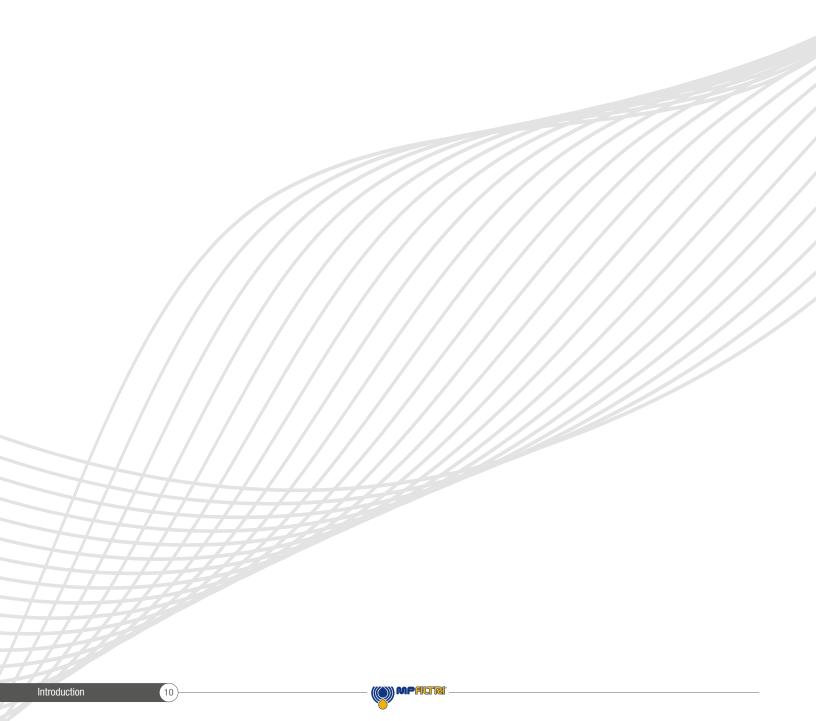


# UFM 015

Mobile filtration unit 4 gpm (15 l/min) flow rate







# Contamination management

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## 1 HYDRAULIC FLUIDS

The fluid is the vector that transmits power, energy within an oleodynamic circuit. In addition to transmitting energy through the circuit, it also performs additional functions such as lubrication, protection and cooling of the surfaces.

The classification of fluids used in hydraulic systems is coded in many regulatory references, different Standards.

The most popular classification criterion divides them into the following families:

- MINERAL OILS

Commonly used oil derived fluids.

#### FIRE RESISTANT FLUIDS

Fluids with intrinsic characteristics of incombustibility or high flash point.

#### SYNTHETIC FLUIDS

Modified chemical products to obtain specific optimized features.

#### - ECOLOGICAL FLUIDS

Synthetic or vegetable origin fluids with high biodegradability characteristics.

The choice of fluid for a hydraulic system must take into account several

These parameters can adversely affect the performance of a hydraulic system, causing delay in the controls, pump cavitation, excessive absorption, excessive temperature rise, efficiency reduction, increased drainage, wear, jam/block or air intake in the plant.

The main properties that characterize hydraulic fluids and affect their choice are:

#### - DYNAMIC VISCOSITY

It identifies the fluid's resistance to sliding due to the impact of the particles forming it.

### - KINEMATIC VISCOSITY

It is a widespread formal dimension in the hydraulic field.

It is calculated with the ratio between the dynamic viscosity and the fluid

Kinematic viscosity varies with temperature and pressure variations.

### - VISCOSITY INDEX

This value expresses the ability of a fluid to maintain viscosity when the temperature changes.

A high viscosity index indicates the fluid's ability to limit viscosity variations by varying the temperature.

#### - FILTERABILITY INDEX

It is the value that indicates the ability of a fluid to cross the filter materials. A low filterability index could cause premature clogging of the filter material.

### - WORKING TEMPERATURE

Working temperature affects the fundamental characteristics of the fluid. As already seen, some fluid characteristics, such as cinematic viscosity, vary with the temperature variation.

When choosing a hydraulic oil, must therefore be taken into account of the environmental conditions in which the machine will operate.

#### **COMPRESSIBILITY MODULE**

Every fluid subjected to a pressure contracts, increasing its density. The compressibility module identifies the increase in pressure required to cause a corresponding increase in density.

#### - HYDROLYTIC STABILITY

It is the characteristic that prevents galvanic pairs that can cause wear in the plant/system.

#### - ANTIOXIDANT STABILITY AND WEAR PROTECTION

These features translate into the capacity of a hydraulic oil to avoid corrosion of metal elements inside the system.

#### - HEAT TRANSFER CAPACITY

It is the characteristic that indicates the capacity of hydraulic oil to exchange heat with the surfaces and then cool them.

### (2) FLUID CONTAMINATION

Whatever the nature and properties of fluids, they are inevitably subject to contamination. Fluid contamination can have two origins:

#### - INITIAL CONTAMINATION

Caused by the introduction of contaminated fluid into the circuit, or by incorrect storage, transport or transfer operations.

#### - PROGRESSIVE CONTAMINATION

Caused by factors related to the operation of the system, such as metal surface wear, sealing wear, oxidation or degradation of the fluid, the introduction of contaminants during maintenance, corrosion due to chemical or electrochemical action between fluid and components, cavitation. The contamination of hydraulic systems can be of different nature:

#### SOLID CONTAMINATION

For example rust, slag, metal particles, fibers, rubber particles, paint particles or additives

#### - LIQUID CONTAMINATION

For example, the presence of water due to condensation or external infiltration or acids

#### - GASEOUS CONTAMINATION

For example, the presence of air due to inadequate oil level in the tank, drainage in suction ducts, incorrect sizing of tubes or tanks.

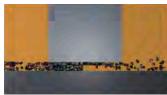
## (3) EFFECTS OF CONTAMINATION ON HYDRAULIC **COMPONENTS**

Solid contamination is recognized as the main cause of malfunction, failure and early degradation in hydraulic systems. It is impossible to delete it completely, but it can be effectively controlled by appropriate devices.

#### CONTAMINATION IN PRESENCE OF LARGE TOLERANCES



#### CONTAMINATION IN PRESENCE OF NARROW TOLERANCES





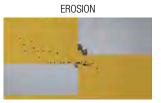
Introduction

Solid contamination mainly causes surface damage and component wear.

- SURFACE EROSION
  - Cause of leakage through mechanical seals, reduction of system performance, variation in adjustment of control components, failures.
- ADHESION OF MOVING PARTS Cause of failure due to lack of lubrication.
- DAMAGES DUE TO FATIGUE Cause of breakdowns and components breakdown.



ADHESION



**FATIGUE** 

Liquid contamination mainly results in decay of lubrication performance and protection of fluid surfaces.

#### **DISSOLVED WATER**

- INCREASING FLUID ACIDITY Cause of surface corrosion and premature fluid oxidation
- GALVANIC COUPLE AT HIGH TEMPERATURES Cause of corrosion

#### FREE WATER - ADDITIONAL EFFECTS

- DECAY OF LUBRICANT PERFORMANCE Cause of rust and sludge formation, metal corrosion and increased solid contamination
- BATTERY COLONY CREATION Cause of worsening in the filterability feature
- ICE CREATION AT LOW TEMPERATURES Cause damage to the surface
- ADDITIVE DEPLETION Free water retains polar additives

Gaseous contamination mainly results in decay of system performance.

- CUSHION SUSPENSION Cause of increased noise and cavitation.
- FLUID OXIDATION Cause of corrosion acceleration of metal parts.

- MODIFICATION OF FLUID PROPERTIES (COMPRESSIBILITY MODULE, DENSITY, VISCOSITY) Cause of system's reduction of efficiency and of control. It is easy to understand how a system without proper contamination management is subject to higher costs than a system that is provided.
- MAINTENANCE Increase maintenance activities, spare parts, machine downtime.
- ENERGY AND EFFICIENCY Efficiency and performance reduction due to friction, drainage, cavitation.

## (4) MEASURING THE SOLID CONTAMINATION LEVEL

The level of contamination of a system identifies the amount of contaminant contained in a fluid.

This parameter refers to a unit volume of fluid.

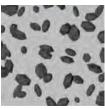
The level of contamination may be different at different points in the system. From the information in the previous paragraphs, it is also apparent that the level of contamination is heavily influenced by the working conditions of the system, by its working years and by the environmental conditions.

What is the size of the contaminating particles that we must handle in our hydraulic circuit?

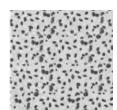




 $(75 \mu m)$ 



MINIMUM DIMENSION VISIBLE WITH HUMAN EYES (40 µm)



DIMENSION IN A HYDRAULIC CIRCUIT (4-14 µm)

Contamination level analysis is significant only if performed with a uniform and repeatable method, conducted with standard test methods and suitably calibrated equipment.

To this end, ISO has issued a set of standards that allow tests to be conducted and express the measured values in the following ways.

- GRAVIMETRIC LEVEL - ISO 4405

The level of contamination is defined by checking the weight of particles collected by a laboratory membrane. The membrane must be cleaned, dried and desiccated, with fluid and conditions defined by the Standard.

The volume of fluid is filtered through the membrane by using a suitable suction system. The weight of the contaminant is determined by checking the weight of the membrane before and after the fluid filtration.



CLEAN **MFMBRANE** 

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CONTAMINATED **MEMBRANE** 

#### - CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PARTICLES SIZE - ISO 4406

The level of contamination is defined by counting the number of particles of certain dimensions per unit of volume of fluid. Measurement is performed by Contamination Monitoring Products (CMP).

Following the count, the contamination classes are determined, corresponding to the number of particles detected in the unit of fluid.

The most common classification methods follow ISO 4406 and SAE AS 4059 (Aerospace Sector) regulations. NAS 1638 is still used although obsolete.

#### Classification example according to ISO 4406

The International Standards Organization standard ISO 4406 is the preferred method of quoting the number of solid contaminant particles in a sample. The level of contamination is defined by counting the number of particles of certain dimensions per unit of volume of fluid. The measurement is performed by Contamination Monitoring Products (CMP).

The numbers represent a code which identifies the number of particles of certain sizes in 1ml of fluid. Each code number has a particular size range. The first scale number represents the number of particles equal to or larger than 4 µm<sub>(c)</sub> per millilitre of fluid;

The second scale number represents the number of particles equal to or larger than 6 µm<sub>(c)</sub> per millilitre of fluid;

The third scale number represents the number of particles equal to or larger than 14 µm<sub>(c)</sub> per millilitre of fluid.

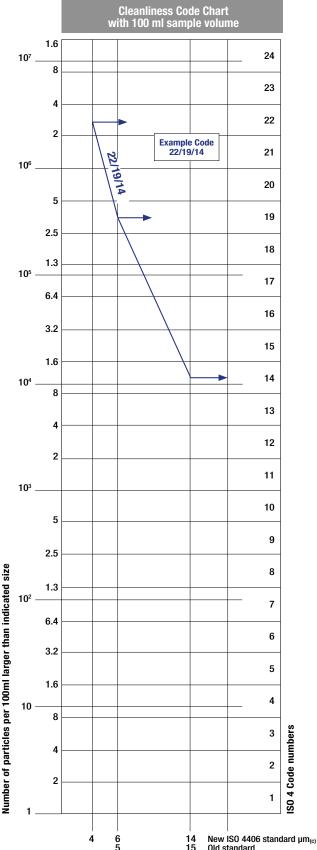
ISO 4406 - Allocation of Scale Numbers

| Class | Number of particles per ml |           |  |  |  |
|-------|----------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|
|       | Over                       | Up to     |  |  |  |
| 28    | 1 300 000                  | 2 500 000 |  |  |  |
| 27    | 640 000                    | 1 300 000 |  |  |  |
| 26    | 320 000                    | 640 000   |  |  |  |
| 25    | 160 000                    | 320 000   |  |  |  |
| 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     | 0.64                       | 1.3       |  |  |  |
| 6     | 0.32                       | 0.64      |  |  |  |
| 5     | 0.16                       | 0.32      |  |  |  |
| 4     | 0.08                       | 0.16      |  |  |  |
| 3     | 0.04                       | 0.08      |  |  |  |
| 2     | 0.02                       | 0.04      |  |  |  |
| 1     | 0.01                       | 0.02      |  |  |  |
| 0     | 0                          | 0.01      |  |  |  |

> 4  $\mu$ m<sub>(c)</sub> = 350 particles > 6  $\mu$ m<sub>(c)</sub> = 100 particles  $> 14 \, \mu m_{(c)} = 25 \, particles$ 16/14/12

#### ISO 4406 Cleanliness Code System

Microscope counting examines the particles differently to Contamination Monitoring Products (CMP) and the code is given with two scale numbers only. These are at 5  $\mu$ m and 15  $\mu$ m equivalent to the 6  $\mu$ m<sub>(c)</sub> and 14  $\mu$ m<sub>(c)</sub> of Contamination Monitoring Products (CMP).



- CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PARTICLES SIZE SAE AS4059-1 and SAE AS4059-2

#### Classification example according to SAE AS4059 - Rev. G

The code, prepared for the aerospace industry, is based on the size, quantity, and particle spacing in a 100 ml fluid sample. The contamination classes are defined by numeric codes, the size of the contaminant is identified by letters (A-F).

This SAE Aerospace Standard (AS) defines cleanliness levels for particulate contamination of hydraulic fluids and includes methods of reporting data relating to the contamination levels. Tables 1 and 2 below provide differential and cumulative particle counts respectively for counts obtained by an Contamination Monitoring Products (CMP), e.g. LPA3.

Table 1 - Class for differential measurement

| Class | Dimension of contaminant<br>Maximum Contamination Limits per 100 ml |                         |                         |                         |                       |     |  |  |
|-------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|--|--|
|       | 5-15 μm   | 15-25 μm                | 25-50 μm                | 50-100 μm               | >100 µm               | (1) |  |  |
|       | 6-14 μm <sub>(c)</sub>  | 14-21 μm <sub>(c)</sub> | 21-38 μm <sub>(c)</sub> | 38-70 μm <sub>(c)</sub> | >70 µm <sub>(c)</sub> | (2) |  |  |
| 00    | 125   | 22                      | 4                       | 1                       | 0                     |     |  |  |
| 0     | 250   | 44                      | 8                       | 2                       | 0                     |     |  |  |
| 1     | 500   | 89                      | 16                      | 3                       | 1                     | _   |  |  |
| 2     | 1 000   | 178                     | 32                      | 6                       | 1                     | _   |  |  |
| 3     | 2 000   | 356                     | 63                      | 11                      | 2                     | _   |  |  |
| 4     | 4 000   | 712                     | 126                     | 22                      | 4                     |     |  |  |
| 5     | 8 000   | 1 425                   | 253                     | 45                      | 8                     | •   |  |  |
| 6     | 16 000  | 2 850                   | 506                     | 90                      | 16                    |     |  |  |
| 7     | 32 000  | 5 700                   | 1 012                   | 180                     | 32                    |     |  |  |
| 8     | 64 000  | 11 400                  | 2 025                   | 360                     | 64                    |     |  |  |
| 9     | 128 000   | 22 800                  | 4 050                   | 720                     | 128                   |     |  |  |
| 10    | 256 000   | 45 600                  | 8 100                   | 1 440                   | 256                   | _   |  |  |
| 11    | 512 000   | 91 200                  | 16 200                  | 2 880                   | 512                   | _   |  |  |
| 12    | 1 024 000   | 182 400                 | 32 400                  | 5.760                   | 1 024                 | _   |  |  |

6 - 14  $\mu$ m<sub>(c)</sub> = 15 000 particles 14 - 21  $\mu$ m<sub>(c)</sub> = 2 200 particles 21 - 38  $\mu$ m<sub>(c)</sub> = 200 particles 38 - 70  $\mu$ m<sub>(c)</sub> = 35 particles > 70  $\mu$ m<sub>(c)</sub> = 3 particles SAE AS4059 REV G - Class 6 (1) Size range, optical microscope, based on longest dimension as measured per AS598 or ISO 4407. (2) Size range CMP calibrated per ISO 11171 or an optical or electron microscope with image analysis software, based on projected area equivalent diameter.

Table 2 - Class for cumulative measurement

| Class | Dimension of contaminant<br>Maximum Contamination Limits per 100 ml |                      |                       |                       |                       |                          |     |  |
|-------|---|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----|--|
|       | >1 μm   >5 μm   |                      | >15 µm                | >25 µm                | >50 µm                | >100 µm (1               | 1)_ |  |
|       | >4 µm <sub>(c)</sub>  | >6 µm <sub>(c)</sub> | >14 µm <sub>(c)</sub> | >21 µm <sub>(c)</sub> | >38 µm <sub>(c)</sub> | >70 µm <sub>(c)</sub> (2 | 2)  |  |
| 000   | 195   | 76                   | 14                    | 3                     | 1                     | 0                        |     |  |
| 00    | 390   | 152                  | 27                    | 5                     | 1                     | 0                        |     |  |
| 0     | 780   | 304                  | 54                    | 10                    | 2                     | 0                        |     |  |
| 1     | 1 560   | 609                  | 109                   | 20                    | 4                     | 1                        |     |  |
| 2     | 3 120   | 1 217                | 217                   | 39                    | 7                     | 1                        |     |  |
| 3     | 6 250   | 2 432                | 432                   | 76                    | 13                    | 2                        |     |  |
| 4     | 12 500  | 4 864                | 864                   | 152                   | 26                    | 4                        |     |  |
| 5     | 25 000  | 9 731                | 1 731                 | 306                   | 53                    | 8                        |     |  |
| 6     | 50 000  | 19 462               | 3 462                 | 612                   | 106                   | 16                       |     |  |
| 7     | 100 000   | 38 924               | 6 924                 | 1 224                 | 212                   | 32                       |     |  |
| 8     | 200 000   | 77 849               | 13 849                | 2 449                 | 424                   | 64                       |     |  |
| 9     | 400 000   | 155 698              | 27 698                | 4 898                 | 848                   | 128                      |     |  |
| 10    | 800 000   | 311 396              | 55 396                | 9 796                 | 1 696                 | 256                      |     |  |
| 11    | 1 600 000   | 622 792              | 110 792               | 19 592                | 3 392                 | 512                      |     |  |
| 12    | 3 200 000   | 1 245 584            | 221 584               | 39 184                | 6 784                 | 1 024                    |     |  |

 $> 4 \mu m_{(c)} = 45 000 \text{ particles}$ 

>  $6 \mu m_{(c)} = 15 000 \text{ particles}$ >  $14 \mu m_{(c)} = 1 500 \text{ particles}$ 

 $> 21 \ \mu m_{(c)} = 250 \ particles$ > 38 \ \mu\_{(c)} = 15 \ particles

SAE AS4059 REV G cpc\* Class 6 6/6/5/5/4/2

\* cumulative particle count

(1) Size range, optical microscope, based on longest dimension as measured per AS598 or ISO 4407. (2) Size range, CMP calibrated per ISO 11171 or an optical or electron microscope with image analysis software, based on projected area equivalent diameter. (3) Contamination classes and particle count limits are identical to NAS 1638.

#### - CLASSES OF CONTAMINATION ACCORDING TO NAS 1638 (January 1964)

The NAS system was originally developed in 1964 to define contamination classes for the contamination contained within aircraft components. The application of this standard was extended to industrial hydraulic systems simply because nothing else existed at the time.

The coding system defines the maximum numbers permitted of 100 ml volume at various size intervals (differential counts) rather than using cumulative counts as in ISO 4406. Although there is no guidance given in the standard on how to quote the levels, most industrial users quote a single code which is the highest recorded in all sizes and this convention is used on MP Filtri Contamination Monitoring Products (CMP).

The contamination classes are defined by a number (from 00 to 12) which indicates the maximum number of particles per 100 ml, counted on a differential basis, in a given size bracket.

Size Range Classes (in microns)

| Maximum Contamination Limits per 100 ml |           |         |        |        |       |  |  |  |
|---|-----------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--|--|--|
| Class                                   | 5-15      | 15-25   | 25-50  | 50-100 | >100  |  |  |  |
| 00                                      | 125       | 22      | 4      | 1      | 0     |  |  |  |
| 0                                       | 250       | 44      | 8      | 2      | 0     |  |  |  |
| 1                                       | 500       | 89      | 16     | 3      | 1     |  |  |  |
| 2                                       | 1 000     | 178     | 32     | 6      | 1     |  |  |  |
| 3                                       | 2 000     | 356     | 63     | 11     | 2     |  |  |  |
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| 12                                      | 1 024 000 | 182 400 | 32 400 | 5 760  | 1 024 |  |  |  |

5-15 µm = 42 000 particles 15-25 µm = 2 200 particles 25-50 µm = 150 particles 50-100 µm = 18 particles > 100 µm = 3 particles Class NAS 8

#### - CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PARTICLES SIZE - ISO 4407

The level of contamination is defined by counting the number of particles collected by a laboratory membrane per unit of fluid volume. The measurement is done by a microscope. The membrane must be cleaned, dried and desiccated, with fluid and conditions defined by the Standard. The fluid volume is filtered through the membrane, using a suitable suction system.

The level of contamination is identified by dividing the membrane into a predefined number of areas and by counting the contaminant particles using a suitable laboratory microscope.

MICROSCOPE CONTROL AND MEASUREMENT



Example figure 1 and 2

COMPARISON PHOTOGRAPH'S 1 graduation = 10µm



Fig. 2

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For other comparison photographs for contamination classes see the "Fluid Condition and Filtration Handbook".



#### - CLEANLINESS CODE COMPARISON

Although ISO 4406 standard is being used extensively within the hydraulics industry other standards are occasionally required and a comparison may be requested. The table below gives a very general comparison but often no direct comparison is possible due to the different classes and sizes involved.

| ISO 4406   | SAE AS4059<br>Table 2  | SAE AS4059<br>Table 1                         | NAS 1638                                 |
|--|--|---|--|
| > 4 μm <sub>(c)</sub><br>6 μm <sub>(c)</sub><br>14 μm <sub>(c)</sub> | > 4 μm <sub>(c)</sub><br>6 μm <sub>(c)</sub><br>14 μm <sub>(c)</sub> | 4-6<br>6-14<br>14-21<br>21-38<br>38-70<br>>70 | 5-15<br>15-25<br>25-50<br>50-100<br>>100 |
| 23 / 21 / 18   | 13A / 12B / 12C  | 12  | 12                                       |
| 22 / 20 / 17   | 12A / 11B / 11C  | 11  | 11                                       |
| 21 / 19 / 16   | 11A / 10B / 10C  | 10  | 10                                       |
| 20 / 18 / 15   | 10A / 9B / 9B  | 9   | 9  |
| 19 / 17 / 14   | 9A / 8B / 8C   | 8   | 8  |
| 18 / 16 / 13   | 8A / 7B / 7C   | 7   | 7  |
| 17 / 15 / 12   | 7A / 6B / 6C   | 6   | 6  |
| 16/14/11   | 6A / 5B / 5C   | 5   | 5  |
| 15 / 13 / 10   | 5A / 4B / 4C   | 4   | 4  |
| 14/12/09   | 4A / 3B / 3C   | 3   | 3  |

## (5) RECOMMENDED CONTAMINATION CLASSES

The table below, gives a selection of maximum contamination levels that are typically issued by component manufacturer.

These relate to the use of the correct viscosity mineral fluid. An even cleaner level may be needed if the operation

is severe, such as high frequency fluctuations in loading, high temperature or high failure risk.

| Piston pumps                      |                    |                    |                    |                   |                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| with fixed flow rate              | _                  |                    |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Piston pumps                      |                    |                    |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| with variable flow rate           |                    |                    |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Vane pumps                        |                    |                    |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| with fixed flow rate              |                    | •                  |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Vane pumps                        |                    |                    |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| with variable flow                |                    |                    | •                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Engines                           | •                  |                    |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Hydraulic cylinders               | •                  |                    |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Actuators                         |                    |                    |                    |                   | •                 |                   |
| Test benches                      |                    |                    |                    |                   |                   | •                 |
| Check valve                       | •                  |                    |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Directional valves                | •                  |                    |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Flow regulating valves            | •                  |                    |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Proportional valves               |                    |                    |                    | •                 |                   |                   |
| Servo-valves                      |                    |                    |                    |                   | •                 |                   |
| Flat bearings                     |                    |                    | •                  |                   |                   |                   |
| Ball bearings                     |                    |                    |                    | •                 |                   |                   |
| ISO 4406 CODE                     | 20/18/15           | 19/17/14           | 18/16/13           | 17/15/12          | 16/14/11          | 15/13/10          |
| Recommended                       | B <sub>20(c)</sub> | B <sub>15(c)</sub> | B <sub>10(c)</sub> | B <sub>7(c)</sub> | B <sub>7(c)</sub> | B <sub>5(c)</sub> |
| filtration $\beta x(c) \ge 1.000$ | >1000              | >1000              | >1000              | >1000             | >1000             | >1000             |



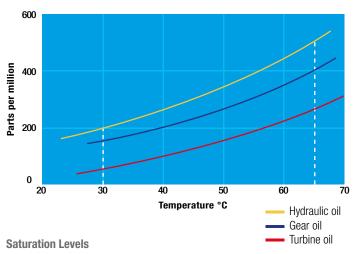
### (6) WATER IN HYDRAULIC AND LUBRICATING FLUIDS

#### **Water Content**

In mineral oils and non-aqueous resistant fluids water is undesirable. Mineral oil usually has a water content of 50-300 ppm (@40°C) which it can support without adverse consequences.

Once the water content exceeds about 300 ppm the oil starts to appear hazy. Above this level there is a danger of free water accumulating in the system in areas of low flow. This can lead to corrosion and accelerated wear.

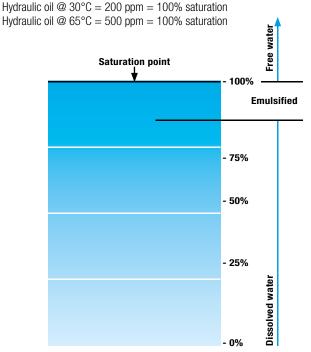
Similarly, fire resistant fluids have a natural water which may be different to mineral oil.



Since the effects of free (also emulsified) water are more harmful than those of dissolved water, water levels should remain well below the saturation point.

However, even water in solution can cause damage and therefore every reasonable effort should be made to keep saturation levels as low as possible. There is no such thing as too little water. As a guideline, we recommend maintaining saturation levels below 50% in all equipment.

## TYPICAL WATER SATURATION LEVEL FOR NEW OILS Examples:



#### W - Water and Temperature Sensing

"W" option, in MP Filtri Contamination Monitoring Products, indicates water content as a percentage of saturation and oil temperature in degrees centigrade. 100% RH corresponds to the point at which free water can exist in the fluid. i.e. the fluid is no longer able to hold the water in a dissolved solution.

The sensor can help provide early indication of costly failure due to free water, including but not exclusive to corrosion, metal surface fatigue e.g. bearing failure, reduced lubrication & load carrying characteristics.

Different oils have different saturation levels and therefore RH (relative humidity) % is the best and most practical measurement.

#### Water absorber

Water is present everywhere, during storage, handling and servicing.

MP Filtri filter elements feature an absorbent media which protects hydraulic systems from both particulate and water contamination.

MP Filtri's filter element technology is available with inorganic microfiber media with a filtration rating 25  $\mu$ m (therefore identified with media designation WA025, providing absolute filtration of solid particles to  $\mathcal{B}_{X(C)}=1000$ ).

Absorbent media is made by water absorbent fibers which increase in size during the absorption process. Free water is thus bonded to the filter media and completely removed from the system (it cannot even be squeezed out).



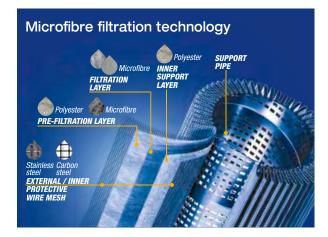
Fabric that absorbs water



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Absorber media laver

The Filter Media has absorbed water



By removing water from your fluid power system, you can prevent such key problems as:

- corrosion (metal etching)
- loss of lubricant power
- accelerated abrasive wear in hydraulic components
- valve-locking
- bearing fatigue
- viscosity variance (reduction in lubricating properties)
- additive precipitation and oil oxidation
- increase in acidity level
- increased electrical conductivity (loss of dielectric strength)
- slow/weak response of control systems

Product availability - UFM Series: UFM 041 - UFM 051 - UFM 091 - UFM 181 - UFM 919



## UFM 015 GENERAL INFORMATION

## Description

## Mobile filtration units

The UFM 015 is a portable oil transfer/filtration unit, specifically designed for both filling/transferring hydraulic oils from containers to the hydraulic tank as well as filtering and cleaning hydraulic systems.

The unit utilizes 160 size cartridge style filter element, thus increasing the dirt holding capacity and granting low pressure drop of the unit.

The unit has the flexibility in being able to offer a wide range of medias and micron ratings to suit any application. The unit is very compact and lightweight.

## > Features & Benefits

- Handle size
- Light
- Easy to use
- Easy maintenance
- Reliable
- Absolute filtration











## GENERAL INFORMATION UFM 015

#### Technical data

**Pump** 

Gear pump

**Electric Motor** 

0.25 hp (0.18 kW) 115 V single phase electric motor (only for USA)

**Flow** 

4 gpm (15 l/min) - 1450 r.p.m.

4 gpm (15 l/min) - 1800 r.p.m.

**Max. Operation Pressure** 

4.0 bar

Viscosity range

Min. operation 10 cSt

Max. operation 200 cSt

Max. only for cold start 400 cSt

**Suction Filter** 

Type Y filtration 500 µm

**Filtration Rating** 

3, 6, 10, 25  $\mu$ m  $\beta$ >1000 flow through the element Out/In

Bypass valve Δp set

Rating 58 psi (4 bar)

Fluid Temperature

From +41° to +140 °F (+5 °C to 60 °C)

**Ambient Temperature** 

From +41° to +104 °F (+5 °C to 40 °C)

**Protection Class** 

IP55

Seal

NBR

**Fluid Compatibility** 

Mineral Oil - Other on request

Suction hose lance

DN18 length 98 in DN/OD20 length 16 in (DN18 length 2500 mm) (DN/OD20 length 400 mm)

Pressure hose lance

DN18 length 98 in DN/OD18 length 16 in (DN18 length 2500 mm) (DN/OD18 length 400 mm)

Weight

32.6 lb (14.8 kg)

**Equipment** 

Visual clogging indicator (gauge)

**C** € Standard

## The new concept of filtration



## ELIXIR®

## **RFEX 160 - RETURN FILTER**

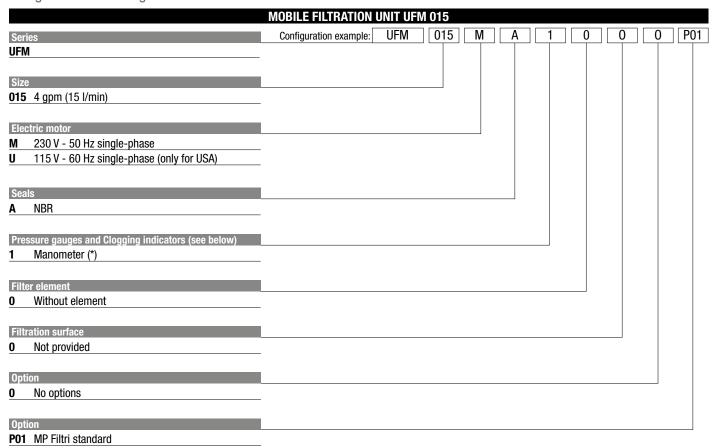
Lighter, easier to use, and kinder to the environment - MP Filtri's new ELIXIR low pressure concept filters have been specially designed for in-line connections and to handle working pressures up to 232 psi (16 bar).

The cast aluminum head and polyamide bowl design reduces weight by 10% compared to the Spin-on range.

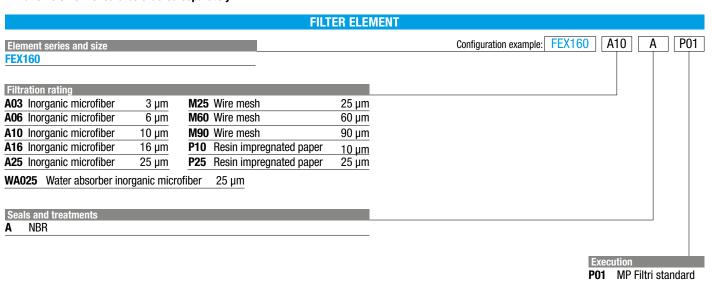
Less waste reduces both your carbon footprint and protects the environment. Replacement is fast and easy, just disassemble the bowl with a 1 1/4 in (32 mm) fixed wrench, take out the FEX filter element and replace.

UFM 015

## Designation & Ordering code



### Filtration element should be ordered separately

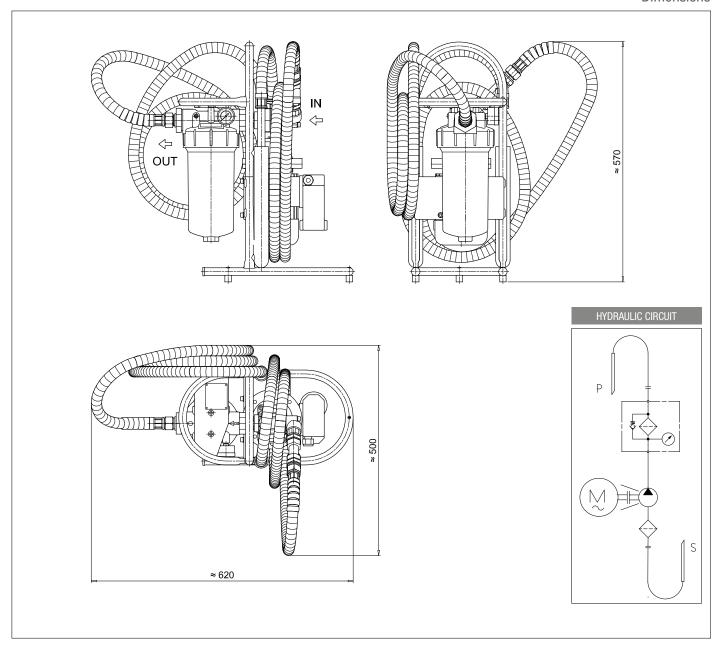


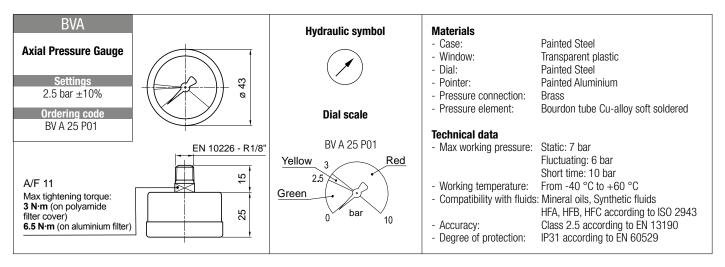
## **CLOGGING INDICATORS (\*)**

**BVA** Axial pressure gauge

| Settings    | Ordering code |
|-------------|---------------|
| 36 psi ±10% | BV A 25 P01   |

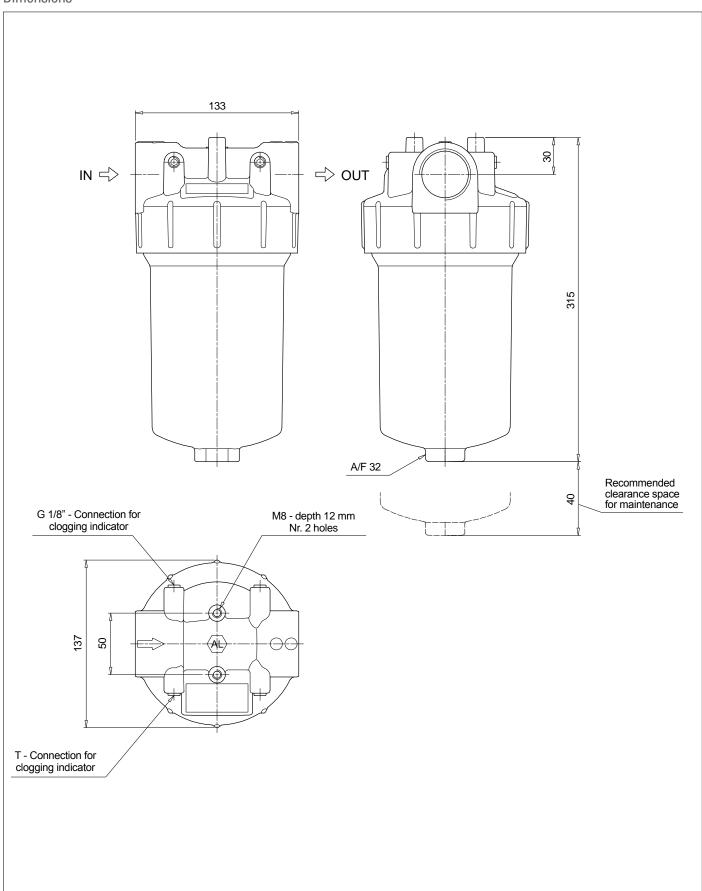
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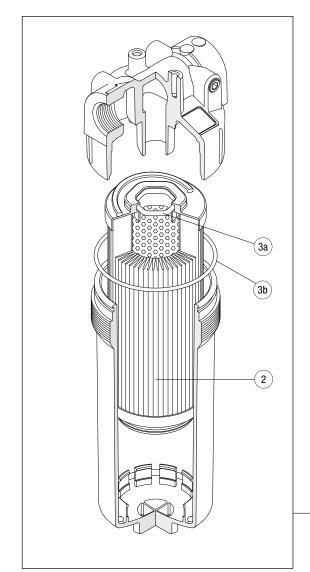




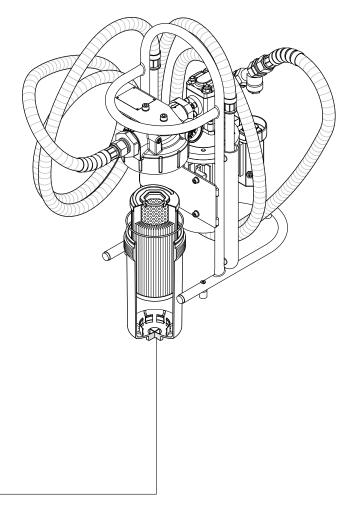
# SPARE PARTS UFM 015

## Order number for spare parts









|                  | Q.ty: 1 pc.                  | Q.ty:                           | 1 pc.                      |                                |   |
|------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Item:            | 2                            |                                 | (3a ÷ 3b)                  |                                |   |
| Filter<br>series | Filter element               | Seal Kit code number<br>NBR FPM |                            | Filter element seal            | Bowl seal                                 |
| RFEX 160         | See spare parts (position 7) | 02050772*<br>*included with     | 02050774<br>filter element | Hex Ring<br>Private dimensions | 0-Ring 3425<br>di = 107.62 - $d_2$ = 2.62 |