

ATEX Fluid Contamination Monitors

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Introduction



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 deriving 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 an hydraulic system must take into account several parameters.

These parameters can adversely affect the performance of an 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 density.

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.

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- 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

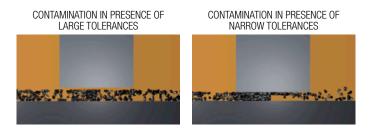
For example, the presence of water due to condensation or external infiltration or acids

- 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.



Solid contamination mainly causes surface damage and component wear.

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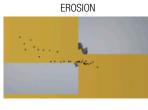
- SURFACE EROSION

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





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 Maintenance activities, spare parts, machine stop costs
- ENERGY AND EFFICIENCY Efficiency and performance reduction due to friction, drainage, cavitation.

4 MEASURING THE SOLID CONTAMINATION LEVEL

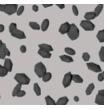
The level of contamination of a system identifies the amount of contaminant contained in a fluid.

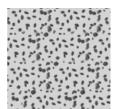
This parameter refers to a unit volume of fluid.

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?







HUMAN HAIR (75 μm)

MINIMUM DIMENSION VISIBLE WITH HUMAN EYES (40 µm) TYPICAL CONTAMINANT 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.



MEMBRANE



Contaminated Membrane

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- 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 Automatic Particle Counters (APC).

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 Organisation standard ISO 4406 is the preferred method of quoting the number of solid contaminant particles in a sample.

The code is constructed from the combination of three scale numbers selected from the following table.

The first number represents the number of particles that are larger than 4 $\mu m_{\text{(c)}}$

The second number represents the number of particles larger than 6 μ m_(c). The third scale number represents the number of particles in a millilitre sample of the fluid that are larger than 14 μ m_(c).

ISO 4406 - Allocation of Scale Numbers

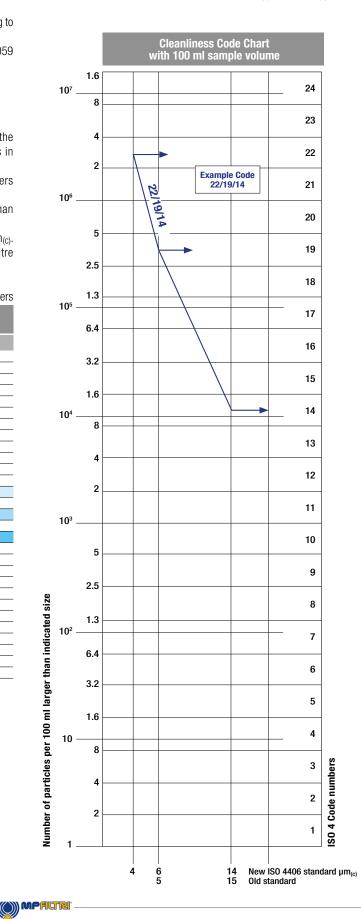
Class	Number of particles per ml				
	Over	Up to			
28	1 300 000	2 500 000			
27	640 000	1 300 000			
26	320 000	640 000			
25	160 000	320 000			
24	80 000	160 000			
23	40 000	80 000			
22	20 000	40 000			
21	10 000	20 000			
20	5 000	10 000			
19	2 500	5 000			
18	1 300	2 500			
17	640	1 300			
16	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			

> $6 \mu m_{(c)} = 100 \text{ particles}$
$> 0 \mu m_{(C)} = 100 \mu a m m m m$
$> 14 \mu m_{(c)} = 25 \text{ particles}$
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ISO 4406 Cleanliness Code System

Microscope counting examines the particles differently to APCs and the code is given with two scale numbers only.

These are at 5 μ m and 15 μ m equivalent to the 6 μ m_(c) and 14 μ m_(c) of APCs.



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- CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PARTICLES SIZE - SAE AS 4059-1 and SAE AS 4059-2

Classification example according to

SAE AS4059 - Rev. E and SAE AS4059-2 - Rev. F

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).

SAE AS4059 - REV. E

It can be made a differential measurement (Table 1) or a cumulative measurement (Table 2)

Table 1 - Class for differential measurement

Class	Dimension of contaminant Maximum Contamination Limits per 100 ml							
	6-14 μm _(c)	14-21 µm _(c)	21-38 µm _(c)	38-70 µm _(c)	>70 µm _(c)			
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 µm _(c)	=1	5 000 particles
14 - 21 µm _(c)	=	2 200 particles
21 - 38 µm _(c)	=	200 particles
38 - 70 μm _(c)	=	35 particles
> 70 µm _(c)	=	3 particles
SAE AS4059	REV	' E - Class 6

Table 2 - Class for cumulative measurement

Class	Dimension of contaminant								
		Maximum (Contaminat	ion Limits	per 100 m				
	>4 µm _(c)	$>4 \ \mu m_{(c)}$ $>6 \ \mu m_{(c)}$ $>14 \ \mu m_{(c)}$ $>21 \ \mu m_{(c)}$ $>38 \ \mu m_{(c)}$ $>70 \ \mu m_{(c)}$							
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			

>	$4 \mu m_{(c)} = 48$	5 000 particles
>	$6 \mu m_{(c)} = 13$	5 000 particles
>	14 µm _(c) = 1	1 500 particles
> 2	21 µm _(c) =	250 particles
>	38 µm _(c) =	15 particles
	70 µm _(c) =	3 particle
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SAE AS4059 - REV. F

It can be made a differential measurement (Table 1) or a cumulative measurement (Table 2)

Table 1 - Class for differential measurement

Class	Dimension of contaminant Maximum Contamination Limits per 100 ml (3								
	5-15 μm 15-25 μm 25-50 μm 50-100 μm >100				>100 µm	(1)			
	6-14 μm _(c)	14-21 µm _(c)	21-38 µm _(c)	38-70 μm _(c)	>70 µm _(c)	(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 μm _(c)	=15	000 particles
14 - 21 µm _(c)	= 2	200 particles
21 - 38 µm _(c)	=	200 particles
38 - 70 µm _(c)	=	35 particles
> 70 µm _(c)	=	3 particles
SAE AS4059	rev f	- Class 6

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

Table 2 - Class for cumulative measurement									
Class	Dimension of contaminant Maximum Contamination Limits per 100 ml								
	>1 µm	>1 μm >5 μm >15 μm >25 μm >50 μm >100 μm (1							
	>4 µm _(c)	>6 µm _(c)	$>14 \ \mu m_{(c)}$	$>21 \ \mu m_{(c)}$	>38 µm _(c)	$>70\ \mu m_{(c)}$	(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	-		

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

	F (0)		
> 6	δ μm _(c) = 1	5 000 particles	
> 14	ŧ μm _(c) =	1 500 particles	
> 21	μm _(c) =	250 particles	
> 38	3 µm _(c) =	15 particles	
) µm _(c) =	3 particle	
SAE	AS4059 RI Class 6 6/	EV F /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, APC calibrated per ISO 11171 or an optical or electron microscope with image analysis software, based on projected area equivalent diameter.

- 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 APC's.

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		
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		
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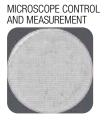
5 - 15 µm = 42 000 particles $15 - 25 \,\mu m = 2\,200 \,\mu m$ $25 - 50 \,\mu m = 150 \,particles$ 50 - 100 µm⊨ 18 particles > 100 µm 3 particles

Class NAS 8

- CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PARTICLES SIZE - ISO 4407

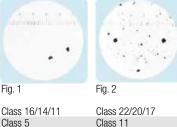
The level of contamination is defined by counting the number of particles collected by a laboratory membrane per unit of fluid volume. The measurement is done by a microscope. The membrane must be cleaned, dried and desiccated, with fluid and conditions defined by the Standard. The fluid volume is filtered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



Example figure 1 and 2	
ISO 4406	
SAE AS4059E Table 1	
NAS 1638	
SAE AS4059E Table 2	

COMPARISON PHOTOGRAPH'S 1 graduation = 10µm



Class 11

Class 12A/11B/11C

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

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Class 5

Class 6A/5B/5C

- 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 Table 2	SAE AS4059 Table 1	NAS 1638
> 4 μm _(c) 6 μm _(c) 14 μm _(c)	> 4 μm _(c) 6 μm _(c) 14 μm _(c)	4-6 6-14 14-21 21-38 38-70 >70	5-15 15-25 25-50 50-100 >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 _{20(c)}	B _{15(c)}	B _{10(c)}	B _{7(c)}	β _{7(C)}	B _{5(C)}
filtration $B_{\rm X}(c) \ge 1.000$	>1000	>1000	>1000	>1000	>1000	>1000

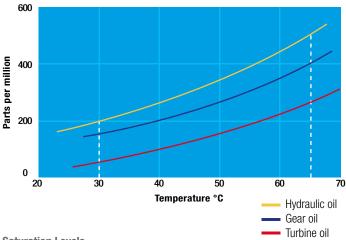
6 WATER IN HYDRAULIC AND LUBRICATING FLUIDS

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.



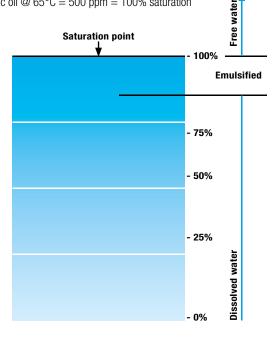
Saturation Levels

Since the effects of free (also emulsified) water is 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:

Hydraulic oil @ $30^{\circ}C = 200 \text{ ppm} = 100\%$ saturation Hydraulic oil @ $65^{\circ}C = 500 \text{ ppm} = 100\%$ saturation



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.

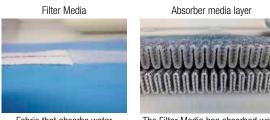
Water absorber

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.

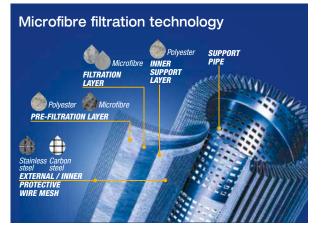
MP Filtri's filter element technology is available with inorganic microfiber media with a filtration rating 25 µm (therefore identified with media designation WA025, providing absolute filtration of solid particles to $\beta_{\rm X(C)} = 1000$).

Absorbent media is made by water absorbent fibres 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

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

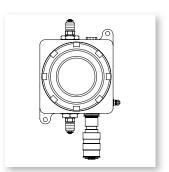
Product availability - UFM Series: UFM 041 - UFM 051 - UFM 091 - UFM 181 - UFM 919

Description

Contamination Monitoring Products

(Ex) Atex Zone 2, Cat 3G, Fluid Contamination Monitors

Our AZ2 contamination monitor can automatically measure and save particulate contamination, moisture and temperature levels in various hydraulic fluids. They are designed specifically to be mounted directly to systems where ongoing measurement or analysis is required in high risk or explosive environments.



> Features & Benefits

- 8 channel contamination measurement & display
- Measures and displays the following international standard formats: ISO 4406, NAS 1638, AS 4059E
- RS485, MODBUS, CANBUS
- Moisture and temperature sensing fluid dependent
- Data logging and 4000 test result memory
- Automatic and remote control flexibility
- Multicolour indicators via onboard LED with output alarm signals as standard
- LPA View software (included)

Scope of Supply

- 1 x ICMKAZ2 (*)
- 1 x Atex approved non wired cable connector and gland
- 1 x Hard copy Fluid Condition Handbook
- 1 x Digital copy of user guides/software/drivers
- 1 x Hard copy of calibration certificate
- 1 x Hard copy of atex certificate

(*) Specific model will be as per ordered item

See Accessories at page 93

Status LED

All AZ2 versions have a multicolour indicator on the front panel, which is used to indicate the status or alarm state. The alarm thresholds can be set from LPA-View via the serial interface and bespoke connector (available on request).

Multicolor indicators

- Green indicates that the test result passed, i.e. none of the alarm thresholds were exceeded
- Yellow indicates that the lower cleanliness limit was exceeded, but not the upper one
- Red indicates that the upper clean liness limit was exceeded
- Blue indicates that the upper water content limit was exceeded
- Red/Blue Alternating indicates both cleanliness and water content upper limits exceeded
- Violet indicates that the upper temperature limit was exceeded





Technical data

Technology LED Based Light Extinction Automatic Optical Contamination Monitor

Particle Sizing >4, 6, 14, 21, 25, 38, 50, 70 μm_(c)

Analysis range ISO 4406 Code 0 to 25 NAS 1638 Class 00 to 12 AS4059 Rev. E Table 1&2 Sizes A-F: 000 to 12

Accuracy \pm 1/2 ISO code for 4, 6, 14 µm_(c) \pm 1 code for 21, 25, 38, 50, 70 µm_(c)

Calibration Individually calibrated with ISO Medium Test Dust (MTD) based on ISO 11171, on equivalent certified by I.F.T.S. ISO 11943

Operating Flow Rate 20 - 400 ml/minute

Viscosity range Up to 1000 cSt

Fluid temperature Minimum: -25 °C Maximum: +80 °C

Ambient Temperature Minimum: -25 °C Maximum: +80 °C

Pressure

Maximum: 400 bar / 5802 psi (for high frequency pressure pulse and out range temperature applications contact MP Filtri)

Test time

Adjustable 10 - 3600 seconds. Factory set to 120 seconds. Start delay & programmable test intervals available as standard

Flow rate measurement Indicator only

Moisture Sensing % RH (Relative Humidity) ±3%

Temperature Measurement ±3 °C Data Storage Up to 4000 tests

Communication options RS485, RS232, MODBUS, CANBUS as standard

Relays Two solid state relays fitted to "R" version for output to alarm circuits

Environmental Protection

Weight / Dimensions 10.5 kg, Height 320 mm, Depth 130 mm, Width 186 mm

Supply Voltage 9-36VDC

Current Supply 12V - 150mA 24V - 80mA 36V - 60mA

Power consumption <2.2 W

Outer Casing Finish Stainless Steel

Wetted parts

- M C46400 Cu alloy, 316 stainless steel, FPM, FR4, sapphire.
- N 316 stainless steel, FPM, sapphire.
- S 316 stainless steel, perfluoro elastomer, sapphire, EPDM.

Software LPA View software (included)

Atex classification CE 😔 3 G EX nR IIB T5 GC IP66

ICM AZ2 cable wiring details

MP Filtri do not supply an ATEX approved cable with the ICM AZ2 products as customers may run such cables through varying ATEX zones. Wiring diagrams supplied, please consult product user guide for full information.

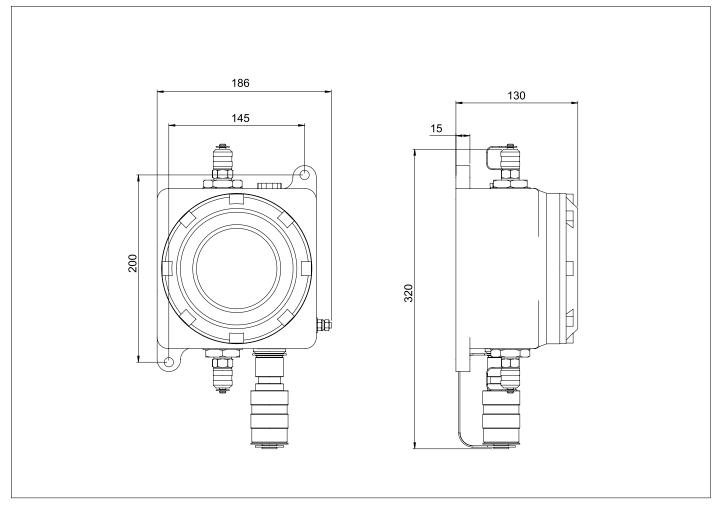
Note: an adapter cable and ICMUSBi product will be required should LPA View be utilised as the control software. These accessories are only suitable for use outside of the zoned areas

AZ2 is supplied with a full software package and digital product information



AZ2

Dimensions



Designation & Ordering code

AUTOMATIC PARTICLE COUNTER AZ2
Configurations :
ICM W M K R G1 AZ2 Moisture Sensor, Mineral / Petroleum based fluids, LCD Display, Relays, M16x2 test point connections
ICM 0 M K G1 AZ2 Mineral / Petroleum based fluids, LCD Display, Relays, M16x2 test point connections
ICM 0 N K G1 AZ2 Off shore / Water based fluids, LCD Display, Relays, M16x2 test point connections
ICM O S K R G1 AZ2 Phosphate Ester and aggressive fluids, LCD output, Relays, M16x2 test point connections

All of MP Filtri's AZ2 products are designed to be run via PLC control & the Modbus communication protocol. Note: All units are fully compatible with and can be programmed via our bespoke windows based LPA View software.



FLUID COMPATIBILITY CHARTS

HYDROCARBON AND SYNTHETIC

Fluid type	Fluid spec.	М	(W)	M	S	M	LI (W)		S	М	CN (W)		S	BS110 M	V	BS50 E
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	AEROSHELL FLUID 31 (OX-19)															
	AEROSHELL FLUID 51															
	AEROSHELL FLUID 602															
	CASTROL CONSTAB PS 10W-40															
	DIESEL CALIBRATION OIL 4113															
	FINA POLYGLYCOL FLUID															
	GEAROIL ISO VG 320															
	ISO 32															
	ISO 46															
	ISO 68															
	MIL-H-5606															
	MIL-H-83282															
	MIL-H-87257															
	MOBILGEAR SHC XMP 320															
	NATO H-515 (OM-15)															
INTHETIC OR MINERAL	NATO H-520 (OM-18)															
BASED LIQUIDS	NATO H-537															
	RENOLIN PG 68															
	RENOLIN PG 100															
	RENOLIN PG 150															
	RENOLIN PG 220															
	RENOLIN PG 320															
	RENOLIN PG 460															
	RENOLIN PG 680															
	RENOLIN PG 1000															
	RENOLIN UNISYN OL 32															
	RENOLIN UNISYN OL 46															
	RENOLIN UNISYN OL 68															
	RENOLIN UNISYN OL 100															
	RENOLIN UNISYN OL 150															
	STATOIL HYDRAULIC 131															
	AERO HF585B															
	MOBIL DTE 25															

Not compatible Contact MP Filtri

Typically conductive fluids are not compatible with the moisture sensor.

For guidance on moisture sensing compatibility, contact MP Filtri Technical and Sales Department.

Please note that compatibility is based product performance with fluid viscosity at 20 °C in standard dye colourant or natural state. Tests are conducted with the suitable fluid in its pure state. Performance of solutions or mixed emulsions cannot be guaranteed. "Compatibility" is defined as a liquid which does not suffer short or long term degradation as a result of coming into contact with the wetted materials contained within the product. It is also a confirmation that the transparency of the liquid is suitable for the sensitivity of the product range.

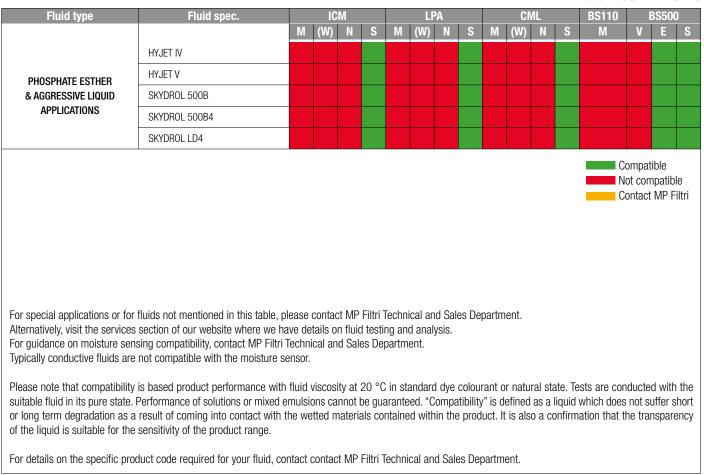
For details on the specific product code required for your fluid, contact contact MP Filtri Technical and Sales Department.

FLUID COMPATIBILITY CHARTS

OFFSHORE	
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Fluid type	Fluid spec.		IC	М			LF	PA			CI	٨L		BS110			
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	HW443R																
	HW453																
	HW540																
	HW540																
	PELAGIC 50																
	PELAGIC 100																
OFFSHORE	TRANSAQUA HT																
& SELECTED WATER BASED	TRANSAQUA HT2																
FLUIDS	FRESH WATER																
	DE-IONISED WATER																
	SEAWATER																
	HOUGHTO-SAFE 273 CTF																
	HOUGHTO-SAFE BC24046																
	WATER GLYCOL HFC 46																
	LF2100 (99%WATER, 1% MIX)																
	SV3																

AGGRESSIVE FLUIDS



FLUID COMPATIBILITY CHARTS

FUELS

Fluid type	Fluid spec.		IC	М			LF	PA			CI	۸L		BS110	BS500)
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	JET A																
	JET B																
	JP1																
	JP5																
FUELS	JP6																
	JP7																
	JP8																
	JPTS																
	FT JET FUEL																
	GTL JET FUEL BLEND																
	DIESELS																

BIO FLUIDS

Fluid type	Fluid spec.		IC	М			LF	PA			C	ML		BS110		BS50(
		М	(W)	N	S	М	(W)	N	S	Μ	(W)	N	S	М	V	Ε	S
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	BIO-DIESEL																
	PLANTOHYD N SERIES																
BIODEGRADEABLE FLUIDS	PANOLIN HLP SYNTH 22																
& VEGETABLE OILS	SUNFLOWER OIL																
	RAPESEED OIL																
	CORN OIL																
	GROUND NUT OIL																
	CAT BIO HYDO HEES																
	For special applications or for fluids not mentioned in this table, please contact MP Filtri Technical and Sales Department. Alternatively, visit the services section of our website where we have details on fluid testing and analysis.																
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SPARE PARTS LIST

Description (product types)	Ordering Code
Calibration Verification Fluid (requires use of Bottle Sampling device)	PCCF
CMP Hydraulic connections / options:	
M16x2 microbore pressure hose. plated steel. 600 mm (M versions)	95.Y30Y30X261060
M16x2 microbore pressure hose. plated steel. 1500 mm (M versions)	95.Y30Y30X261150
M16x2 microbore pressure hose. stainless steel. 600 mm (N versions)	95.Y30Y30X161060
M16x2 microbore pressure hose. stainless steel. 1500 mm (N versions)	95.Y30Y30X161150
Waste Hose (M versions). 2000 mm - Brass / FKM	SK0014S30
Waste Hose (N versions). 2000 mm - Stainless Steel / FKM	SK0014S30N
Waste Hose (S versions). 2000 mm - Stainless Steel / FFKM	SK0014S30S
Offline Hose Assembly	481.027000
Pouch for pressure hose/waste hose	7.106
M16x2 M to F Coarse Screen Filter (M and N versions)	SK0040
G1/4 F to F coarse screen filter (M/N/S versions)	11.615
M16x2 F to F Coarse Screen Filter (S versions)	SK0041
Airbus adaptor with test point	SKAA02
Waste Bottle:	
1 Litre - Round	SK0012
1 Litre - Square (for use with CB0001)	SK0013
Communications:	
Serial cable to USB converter	SK0026
PC Download cable	6.123
	0.120
LISB A-B cable	11 081
USB A-B cable Bluetooth Portable Printer	11.081 482.016000
Bluetooth Portable Printer	482.016000
	482.016000 443.074000
Bluetooth Portable Printer 1m USB A to C Cable ICMKAZ2 to USBi conversion kit - not to be used in zoned areas	482.016000
Bluetooth Portable Printer 1m USB A to C Cable ICMKAZ2 to USBi conversion kit - not to be used in zoned areas USB stick with all user guides and LPA-View Software	482.016000 443.074000 11.645
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SPARE PARTS LIST

LPA2	LPA3	CML2	CML4	ICM 4.0	ICM 2.0	ICMKAZ2	ACMU	PIK	BS110	BS500	ICMUSBi
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Description (product types)	Ordering Code
Power Options:	
12V. 2A Power Adapter - UK/EU/US/CN/AUS	6.209
19V. 3A Power Adapter	61.034000
12V. 5A Power Adapter for 500 ml Bottle Sampler	8.029
UK Lead for 8.029	8.031
EU Lead for 8.029	8.032
US Lead for 8.029	8.030
CN/AUS Lead for 8.029	8.072
Other:	
Thermal printer paper 57x33 mm	63.083000
Thermal paper roll 57x51 mm	6.160
LPA2 Aviation Edition travel case without foam	TC0005
Replacement foam insert for TC0005	6.300
Heavy-duty orange pelicase	443.061E20
Pelicase foam insert	443.062020
Self-adhesive patch test covers	444.029001
Patch test membranes - 1.2 micron filter	444.010000
Spray bottle	444.018J10
Stainless steel tweezers	444.011120
Waste bottle	444.032J00
Reuseable Nalgene filter assembly	444.024000
0.01 mm Calibration slides	444.025000
Microscope power adaptor	444.033000
Hose - 8 x 6 mm Nalgene vacuum cable	444.026000
Hose - 6 x 4 mm Hand pump sampling cable	7.107
Microscope camera - 1.3 MP	444.016010
Serial plate for patch imaging kit	484.314000
A5 document wallet	444.027001
Patch test report card	444.028001
Electric vacuum pump	444.009000
CML Carry Bag	10.011
LPA3 Carry Bag	63.088000
LPA2 Carry Bag	CB0001
Black support case (without contents)	BS0040
Heavy Duty Travel Case for Bottle Sampler	TC00055B

SPARE PARTS LIST

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