Servo presses are mechanical presses which have a power transmission without mechanical clutch. At this kind of presses the mechanical clutch is replaced by the power transmission of a servo drive (electric motor with control device). If a safe switch-off (stop) of the servo drive is realized the pestle is kept in position by means of a safety-related brake.
Servo presses have to meet all corresponding requirements of DIN EN 692 „Mechanical presses – safety“.

Automatic drive with active guard locking:
If a servo press is exclusively used as an automat, so the function of a safe stop of the drive has at least to meet the requirements of PL= d, category 3 according ISO 13849-1.

Manual drive:
If a press is used as a manual loading machine, so the function of a safe stop of the drive has at least to meet the requirements of PL= e, category 4 according to ISO 13849-1. Hand protection measures have to meet the requirements of EN 692 (mechanical presses), EN 693 (hydraulic presses) or EN 12622 (sink folding press).

Brakes:
External mechanical brakes have to act directly to the pestle. If this is not the case, additional measures have to be taken.

Example: Brake at the drive and transmission of the mechanical energy to the rem by means of v-belts. Realisation: The v-belts have to be redundant with a cyclic surveillance, realization in accordance to PL=d (ISO 13849-1)

Test of braking effect:
In order to test the braking effect brake tests are necessary. In the case of manual loading: before the first stroke and every further hour. In the case of automates: before opening the protective device (for ex. protective shield) if the machine has been operated more than 8 hours in this operation mode as well as in the case of a change of an operation mode.

Additional tests before the first startup
- Cut-off of the voltage supply if the pestle moves down! (simulates a voltage drop in the worst-case)
- The dynamic of the drives has to be tested (for ex. wrong reference value in case of reduced speed)

Protective measures during the set-up:
- Push-button switching device without fixed placement only combined with safe reduced speed (≤ 10 mm/s in category 3 or PL= d).
- Two-hand control device with fixed placement (at least type III A according to ISO 13851)