Enabling a Greener Future

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Equipment Life Expectancy Factors

A study by Dr. E Rabinowicz at M.I.T. observed that 70% of component replacements or ‘loss of usefulness’ is due to surface degradation. In hydraulic and lubricating systems, 20% of these replacements result from corrosion with 50% resulting from mechanical wear.

Presented at the American Society of Lubrication Engineers, Bearing Workshop.

Sources of Contamination

**Built-in contaminants from components:**
- Assembly of system
- Cylinders, fluids, hydraulic motors, hoses and pipes, pumps, reservoirs, valves, etc.

**Generated contaminants:**
- Operation of system
- Break-in of system
- Fluid breakdown

**External ingestion:**
- Reservoir breathing
- Cylinder rod seals
- Bearing seals
- Component seals

**Contaminants introduced during maintenance:**
- Disassembly/assembly
- Make-up oil

The Micrometre “µm”

‘Micron’ = micrometre = µm
The micrometre is the standard for measuring particulate contaminants in lubricating and fluid power systems.
1 micron = 0.001 mm (0.000039 inch)
10 micron = 0.01 mm (0.0004 inch)
Smallest dot you can see with the naked eye = 40 µm
Thickness of a human hair = 75 µm

“You cannot manage what you do not measure”
Mechanisms of Wear

Abrasive Wear

**Abrasive Wear Effects:**
- Dimensional changes
- Leakage
- Lower efficiency
- Generated wear: more wear

**Typical components subjected to Abrasion:**
- All hydraulic components: pumps, motors, spool valves and cylinders
- Hydraulic motors
- Journal bearings

Adhesive Wear

**Adhesive Wear Effects:**
- Metal to metal points of contact
- ‘Cold Welding’
- Adhesion and shearing

**Typical components subjected to Adhesion:**
- Hydraulic cylinders
- Ball bearings
- Journal bearings
Mechanisms of Wear (continued)

Fatigue Wear Effects:
- Leakage
- Deterioration of surface finish
- Cracks

Erosive Wear Effects:
- Slow response
- Spool jamming/stiction
- Leakage
- Solenoid burnout

Typical components subjected to Fatigue:
- Journal bearings
- Hydrostatic bearings
- Rolling element bearings
- Geared systems

Typical components subjected to Erosion:
- Servo valves
- Proportional valves
- Directional control valves
## Typical Dynamic (Operating) Clearances

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<td>Piston Pumps</td>
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<td>Tip to Case</td>
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*Data from STLE Handbook on Lubrication & Tribology (1994)*
# Fluid Analysis Methods for Particulate

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<td>Optical Particle Count</td>
<td>Number/mL/ Cleanliness code</td>
<td>Off-line; Laboratory</td>
<td>Provides size distribution. Unaffected by fluid opacity, water and air in fluid sample</td>
<td>Sample preparation time</td>
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<tr>
<td>Automatic Particle Count (APC)</td>
<td>Number/mL/ Cleanliness code</td>
<td>Off-line; “Sip” from containers; On-line</td>
<td>Fast and repeatable</td>
<td>Sensitive to ‘silts’, water, air and gels</td>
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<tr>
<td>Filter / Mesh Blockage Technique</td>
<td>Cleanliness code</td>
<td>Off-line; “Sip” from containers; On-line</td>
<td>Not affected by the presence of air or free water in the fluid sample</td>
<td>Does not provide the size distribution of the contamination</td>
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<td>Patch Test and Fluid Contamination Comparator</td>
<td>Visual comparison/ Cleanliness code</td>
<td>Off-line; Point of use</td>
<td>Rapid analysis of system fluid cleanliness levels in field. Helps to identify types of contamination</td>
<td>Provides approximate contamination levels</td>
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<td>Ferrography</td>
<td>Scaled number of large/small particles</td>
<td>Off-line; Laboratory</td>
<td>Provides basic information on ferrous and magnetic particles</td>
<td>Low detection efficiency on non-magnetic particles e.g. brass, silica</td>
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<tr>
<td>Spectrometry</td>
<td>PPM</td>
<td>Off-line; Laboratory</td>
<td>Identifies and quantifies contaminant material</td>
<td>Limited detection above 5 µm</td>
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<td>Gravimetric</td>
<td>mg/L</td>
<td>Off-line; Laboratory</td>
<td>Indicates total mass of contaminant</td>
<td>Cannot distinguish particle size. Not suitable for moderate to clean fluids. i.e. below ISO 18/16/13</td>
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Monitoring and Measurement Equipment

**Automatic Particle Counters (APCs)**
Automatic particle counters are the most common method used by industry for particulate contamination analysis.

**Principle:**
As a particle passes through the light beam, the light intensity received by the photo detector is reduced in proportion to the size of the particle.

**Mesh Blockage Devices**
Filter/mesh blockage devices are an alternative to APCs, especially in conditions where the fluid is opaque or where free water or air is present in the fluid.

**Principle:**
Filter/mesh blockage devices determine particulate contamination levels by passing a specified flow of sample fluid through a series of calibrated mesh screens in a specified sequence. Pressure drop build-up (or flow degradation) is dependent on particulate contamination levels. The mesh is cleaned by backflushing.
Monitoring and Measurement Equipment

Obtaining accurate and reliable fluid cleanliness data quickly in order to detect abnormal contamination is a key factor in ensuring the efficiency of industrial processes and reducing downtime.

Reliable Monitoring Solutions...

...Whatever the Conditions...Whatever the Fluid

Pall Cleanliness Monitors

Provide an accurate, reliable assessment of system fluid cleanliness

- Proven mesh blockage technology
- On-line and off-line modes of operation
- Results not affected by free water or undissolved air contamination
- Designed for use with dark or cloudy fluids
- ISO 4406 (3-digit Code), or AS4059 (NAS1638) data output
- Water sensor option

\[ \Delta P \]

\[ \alpha \]: Rate of pressure drop increase (slope) across the mesh is based on the level of particulate contamination in the fluid (at constant flow and temperature)
Understanding the ISO 4406 Cleanliness Code

The ISO Cleanliness code references the number of particles greater than 4, 6 and 14 µm(c) in one mL of sample fluid.

To determine the ISO Cleanliness code for a fluid, the results of particle counting are plotted on a graph. The corresponding range code, shown at the right of the graph, gives the cleanliness code number for each of the three particle sizes. For the example above the data becomes ISO 15/13/10. Where there is not a requirement for data at the first size or the technique used does not give this data e.g. microscope counts and PCM data,”-” is used, e.g. ISO /13/10.

The ISO 4406 level for a system depends on the sensitivity of the system to contaminant and the level of reliability required by the user. A method for selecting the level for an individual system (called the “Required Cleanliness Level” or “RCL”) is described on Pages 37 and 38.

Fluid cleanliness levels found in modern hydraulic systems (typically ISO code <15/13/10 - see the area highlighted in orange) requires on-line monitoring.
**ISO 4406 Cleanliness Code 13/11/09**

**Sample Volume:** 25 mL using Ø25 mm membrane filter or 100 mL using Ø47 mm membrane filter  
**Magnification:** 100x  
**Scale:** 1 division = 10 µm

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<tr>
<td>&gt;4 µm(c)</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>3A</td>
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<td>&gt;6 µm(c)</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>3B</td>
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<tr>
<td>&gt;14 µm(c)</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>09</td>
<td>3C</td>
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**Description**  
System with \(b_{5(c)}>1,000\) wear control filtration

**Contaminants:** Some black metal

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**ISO 4406 Cleanliness Code 19/16/11**

**Sample Volume:** 25 mL using Ø25 mm membrane filter or 100 mL using Ø47 mm membrane filter  
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<td>&gt;4 µm(c)</td>
<td>4,200</td>
<td>19</td>
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<td>&gt;6 µm(c)</td>
<td>540</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>&gt;14 µm(c)</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>11</td>
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**Description**  
System with inadequate filtration.

**Contaminants:** Bright metal, Black metal, Silica, Plastics

\(^1\)AS4059 is based on 100 mL. \(^2\)AS4059 classes are for the 3 ISO 4406 size ranges
ISO 4406 Cleanliness Code 21/19/16

**Sample Volume:** 25 mL using Ø25 mm membrane filter or 100 mL using Ø47 mm membrane filter  
**Magnification:** 100x  
**Scale:** 1 division = 10 µm

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<td>&gt;4 µm(c)</td>
<td>12,345</td>
<td>21</td>
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<td>&gt;6 µm(c)</td>
<td>3,280</td>
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<td>&gt;14 µm(c)</td>
<td>450</td>
<td>16</td>
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**Description**  
New oil from barrel

**Contaminants:** Silica, Black metal, Bright metal, Plastics

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ISO 4406 Cleanliness Code 22/20/19

**Sample Volume:** 25 mL using Ø25 mm membrane filter or 100 mL using Ø47 mm membrane filter  
**Magnification:** 100x  
**Scale:** 1 division = 10 µm

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<td>&gt;4 µm(c)</td>
<td>31,046</td>
<td>22</td>
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<td>&gt;6 µm(c)</td>
<td>7,502</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>12B</td>
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<tr>
<td>&gt;14 µm(c)</td>
<td>1,960</td>
<td>19</td>
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**Description**  
New system with built-in contaminants

**Contaminants:** Bright metal, Black metal, Rust, Silica, Plastics

\(^1\)AS4059 is based on 100 mL. \(^2\)AS4059 classes are for the 3 ISO 4406 size ranges
On-line Particulate Cleanliness Monitoring

We cannot control what we cannot measure

Modes of Analysis

Comparison of on-line counting and off-line counting

Source: Tampere University of Technology, Finland

At the higher contamination levels (higher ISO codes) there is little difference between the two modes of analysis, but as the oil gets cleaner, the level recorded by the off-line analysis inaccurately shows the oil to be dirtier compared to on-line analysis.

Factors influencing the accuracy of the off-line analysis:

- Introduction of environmental dirt into sample bottle
- Incorrect cleaning of sample bottle
- Inadequate flushing of sampling valve
- Effectiveness of sampling process
Fluid Sampling Procedure

Introduction

There are four methods for taking fluid samples, three for extracting samples and one for on-line analysis. Method 1 is the best choice followed by Method 2. Method 3 should only be used if there is no opportunity to take a line sample.

DO NOT obtain a sample from a reservoir drain valve. Always take the sample under the cleanest possible conditions and use pre-cleaned sample bottles.

If there are no line mounted samplers, fit a Pall sampling device to the Pall filter.

Method 1

Small ball valve with PTFE or similar seats, or a test point

1. Operate the system for at least 30 minutes prior to taking sample in order to distribute the particulate evenly.

2. Open the sampling valve and flush at least 1 litre of fluid through the valve. Do not close the valve after flushing.

3. When opening the sample bottle, be extremely careful not to contaminate it.

4. Half fill the bottle with system fluid, use this to rinse the inner surfaces and then discard.

5. Repeat step 4 a second time without closing the valve.

6. Collect sufficient fluid to fill 3/4 of bottle (to allow contents to be redistributed).

7. Cap the sample immediately and then close the sample valve.

Caution: Do not touch the valve while taking the sample.

8. Label the sample bottle with system details and enclose in a suitable container for transport.

Method 2

Valve of unknown contamination shedding capabilities

1. Operate the system for at least 30 minutes prior to taking sample in order to distribute particulate evenly.

2. Open the sampling valve and flush at least 3 to 4 Litres of fluid through the valve. (This is best accomplished by connecting the outlet of the valve back to the reservoir by using flexible tubing). Do not close the valve.

3. Having flushed the valve, remove the flexible tubing from the valve with the valve still open and fluid flowing. Remove the cap of the sample bottle and collect sample according to instructions 4 to 6 of Method 1.

4. Cap the sample immediately and then close the sample valve.

Caution: Do not touch the valve while taking the sample.

5. Label the sample bottle with system details and enclose in a suitable container for transport.
Fluid Sampling Procedure (continued)

Method 3  
Sampling from Reservoirs and Bulk Containers  
Applicable only if Methods 1 and 2 cannot be used  

1. Operate the system for at least 30 minutes prior to taking sample in order to distribute the particles evenly.  
2. Clean the area of entry to the reservoir where sample will be obtained.  
3. Flush the hose of the vacuum sampling device with filtered (0.8 µm) solvent to remove contamination that may be present.  
4. Attach a suitable sample bottle to the sampling device, carefully insert the hose into the reservoir so that it is mid-way into the fluid. Take care not to scrape the hose against the sides of the tank or baffles within the tank as contamination may be sucked into the hose.  
5. Pull the plunger on the body of the sampling device to produce vacuum and half fill the bottle.  
6. Unscrew bottle slightly to release vacuum, allowing hose to drain.  
7. Flush the bottle by repeating steps 4 to 6 two or three times.  
8. Collect sufficient fluid to 3/4 fill the sample bottle, release the vacuum and unscrew the sample bottle. Immediately recap and label the sample bottle.

Method 4  
On-line Analysis  
This procedure is for portable instruments that have to be connected to the system  

1. Check that the sampling position satisfies the reason for sampling and the sampling valves/points complies with the requirements of Method 1;  
2. Check that there is sufficient supply pressure to avoid instrument starvation or cavitation;  
3. Operate the system for at least 30 min  
4. Remove any covers, caps etc from the sampling position and, if practical, clean the exterior of the connection point with a clean solvent.  
5. Carefully connect the instrument to the sampling point and minimise the generation of dirt  
6. Operate the instrument in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions and flush the sampling lines and instrument with a suitable volume of fluid, as specified by the instrument manufacturer. If not a volume equivalent to 10 times the volume of the connection pipes and instrument is appropriate;  
7. The analysis shall be continued until the data from successive samples is either:  
   a) within the limits set by the instrument manufacturer; or  
   b) the difference is less than 10 % at the minimum particle size being monitored if the required output is particle count; or  
   c) the same cleanliness code has been recorded.
Water Contamination in Oil

Water contamination in oil systems causes:

- Oil breakdown, such as additive precipitation and oil oxidation
- Reduced lubricating film thickness
- Accelerated metal surface fatigue
- Corrosion

Sources of water contamination:

- Heat exchanger leaks
- Seal leaks
- Condensation of humid air
- Inadequate reservoir covers
- Temperature reduction (causing dissolved water to turn into free water)
- Equipment cleaning via high pressure hose

Typical Water Saturation Curve

To minimize the harmful effects of free water, water concentration in oil should be kept as far below the oil saturation point as possible.

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<th>Water Concentration</th>
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<td>10,000 PPM</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>1,000 PPM</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>100 PPM</td>
<td>0.01%</td>
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## Water Content Analysis Methods

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<td>Crackle Test</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Quick indicator of presence of free water</td>
<td>Does not permit detection below saturation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chemical (Calcium hydride)</td>
<td>Percentage or PPM</td>
<td>A simple measurement of water content</td>
<td>Not very accurate for dissolved water</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Distillation</td>
<td>Percentage</td>
<td>Unaffected by oil additives</td>
<td>Limited accuracy on dry oils</td>
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<tr>
<td>FTIR</td>
<td>Percentage or PPM</td>
<td>Quick and inexpensive</td>
<td>Accuracy does not permit detection below 0.1% (1,000 PPM)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Karl Fischer</td>
<td>Percentage or PPM</td>
<td>Accurate at detecting low levels of water (10 - 1,000 PPM)</td>
<td>Not suitable for high levels of water. Can be affected by additives</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Capacitive Sensor (Water Sensor)</td>
<td>Percentage of saturation or PPM</td>
<td>Accurate at detecting dissolved water (0 - 100% of saturation)</td>
<td>Cannot measure water levels above saturation (100%)</td>
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Water Sensor Technology

Water contamination in fluids can cause numerous problems such as additive depletion, oil oxidation, corrosion, reduced lubricating film thickness, microbial growth, and reduction of dielectric strength. Water sensors incorporate a probe that can be directly immersed in the fluid to monitor dissolved water content and temperature.

A variety of water sensor models are available including explosion proof options. Contact Pall to determine the most appropriate model for your application.

Capacitive Sensor Principle:
The electrical resistance of the dielectric polymer changes as the relative humidity changes. The water sensor probe is protected to avoid erratic results from solid contaminants settling on the porous top electrode.
Operating Principle of Pall Fluid Conditioning Purifiers

**Principle: Mass transfer by evaporation under vacuum**

- **Inlet**: Contaminated fluid
- **Outlet**: Exhaust air
- **Vacuum Chamber**: P_vacuum ≈ -0.7 bar
- **Dry air**: Very thin film of oil

- **Inlet**: Ambient air
- **Outlet**: Dry fluid

**Removing free water is never enough!**

1. Initial water content is above saturation (free water).
2. Maximum water removal capability of “free water removal” devices (coalescers, centrifuges, etc.) is to the oil’s saturation point.
3. Water content achieved with mass transfer dehydration is significantly below the oil’s saturation point.
4. Water content achieved with mass transfer dehydration remains below the oil’s saturation point even after oil is cooled. This prevents the formation of harmful free water.
5. If only free water is removed at initial temperature, when oil is cooled the amount of harmful free water in the oil can increase significantly.
Pall Portable Oil Purifiers

Pall oil purifiers are available in a wide range of flowrates: from 10 L/min to 200 L/min (2.6 USgpm to 52.8 USgpm).

Contact Pall for special variants such as explosion proof, ATEX, or fully remote controlled purifiers

Oil Purifier Features
- Removes 100% free and up to 90% dissolved water
- Removes 100% free and up to 90% dissolved gases
- Unlimited water and air removal capacity
- Wide fluid compatibility
- Fully portable for multiple site application
- Simple to operate
- No heating required - does not burn oils
- Low power consumption
- Low operating costs
- Automatic control of the main operating parameters
- Robust and reliable under harsh conditions
- Easy maintenance

Typical Applications
- Hydraulic oils
- Lubrication oils
- Dielectric oils
- Phosphate-esters
- Quench oils
Lube and Hydraulic Filter Locations

**Pressure Line**
- To stop pump wear debris from travelling through the system
- To catch debris from a catastrophic pump failure and prevent secondary system damage
- To act as a Last Chance Filter (LCF) and protect components directly downstream of it

**Return Line**
- To capture debris from component wear or ingestion travelling to the reservoir
- To promote general system cleanliness

**Kidney loop/off-line**
- To control system cleanliness when pressure line flow diminishes (i.e. compensating pumps)
- For systems where pressure or return filtration is impractical
- As a supplement to in-line filters to provide improved cleanliness control and filter service life in high dirt ingestion systems

**Reservoir Air Breather**
- To prevent ingestion of airborne particulate contamination
- To extend system filter element service life
- To maintain system cleanliness

**Additional filters should be placed ahead of critical or sensitive components**
- To protect against catastrophic machine failure (often non-bypass filters are used)
- To reduce wear
- To stabilize valve operation (prevents stiction)

**Flushing Filter**
- To remove particles that have been built-in to the system during assembly or maintenance before start-up
- To remove large particles that will cause catastrophic failures
- To extend ‘in-service’ filter element life
Pall Total Cleanliness Management (TCM) for Industrial Manufacturing

Enhancing Fluid Cleanliness, Advancing productivity, Assuring Reliability

Pall TCM program

Fluid Cleanliness Management
Component Cleanliness Management

KEY TARGETS
- Increased Production
- Improved Product Quality
- Enhanced Equipment Reliability
- Improved Health & Safety
- Enhanced Environment Protection

Pall provides customized contamination control solutions to improve system performance and reduce operating costs. Challenge us to deliver sustainable and cost-effective solutions to all your contamination problems.

Examples of applications where the Pall TCM program can be implemented

Typical Fluids
- Parts washing fluids
- Cutting fluids
- Process fluids
- Water

- Coolants
- Water glycols
- Fuels
- Solvents
- Hydraulic oils

- Lubrication oils
- Dielectric oils
- Phosphate-esters
- Quench oils
Short Element Life Checklist

HAS ANYTHING ALTERED IN THE SYSTEM?
- Recent maintenance
- New oil added
- Change in oil type
- Change in temperature
- Change in flow rate

NEW APPLICATION OR OLD APPLICATION OR

CHECK FILTER SIZING
Clean ΔP too high
OK

CHECK SYSTEM CLEANLINESS
Above required level
OK

CHECK INDICATOR
Faulty
OK

FIT ΔP GAUGE AND VERIFY CLEAN ΔP
Higher than expected
OK

SPECTROGRAPHIC

WATER CONTENT

FILTERABILITY TEST ON NEW AND SYSTEM OIL

CHECK FOR GELS AND PRECIPITATES

CHECK FILTER SIZING

INCREASE SURFACE AREA
- Longer Bowl
- Larger Assembly

SYSTEM CLEAN-UP OCCURRING

CHECK SYSTEM CLEANLINESS LEVEL
Above required level
OK

CHECK SYSTEM CLEANLINESS

CHANGE INDICATOR

VERIFY SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS PARTICULARLY FLOW RATE

CHECK FLUID CHEMISTRY

CHECK INDICATOR

VERY POSSIBLE SYSTEM/COMPONENT PROBLEMS
- Other analysis tests
- Wear debris
- SEM/EDX
- Check by-pass valve

INSPECT SYSTEM FILTER ELEMENT
The aim of flushing is to remove contamination from the inside of pipes and components that are introduced during system assembly or maintenance. This is accomplished by passing clean fluid through the system, usually at a velocity higher than that during normal operation to pick up the particles from the surface and transport them to the flushing filter.

**Omission or curtailment of flushing will inevitably lead to rapid wear of components, malfunction and breakdown.**

**Reynolds Number (Re):** A non-dimensional number that provides a qualification of the degree of turbulence within a pipe or hose.

**Laminar Flow - Re < 2,000**  
**Transitional Flow - Re 2,000 - 4,000**  
**Turbulent Flow - Re > 4,000**

**For effective flushing procedures the Reynolds Number (Re) should be in excess of 4000**

The flow condition in a pipe or hose can be assessed using Reynolds Number (Re) as follows:

\[
Re = \frac{Ud}{\nu} \times 1,000 \quad \text{or} \quad Re = 21,200 \times \frac{Q}{(\nu \times d)}
\]

- \(Re\) = Reynolds Number  
- \(U\) = Mean flow velocity (m/s)  
- \(d\) = Pipe internal diameter (mm)  
- \(\nu\) = Kinematic viscosity of fluid in cSt (mm²/s)  
- \(Q\) = Flow rate (L/min)
Filters for Hydraulic and Lubricating Fluids

Whatever your application in hydraulics or lubrication, Pall offers the most innovative filtration technology available to achieve the optimum cleanliness levels of your fluids.

**Pall Filters Offer:**
- Up to $B_{x(c)} \geq 2000$ removal efficiency
- Low, clean differential pressure
- Long service life
- Environmentally friendly coreless filter pack

**Pall Filtration Milestones**
- 1965 – Ultipor Filters
- 1966 – Ultipor Dirt Fuse Filters
- 1986 – Ultipor II Filters
- 1986 – Ultipor II Dirt Fuse Filters
- 1991 – Ultipor III Filters
- 1991 – Ultipor III Dirt Fuse Filters
- 1993 – Coreless Ultipor III Filters
- 2000 – Ultipor SRT Filters
- 2004 – Ultipleat SRT Filters
- 2014 – Coralon Filters
- 2014 – Coralon Dirt-Fuse Filters
- 2015 – Athalon Filters

**A History of ‘Industry Firsts’**
- Glass fiber filter media 1965
- Fixed pore filter media 1965
- $B \geq 75$ filtration ratings 1965
- 3000 psid collapse-rated filters 1966
- Tapered pore filter structure 1986
- Polymeric drainage meshes 1986
- $B \geq 200$ filtration ratings 1986
- Helical outer wrap 1990
- Coreless/cageless construction 1993
- $B \geq 1000$ filtration ratings 1999
- Stress-resistant filter medium 2000
- ISO Code (CST) filtration ratings 2004
- Laid-over pleating 2004
- Triboelectric charge-resistance 2004
- In-to-out flow path 2004
- Life-extending drainage meshes 2009
- $B_{x(c)} \geq 2000$ filtration ratings 2015

**Athalon**

The Ultimate in Filter Performance

Stress resistant technology, $B_{NOX} \geq 2000$ ratings, anti-static construction. Keep fluids cleanest, longest, for the greatest value.

**Coralon Filters**

Advanced Equipment Protection

Stress resistant technology, $B_{NOX} \geq 1000$ ratings.
Coralon™ Filters - Advanced equipment protection

New Coralon™ filters are a direct upgrade (same form, fit, and function including fluid and temperature compatibility) for current Ultipor™ filter elements. They represent a significant advancement in equipment protection for existing users.

Features
- Advanced pack design incorporating Stress-Resistant media Technology (SRT)
- Low clean element pressure drop for longer life
- Optimum performance under system stresses at all stages of filter life for consistently cleaner fluid
- Out-to in flow path
- Fan pleat configuration

Filter element hardware available with either corrosion protected carbon steel endcaps and core (as shown) or polymer endcaps for Ultipor III Coreless housing designs

Benefit: Comprehensive upgrade range, environmentally friendly designs for reduced disposal costs and ease of element changeout.

SRT Media pack* for increased resistance to system stresses such as cyclic flow and dirt loading

Benefit: Improved performance over the life of the filter for more consistent fluid cleanliness

Pall Coralon Filtration
- Improved fluid cleanliness
- Consistent performance throughout filter service life
- Lower pressure drop
- Same housing

✓ 15x improvement in fluid cleanliness
✓ 16x improvement in fluid cleanliness stability (throughout the filter’s service life)
✓ Up to 20% reduction in total cost of filtration

Leading to reduced equipment operating costs

...same price!

Pall Housing & Pall Ultipor® III Element

Upgraded filtration for improved protection and reduced costs...
The Ultimate in Filter Performance

Pall’s Athalon™ hydraulic and lube oil filters combine $\beta_{x(c)} \geq 2000$ rated, stress-resistant filter technology and a full range of housings to provide the greatest overall filter performance and value available in industry today.

- Laid Over Pleat (LOP) Filter Media Geometry
- Stress-Resistant Filter Medium
- Anti-Static Construction
- Coreless/Cageless Construction
- Simple to Install and Inexpensive to Maintain

‘Setting new standards in filter element design’

$\beta_{x(c)} \geq 2000$ rated Stress Resistant media Technology in a Laid-Over Pleat configuration: Inert, inorganic fibers securely bonded in a fixed, tapered pore structure with increased resistance to system stresses such as cyclic flow and dirt loading.

High pressure, return line and intank Athalon filter housing designs

Keeping Fluids the Cleanest, Longest, for the Greatest Value.
Advanced Test Method for Measuring Filter Performance

Cyclic Stabilization Test*

Schematic

Test Dust Slurry

Reservoir

Variable Speed Pump

Flowmeter

Downstream Sample

Bypass Valve

Test Filter

Automatic Particle Counter

Automatic Particle Counter

Injection stopped after $\Delta P$ increased to 80% of terminal Stabilize

Cyclic Stabilization Test (CST) measures a filter’s ability to clean up a contaminated system under cyclic flow (25 to 100% of rated flow) and contaminant loading conditions

Concept:

As opposed to ISO 16889 that only tests filters under steady state conditions, the Cyclic Stabilization test is used to evaluate hydraulic filter performance under typical stressful operating cyclic conditions such as:

- Flow surges
- Pressure peaks
- Cold starts

CST ISO 4406 Cleanliness Code ratings are based on the stabilized cleanliness achieved at 80% of the net terminal pressure drop, considered the worst operating condition

For clarity, only the number of particles/mL $>5\mu m(c)$ are shown

*based on SAE ARP4205
Pall Athalon™ Filter Performance Data

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Athalon Grade</th>
<th>$\beta_x(c) \geq 2000$ per ISO 16889</th>
<th>Cleanliness Code Rating (ISO 4406) from Cyclic Stabilization Test*</th>
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<tr>
<td>AZ</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>07/04/01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AP</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>11/08/03</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AN</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>13/09/04</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AS</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>15/11/06</td>
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<tr>
<td>AT</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>16/14/08</td>
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</table>

* CST: Cyclic Stabilization Test to determine filter rating under stress conditions, based on SAE ARP4205

Note these ISO codes are laboratory measurements under standard conditions. Cleanliness measured in actual operation will depend on operating conditions and sampling method.

Multi-Pass Filter Ratings (ISO 16889)

Traditional Fan-Pleat Filter

Pall Athalon Filter

The optimized pleat geometry of SRT filtration provides:
- Uniform flow distribution and increased flow capacity
- Maximum filter surface area and element life
Triboelectric Charging Effect on Filtration

Triboelectric Charging Resistant (TCR) Filters
- Designed to dissipate triboelectric charge build-up
- Produce only minimal triboelectric charging of the fluid (as measured by the fluid charge)
- Minimize fluid degradation and varnish formation

Filtration and Contamination Standards

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<tr>
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<th>Description</th>
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<td>ISO 2941</td>
<td>Filter elements - Verification of collapse/burst pressure rating</td>
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<tr>
<td>ISO 3968</td>
<td>Filters - Evaluation of differential pressure versus flow characteristics</td>
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<td>ISO 4021</td>
<td>Extraction of fluid samples from lines of an operating system</td>
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<td>ISO 4407</td>
<td>Determination of particulate contamination by the counting method using an optical microscope</td>
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<tr>
<td>ISO 11171</td>
<td>Calibration of automatic particle counters for liquids</td>
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<td>ISO 16889</td>
<td>Filter elements - Multi-pass method for evaluating filtration performance of a filter element</td>
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<td>ISO 18413</td>
<td>Component cleanliness - Inspection document and principles related to contaminant collection, analysis and data reporting</td>
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<tr>
<td>ISO 21018-3</td>
<td>Monitoring the level of particulate contamination of the fluid - Part 3: Use of the filter blockage technique</td>
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<td>SAE ARP4205</td>
<td>Filter elements - Method for evaluating dynamic efficiency with cyclic flow</td>
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Note: This is a small selection of ISO standards relevant to hydraulic and lubrication applications.
Differential Pressure Indicators and Switches

Differential pressure (∆P) indicators and switches notify the operator of the filter condition. This allows a replacement filter to be installed before filter element bypass occurs.

![Image of differential pressure indicators and switches]

ΔP across the filter increases as contaminant is trapped within the filtration medium. A ∆P indicator actuates at P₁, signalling the need for element change before the bypass relief valve opens at P₂. The bypass valve protects the filter and system from excessive differential pressure.

Without a bypass valve, continued operation at higher ∆P risks degradation of filtration performance (point A) and filter element collapse (point B) where the integrity of the filter element is lost.
Differential Pressure Indicators and Switches

Mechanical and Electrical Options Available

Technical principle of the mechanical indicators:
Differential pressure indicators operate by sensing the ∆P between ports upstream and downstream of the filter element. When the ∆P across the internal piston/magnet assembly reaches a preset value, determined by the range spring, the piston assembly moves downward, reducing the attractive force between the magnet and indicator button. The indicator button spring then overcomes the reduced magnetic force and releases the button to signal the need for element change. Activation can be visual using a button as shown here or electrical using a microswitch.

A variety of differential pressure indicator models are available. Contact Pall to determine the most appropriate ∆P indicators or switches for your applications.
 Filters for Process Fluids

Recommended for industrial applications to treat water, fuels, aqueous solutions, and low viscosity process fluids.

Recognizing that different applications have different fluid cleanliness and filtration requirements, the Pall range of Melt Blown filter products is simply defined to help you choose the best solution at the most economic cost.

Highly Critical Cleanliness
For applications such as fluid make-up, cleanliness control, polishing or clarification, where the full range of solid contamination removal including silt is required.

Critical to General Particulate Control
Cleanliness control in wash applications, machining applications where high surface finish is required, single pass in-line last chance filtration applications, and for general purpose fluid clarification.

General Particulate Control
Coarser ratings for primary or pre-filtration applications, or higher fluid flow applications where a fluid cleanliness level is not specified.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Particulate Control</th>
<th>Efficiency Rating%</th>
<th>Recommended Range (µm)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Highly Critical</td>
<td>99.98%</td>
<td>1, 3, 6, 12, 20</td>
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<tr>
<td>Critical to General</td>
<td>99.9%</td>
<td>40, 70, 90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>General</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>100, 150, 200</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Applications
- Component wash fluids
- Cutting fluids
- Process fluids
- Water
- Coolants
- Water glycols
- Mineral and synthetic oils
- Lubricants
- Fuels
- Solvents

Different medium configurations can be applied to specific user requirements. The Pall filter element range is available in -
1. Depth
2. Fan pleated
3. Patented laid over pleat (Ultipleat®) designs.
Separation Systems for Process Fluids

Crossflow Filtration Systems
Pall Clarisep crossflow filtration systems remove tramp oil, suspended solids and bacteria from water-based fluids to maintain the fluid in optimum condition for extended service life. These systems can also be used to process oily wastewater, minimizing the volumes that have to be disposed of off-site.

Pall offers a range of membrane technologies, allowing the optimum solution to be selected for a specific application. All Pall Clarisep systems automatically regenerate in-situ for extended life.

Pall Clarisep Membrane
Pall crossflow systems direct fluid flow across the surface of a porous membrane. Emulsified oil and grease, bacteria, fungi and suspended solids are larger than the membrane pores and are, therefore, held back, allowing clean fluid to pass downstream.
Diesel Fuel Purification

Diesel Engine Fuel Cleanliness Control - From delivery, to storage, to pump, to injector
The latest injection technology for diesel powered engines requires superclean fuels. Fine filtration and liquid/liquid coalescence are strategically required along the diesel supply chain.

Example of a Basic Mining Fuel Distribution System

Fuel Delivery

Bulk Diesel Fuel Filtration
Liquid/Liquid coalescer
Point of use fuel filter
Mobile support fuel filter
On board fuel filter
Air breather filter

Pall Ultipleat® Diesel Plus Fuel Filter Elements
Pall Athalon™ Filter Elements
Pall Ultipleat® Diesel Fuel Filter Elements
Component Cleanliness Management (CCM) is a comprehensive program designed to help clients achieve desired component cleanliness. After working with you to validate processes and set cleanliness specifications, the program follows a defined path to assess component cleanliness and identify areas for improvement. We then provide recommendations and assist in their implementation.

Pall Cleanliness Cabinets facilitate the accurate, reliable and repeatable determination of component cleanliness.

- Stainless steel construction
- Controlled extraction environment
- Automated cleaning to “blank” values
- Pressurized solvent dispensing and recycling circuits
- Meet ISO 18413, ISO 16232 and VDA 19 procedures
- Available in small, medium or large cabinet options
Required Fluid Cleanliness Level Worksheet*

Selection of the appropriate cleanliness level should be based upon careful consideration of the operational and environmental conditions. By working through this list of individual parameters, a total weighting can be obtained from the graph on page 39, to give the Required Cleanliness Level (RCL).

Table 1. Operating Pressure and Duty Cycle

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Duty</th>
<th>Examples</th>
<th>0-70 (0-1000)</th>
<th>&gt;70-170 (&gt;1000-2500)</th>
<th>&gt;170-275 (&gt;2500-4000)</th>
<th>&gt;275-410 (&gt;4000-6000)</th>
<th>&gt;410 (&gt;6000)</th>
<th>Actual</th>
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<tr>
<td>Light</td>
<td>Steady duty</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Moderate pressure variations</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Heavy</td>
<td>Zero to full pressure</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Severe</td>
<td>Zero to full pressure with</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td></td>
<td>high frequency transients</td>
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Table 2. Component Sensitivity

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<th>Sensitivity</th>
<th>Examples</th>
<th>Weighting</th>
<th>Actual</th>
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<tr>
<td>Minimal</td>
<td>Ram pumps</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Below average</td>
<td>Low performance gear pumps, manual valves, poppet valves</td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Average</td>
<td>Vane pumps, spool valves, high performance gear pumps</td>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Above average</td>
<td>Piston pumps, proportional valves</td>
<td>4</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>High</td>
<td>Servo valves, high pressure proportional valves</td>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Very high</td>
<td>High performance servo valves</td>
<td>8</td>
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Table 3. Equipment Life Expectancy

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<th>Life Expectancy (hours)</th>
<th>Weighting</th>
<th>Actual</th>
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<tr>
<td>0-1,000</td>
<td>0</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1,000-5,000</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5,000-10,000</td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10,000-20,000</td>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20,000-40,000</td>
<td>4</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>&gt;40,000</td>
<td>5</td>
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Table 4. Component Replacement Cost

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<th>Replacement Cost</th>
<th>Examples</th>
<th>Weighting</th>
<th>Actual</th>
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<tr>
<td>Low</td>
<td>Manifold mounted valves, inexpensive pumps</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Average</td>
<td>Line mounted valves and modular valves</td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>High</td>
<td>Cylinders, proportional valves</td>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Very high</td>
<td>Large piston pumps, hydrostatic transmission motors, high performance</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>servo components</td>
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Table 5. Equipment Downtime Cost

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<th>Downtime Cost</th>
<th>Examples</th>
<th>Weighting</th>
<th>Actual</th>
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<tr>
<td>Low</td>
<td>Equipment not critical to production or operation</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Average</td>
<td>Small to medium production plant</td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>High</td>
<td>High volume production plant</td>
<td>4</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Very high</td>
<td>Very expensive downtime cost</td>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
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Table 6. Safety Liability

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<th>Safety Liability</th>
<th>Examples</th>
<th>Weighting</th>
<th>Actual</th>
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<tr>
<td>Low</td>
<td>No liability</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Average</td>
<td>Failure may cause hazard</td>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>High</td>
<td>Failure may cause injury</td>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
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* Adapted from BFPA/P5 Target Cleanliness Level Selector 1999 Issue 3.
### Table 7. System Requirement

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Cleanliness Requirement Total Weighting</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sum of ‘Actual’ weighting from sections 1 through 6</td>
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Using the chart below, determine where the ‘Cleanliness Requirement Total Weighting’ number from Table 7 intersects the red line. Follow across to the left to find the recommended ISO 4406 Code.

### Table 8. Environmental Weighting

<table>
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<th>Environment</th>
<th>Examples</th>
<th>Weighting</th>
<th>Actual</th>
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<tr>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Clean areas, few ingestion points, filtered fluid filling, air breathers</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fair</td>
<td>General machine shops, some control over ingestion points</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Poor</td>
<td>Minimal control over operating environment and ingestion points</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hostile</td>
<td>Potentially high ingestion (e.g., foundries, concrete mfg., component test rigs, off-highway mobile equipment)</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>4</td>
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* Single filter or multiple filters with the same media grade on the system.

### Table 9. Required Filtration Level

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Filtration Requirement Total Weighting</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tr>
<td>Add Environmental Weighting (Table 8) to System Requirement Total (Table 7)</td>
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Using the chart below, determine where the ‘Required Filtration Level’ total in Table 9 intersects the red line. Follow across to the right to find the corresponding recommended Pall filter grade.

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† Using on-line particle counting
Common Fluid Power Circuit Diagram Symbols

ISO1219-1: Fluid power systems and components - Graphic symbols and circuit diagrams - Part 1: Graphic symbols for conventional use and data processing applications.

Cylinders and Semi-rotary Actuators

- **Double Acting Cylinder**
- **Bi-directional Semi-rotary Actuator**
- **Cylinder with Adjustable Cushioning**
- **Single Acting Telescopic Cylinder**

Pumps and Motors

- **Fixed Displacement Pump**
  - Uni-directional Flow
  - Anti-clockwise Rotation

- **Variable Displacement Pump**
  - Bi-directional Flow
  - Anti-clockwise Rotation

- **Pressure Compensated Pump**
  - Shortform Symbol
  - Uni-directional Flow
  - External Case Drain
  - Clockwise Rotation
  - Electric Motor Driven

Directional Control Valves (Unspecified Actuation)

- **2 Port, 2 Position**
  - Normally Closed

- **2 Port, 2 Position**
  - Normally Open

- **3 Port, 2 Position**
  - Spring Return

- **3 Port, 2 Position**
  - Spring Return
  - Poppet type

- **4 Port, 2 Position**
  - Spring Return

- **4 Port, [3 Position]**
  - Proportional

- **4 Port, 3 Position, Spring Centred**
  - (See Below for Centre Conditions)

- **Closed Centre**
- **Open Centre**
- **Tandem Centre**
- **Float Centre**
- **Regeneration Centre**
Directional Control Valve Actuation

Pressure Control Valves

Isolation and Flow Control Valves

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