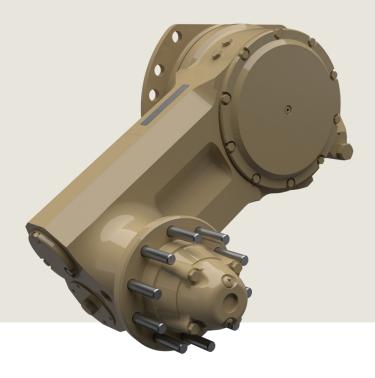


SUSPENSIONS

# **InArm**®

# / Suspension Type

# **Advanced Variable Damping**



Developed by Horstman in the mid-1990s, InArm® is designed to eliminate the need for torsion bars and to minimise or eliminate road arm penetration of the vehicle hull.

This allows the vehicle designer to overcome the internal packaging constraints, minimise the external packaging constraints, and overcome vulnerability to mine blast and crew exposure to the fragmentation that results from torsion bars.

The hydro-pneumatic suspension uses high-pressure nitrogen gas and an integral oil damper that are all contained within the road arm. This reduces weight and space compared to other hydro products, HSU or coil solutions. Designed as the most efficient packaging space solution, InArm® provides a growth path to advanced variable damping, lock-out and ride height management systems.

#### **Reference Vehicles**

- UK MODs Future Scout Cavalry System (FSCS)
   Tracer
- US Army Future Combat System (FCS)
- M10 Booker
- Hunter IFV
- M88A3 HERCULES





# **InArm**®

Features	Benefits
<ul> <li>Torsion bars removed from the inside of vehicle</li> </ul>	Additional space for equipment, ability to have a floor mounted

emergency escape hatch. Reduced fragmentation effects from secondary projectiles from mine blast or IED blast

Integrated system approach saves mass

Integration of damper and gas spring inside road arm minimises space claim simpler than a torsion bar system which needs separate road arms, bump stops, dampers, torsion bar attachments and protective tubes

Independent suspension mounted externally

Damaged units can be replaced more easily than bent or seized torsion bars. Reduced hull machining without precision alignment between left and right side of vehicle

Lower vehicle height / survivability
 Ability to lower the turret basket and reduce the height of the vehicle gives improved survivability (lower silhouette). The saving of the hull side armour is typically 100-500kg

Upgrade path to advanced suspension features
 Upgrade path to ride height, lockout and Active Damping

## **Options**

- Variable damping, up to full hydraulic lockout
- Rising rate spring as standard
   dual spring / secondary
   volume options
- Ride Height, vehicle pitch (kneeling)
- Transport lock
- Active Damping
- Thermal compensation

#### Accessories

- Charging kit and Nitrogen
   Charging − Hydrobooster<sup>™</sup>
- External Lockout (engineering / special role)
- Wheel hub, lightweight wheels, wear guards, bump stops



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