the shape factor (SF= Loaded Area/Perimeter Area) to achieve the low capacities of the EAFM-8823 on page 3.

All of the other sizes were gradually designed and tooled to raise or lower both capacities and frequencies.

In response to the wishes and specifications of Acousticians and Architects we almost always manufacture these products in Bridge Bearing Natural Rubber and tool for other sizes and thicknesses. We still supply Neoprene but only on special order.

This arsenal of available sizes encouraged other applications. Standard designs and variations are used as drop hammer shock absorbers, subway, railroad, building, pump and transformer isolators. We design and fabricate to virtually all requirements, including squares and rectangles with bonded embedded plates to increase shape factors.

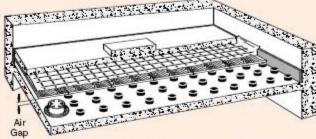


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EAFM-114-2 BULLETIN





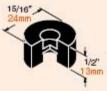
Typical EAFM Floating Floor

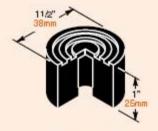
AASHTO BRIDGE BEARING SPECIFICATIONS FOR POLYISOPRENE

2000	INAL PHY PROPERT	TIES		~	D FOR A hrs/158°F) 73		COMPRES- SION SET ASTM	LONG TERM CREEP
Duro- meter Shore A		Elongat. at Break (min)				25 pphm in air by Vol. 20% Strain 100°F	D-395 22hrs/158*F Method B	168hrs
50±5 60±5	2000 pel 2250 pel 2250 pel 2250 pel	450% 400%	+10%	-25% -25%	-25% -25% -25% -25%	No Cracks No Cracks No Cracks No Cracks	25% (max) 25% (max) 25% (max) 25% (max)	5%/max 5%/max

*AASHTO does not spec 40 Duro. 40 Duro by Mason.

1/2" - 1" 13 - 25mm Height





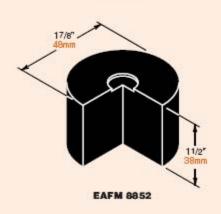
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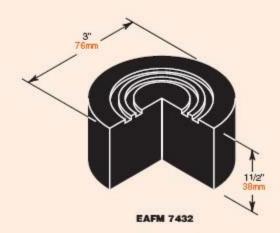
EAFM 6534

72.0			0.025" 0.6m	m Deflection	0.050" 1.3mi	m Deflection	0.075" 1.9m	Temporary Overload*	
Desig	AFM gnation Color	Durometer ±5	Loading lbs. kgs.	Frequency Hz	Loading bs. kgs.	Frequency Hz	Loading lbs. kgs.	Frequency Hz	3X Maximum Loading lbs. kgs.
16114	Green Red White	40 50 60	17 8 25 11 37 17	21.4 22.4 22.5	33 15 50 23 73 33	15.1 17.8 16.0	50 23 75 34 110 50	12.4 12.9 13.0	150 68 225 102 330 150
			0.05" 1.3mm	n Deflection	0.1" 2.5mm	Deflection	0.15" 3.8mr	n Deflection	
			Loading lbs. kgs.	Frequency Hz	Loading lbs. kgs.	Frequency Hz	Loading lbs. kgs.	Frequency Hz	lbs. kgs.
6534	Black Green Red White	30 40 50 60	17 8 30 14 47 21 70 32	14.7 15.1 15.8 16.0	33 15 60 27 93 42 140 64	10.4 10.7 11.2 11.3	50 23 90 41 140 64 210 95	8.5 8.7 9.1 9.2	150 68 270 122 420 191 630 286

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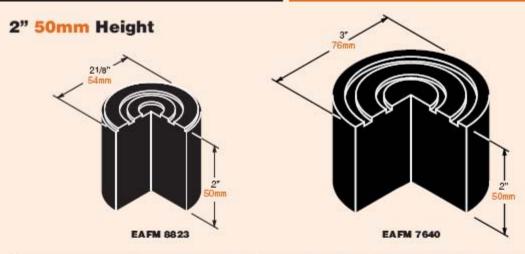
11/2" 38mm Height





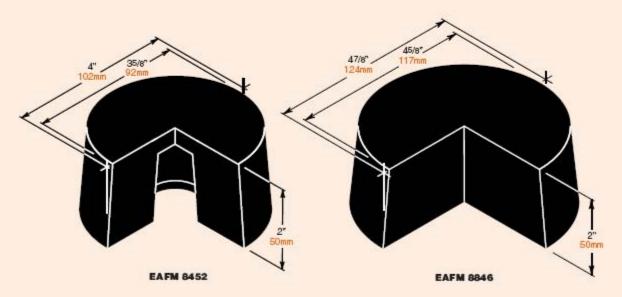
14.50			0.075" 1.9mm Deflection			0.150" 3.8m	m Deflection	0.225" 5.7m	Temporary Overload*	
Desi	AFM gnation Color	Durometer ±5	Loa Ibs.	ding	Frequency Hz	Loading lbs. kgs.	Frequency Hz	Loading lbs. kgs.	Frequency Hz	3X Maximum Loading lbs. kgs.
8852	Green	40	50	23	12.4	100 45	8.7	150 68	7.1	450 205
	Red	50	73	33	12.9	145 66	9.1	220 100	7.5	660 300
	White	60	113	51	13.0	225 102	9.2	340 155	7.6	1020 465
7432	Green	40	93	42	12.4	185 84	8.7	280 127	7.1	840 380
	Red	50	139	63	12.9	277 126	9.1	420 191	7.5	1260 570
	White	60	208	95	13.0	416 189	9.2	630 286	7.6	1890 860

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EAFM Designation & Color		Durometer ±5	0.1" 2.5mm Deflection		0.2' 5.1mm Deflection			0.3" 7.6mm Deflection			Temporary Overload*		
			Loading lbs. kgs		Frequency Hz	Loading lbs. kgs.		Frequency Hz	Loading lbs. kgs.		Frequency Hz	Loading lbs. kg	ximum ding kgs.
8823	Green	40	48	22	10.7	97	44	7.6	145	66	6.2	435	197
	Red	50	80	36	11.2	160	73	7.9	240	109	6.4	720	327
	White	60	120	54	11.3	240	109	8.0	360	163	6.5	1080	490
7640	Green	40	140	64	10.7	280	127	7.6	420	191	6.2	1260	572
	Red	50	200	92	11.2	400	181	7.9	600	272	6.4	1800	816
	White	60	300	136	11.3	600	273	8.0	900	409	6.5	2700	1225

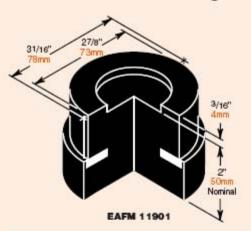
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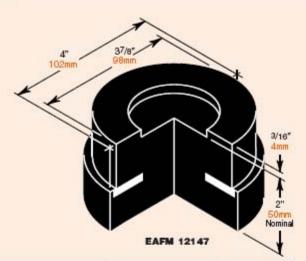


EAFM Designation & Color			0.1" 2.5mm Deflection		0.2" 5.1mn	n Deflection	0.3° 7.6mm	Temporary Overload	
		Durometer ±5	Loading lbs. kgs.	Frequency Hz	Loading lbs. kgs.	Frequency Hz	Loading lbs. kgs.	Frequency Hz	3X Maximum Loading lbs. kgs.
8452	Green	40	167 76	10.7	333 151	7.6	500 227	6.2	1500 681
	Red	50	256 116	11.2	513 233	7.9	770 350	6.4	2310 1050
	White	60	400 182	11.3	800 364	8.0	1200 545	6.5	3600 1636
8846	Red	50	600 273	11.2	1200 545	7.9	1800 818	6.4	5400 2454
	White	60	900 409	11.3	1800 817	8.0	2700 1227	6.5	8100 3681

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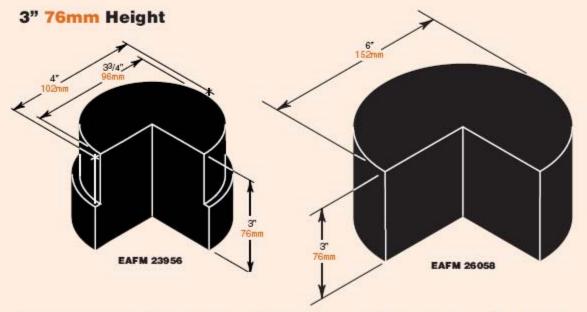
2" 50mm Nominal Height





		0,1" 2.5mm	Deflection	0.2" 5.1mn	n Deflection	0.3* 7.6mm	Temporary Overload	
EAFM Designation & Color	Durometer ±5	Loading lbs. kgs.	Frequency Hz	Loading bs. kgs.	Frequency Hz	Loading lbs. kgs.	Frequency Hz	3X Maximum Loading lbs. kgs.
11901 Red	50	368 167	11.2	735 333	7.9	1100 499	6.4	3300 1497
White	60	520 236	11.3	1040 472	8.0	1550 703	6.5	4650 2109
12147 Red	50	667 303	11.2	1335 606	7.9	2000 907	6.4	6000 2722
White	60	1075 488	11.3	2150 975	8.0	3200 1451	6.5	9600 4354

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EAFM Designation & Color			0.15" 3.8	0,3" 7,6mm Deflection			0.45* 11.4mm Deflection			Temporary Overload*		
		Durometer ±5	Loading lbs. kgs		Los bs.	ding kgs.	Frequency Hz	Load	ding kgs.	Frequency Hz		iding kgs.
23956	Green Red White	40 50 60	230 106 365 166 500 227	9.1	460 730 1000	210 332 454	6.2 6.4 6.5	700 1100 1500	320 500 680	5.0 5.2 5.3	2100 3300 4500	960 1500 2040
26058	Green Red White	40 50 60	270 128 750 340 950 430	9.1	540 1500 1900	250 680 860	6.2 6.4 6.5	810 2250 2850	375 1020 1290	5.0 5.2 5.3	2430 6750 8560	1125 3060 3870

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