

## Parker Filtration's Handbook of Hydraulic Filtration

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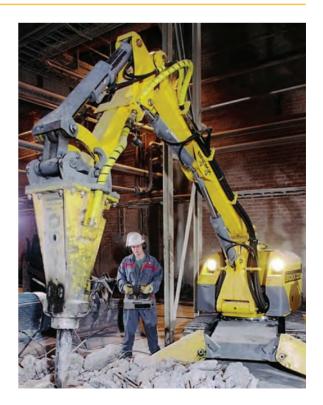
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## Introduction

Parker's Handbook of Hydraulic Filtration is intended to familiarise the user with all aspects of hydraulic and lubrication filtration from the basics to advanced technology.

It is dedicated as a reference source with the intent of clearly and completely presenting the subject matter to the user, regardless of the individual level of expertise.

The selection and proper use of contamination control products is an important tool in the battle to increase production while reducing manufacturing costs. This handbook will help the user make informed decisions about hydraulic filtration.





## The Handbook of Hydraulic Filtration Contamination Basics

## **Contamination Causes Most Hydraulic Failures**

The experience of designers and users of hydraulic and lube oil systems has verified the following fact: over 85% of all system failures are a direct result of contamination!

The cost due to contamination is staggering, resulting from:

- Loss of production (downtime)
- Component replacement costs
- Frequent fluid replacement
- Costly disposal
- Increased overall maintenance costs
- Increased scrap rate

## **Filtration Fact**

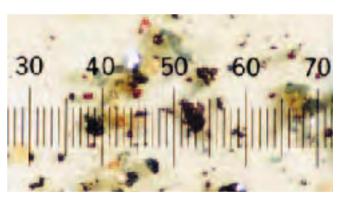
Properly sized, installed, and maintained hydraulic filtration plays a key role in machine preventative maintenance planning.

## **Functions of Hydraulic Fluid**

Contamination interferes with the four functions of hydraulic fluids:

- 1. To act as an energy transmission medium.
- 2. To lubricate internal moving parts of components.
- 3. To act as a heat transfer medium.
- 4. To seal clearances between moving parts.

If any one of these functions is impaired, the hydraulic system will not perform as designed. The resulting downtime can easily cost a large manufacturing plant thousands of Euro's per hour. Hydraulic fluid maintenance helps prevent or reduce unplanned downtime. This is accomplished through a continuous improvement programme that minimises and removes contaminants.



Actual photomicrograph of particulate contamination (Magnified 100x Scale: 1 division = 20 microns)

## **Filtration Fact**

The function of a filter is to clean oil, but the purpose is to reduce operating costs.



## Contaminant Damage

- Orifice blockage
- Component wear
- Formation of rust or other oxidation
- Chemical compound formation
- Depletion of additives and oil degredation

Hydraulic fluid is expected to create a lubricating film to keep precision parts separated. Ideally, the film is thick enough to completely fill the clearance between moving parts. This condition results in low wear rates. When the wear rate is kept low enough, a component is likely to reach its intended life expectancy, which may be millions of pressurisation cycles.

The actual thickness of a lubricating film depends on fluid viscosity, applied load, and the relative speed of the two surfaces. In many components, mechanical loads are to such an extreme that they squeeze the lubricant into a very thin film, less than 1 micrometre thick. If loads become high enough, the film will be punctured by the surface roughness of the two moving parts. The result contributes to harmful friction.



Typical Hydraulic Component Clearances							
Component	Microns						
Anti-friction bearings	0.5						
Vane pump (vane tip to outer ring)	0.5-1						
Gear pump (gear to side plate)	0.5-5						
Servo valves (spool to sleeve)	1-4						
Hydrostatic Bearings	1-25						
Piston pump (piston to bore)	5-40						
Servo valves flapper wall	18-63						
Actuators	50-250						
Servo valves orifice	130-450						

### **Micrometre Scale**

Relative Sizes of Particles								
Substance Microns Inches								
Grain of table salt	100	.0039						
Human hair	70	.0027						
Lower limit of visibility	40	.0016						
Milled flour	25	.0010						
Red blood cells	8	.0003						
Bacteria	2	.0001						

Particle sizes are generally measured on the micrometre scale. One micrometre (or "micron") is one-millionth of one metre, or 39 millionths of an inch. The limit of human visibility is approximately 32µm micrometres. Keep in mind that most damage-causing particles in hydraulic or lubrication systems are smaller than 14µm micrometres. Therefore, they are microscopic and cannot be seen by the unaided eye.



## The Handbook of Hydraulic Filtration Contamination Types & Sources

## **Particle Contamination**

## Types

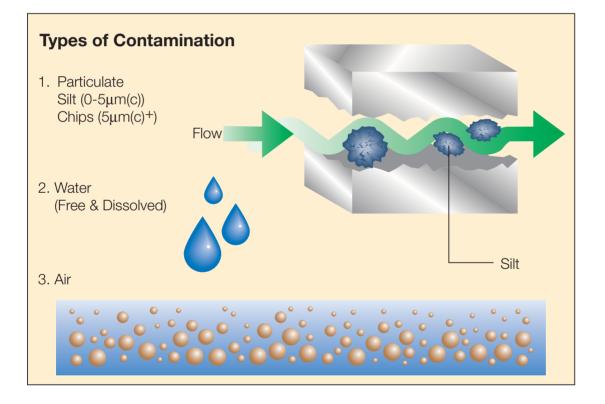
Particulate contamination is generally classified as "silt" or "chip". Silt can be defined as the accumulation of particles less than 5µm over time. This type of contamination also causes system component failure over time. Chips on the other hand, are particles 5µm+ and can cause immediate catastrophic failure. Both silt and chips can be further classified as:

## **Hard Particles**

## Soft Particles

- Silica
- Carbon
- Metal

- Rubber
- Fibres
- Micro Organism





## **Filtration Fact**

Additives in hydraulic fluid are generally less than 1 micron and are unaffected by standard filtration methods.

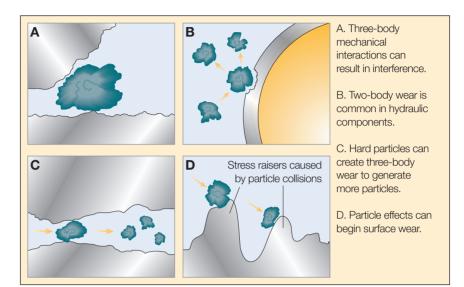


### Damage

If not properly flushed, contaminants from manufacturing and assembly will be left in the system.

These contaminants include dust, welding slag, rubber particles from hoses and seals, sand from castings, and metal debris from machined components. Also, when fluid is initially added to the system, contamination is introduced.

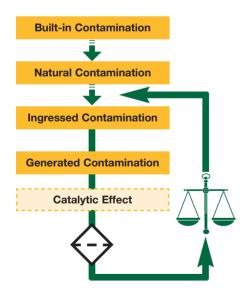
During system operation, contamination enters through breather caps, worn seals, and other system openings. System operation also generates internal contamination. This occurs as component wear debris and chemical by-products react with component surfaces to generate more contamination.



**Filtration Fact** 

New fluid is not necessarily clean fluid. Typically, new fluid right out of the drum is not fit for use in hydraulic or lubrication systems.

### **Sources**



### **Generated Contamination**

Abrasive Wear - Hard particles bridging two moving surfaces, scraping one or both.

Cavitation Wear - Restricted inlet flow to pump causes fluid voids that implode causing shocks that break away critical surface material.

Fatigue Wear - Particles bridging a clearance cause a surface stress riser that expands into a spall due to repeated stressing of the damaged area.

Erosive Wear - Fine particles in a high speed stream of fluid eat away a metering edge or critical surface.

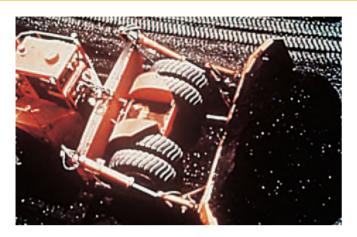
Adhesive Wear - Loss of oil film allows metal to metal contact between moving surfaces.

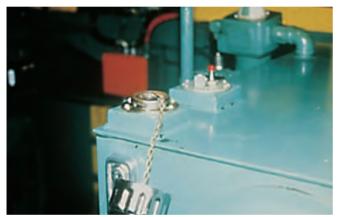
Corrosive Wear - Water or chemical contamination in the fluid causes rust or a chemical reaction that degrades a surface.



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## **External Contamination Sources**





Ingression rates for Typical Systems							
System Ingression Rate							
Mobile Equipment	10 <sup>8</sup> -10 <sup>10</sup> per minute*						
Manufacturing Plants 10 <sup>6</sup> -10 <sup>8</sup> per minute							
Assembly Facilities 10 <sup>5</sup> -10 <sup>6</sup> per minute*							
*Number of particles greater than 10 microns ingressed							
into a system from all sources.							





**Filtration Fact** 

Most system ingression enters a system through the old-style reservoir breather caps and the cylinder rod glands.

## **Prevention**

- Use replaceable element or desiccant style filters for reservoir air breathers.
- Flush all systems before initial start-up.
- Specify rod wipers and replace worn actuator seals.
- Cap off hoses and manifolds during handling and maintenance.
- Filter all new fluid before it enters the reservoir.



## Water Contamination

## Types

There is more to proper fluid maintenance than just removing particulate matter. Water is virtually a universal contaminant, and just like solid particle contaminants, must be removed from operating fluids. Water can be either in a dissolved state or in a "free" state. Free, or emulsified, water is defined as the water above the saturation point of a specific fluid. At this point, the fluid cannot dissolve or hold any more water. Free water is generally noticeable as a "milky" discoloration of the fluid.

## Visual Effects of Water in Oil



## Filtration Fact System Contamination Warning Signals

- Solenoid burn-out.
- Valve spool decentering, leakage, "chattering".
- Pump failure, loss of flow, frequent replacement.
- Cylinder leakage, scoring.
- Increased servo hysteresis.

Typical Saturation Points							
Fluid TypePPM%							
Hydraulic Fluid	300	.03%					
Lubrication Fluid	400	.04%					
Transformer Fluid	50	.005%					





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Anti-wear additives break down in the presence of water and form acids. The combination of water, heat and dissimilar metals encourages galvanic action. Pitted and corroded metal surfaces and finishes result. Further complications occur as temperature drops and the fluid has less ability to hold water. As the freezing point is reached, ice crystals form, adversely affecting total system function. Operating functions may also become slowed or erratic.

Electrical conductivity becomes a problem when water contamination weakens the insulating properties of a fluid, this decreases its dielectric kV strength.



## Damage

- Corrosion of metal surfaces
- Accelerated abrasive wear
- Bearing fatigue
- Fluid additive breakdown
- Viscosity variance
- Increase in electrical conductivity

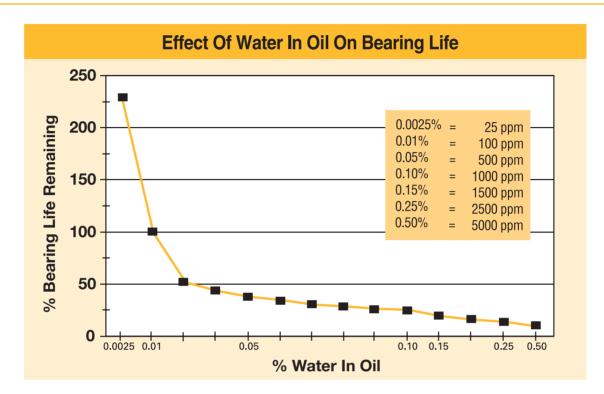
## **Filtration Fact**

A simple 'crackle test' will tell you if there is free water in your fluid. Apply a flame under the container. If bubbles rise and 'crackle' from the point of applied heat, free water is present in the fluid.



Typical results of pump wear due to particulate and water contamination





Fluids are constantly exposed to water and water vapour while being handled and stored. For instance, outdoor storage of tanks and drums is common. Water may settle on top of fluid containers and be drawn into the container during temperature changes. Water may also be introduced when opening or filling these containers.

Water can enter a system through worn cylinder or actuator seals or through reservoir openings. Condensation is also a prime water source. As the fluids cool in a reservoir or tank, water vapour will condense on the inside surfaces, causing rust or other corrosion problems.

### **Sources**

- Worn actuator seals
- Reservoir opening leakage
- Condensation
- Heat exchanger leakage

### **Filtration Fact**

Hydraulic fluids have the ability to 'hold' more water as temperature increases. A cloudy fluid may become clearer as a system heats up.



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## Prevention

Excessive water can usually be removed from a system. The same preventative measures taken to minimise particulate contamination ingression in a system can be applied to water contamination. However, once excessive water is detected, it can usually be eliminated by one of the following methods:



## Vacuum Dehydration

Separates water from oil through a vacuum and drying process. This method generally associated with for larger volumes of water, but is effective with both the free and dissolved states.

## Absorption

This is accomplished by filter elements that are designed specifically to take out free water. They usually consist of a laminate-type material that transforms free water into a gel that is trapped within the element. These elements fit into standard filter housings and are generally used when small volumes of water are involved.

## Centrifugation

Separates water from oil by a spinning motion. This method is really only effective with free water, in larger volumes



## **Filtration Fact**

Absorption filter elements have optimum performance in low flow and low viscosity applications.





## **Air Contamination**

## Types

Air in a liquid system can exist in either a dissolved or entrained (undissolved, or free) state. Dissolved air may not pose a problem, providing it stays in solution. When a liquid contains undissolved air, problems can occur as it passes through system components. There can be pressure changes that compress the air and produce a large amount of heat in small air bubbles. This compressability of air means that control of the system is lost. The heat can destroy additives, and the base fluid itself.

If the amount of dissolved air becomes high enough, it will have a negative effect on the amount of work performed by the system. The work performed in a hydraulic system relies on the fluid being relatively incompressible, but air reduces the bulk modulus of the fluid. This is due to the fact that air is up to 20.000 times more compressible than a liquid in which it is dissolved. When air is present, a pump ends up doing more work to compress the air. and less useful work on the system. In this situation, the system is said to be 'spongy'.

### Damage

- Loss of transmitted power
- Reduced pump output
- Loss of lubrication
- Increased operating temperature
- Reservoir fluid foaming
- Chemical reactions

Air in any form is a potential source of oxidation in liquids. This accelerates corrosion of metal parts, particularly when water is also present. Oxidation of additives also may occur. Both processes produce oxides which promote the formation of particulates, or form a sludge in the liquid. Wear and interference increases if oxidation debris is not prevented or removed.

## **Filtration Fact**

Free water is heavier than oil, thus it will settle to the bottom of the reservoir where much of it can be easily removed by opening the drain valve.

### Sources

## Prevention

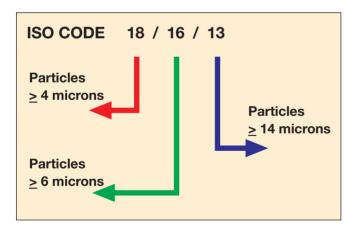
- System Leaks
- Pump aeration
- Reservoir fluid turbulence
- System air bleeds
- Flooded suction pump
- Proper reservoir design
- Return Line Diffusers



## The Handbook of Hydraulic Filtration Fluid Cleanliness Standards

In order to detect or correct problems, a contamination reference scale is used. Particle counting is the most common method used to derive cleanliness level standards. Very sensitive optical instruments are used to count the number of particles in various size ranges. These counts are reported as the number of particles greater than a certain size found in a specified volume of fluid.

The new ISO 11171 (International Standards Organization) Cleanliness Level Standard replaced ISO 4406 upon acceptance of ISO MTD (Medium Test Dust) as a replacement for ACFTD. The most widely-used version of this standard references the number of particles greater than 4, 6, and 14 micrometres in 1 millilitre of fluid. The number of 4+ and 6+ micrometre particles is used as a reference point for "silt" particles. The 14+ size range indicates the quantity of larger particles present which contribute greatly to possible catastrophic component failure.



ISO Classification & Definition								
Range number	Micron	Actual Particle Count Range (per ml)						
18	4+	1,300 - 2,500						
16	6+	320 - 640						
13	14+	40 - 80						

The ISO codes 4, 6, 14 microns replace the 2 digit 5, 15 microns and 3 digit 2, 5, 15 microns in use prior to the introduction of ISO MTD. Their use continues and the results remain comparable with the 4, 6, 14 micron ISO codes.

## Particle Counts Comparison Table

Table G.2 – Correlation between particle sizes obtained using;

ACFTD (ISO 4402:1991) & NIST (ISO 11171) calibration methods

ACFTD size	NIST (ISO 11171)
(ISO 4402:1991) μm	size µm[c]
1	4.2
2	4.6
3	5.1
4	5.8
5	6.4
6	7.1
7	7.7
8	8.4
9	9.1
10	9.8
11	10.6
12	11.3
13	12.1
14	12.9
15	13.6
16	14.4
17	15.2
18	15.9
19	16.7
20	17.5
21	18.2
22	19.0
23	19.7
24	20.5
25	21.2
26	22.0
27	22.7
28	23.5
29	24.2
30	24.9
31	25.7
32	26.4
33	27.1
34	27.9
35	28.5
36	29.2
37	29.9
38	30.5
39	31.1

Note; This table is only a guideline. The exact relationship between ACFTD sizes and the NIST sizes may vary from instrument to instrument, depending on the characteristics of the particle counter and the original ACFTD calibration. ISO 1999. All rights reserved.

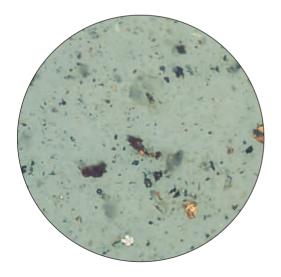


ISO 4406:1999 Chart								
Range	Number of	particles per ml						
number	More than	Up to and including						
24	80,000	160,000						
23	40,000	80,000						
22	20,000	40,000						
21	10,000	20,000						
20	5,000	10,000						
19	2,500	5,000						
18	1,300	2,500						
17	640	1,300						
16	320	640						
15	160	320						
14	80	160						
13	40	80						
12	20	40						
11	10	20						
10	5	10						
9	2.5	5						
8	1.3	2.5						
7	.64	1.3						
6	.32	.64						

## **Filtration Fact**

Knowing the cleanliness level of a fluid is the basis for contamination control measures.





ISO 21 / 19 / 17 fluid (magnification 100x)



ISO 16 / 14 / 11 fluid (magnification 100x)



## The Handbook of Hydraulic Filtration Fluid Cleanliness Standards

## **Component Cleanliness Level Requirements**

Many manufacturers of hydraulic and load bearing equipment specify the optimum cleanliness level required for their components. Subjecting components to fluid with higher contamination levels may result in much shorter component life.

In the table opposite, a few components and their recommended cleanliness levels are shown. It is always best to consult with component manufacturers and obtain their written fluid cleanliness level recommendations. This information is needed in order to select the correct level of filtration.

It may also prove useful for any subsequent warranty claims, as it may draw the line between normal use and excessive or abusive operation.

## Fluid Cleanliness Required for Typical Hydraulic Components

Components	ISO Code
Servo control valves	16 / 14 / 11
Proportional valves	17 / 15 / 12
Valve & piston pumps / motors	18 / 16 / 13
Directional & pressure control valves	18 / 16 / 13
Gear pumps / motors	19 / 17 / 14
Flow control valves, cylinders	20 / 18 / 15
New unused fluid	20 / 18 / 15

## **Filtration Fact**

Most machine and hydraulic component manufacturers specify a target ISO cleanliness level to equipment in order to achieve optimal performance standards.





Size Range	NAS 1638 CLEANLINESS CLASSIFICATION CODES (per ml.)													
(Microns)	00	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2 to 5	7.75	15.50	31	62	124	248	496	992	1984	3968	7936	15872	32302	63488
5 to 15	1.25	2.50	5	10	20	40	80	160	320	640	1280	2560	5120	10240
15 to 25	0.22	0.44	0.89	1.78	3.56	7.12	14.25	28.50	57	114	228	456	912	1824
25 to 50	0.04	0.08	0.16	0.32	0.63	1.26	2.53	5.06	10.12	20.25	40.50	81	162	324
50 to 100	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.06	0.11	0.22	0.45	0.90	1.80	3.60	7.20	14.40	28.80	57.60
>100	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.08	0.16	0.32	0.64	1.28	2.56	5.12	10.24

Cleanliness Level Correlation Table							
Code to	Particles per Millilitre (ISO1		s per Millilitre (ISO11171 um [c]) NAS 1638	Disavowed SAE	<b>SAE AS 4059</b>		
ISO4406: 1999	>4 Microns	>6 Microns	>14 Microns	(1964)	level (1963)		
23/21/18	80,000	20,000	2,500	12		_	
22/20/17	40,000	10,000	1,300	11		A12 / B12 / C11	
21/19/16	20,000	5,000	640	10		A11 / B11 / C10	
20/18/15	10,000	2,500	320	9	6	A10/B10/C9	
19/17/14	5,000	1,300	160	8	5	A9 / B9 / C8	
18/16/13	2,500	640	80	7	4	A8 / B8 / C7	
17/15/12	1,300	320	40	6	3	A7 / B7 / C6	
16/14/11	640	160	20	5	2	A6 / B6 / C5	
15/13/10	320	80	10	4	1	A5 / B5 / C4	
14/12/09	160	40	5	3	0	A4 / B4 / C3	
13/11/08	80	20	2.50	2		A3 / B3 / C2	
12/10/07	40	10	1.30	1		A2 / B2 / C1	
11/09/06	20	5	0.64	0		A1 / B1 / C0	
10/08/05	10	2.50	0.32	00		A0 / B0 / C000	

#### Note

Due to the differences in the way in which each of these methods are designed, it is not possible to offer a precise, direct comparison. The correlation table above offers comparisons that are accurate within accepted limits

**Filtration Fact** 

Colour is not a good indicator of a fluid's cleanliness level.



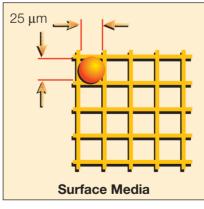
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# Filter Media Types & Ratings

## The filter media is that part of the element which removes the contaminant.

Media usually starts out in sheet form, and is then pleated to expose more surface area to the fluid flow. This reduces pressure differential while increasing dirt holding capacity. In some cases, the filter media may have multiple layers and mesh backing to achieve certain performance criteria. After being pleated and cut to the proper length, the two ends are fastened together using a special clip, adhesive, or other seaming mechanism. The most common media include wire mesh, cellulose, fibreglass composites, or other synthetic materials. Filter media is generally classified as either *surface or depth*.





## Surface Media

For surface type filter media, the fluid stream basically has a straight through flow path. Contaminant is captured on the surface of the element which faces the fluid flow. Surface type elements are generally made from woven wire.

Since the process used in manufacturing the wire cloth can be very accurately controlled, surface type media have a consistent pore size. This consistent pore size is the diameter of the largest hard spherical particle that will pass through the media under specified test conditions. However, the build-up of contaminant on the element surface will allow the media to capture particles smaller than the pore size rating. Likewise, particles that have a smaller diameter, but may be longer in length (such as a fibre strand), may pass downstream of a surface media.

## **Filtration Fact**

Surface media can be cleaned and re-used. An ultrasonic cleaner is usually the best method. Depth media typically cannot be cleaned and it is not re-usable.



## **Depth Media**

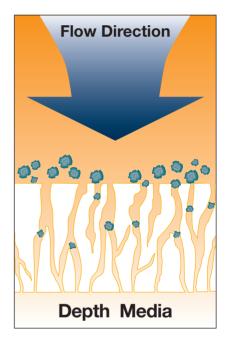
For depth type filter media, fluid must take indirect paths through the material which makes up the filter media. Particles are trapped in the maze of openings throughout the media. Because of its construction, a depth type filter media has many pores of various sizes. Depending on the distribution of pore sizes, this media can have a very high captive rate at very small particle sizes.

The nature of filtration media and the contaminant loading process in a filter element explains why some elements last much longer than others. In general, filter media contain millions of tiny pores formed by the media fibres. The pores have a range of different sizes and are interconnected throughout the layer of the media to form a tortuous path for fluid flow.

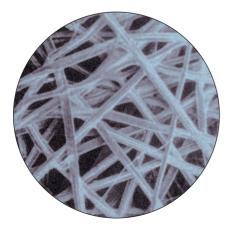
The two basic depth media types which are used for filter elements are cellulose and fibreglass.

The pores in cellulose media tend to have a broad range of sizes due to the irregular size and shape of the fibres. This results in variable particle removal. Due to this unreliable performance cellulose is no longer popular with companies requiring reliable, predictable performance. In contrast, fibreglass media consist of fibres which are very uniform in size and shape. The fibres are generally thinner than cellulose fibres, and have a uniform circular cross section. These

typical fibre differences account for the performance advantage of fibreglass media. Thinner fibres mean more actual pores in a given space. Furthermore, thinner fibres can be arranged closer together to produce smaller pores for finer filtration. Dirt holding capacity, as well as filtration efficiency, are improved as a result.



General Comparison of Filter Media								
Media Material	Capture Efficiency	Dirt Holding Capacity	Differential Pressure	Life in a System	Overall Through Life Cost			
Wire Mesh	Low	Low	Low	Moderate to High	Moderate			
Cellulose	Moderate	Moderate	High	Moderate	Moderate to High			
Fibreglass	High	High	Moderate to High	High	Moderate			
Graded Layer Fibreglass	High	Very High	Moderate to High	Very High	Moderate to Low			



Typical course fibreglass construction (100x)



Typical fine fibreglass construction (100x)



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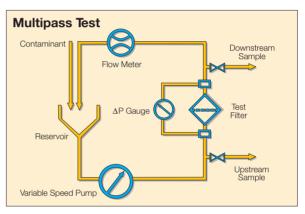
## The Multipass Test

The filtration industry uses the ISO 16889 "Multipass Test Procedure" to evaluate filter element performance. During the Multipass Test, fluid is circulated through the circuit under precisely controlled and monitored conditions. The differential pressure across the test element is continuously recorded, as a constant amount of contaminant is injected upstream of the element.

Online laser particle sensors determine the contaminant levels upstream and downstream of the test element. This performance attribute (The Beta Ratio) is determined for several particle sizes.

Three important element performance characteristics are a result of the Multipass Test:

- 1. Dirt holding capacity.
- 2. Pressure differential of the test filter element.
- 3. Separation or filtration efficiency, expressed as a "Beta Ratio"





Filtration Fact Filter media ratings expressed as a Beta Ratio indicate a media's particle removal efficiency.

## **Beta Ratio**

1

 $\beta x(c) = N$  particles upstream > x  $\mu m$  / N particles downstream > x  $\mu m$ 

The Beta Ratio (also known as the filtration ratio) is a measure of the particle capture efficiency of a filter element. It is therefore a performance rating.

As an example of how a Beta Ratio is derived from a Multipass Test. Assume that 50,000 particles, 10 micrometres and larger, were counted upstream (before) of the test filter and 25 particles at that same size range were counted downstream (after) of the test filter. The corresponding Beta Ratio would equal 200, as seen in example 1.

N particles upstream > x  $\mu$ m

ten equal to 200." Now, a Beta Ratio number alone means very little. It is a preliminary step to find a filter's particle capture efficiency. This efficiency, expressed as a percent, can be found by a simple equation. (Example 2)

The example would read "Beta

Efficiency<sub>x</sub> = 
$$(1 - \frac{1}{\beta}) 100$$
  
Efficiency<sub>10</sub> =  $(1 - \frac{1}{200}) 100$   
= 99.5%  
Example 1  
 $\beta_x = \frac{\# \text{ of particles upstream}}{\# \text{ of particles downstream}}$   
"X" is at a specific particle size  
 $\beta_{10}$  (c) =  $\frac{50,000}{25}$  = 200  
Example 2



N particles downstream > x µm

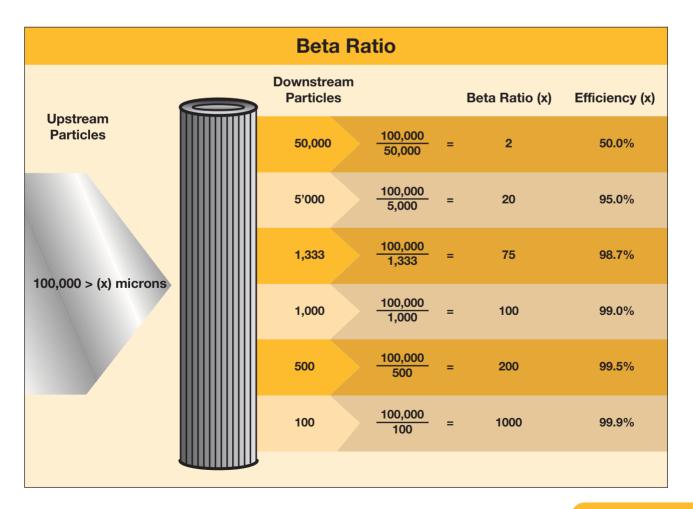
Beta Ratios / Efficiencies					
Beta Ratio (at a given particle size)	Capture Efficiency (at same particle size)				
1.01	1.0%				
1.1	9.0%				
1.5	33.3%				
2.0	50.0%				
5.0	80.0%				
10.0	90.0%				
20.0	95.0%				
75.0	98.7%				
100	99.0%				
200	99.5%				
1000	99.9%				

So, in the example, the particular filter tested was 99.5% efficient at removing 10 micrometre and larger particles. The Beta Ratio/ Efficiencies table shows the general range Beta Ratio numbers and their corresponding efficiencies.

## **Filtration Fact**

Multipass test results are very dependent on the following variables:

- Flow rate
- Terminal differential pressure





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## Filter Media Selection

### Instructions

From the following seven (7) system parameter tables, select the weighting factor which applies to your application. Add these weighting factors together and consult the 'Total Weighting Graph' (Figure 1). The total weighting factor is found on the vertical axis. Draw a straight line from left to right, starting at the total weighting factor number. This line is parallel to the horizontal axis. The total weighting line will intersect the media rating range band (found in the graph) at two points.

Next, draw a line from the two intersection points down to the horizontal axis. This axis shows the particle sizes where the media should have a Beta rating of at least 200 (99.5% separation efficiency). This indicates the most suitable range of media ratings for your application. Consult the individual product catalogue(s) to match this result to a specific media.

#### Table A

#### **Pressure & Duty Cycles**

(To take account of the Normal operating pressure & it's severity of change, both in magnitude & frequency)

Pressure; Select operating pressure

Duty; LIGHT

Continuous operation at rated pressure or lower MEDIUM Medium pressure changes up to rated pressure HEAVY Zero to full pressure

Zero to full pressure - with transients at high SEVERE frequency (0.6Hz) (e.g. power unit supplying a

punching machine)

Select weighting from table below;

Pressure		Duty			
PSI	Bar	Lt	Med	Hvy	Sev
0-1015	0-70	1	2	3	4
1015-2175	70-150	1	3	4	5
2175-3625	150-250	2	3	4	6
3625-5075	250-350	3	5	6	7
5075+	350+	4	6	7	8
		We	eighting N	No.	

#### Table B Environment

	Examples	Weighting
Good	Clean area's, Lab's	0
Average	General machine shops	
	assembly plants	1
Poor	Mobile mills (metal & paper)	2
Hostile	Foundries, also where	
	ingression of contaminant is expected to be very high	3
	Weightin	a No.

Table C **Component Sensitivity** 

	Examples	Weighting
Very High	High performance servo valves	8
High	Industrial servo valves	6
Above average	Piston pumps, proportional valves,	
	compensated flow controls	4
Average	Vane pumps, spool valves	3
Below average	Gear pumps, manual & poppet valve	s 2
Minimal	Ram pumps & cylinders	1
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Weighting No.

#### Table D Life Expectancy

Hours	Weighting	
0-1,000	0	
1,000-5,000	1	
5,000-10,000	2	
10,000-20,000	3	
20,000+	5	
	Weighting No.	

### Table E

#### **Component Economic Liability**

To account for the cost of component replacement

	Examples	Weighting
Very High	Large piston pumps, large high	
	torque low speed motors	4
High	Cylinders, servo valves, piston motors	3
Average	Line mounted valves	2
Low	Subplate mounted valves, inexpensive	
	gear pumps	1
	Weighting No.	

#### Table F

#### **Operational Economic Liability**

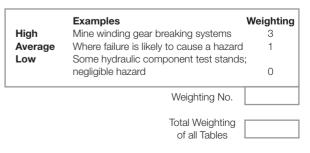
To account for the cost of downtime

	Examples	Weighting
Very High	Very expensive downtime of certain paper, steel mill equipment &	
	automotive equipment	5
High	High volume production equipment	3
Average	Critical, but non-production equipment	2
Low	Equipment not critical to production	1
	Weighting No	

#### Table G

#### **Operation Economic Liability**

To account for the cost of downtime

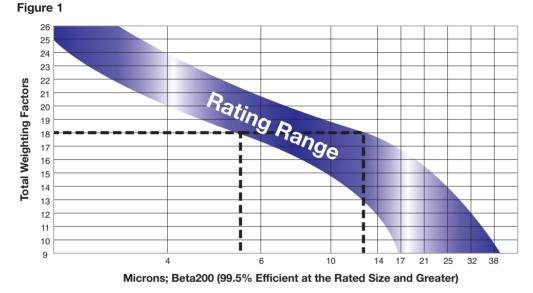




## Selecting the Correct Media

A number of interrelated system factors determines the most suitable filter media for a particular application. The following media selection method was developed by the British Fluid Power Association (B.F.P.A.) and is used with permission. This media selection process uses a 'weighting' system based upon the relative importance of major systems factors. Simply add the individual 'weighting' factors from the seven (7) system parameter tables on the previous page. Then, consult the 'Total Weighting Graph' (Figure 1) to find the appropriate rating range of suitable media. This rating range is based upon 'absolute' media ratings, where the Beta rating is equal to or greater than 200 (99.5% separation efficiency).

It must be emphasized that the rating range obtained can only be considered as an approximation. Precise operating parameters are often difficult to quantify by both users and makers of filtration equipment. Once the approximate rating range has been established, the final media selection should be based on the specific characteristics of a given medium. For more information about specific media performance, the appropriate product catalogue's should be consulted.



#### Example

Consider a large hydraulic excavator operating in a guarry. The hydraulic includes spare pressure compensated piston pumps and very large lift cylinders.

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#### **Operating Pressure & Duty Cycle (Table A)**

The system operates at 245 bar with extremes of both flow and pressure fluctuations in a cycle that is repeated approximately four times every minute. For this reason it is considered to be Heavy Weighting = 4

#### Environment (Table B)

The environment in which this machine is working can, in dry weather, be very dirty. As a result, ingression is likely to be high. Weighting = 2 Poor

#### Component Sensitivity (Table C)

Although the majority of the components are considered to be of average sensitivity, the pumps are; Above Average Weighting = 4

#### Life Expectancy (Table D)

The annual usage is about 2000 hours & component life is expected to be about 4 years hence 8000 hours and a weighting of; 5,000-10,000 Hours Weighting = 2

#### Economic Liabilities (Components) (Table E)

Components such as lift cylinders & variable piston pumps are quite expensive for the end user to purchase Component costs are high, hence;

Weighting = 3

Economic liabilities (Operational) (Table F) Economic liabilities caused by downtime vary depending upon the specific quarry situation, but the high capital cost of the system puts it in HIGH category. High Weighting = 3

#### Safety Liabilities (Table G)

No additional weighting to take account of safety is required Weighting = 0 Low

#### Total Weighting

(Sum of individual Weightings) = 18 The weighting selected is in the range of 4 to 13 microns. The media selected should have a minimum Beta Ratio Beta13 = 200 (99.5% efficient)

## **Filtration Fact**

There is no direct correlation between using a specific media and attaining a specific ISO cleanliness classification. Numerous other variables should be considered, such as particulate ingression, actual flow through filters. and filter locations.



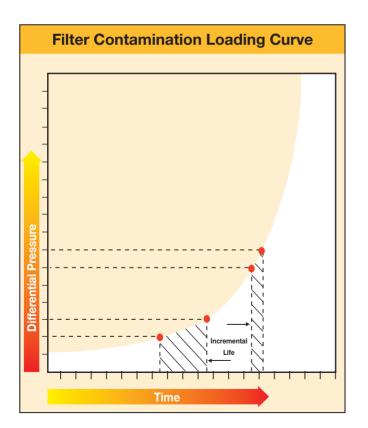
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## **Contaminant Loading**

Contaminant loading in a filter element is simply the process of blocking the pores throughout the element. As the filter element becomes blocked with contaminant particles, there are fewer pores for fluid flow, and the pressure required to maintain flow through the media increases. Initially, the differential pressure across the element increases very slowly because there is an abundance of media pores for the fluid to pass through, and the pore blocking process has little effect on the overall pressure loss. However, a point is reached at which successive blocking of media pores significantly reduces the number of available pores for flow through the element.

At this point the differential pressure across the element rises exponentially. The quantity, size, shape and arrangement of the pores throughout the element accounts for why some elements last longer than others. For a given filter media thickness and filtration rating, there are fewer pores with cellulose media than fibreglass media. Accordingly, the contaminant loading process would block the pores of the cellulose media element quicker then the identical fibreglass media element.

The multilayer fibreglass media element is relatively unaffected by contaminant loading for a longer time. The element selectively captures the various size particles, as the fluid passes through the element. The very small pores in the media are not blocked by large particles. These downstream small pores remain available for the large quantity of very small particles present in the fluid.



## **Filtration Fact**

As an element loads with contamination, the differential pressure will increase over time; slowly at first, then very quickly as the element nears it's maximum life.



## Filter Element Life Profile

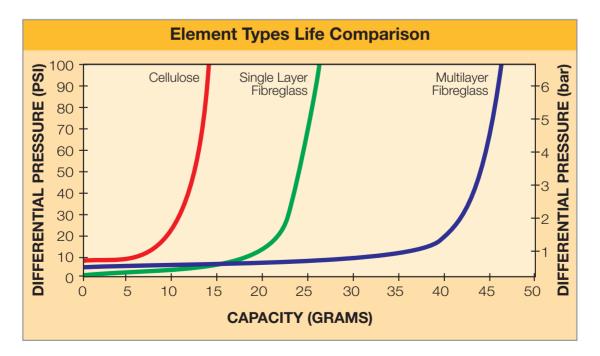
Every filter element has a characteristic pressure differential versus contaminant loading relationship. This relationship can be defined as the "filter element life profile." The actual life profile is obviously affected by the system operating conditions. Variations in the system flow rate and fluid viscosity affect the clean pressure differential across the filter element and have a well-defined effect upon the actual element life profile.

The filter element life profile is very difficult to evaluate in actual operating systems. The system operating versus idle time, the duty cycle and the changing ambient contaminant conditions all affect the life profile of the filter element. In addition, precise instrumentation for recording the change in the pressure loss across the filter element is seldom available. Most machinery users and designers simply specify filter housings with differential pressure indicators to signal when the filter element should be changed.

The Multipass Test data can be used to develop the pressure differential versus contaminant loading relationship, defined as the filter element life profile. As previously mentioned, such operating conditions as flow rate and fluid viscosity affect the life profile for a filter element. Life profile comparisons can only be made when these operating conditions are identical and the filter elements are the same size.

Then, the quantity, size, shape, and arrangement of the pores in the filter element determine the characteristic life profile. Filter elements that are manufactured from cellulose media, single layer fibreglass media and multilayer fibreglass media all have a very different life profile. The graphic comparison of the three most common media configurations clearly shows the life advantage of the multilayer fibreglass media element.





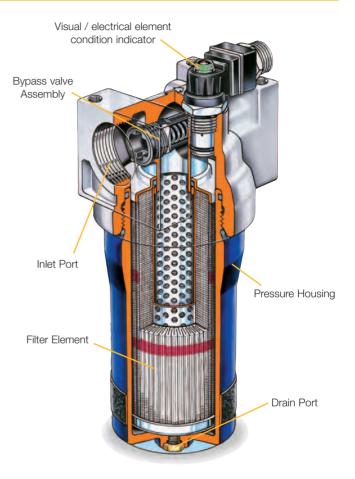


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## **Filter Housings**

The filter housing is the pressure vessel which contains the filter element. It usually consists of two or more sub-assemblies, such as a head (or cover) and a bowl to allow access to the filter element. The housing has inlet and outlet ports allowing it to be installed into a fluid system. Additional housing features may include mounting holes, bypass valves and element condition indicators.

The primary concerns in the housing selection process include mounting methods, porting options, indicator options, and pressure rating. All, except the pressure rating, depend on the physical system design and the preferences of the designer. Pressure rating of the housing is far less arbitrary. This should be determined before the housing style is selected.



## **Pressure Ratings**

**Filtration Fact** 

Always use an element condition indicator with any filter, especially those that do not have a bypass valve. Location of the filter in the circuit is the primary determinant of pressure rating. Filter housings are generically designed for three locations in a circuit: suction, pressure, or return lines. One characteristic of these locations is their maximum operating pressures. Suction and return line filters are generally designed for lower pressures up to 34 bar. Pressure filter locations may require ratings from 100 bar to 420 bar. It is essential to analyse the circuit for frequent pressure

spikes as well as steady state conditions. Some housings have restrictive or lower fatigue pressure ratings. In circuits with frequent high pressure spikes, another type housing may be required to prevent fatigue related failures.

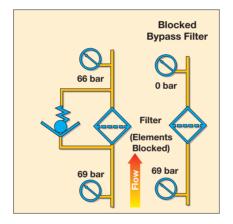


## The Bypass Valve

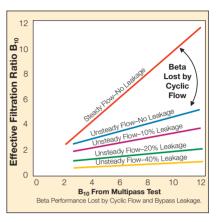
The bypass valve is used to prevent the collapse or burst of the filter element when it becomes highly loaded with contaminant. It also prevents pump cavitation in the case of suction line filtration. As contaminant builds up in the element, the differential pressure across the element increases. At a pressure well below the failure point of the filter element, the bypass valve opens, allowing flow to go around the element.

Some bypass valve designs have a "bypass to-tank" option. This allows the unfiltered bypass flow to return to tank through a third port, preventing unfiltered bypass flow from entering the system. Other filters may be supplied with a "no bypass" or "blocked" bypass option. This prevents any unfiltered flow from going downstream. In filters with no bypass valves, higher collapse strength elements are strongly recommended, especially in high pressure filters. Applications for using a "no bypass" option include servo valve and other sensitive component protection. When specifying a non-bypass filter design, make sure that the element has a differential pressure rating close to maximum operating pressure of the system. When specifying a bypass type filter, it can generally be assumed that the manufacturer has designed the element to withstand the bypass valve differential pressure when the bypass valve opens.

After a housing style and pressure rating are selected, the bypass valve setting needs to be chosen. The bypass valve setting must be selected before sizing a filter housing. Everything else being equal, the highest bypass cracking pressure available from the manufacturer should be selected. This will provide the longest element life for a given filter size.



Occasionally, a lower setting may be selected to help minimize energy loss in a system, or to reduce backpressure on another component. In suction filters, either a 0.14 bar or 0.2 bar bypass valve is used to minimise the chance of potential pump cavitation.





### **Filtration Fact**

An element loading with contaminant will continue to increase in pressure differential until either:

- The element is replaced.
- The bypass valve opens.
- The element fails.

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## **Element Condition Indicators**

The element condition indicator signals when the element should be cleaned or replaced. The indicator often has calibration marks which also indicates if the filter bypass valve has opened. The indicator may be mechanically linked to the bypass valve, or it may be an entirely independent differential pressure sensing device. Indicators may give visual, electrical or both types of signals. Generally, indicators are set to trip anywhere from 5%-25% before the bypass valve opens.



## **Housings And Element Sizing**

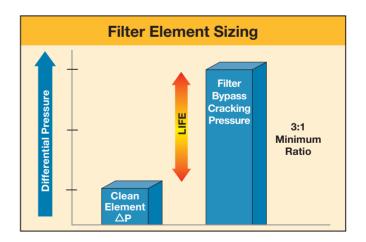
The filter housing size should be large enough to achieve at least a 3:1 ratio between the bypass valve setting and the pressure differential of the filter with a clean element installed.

For example, the graph on the next page illustrates the type of catalogue flow/pressure differential curves which are used to size the filter housing. As can be seen, the specifier needs to know the operating viscosity of the fluid, and the maximum flow rate (instead of an average) to make sure that the filter does not spend a high portion of time in bypass due to flow surges. This is particularly important in return line filters, where flow multiplication from cylinders may increase the return flow compared to the pump flow rate.

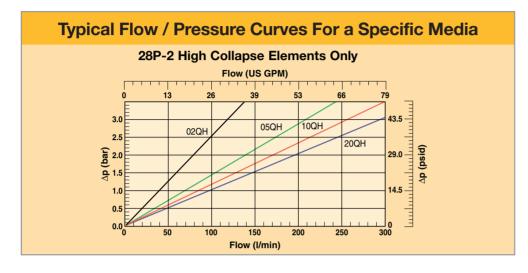
If the filter described in the graph was fitted with a 3.5 bar bypass valve the initial (clean) pressure differential should be no greater than 1.1 bar. This is calculated from the 3:1 ratio of bypass setting and initial pressure differential.

## **Filtration Fact**

Always consider low temperature conditions when sizing filters. Viscosity increases in the fluid may cause a considerable increase in pressure differential through the filter assembly.







Most standard filter assemblies utilize a bypass valve to limit the maximum pressure drop across the filter element. As the filter element becomes blocked with contaminant, the pressure differential increases until the bypass valve cracking pressure is reached. At this point, the flow through the filter assembly begins bypassing the filter element and partly flows through the bypass valve. This action limits the maximum pressure differential across the filter element. The important issue is that some of the contaminant particles within the system fluid also bypass the filter element. When this happens, the effectiveness of the filter element is compromised and the attainable system fluid cleanliness degrades. Standard filter assemblies normally have a bypass valve cracking pressure set at between 0.8 and 7 bar.

The relationship between the starting clean pressure differential across the filter

element and the bypass valve pressure setting must be considered. A cellulose element has a narrow region of exponential pressure rise.

For this reason, the relationship between the starting clean pressure differential and the bypass valve pressure setting is very important. This relationship in effect determines the useful life of the filter element.

In contrast, the useful element life of the single layer and multilayer fibreglass elements is established by the nearly horizontal, linear region of relatively low pressure drop increase, not the region of exponential pressure rise. Accordingly, the filter assembly bypass valve cracking pressure, whether 0.8 or 7 bar, has relatively little impact on the useful life of the filter element. Thus, the initial pressure differential and bypass valve setting is less of a sizing factor when fibreglass media is being considered.

## **Filtration Fact**

Pressure differential in a filter assembly depends on:

- 1. Housing and element size
- 2. Media grade
- 3. Fluid viscosity
- 4. Flow rate
- 5. Fluid Density

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## Filter Types & Locations

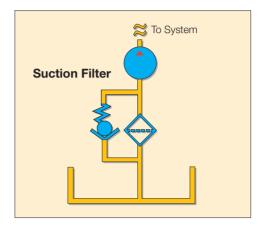
- Air Filter
- Suction
- Pressure
- Return
- Off-line

## **Air Filter**

The forgotten system filter, the air filter is an important, integral part of the contamination control package. Any breathing system (one which allows air to be drawn into and expelled from, the fluid reservoir during system operation) will require an air filter. A good quality air filter, sized to meet the needs of the system components, will be an effective barrier against the ingress of contaminants. Effective contamination control can be attained by iust removing the contaminants that enter the fluid system, however, how much more effective would the system filters be, if the contaminants being ingested by a breathing system were prevented from entering the system? Why allow contaminants to enter the system and then spend time & money trying to remove them? Fit a fine, high capacity EAB or ABL environmentally friendly air filter and prevent the initial ingress, this way, the system filters can be taking out contaminants generated from within the system itself.

## **Suction Filters**

Suction filters serve to protect the pump from fluid contamination. They are located before the inlet port of the pump. Some may be inlet "strainers", submersed in the fluid. Others may be externally mounted. In either case, they utilise relatively coarse elements, due to cavitation limitations of pumps. For this reason, they are not used as primary protection against contamination. Some pump manufactures do not recommend the use of a suction filter. Always consult the pump manufacturer for inlet restrictions.



## **Filtration Fact**

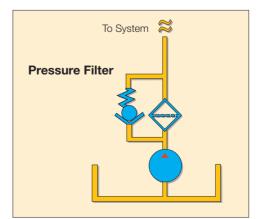
Suction strainers are often referred to by "mesh" size:

60 mesh	=	238 micron
100 mesh	=	149 micron
200 mesh	=	74 micron

## **Pressure Filters**

Pressure filters are located downstream from the system pump. They are designed to handle the system pressure and sized for the specific flow rate in the pressure line where they are located.

Pressure filters are especially suited for protecting sensitive components directly downstream from the filter, such as servo valves. Located just downstream from the system pump, they also help protect the entire system from pump generated contamination.

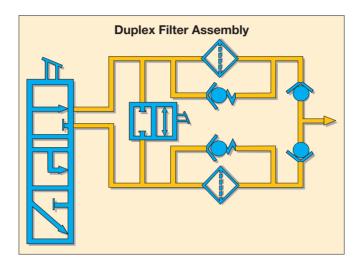




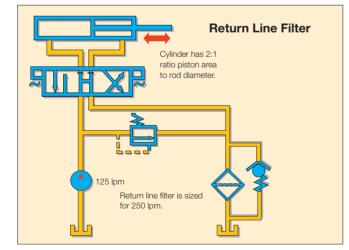
## **Return Filters**

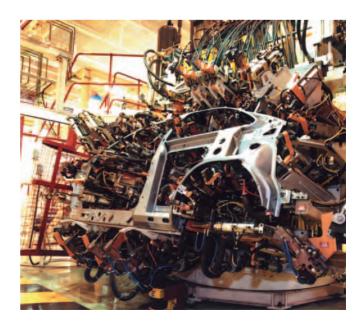
When the pump is the most sensitive component in a system, a return filter may be the best choice. In most systems, the return filter is the last component through which fluid passes before entering the reservoir. Therefore, it captures wear debris from system working components and particles entering through worn cylinder rod seals before such contaminant can enter the reservoir and be circulated. Since this filter is located immediately upstream from the reservoir, its pressure rating and cost can be relatively low.

In some cases, cylinders with large diameter rods may result in "flow multiplication". The increased return line flow rate may cause the filter bypass valve to open, allowing unfiltered flow to pass downstream. This may be an undesirable condition and care should be taken in sizing the filter.



Both pressure and return filters can commonly be found in a duplex version. Its most notable characteristic is continuous filtration. That is, it is made with two or more filter chambers and includes the necessary valving to allow for continuous, uninterrupted filtration. When a filter element needs servicing, the duplex valve is shifted, diverting flow to the opposite filter chamber. The dirty element can then be changed, while filtered flow continues to pass through the filter assembly. The duplex valve typically is an open cross-over type, which prevents any flow blockage.







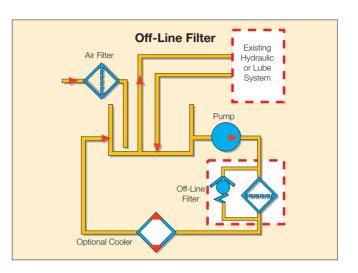
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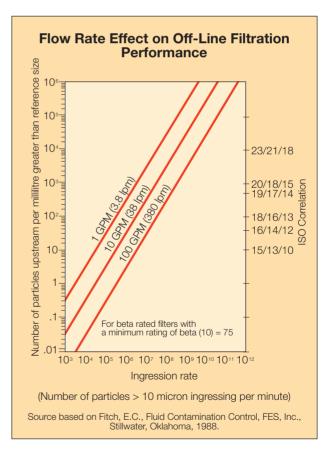
## **Off-Line Filtration**

Also referred to as recirculating, kidney loop, or auxiliary filtration, this filtration system is totally independent of a machine's main hydraulic system. Off-line filtration consists of a pump, filter, electrical motor, and the appropriate hardware connections. These components are installed off-line as a small sub-system separate from the working lines, or included in a fluid cooling loop. Fluid is pumped out of the reservoir, through the filter, and back to the reservoir in a continuous fashion. With this "polishing" effect, off-line filtration is able to maintain a fluid at a constant contamination level. As with a return line filter, this type of system is best suited to maintain overall cleanliness, but does not provide specific component protection. An off-line filtration loop has the added advantage that it is relatively easy to retrofit on an existing system that has inadequate filtration. Also, the filter can be serviced without shutting down the main system. Most systems would benefit greatly from having a combination of suction, pressure, return, and offline filters. The table on the opposite page may be helpful in making a filtration location decision.

## **Filtration Fact**

The cleanliness level of a system is directly proportional to the flow rate over the system filters.







## Comparison of Filter Types and Locations

Filter Location		Advantages	Disadvantages
Air Filter	Enformental Al Files	<ul> <li>By preventing initial ingress, removal by the system filter is not needed.</li> <li>High capacity.</li> <li>Easy access for servicing.</li> <li>Cost effective.</li> <li>Environmentally friendly</li> <li>Can be used to remove both particulates and water.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Initial cost</li> <li>Location can encourage damage</li> <li>Oil leakage</li> </ul>
Suction (Externally Mounted)	Manhoy Seres	<ul> <li>Last chance protection for the pump.</li> <li>Much easier to service than a sump strainer.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Must use relatively coarse media, and/or large housing size, to keep pressure drop low due to pump inlet conditions.</li> <li>Cost is relatively high.</li> <li>Does not protect downstream Components from pump wear debris.</li> <li>May not be suitable for many variable volume pumps.</li> <li>Minimum system protection.</li> </ul>
Pressure	TEXEPSONE Contraction ET	<ul> <li>Specific component protection</li> <li>Contributes to overall system cleanliness level.</li> <li>Can use high efficiency, fine filtration, filter elements.</li> <li>Catches wear debris from pump</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Housing is relatively expensive because it must handle full system pressure.</li> <li>Does not catch wear debris from downstream working components.</li> </ul>
Return	Tandopper Sellio LA & E	<ul> <li>Catches wear debris from components, and dirt entering through worn cylinder rod seals before it enters the reservoir.</li> <li>Lower pressure ratings result in lower costs.</li> <li>May be in-line or in-tank for easier installation.</li> <li>Relative initial cost is low.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No protection from pump generated contamination.</li> <li>Return line flow surges may reduce filter performance.</li> <li>No direct component protection.</li> </ul>
Off-Line	Curdon Curdon Curdon Curdon Curdon	<ul> <li>Continuous "polishing" of the main system hydraulic fluid, even if the system is shut down.</li> <li>Servicing possible without main system shut down.</li> <li>Filters not affected by flow surges allowing for optimum element life and performance.</li> <li>The discharge line can be directed to the main system pump to provide supercharging with clean, conditioned fluid.</li> <li>Specific cleanliness levels can be more accurately obtained and maintained.</li> <li>Fluid cooling may be easily incorporated.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Relative initial cost is high.</li> <li>Requires additional space.</li> <li>No direct component protection.</li> </ul>



## The Handbook of Hydraulic Filtration Fluid Analysis

## Filter Types & Locations

- Patch Test
- Portable Particle Counter
- Laboratory Analysis

Fluid analysis is an essential part of any maintenance programme. Fluid analysis ensures that the fluid conforms to manufacturer specifications, verifies the composition of the fluid, and determines its overall contamination level.

## **Filtration Fact**

Any fluid analysis should always include a particle count and corresponding ISO code.

## **Portable Particle Counter**

The most important development within the field of fluid system maintenance is the Portable Particle Counter. Developed to allow on site, rapid identification of the levels of particulates in systems, these instructions are now the accepted way of monitoring levels of solids in fluid systems.

Capable of accurately and repeatedly reporting levels of particulates down to 2 microns in size, they are also lightweight, portable and reliable.

With a test taking typically 2 minutes, laser particle counters offer portable counts and cleanliness codes. Usually ISO and NAS.

For water content, viscosity and spectrometer analysis, samples should be sent to a certified laboratory.

### Laboratory Analysis

The laboratory analysis is a complete look at a fluid sample. Most qualified laboratories will offer the following tests and features as a package:

- Viscosity at 90°C Viscosity at 100°C
- Viscosity Index
- Neutralisation number
- Water content
- Particle counts
- Spectrometric analysis (wear metals and additive analysis reported in parts per million, or ppm)
- Trending graphs
- Photo micrograph
- Recommendations

In taking a fluid sample from a system, care must be taken to make sure that the fluid sample is representative of the system.

To accomplish this, the fluid must be drawn into a certified clean container the fluid must be correctly extracted from the system.

When it is impossible to run an on-line analysis, it is acceptable to drain fluid into a clean container, for analysis away from site. ISO 4021 (1992) is the accepted standard for extracting fluid samples from an operating hydraulic fluid system and should be followed at all times.





The goal is a representative fluid sample, one which, as closely as possible, reflects the condition of the system fluid.

- 1st The system should have been at operating temperature for at least 30 minutes before the sample is taken.
- 2nd Sampling valves should be opened and flushed for at least 15 seconds.
- 3rd The clean sample bottle should be kept sealed until the fluid and valve are ready for sampling.

A complete procedure follows in the appendix.

## **Filtration Fact**

The only way to know the condition of a fluid is through fluid analysis. Visual examination is not an accurate method.



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## **Sampling Procedure**

Obtaining a fluid sample for particle counts and / or analysis involves important steps to make sure you are getting a representative sample. Often erroneous sampling procedures will disguise the true nature of system cleanliness levels. Use one of the following methods to obtain a representative system sample.

This is applicable whether on line or bottle sampling is being done. However, bottle sampling is particularly susceptible to error, due to the number of opportunities for contaminants to enter the samples.

## 1. For systems with a sampling valve

- A. Operate system for at least 30 minutes.
- B. With the system operating, open the sample valve allowing 200ml to 500 ml (7 to 16 ounces) of fluid to flush the sampling port. (The sample valve design should provide turbulent flow through the sampling port.)
- C.1. Online Sampling Connect the online particle counter and run samples until a minimum of 3 consecutive comparable samples are obtained.
- C.2. Bottle Sampling

Using a wide mouth, pre-cleaned sampling bottle, remove the bottle cap and place in the stream of flow from the sampling valve. Do NOT "rinse" out the bottle with initial sample. Do not fill the bottle more than 80% full.

- D. Close the sample bottle immediately. Next, close the sampling valve. (Make prior provision to "catch" the fluid while removing the bottle from the stream.)
- E. Label the sample bottle with pertinent data: include date, machine number, fluid supplier, fluid number code, fluid type, and time elapsed since last sample (if any).

Regardless of the method being used, observe common sense rules. Any equipment which is used in the fluid sampling procedure must be washed and rinsed with a filtered solvent. This includes vacuum pumps, syringes and tubing. Your goal is to count only the particles already in the system fluid. Dirty sampling devices and nonrepresentative samples will lead to erroneous conclusions and cost more in the long run.

## 2. Systems without a sampling valve

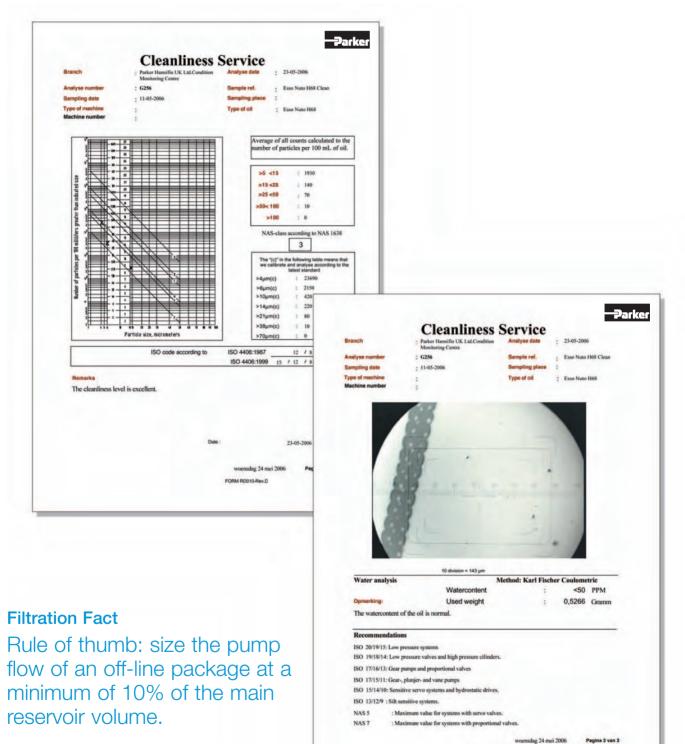
- A. Operate the system for at least 30 minutes.
- B. Use a small hand-held vacuum pump bottle thief or "basting syringe" to extract sample. Insert sampling device into the tank to one half of the fluid height. You will probably have to weight the end of the sampling tube. Your objective is to obtain a sample in the middle portion of the tank. Do not let the syringe or tubing come into contact with the side of the tank.
- C. Put extracted fluid into an approved, precleaned sample bottle as described in the sampling valve method above.
- D. Cap immediately
- E. Label with information as described in sampling valve method.



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Appendix

## Parker Cleanliness Service Report Example



FORM RD010-Rev D



## **Contamination Control Solutions**

Knowing how contaminated your oil is and knowing how to clean it to approved standards are key issues but with simple solutions.

## Do you know how dirty your oil is?

Parker Filtration has the cost effective solutions. Hand-held Oilcheck to monitor oil cleanliness, Guardian portable filter systems and Par-Fit interchange replacement elements - quality products and effective solutions to reduce equipment downtime caused by fluid contamination.

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### **Quick Converter**

Imperial	Gallons		Litres		US G	allons	Ba	ar	<	Bar psid	>	P	SID
Rounded	Actual				Actual	Rounded	Rounded	Actual				Actual	Rounded
0.2	0.2200	=	1	=	0.264	0.3							
1.1	1.0998	=	5	=	1.321	1.3							
2.2	2.1997	=	10	=	2.642	2.6	0.01	0.00689	=	0.1	=	1.450	1.5
4.4	4.3994	=	20	=	5.283	5.3	0.01	0.01379	=	0.2	=	2.901	2.9
6.6	6.5991	=	30	=	7.925	7.9	0.02	0.02068	=	0.3	=	4.351	4.4
8.8	8.7988	-	40	=	10.567	10.6	0.03	0.02758	=	0.4	=	5.802	5.8
11.0	10.9985	-	50	=	13.209	13.2	0.03	0.03447	=	0.5	=	7.252	7.3
13.2	13.1981	=	60	=	15.850	15.9	0.04	0.04137	=	0.6	=	8.702	8.7
15.4	15.3978	=	70	=	18.492	18.5	0.05	0.04826	=	0.7	=	10.153	10.2
17.6	17.5975	=	80	=	21.134	21.1	0.06	0.05516	=	0.8	=	11.603	11.6
19.8	19.7972	=	90	=	23.775	23.8	0.06	0.06205	=	0.9	=	13.053	13.1
22.0	21.9969	-	100	=	26.417	26.4	0.07	0.06895	=	1.0	=	14.504	14.5
		-		-					-		-		
33.0	32.9954	=	150	=	39.626	39.6	0.1	0.13790	=	2.0	=	29.008	29.0
44.0	43.9938	=	200	=	52.834	52.8	0.2	0.20684	=	3.0	=	43.511	43.5
55.0	54.9923	=	250	=	66.043	66.0	0.3	0.27579	=	4.0	=	58.015	58.0
66.0	65.9907	=	300	=	79.252	79.3	0.3	0.34474	=	5.0	=	72.519	72.5
77.0	76.9892	=	350	=	92.460	92.5	0.4	0.41369	=	6.0	=	87.023	87.0
88.0	87.9877	=	400	=	105.669	105.7	0.5	0.48263	=	7.0	=	101.526	101.5
99.0	98.9861	=	450	=	118.877	118.9	0.6	0.55158	=	8.0	=	116.030	116.0
110.0	109.9846	=	500	=	132.086	132.1	0.6	0.62053	=	9.0	=	130.534	130.5
121.0	120.9830	=	550	=	145.295	145.3	0.7	0.68948	=	10.0	=	145.038	145.0
132.0	131.9815	=	600	=	158.503	158.5	1.4	1.37895	=	20.0	=	290.075	290.1
143.0	142.9799	=	650	=	171.712	171.7	2.1	2.06843	=	30.0	=	435.113	435.1
154.0	153.9784	=	700	=	184.920	184.9	2.8	2.75790	=	40.0	=	580.151	580.2
165.0	164.9769	=	750	=	198.129	198.1	3.4	3.44738	=	50.0	=	725.189	725.2
176.0	175.9753	=	800	=	211.338	211.3	6.9	6.89476	=	100.0	=	1450.377	1450.4
187.0	186.9738	=	850	=	224.546	224.5	13.8	13.78952	=	200.0	=	2900.754	2900.8
198.0	197.9722	=	900	=	237.755	237.8	20.7	20.68428	=	300.0	=	4351.131	4351.1
209.0	208.9707	=	950	=	250.963	251.0	27.6	27.57904	=	400.0	=	5801.508	5801.5
220.0	219.9692	=	1000	=	264.172	264.2	34.5	34.47380	=	500.0	=	7251.885	7251.9

#### **Viscosity Conversion Chart**

	cSt	ISO - VG	Centipose	SUS (SSU)	SSF
rsion = cSt x			SG (0.876)	4.635	0.454
	10	9	9	46	5
	20	21	18	93	9
	30	31	26	139	14
	32	32	28	148	15
	40	43	35	185	18
	43	46	38	200	20
	46	49	40	213	21
	50	52	44	232	23
	60	63	53	278	27
	68	71	60	315	31
	70		61	324	32
	80		70	371	36
	90		79	417	41
	100	93	88	464	45
	110		96	510	50
	120		105	556	54
	130		114	602	59
	140		123	649	64
	150	139	131	695	68

Comparisons are made at 38 degrees C cSt; Centistokes ISO; International Standards Org

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#### SAF to Centistokes

	Fluid				
Weight	Veight Viscosity (cSt)				
SAE 10	19 to 26				
SAE 20	26 to 40				
SAE 30	40 to 55	54.5			
SAE 40	55+				
SAE 40	17	99			
SAE 50	17 to 23	210			
#2 Fuel Oil	8.6				
#4 Fuel Oil	10 to 26	1			
#5 Fuel Oil	32 to 86	100			
Bunker C	107 to 430				
#6 Fuel Oil	650	50			



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## **Common Conversions**

To Convert	Into	Multiply by
	- I I	
Pressure		
Atmosphere	Bar	1.01325
Atmosphere	PSI	14.69595
Atmosphere	Ins Hg	29.92126
Bar	Kg/sq Metre	10,200
Bar	PSI	0.069
Millibar	Ins Hg	0.02952999
Pascal (Pa)	Bar PSI	0.00001
Pascal (Pa)	F3I	0.000145
Distance		
Centimetres	Feet	30.48
Centimetres	Inches	2.54
Metres	Feet	3.28083
Metres	Inches	39.36996
Metres	Yards	1.09361
Microns	Inches	0.000039
Microns	Metre	0.000001
Microns	Millimetre	0.0001
Millimetres	Feet	0.00328083
Millimetres	Inches	0.03937
Enormy		
Energy	Lieveer	0.0000705004
Kilojoule	Horsepower	0.0003725061
Kilowatt	Hoursepower	1.341022
Newton Metre	Inch pound (lb)	8.850746
Newton Metre	Foot pound(lb)	23.73036
Temperature		
Celcius	Fahrenheit	((OC x 9.5)+32)
Celcius	Kelvin	OC + 273.15
Fahrenheit	Kelvin	255.9278
	T COVIT	200.0210
Volume		
Cubic Centimetres	Cubic Feet	0.00003521
Cubic Centimetres	Cubic Inches	0.06102
Cubic Centimetres	Litres	0.000001
Cubic Centimetres	US Gallons	0.0002642
Cubic Metres	Cubic Feet	35.310
Cubic Metres	Cubic Inches	61,023
Cubic Metres	Litres	1,000
Cubic Metres	US Gallons	264.20
Litres	Cubic Centimetres	1,000
Litres	Cubic Feet	0.035315
Litres	Cubic Inches	61.0234
Litres	Gallons	0.220083
Litres	US Gallons	0.264170
Litres / Min	Cubic Centimetres / Min	1,000
Litres / Min	Cubic Feet / Min	0.035
Litres / Min	Gallons / Min	0.264
Mass		
Grams	Pounds (lb)	0.0022046
Kilograms	Grams	1,000
Kilograms	Pounds (lb)	2.20462
Tonnes (t)	Tons (tn)	1.102311
Area		
Centimetre <sup>2</sup>	Inch <sup>2</sup>	1,550,003
Centimetre <sup>2</sup>	Foot <sup>2</sup>	0.001076391
Centimetre <sup>2</sup>	Yard <sup>2</sup>	0.000119599
Kilometre <sup>2</sup>	Inch <sup>2</sup>	155003e +009
Kilometre <sup>2</sup>	Foot <sup>2</sup>	1076391e +007
Kilometre <sup>2</sup>	Yard <sup>2</sup>	1,195,990
Metre <sup>2</sup>	Inch <sup>2</sup>	1,550.003
Metre <sup>2</sup>	Foot <sup>2</sup>	10.76391
Metre <sup>2</sup>	Yard <sup>2</sup>	1.19599

To Convert	Into	Multiply by
ressure		
Bar	Atmosphere	0.9869233
PSI	Atmosphere	0.06804596
Ins Hg	Atmosphere	0.03342105
Kg/sq Metre	Bar	9.80665E-05
PSI	Bar	14.50
Ins Hg	Millibar	33.86388
Bar	Pascal (Pa)	100,000
PSI	Pascal (Pa)	6,894.747
Distance		
Feet	Centimetres	0.0328083
Inches	Centimetres	0.394
Feet	Metres	0.3048
Inches	Metres	0.0254
Yards	Metres	0.9144
Inches	Microns	25,400
Metre	Microns	1,000,000
Millimetre	Microns	1,000
Feet	Millimetres	394,800
Inches	Millimetres	25.40
Inergy		
Horsepower	Kilojoule	2,684.52
Hoursepower	Kilowatt	0.7456999
Inch pound (lb)	Newton Metre	0.1129848
Foot pound(lb)	Newton Metre	1.355818
emperature		
Fahrenheit	Celcius	(OF - 32) / 1.8
Kelvin	Celcius	OK - 273.15
Kelvin	Fahrenheit	-457.866
olume		
Cubic Feet	Cubic Centimetres	28,316.85
Cubic Inches	Cubic Centimetres	16.38706
Litres	Cubic Centimetres	1,000
US Gallons	Cubic Centimetres	3,785.412
Cubic Feet	Cubic Metres	0.02831685
Cubic Inches	Cubic Metres	1.638706E-05
Litres	Cubic Metres	0.001
US Gallons	Cubic Metres	0.00378541
Cubic Centimetres	Litres	0.001
Cubic Feet	Litres	28.31685
Cubic Inches	Litres	0.01638706
Gallons	Litres	4.544
US Gallons	Litres	3.785
Cubic Centimetres / Min	Litres / Min	0.001
Cubic Feet / Min	Litres / Min	28.31685
Gallons / Min	Litres / Min	4.546092
lass		
Pounds (lb)	Grams	453.5924
Grams	Kilograms	0.001
Pounds (lb)	Kilograms	0.4535924
Tons (tn)	Tonnes (t)	0.9071847
Area		
Inch <sup>2</sup>	Centimetre <sup>2</sup>	6.4516
Foot <sup>2</sup>	Centimetre <sup>2</sup>	929.0304
Yard <sup>2</sup>	Centimetre <sup>2</sup>	8,361.274
Inch <sup>2</sup>	Kilometre <sup>2</sup>	6.4516e -010
Foot <sup>2</sup>	Kilometre <sup>2</sup>	9.290304e -008
Yard <sup>2</sup>	Kilometre <sup>2</sup>	8.361274e -007
Inch <sup>2</sup>	Metre <sup>2</sup>	0.00064516
Foot <sup>2</sup>	Metre <sup>2</sup>	0.09290304



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