

Test Stands and High Pressure Units

Poppe + Potthoff Maschinenbau GmbH



Poppe + Potthoff Maschinenbau GmbH develops and manufactures systems for operational and fatigue testing of components in the automotive industry and shipbuilding and in many other industries. The precision, high-performance special machines from the specialists for high-pressure and testing technology are employed in research, development and production. They include systems for burst pressure and leak testing, impulse testing, autofrettage and automated testing. The company located in Nordhausen (Germany) is part of the Poppe + Potthoff Group. As system developers, our focus is on the customer's demands. Our main activities are concentrated on technologically complex systems for testing and high-pressure technology. As system developers we plan, design and produce systems for:

Autofrettage up to 16,000 bar, impulse testing up to 6,000 bar, function testing with 10 l/min. up to 3,800 bar, tests under climatic conditions (-40°C to +180°C), burst tests up to 15,000 bar with 100,000 measured values per second, vacuum tests down to 0.7 mbar, fully automated testing and measuring systems with 100% part testing in 3 seconds. Leak tests with precision control methods and further services as well as high-pressure units and booster stations round out our portfolio. Maintenance and service of your systems is a question of honour for us. Test us.



Autofrettage systems



Burst pressure test stands



Impulse test bench



Testing and measuring systems



Leak test stands



Function and injector test stands



Hose test stands



Module test stands

Expertise, excellent knowledge of the market and affinity for our products guarantee our success. We are proud of our ability to implement strategies for testing systems operating under extreme conditions. We develop our own software applications and have a highly qualified support team at your service.

Our engineering and software specialists routinely exchange ideas with other engineers and the designers and quality managers within the Poppe + Potthoff Group.

This furthers the quality and extent of our know-how, which is then directly applied to the design of new systems and stands. Maintenance, stocking of wearing parts and minimum stock requirements are controlled through SAP.

Bursting under surveillance

Tubes, pipes and connections for industry use must withstand pre-defined types of pressure. To guarantee compliance with these standards, such components are put under pressure sometimes until they burst. Up until now, the available systems were limited to those utilizing pressure relay valves. This resulted in slow pressure build-up, imprecise test results and high maintenance costs.

The Poppe + Potthoff Maschinenbau burst test stand employs a new technology that allows for identification of the burst pressure within a split second. The quality of all utilized components can thus be documented quickly.

Burst pressure test stand for the automotive/plastics industries



Fields of application:

Air-conditioning tubes:	> 100 bar
Hydraulic tubes:	> 1,000 bar
Brake pipes:	> 2,000 bar
Pipe fittings:	> 4,000 bar
Tubes, Accumulators, Containers	

Technical specifications:

Temperatures up to +180 °C
Media used includes brake fluid, water/emulsion, oil
Max. burst pressure: $p_{max} = 10,000$ bar
Pressure relay valve technology

Test media:

Vegetable oil fuel (biodiesel)
Shell v-power diesel V140
Water with anti-corrosion additives (ethylene glycol)
Brake fluid Rapeseed oil

Burst pressure test stand for pipes



Fields of application:

Hose lines
Tubes
Connector

Main features:

up to 4,500 bar
Test medium water
Burst pressure tests
Hold-down clamp for test specimens
Bursting with hydraulically controlled pressure intensifier
Stable test chamber
Freely programmable pressure ramp

Burst pressure test stand for hydraulic components



Fields of application:

Automotive industry
Shipbuilding
General industry
Pipe fittings
Hydraulics
Hose pipes

Technical specifications:

Max. pressure up to 10,000 bar
100,000 results per second
Two pressure relay valves
Component temperature between -40 °C bis +180 °C
Special technology for very large capacities

Burst pressure test stand for plastic components

The test stand is a stand-alone system and has been specifically designed for the plastics industry. Test specimens can be easily adapted using quick couplings. In addition to this, a quick-change device allows test specimens to be mounted manually outside of the test chamber.

Burst tests can be carried out using two test circles, each with a different method of operation. The wear-free fine control process allows an extremely precise pressure increase up to 50 bar. The other test circle has a pneumatically driven pressure booster that can be used to generate pressure of up to 400 bar. Normal mains water or test oil can be used as the test medium. In addition to this, the test stand can be fitted with a hand scanner to identify components, thus allowing burst pressures to be assigned to each component. The system is controlled via a PLC with serial interfaces for data exchange. Test requirements are entered using a touch panel.

Burst pressure test stand



Technical specifications:

Burst pressure: up to 400 bar
Fine pressure control: 0 – 50 bar
Pressure testing up to 50 bar with
 ± 0.1 bar tolerance
Test medium: Water or emulsion
Medium temperature: $> 0^{\circ}\text{C}$ bis 95°C

Operational stability and lasting durability (through impulse tests)

Diesel injection systems. The Poppe + Potthoff impulse test stand tests the durability of common rail components: safely, up to 6,000 bar. The test stand is known for its ergonomic design in the Poppe + Potthoff look. We test the operational stability and durability of common rail components for marine engines in our Poppe + Potthoff high pressure testing plant. The endurance test in our testing plant simulates the life cycle under varying pressure. In just one month, a prototype travels the globe in our test stand.

High pressure impulse test stand 4,500 / 6,000 bar



Fields of application:

Research and development
System optimization
Endurance testing of standard parts
Automotive industry and shipbuilding

Technical specifications:

Pressure: 6,000 bar
Frequency: 30 Hz
Impulse pressure testing
at up to 6,000 bar
impulse frequency up to 30 Hz max.
Pulse form: Sinus
Electronic collection of test results
Logging and archiving

Operational stability and lasting durability (through impulse tests)

The impulse pressure is generated by a pressure intensifier with hydraulic drive. A hydraulic unit generates a constant hydraulic pressure of 330 bar. This pressure drives the pressure intensifier via a control valve. The pressure intensifier has a constant pressure boosting ratio and generates the high pressure through its linear motion. The control valve is a highly dynamic servo-control valve which enables very high test frequencies with precise repeating accuracy. The test pressure course is measured with a pressure sensor and is stored. These data sets allow the quality of the test to be assessed at a later stage. The pressure control of the unit also works via this pressure sensor. Hydraulic oil is used as test medium. An optimally matched cooling system keeps the temperature at the pressure intensifier and in the hydraulic system in balance. The cooling system is a very effective water cooling. Visualisation of the test course is done via a PC. Operation is menu-driven and enables special software configurations. The unit operation is self-monitoring. Possible faults are displayed on the monitor and cause the unit to be switched off. Test specimen failure is detected by means of an oil mist sensor. If an automatic switch-off takes place, an information message is telecommunicated to a mobile phone. All test-relevant data are retained during such an action and are stored automatically.

Fields of application:

Gasoline injection housings
Pressure sensors
Pipes and pipe fittings

Technical specifications:

Impulse pressure: 1,000 bar/2,000 bar
Puls form: Sinus
Max. test frequency: 15 Hz
Test medium: Hydraulic oil ISO HLP 46
Noise level: max. 75 DBA
Electrical power input: 60 kW
Width: 3,030 mm
Height: 2,380 mm
Depth: 2,890 mm
Weight: 5,500 kg

Impulse test stand 1,000 / 2,000 bar



For impulse testing with subsequent endurance pressure and burst testing, the system has two chambers in each of which up to ten test specimens can be tested simultaneously at ambient temperatures from -60°C to $+180^{\circ}\text{C}$ or at room temperature. The medium - 100% glycol or various oils - is supplied via separate control loops at a temperature from room temperature to $+160^{\circ}\text{C}$. This enables tests to be carried out with very large temperature differences that are seldom encountered in reality even in the tough tests on the Nürburgring race track, in the Siberian tundra or in the deserts of Africa.

Various servo-hydraulic pressure intensifiers designed optimally for each test pressure range allow very precise control of the test pressure. Pulse tests can thereby be performed with a frequency of 0-10 Hz (the normal range is 0.5-2.5 Hz) for the trapezoidal curve with 4-25 bar and 0-160 bar; for the sinusoidal curve with a frequency of 0-10 Hz, pressures of 0-6 bar are possible. The maximum burst pressure is 500 bar. The measured data recording and visualisation uses LabVIEW applications from National Instruments. All test routines and data are automatically stored on the system and can be exported to the network for evaluation.

Impulse test stand for automotive pipes

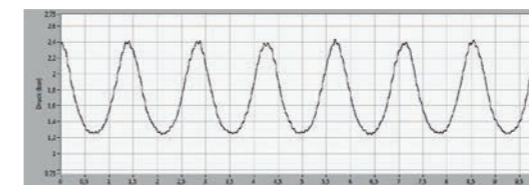


Figure 1: Sinusoidal test curve

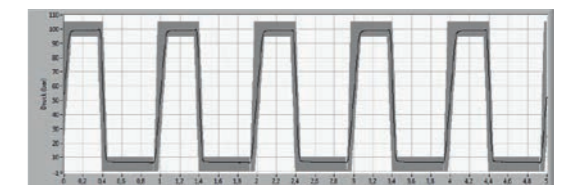


Figure 2: Trapezoidal test curve

Operational stability and lasting durability (through impulse tests)

Impulse/Burst pressure test stand



Technical specifications | Impulse pressure:

- Max. pressure up to 1,500 bar
- Proportionally controlled hydraulic pressure intensifier
- Frequency 0.25 Hz
- Test medium oil
- Total volume test setup up to 2.5 dm³
- Impulse volume up to 75 cm³
- Two test circles with automatic leakage monitoring

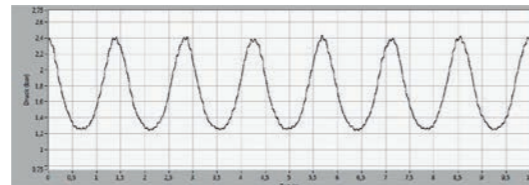


Figure: Sinusoidal test curve

Technical specifications | Burst pressure:

- Max. pressure up to 3,000 bar
- Proportionally controlled hydraulic pressure intensifier
- Proportionally controlled hydraulic clamping device
- Test medium oil
- Compensation volume up to 65 cm²

Burst pressure test stand with pressure build-up testing

The test stand is a stand-alone system and can be used to carry out reliable pressure tests; burst pressure tests, and pressure drop tests on components such as hydraulic hoses; brake pipes; and airbags. Pressure is built up using a hydraulically driven pressure booster. In addition to this, the system can also be used to carry out pressure build-up testing up to 35 bar.

A pressure sensor measures pressure to allow tests to be assessed and makes this data available for evaluation software.

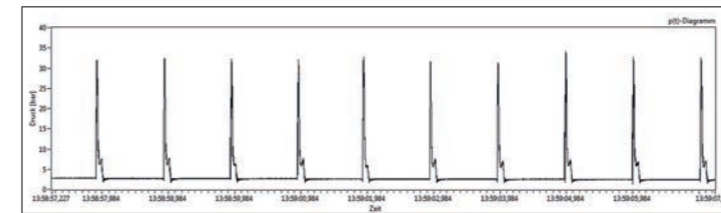


Figure: Test curve

Spike impulse test stand



Technical specifications:

- Spike impulses in 5 ms
- Pressure surges up to 50 bar
- Automatic leakage monitoring

Main features:

- Burst pressure and spike impulse testing
- Low pulsation thanks to memory
- No energy consumption after the final pressure is achieved
- Suitable for testing applications thanks to ultra-fine filtration

Withstanding varying pressure

Autofrettage system: Autofrettage systems serve to increase the stability of components for high and pulsating pressure applications. Poppe + Potthoff offers autofrettage systems for serial production and prototypes. High-pressure components are exposed to extremely high and low pressures. In our autofrettage system they are processed in a defined high-pressure treatment. We offer our autofrettage systems for common rail components as well as for high-pressure hydraulic tubes, gas cylinders, components for water jet cutters, plant and power station construction and for chemical apparatus engineering.

Serial production and development autofrettage (with clamp changing system)



Serial production autofrettage for rails



Fields of application:

Wide range of components for automotive industry and shipbuilding

Technical specifications:

Pressure range up to 12,000 bar
Minimal set-up time for various components
Maximum span length 1,200 mm
Fully-automated positioning of closure disks

Technical data:

Max. number per autofrettage	1
Conditions and tolerances	
Max. autofrettage pressure	$P_{max} = 15.000 \text{ bar}$
Pumps	Pumps
Pressure range max.	1.000 bar
Pressure intensifier	15.000 bar
Pressure transducer	0-15,000 bar class 0.5
Working temperature	Room temperature
Max. media temperature	+50 °C
Test medium	High-pressure liquid
Filling quantity of the media tank	80 l
Dimensions of test stand	
Size W × D × H	approx.: 3000 × 1400 × 2200 mm
Colour	PPM Design
Total mass	approx. 10,000 kg

The autofrettage system is an automated production system for serial production autofrettage of diesel injection lines. Thanks to the high level of product variability the system can be used to autofrettage various components. Retooling is carried out by changing the clamping devices. The clamping area is easily accessible from the front of the system. The operator opens a protective glass panel at the front to set up serial autofrettage. The 10 lines are inserted and removed manually. The autofrettage pressure can be programmed flexibly. The control panel is located on the right hand side. All relevant data are displayed for the operator.

Serial autofrettage for fuel lines



Fields of application:

Pipe and injection lines

Technical specifications:

Pressure range up to 12,000 bar

Minimal set-up time for various components

Max. span length 1,200 mm

Fully automated positioning of the closure disks

Proportional clamping device

Our compressed air amplifier stations can be used where the existing compressed air supply can no longer deliver the higher pressure requirement for special tools or units such as air-operated power wrenches; nailers; tire inflation systems; or similar. A PPM compressed air amplifier station can be integrated into the existing compressed air network wherever required using commercial hose couplings or directly connected to a mobile compressor, for e.g. during assembly work. The pressure booster functions pneumatically and is driven exclusively by the existing compressed air, delivering compression performance at a transmission ratio of 1:2. This makes it possible to increase a classic compressed air network from, for e.g., 6 bar to 12 bar at specific locations. The volume requirement of a PPM compressed air amplifier station depends on the required output (volume flow rate).



DNV-simplex up to 16 bar



DNV-duplex up to 16 bar



DNV up to 50 bar



Amplifier unit up to 400 bar

Our ready-to-connect hydraulic units and mobile pressure units/pressure generating units up to 4,000 bar have been specially designed for use in workshops. Used as pressure generators for the assembly and dismantling of oil pressure mountings (shaft-hub connection) the systems are suitable for both stationary and mobile applications. Pressure generation (regulation) for the pneumatically driven hydraulic unit is carried out manually by the operator. On request the mobile pressure unit/pressure generating unit – with electrohydraulic pressure generation – can also be equipped with a PLC (programmable logic controller) to allow the pressure increase and holding time to be defined.



HP valve up to 4,000 bar



Hydraulic unit up to 1,600 bar



Hydraulic unit up to 4,000 bar



Mobile pressure regulation systems

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