Backflushing Filter
AutoFilt® RF7

1. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

1.1 GENERAL

The AutoFilt® RF7 is a self cleaning system for extracting particles from low viscosity fluids. Its robust construction and automatic backflushing capability make a major contribution to operational reliability and reduce operating and maintenance costs. The slotted tube or SuperMesh elements in the filter with filtration rates from 25 to 3000 μm ensure highly effective filtration of contaminating particles from the process medium. Automatic cleaning starts as soon as the elements become contaminated. The flow of filtrate is not interrupted during the backflushing procedure. A range of filters of different sizes allow flow rates of up to 7500 m³ per hour. Numerous combinations of materials and equipment as well as individually adjustable control parameters allow optimum adaptation of the filter to any application.

The new horizontal backflushing filter AutoFilt® RF7 supplements the Hydac backflushing filter family by a further, particularly user-friendly, compact series which is especially applicable for systems where there is little space.

The series pivoting lid device allows easy access to the inside of the filter without requiring a lot of force or time. A special holding device allows the filter elements to be removed if necessary without hoisting equipment being required. They can easily be reinstalled without damaging the filter elements or the housing wall.

1.2 OPERATION OF THE AUTOFILT® RF7

Filtration

The fluid to be filtered flows through the slotted tube filter elements of the backflushing filter, passing from the inside to the outside. Contamination particles then collect on the smooth inside of the filter elements. As the level of contamination increases, the differential pressure between the contaminated and clean sides of the filter increases. When the differential pressure reaches its pre set value, backflushing starts automatically.

Filtration
1.3 SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE AUTOFILT® RF7

Isokinetic filtration and backflushing

The patented conical shape and configuration of the filter elements allows even flow, resulting in low pressure drops and complete cleaning of the elements across the entire installed filter area. The advantage: fewer backflushing cycles and reduced loss of backflushing fluid.

Pulse aided backflushing

On the cyclic control types EPT and PT, the rinsing arm remains under each filter element for only a few seconds. Rapid opening of the pneumatic backflushing valve generates a pressure surge in the filter element openings, providing an additional cleaning effect to the backflushing process.

Small backflushing quantities due to cyclic control

The backflushing valve opens and closes during backflushing of each filter element.
2. FILTER SPECIFICATIONS

2.1. STANDARD CONFIGURATIONS

2.1.1 Control parameters
- EPT: electro-pneumatic cyclic control (electric only)
- EU: electrical circulation control (electric only)
- PT: pneumatic cyclic control (pneumatic only)
- PTZ: pneumatic cyclic control with timer function (pneumatic only)
- EPU: electro-pneumatic circulation control

2.1.2 Connection voltages
- 3 x 400V / 50 Hz with or without neutral wire
- 3 x 500V / 50 Hz without neutral wire
- 3 x 230V / 50 Hz with or without neutral wire
- 3 x 415V / 50 Hz without neutral wire
- 3 x 460V / 60 Hz without neutral wire
- Others available on request

2.1.3 Flange connections
- DIN / ANSI / JIS

2.1.4 Housing materials
- Carbon steel
- Stainless steel

2.1.5 Material of internal parts
- Stainless steel 1.4301

2.1.6 Material of elements
- Stainless steel 1.4435, 1.4404

2.1.7 External corrosion protection
- 2-coat primer (not required for stainless steel housing)

2.1.8 Internal corrosion protection
- Aluminium
- Stainless steel
- Brass
- Chemical seal

2.1.9 Differential pressure gauge
- Aluminium
- Stainless steel
- Brass
- Chemical seal

2.1.10 Filtration ratings
- 25 µm, 40 µm and 60 µm SuperMesh
- 50 µm to 3000 µm slotted tube

2.1.11 Electrical protection class
- IP55

2.1.12 Pressure ranges
- 10 bar or 6 bar depending on size

2.1.13 Operating temperature
- Max. operating temperature 90 °C

2.2. OPTIONAL VERSIONS

There are a range of optional versions available for the AutoFilt® RF7. For technical details and prices, please contact our Technical Sales Department at Head Office.

2.2.1 Control / electrical components / voltage supply
- PLC control
- Filter without control for integration into customer’s PLC
- Filter interlocking for parallel operation
- UL/CSA approved controls and components
- Special IP protection classes
- Safe in tropical conditions
- Customised special solutions

2.2.2 Housing manufacture
- ASME Code Design
- U-Stamp

2.2.3 Flange connections
- ANSI
- JIS

2.2.4 Housing materials
- Duplex
- Superduplex
- Various qualities of stainless steel
- Various qualities of carbon steel

2.2.5 Materials of internal parts and elements
- Duplex
- Superduplex
- Various qualities of stainless steel
- Superflush element coating

2.2.6 External corrosion protection
- Multiple layer coatings
- Special paints / coatings for offshore use
- Special paint/coatings according to customer specifications
- Colours to customer specification

2.2.7 Internal corrosion protection
- Glass flake lining
- Special paint/coatings according to customer specifications

2.2.8 Explosion protection
- ATEX according to Directive 94/9/EC

2.2.9 Documentation
- Manufacturer's test certificates
- Material certificates 3.1
- GOST certificate
- 3rd parties (TÜV, ABS, Lloyds, etc.)
- WPS / PQR
- Inspection plan
- And many others available on request
2.3 OVERVIEW OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF STANDARD MODELS

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Max. permissible temperature for all AutoFilt® RF7: 90 °C

1) According to DIN/EN standard / reservoir manufacture to AD2000, application of Pressure Equipment Directive 97/23/EC if required
2) Approx. empty weight based on standard pressure range
3) Based on EPT/PT control mode with opening time of backflushing valve of 1.5 seconds and 1.5 bar differential pressure between outlet and backflushing line, with EU / EPU control the backflushing volume increases by a factor of 5.

2.4 CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

**CAUTION!**
For cleaning, there must be a minimum pressure difference between the outlet and the backflushing line of 1.5 bar.
### 3. Model Code Autofilt® RF7

#### Type Autofilt®

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#### Size / Filter Inlet - Filter Outlet

- **C** = DN 50 PN16
- **0** = DN100 PN10
- **1** = DN150 PN10
- **2** = DN200 PN10
- **2.5** = DN250 PN10
- **3** = DN300 PN10
- **4** = DN400 PN6
- **5** = DN500 PN6
- **6** = DN600 PN6
- **7** = DN700 PN6
- **8** = DN900 PN6
- **A** = PN6 (follows size)
- **B** = PN10 (follows size)
- **C** = PN16 (follows size)
- **D** = PN25 (follows size)

#### Type of Control / Input Supply Voltage

- **EU** = electrical time-controlled circulation control
- **EPT** = electro-pneumatic cyclic control
- **PT** = pneumatic cyclic control
- **EPU** = electro-pneumatic circulation control
- **PTZ** = pneumatic cyclic control with timer function
- **0** = without control, all users on terminal strip/block
- **1** = 3 x 400V / N / PE 50Hz
- **2** = 3 x 400V / x / PE 50Hz
- **3** = 3 x 500V / x / PE 50Hz
- **4** = 3 x 230V / N / PE 50Hz
- **5** = 3 x 230V / x / PE 50Hz
- **6** = 3 x 415V / x / PE 50Hz
- **7** = 3 x 415V / N / PE 60Hz
- **8** = 3 x 460V / x / PE 60Hz

#### Housing Material

- **N** = carbon steel, external primer (RAL 9006)
- **NM** = carbon steel, external primer (RAL 9006), 2K epoxy paint, internal
- **NP** = carbon steel, external primer (RAL 9006), 2K polyurethane paint, internal
- **E** = stainless steel
- **A** = for ANSI flanges, add A
- **J** = for JIS flanges, add J

#### Material of Backflushing Valve

- **N** = butterfly: housing SG cast iron coated, washer stainless steel
- **B** = butterfly: housing SG cast iron coated, washer bronze

#### Differential Pressure Gauge

- **1** = pressure chamber aluminium
- **2** = pressure chamber stainless steel
- **3** = with chemical seal stainless steel
- **4** = pressure chamber brass

#### Flange Setting / Backflushing Line Setting (Each in the Direction of the Filter Inlet)

- **1** = outlet to right
- **2** = outlet up
- **3** = outlet to left
- **A** = backflushing line to left
- **B** = backflushing line downwards
- **C** = backflushing line to right

#### Modification Number

- **X** = the latest version is always supplied

#### Element Set

- **KS** = conical slotted tube (50 µm - 3000 µm)
- **KD** = conical SuperMesh (25, 40, 60 µm)
- **SKS** = conical slotted tube, coated with SuperMesh
- **SKD** = conical SuperMesh coated with Superflush

#### Size of Element Set

Identical to size of filter

#### Drawing Number

For special models (number is allocated after technical clarification at Head Office)
It is crucial when operating the AutoFilt® RF7 that there is a pressure differential between the backflushing line and the filter outlet of at least 1.5 bar. This minimum pressure differential ensures the operation of the filter.

In order to be able to size the filter correctly, the following design data should be available:
(see also Filter questionnaire)

- Flow rate
- Type of medium
- Materials
- Viscosity
- Required filtration rating
- Particulate loading in the fluid
- Type of contamination
- Operating pressure
- Operating temperature
- Power supply and compressed air supply
- Pressure ratios after the AutoFilt® RF7 (is there any back pressure?)
- Integration of the AutoFilt® RF7 into the whole system

The AutoFilt® RF7 is sized based on the pressure drop curve and the calculation table. Generally speaking, an initial Δp (clean filter condition) of 0.2 bar should not be exceeded. The pressure drop curve is valid for filtration ratings of 100 – 3000 µm slotted tube and 25 µm, 40 µm and 60 µm SuperMesh. Using 50 µm slotted tubes, the stated pressure drop increases for sizes C to 8 by approx. 30 %. A further factor in the calculation is the flow velocity through the filter inlet. It should not exceed 4 m/s.

With reference to the sizing of the AutoFilt® RF7, a separate consideration and sizing must be applied for water applications and emulsion applications due to different contamination loads (see 4.2 Calculation Tables).

### 4.2. CALCULATION TABLES

The calculation tables form an important basis when deciding on the AutoFilt® RF7.

In particular the higher contamination load in emulsion applications demands more generous sizing of the filter. The following points must also be observed for emulsion applications:

- Validity of the tables for emulsions and oils up to a viscosity of 15 mm²/s.
- For applications in the field of cast iron processing, grinding, honing and for fluids with a viscosity over 15 mm²/s, you must contact the Head Office!

#### 4.2.1 Water applications

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#### 4.2.2 Emulsion applications

(cooling lubricants, washing fluids)

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**NOTE**
The information in this brochure relates to the operating conditions and applications described.
For applications or operating conditions not described, please contact the relevant technical department.
Subject to technical modifications.