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**Aerospace series — Hydraulic filter  
elements — Test methods —**

**Part 1:  
Test sequence**

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## Foreword

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ISO 14085-1 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 20, *Aircraft and space vehicles*, Subcommittee SC 10, *Aerospace fluid systems and components*.

ISO 14085 consists of the following parts under the general title *Aerospace series — Hydraulic Filter elements — Test methods*:

- *Part 1: Test sequence*
- *Part 2: Conditioning*
- *Part 3: Filtration efficiency and retention capacity*
- *Part 4: Verification of collapse/burst pressure rating*
- *Part 5: Resistance to flow fatigue*
- *Part 6: Initial cleanliness level*

## Introduction

In aerospace hydraulic fluid power systems, power is transmitted and controlled through a liquid under pressure. The liquid is both a lubricant and power-transmitting medium. The presence of solid contaminant particles in the liquid interferes with the ability of the hydraulic fluid to lubricate and causes wear and malfunction of the components. The extent of contamination in the fluid has a direct bearing in the performance, reliability, and safety of the system, and needs to be controlled to levels that are considered appropriate for the system concerned.

Filters are used to control the contamination level of the fluid by removing solid contaminant particles, typically consisting of a filter element enclosed in a filter housing. The filter element is the porous device that performs the actual process of filtration. The complete assembly is designated as a filter.

Filter element performance is measured by testing, and a series of International Standards have been developed to quantify performance under specified conditions (see [Clause 2](#)). To provide a greater level of assurance for a filter element's fitness for duty, a verification test program is intended to be based on most of these International Standards. This test sequence has been developed to fulfill that requirement.

The purpose of this part of ISO 14085 is to define a sequence of testing and provide guidelines for acceptance criteria.

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# Aerospace series — Hydraulic filter elements — Test methods —

## Part 1: Test sequence

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 14085 specifies a test sequence for evaluation of characteristics of the hydraulic fluid filter elements under standard conditions.

This part of ISO 14085 is not intended to qualify a filter element under replicate conditions of service; this can only be done by a specific test protocol developed for the purpose, including actual conditions of use, for example the operating fluid or contamination.

The tests data resulting from application of this part of ISO 14085 can be used to compare the performance of aerospace hydraulic filter elements.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 2942, *Hydraulic fluid power — Filter elements — Verification of fabrication integrity and determination of the first bubble point*

ISO 5598, *Fluid power systems and components — Vocabulary*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5598 apply.

### 4 Test equipment and materials

Test equipment and material are those specified in each individual part of this International Standard.

### 5 Accuracy of measuring instruments and test conditions

Accuracy of measuring instruments and test conditions are described in each individual part of this International Standard.

### 6 Test sample

The filter elements selected for the evaluation testing shall be representative production stock of the same part number and date of build and/or manufacturing lot.

Select at least three filter elements, as some of the tests are destructive and the elements cannot be used for further testing following these tests.

## 7 Summary of information required prior to testing

Prior to applying the requirements of this part of ISO 14085 to a particular hydraulic filter element, establish the fabrication integrity bubble point (BP) value specified by the manufacturer as per ISO 2942.

## 8 Test methods

### 8.1 1st step — Fabrication integrity test and 1st bubble point value

Verify the fabrication integrity of each of the three filter elements in accordance with ISO 2942 and disqualify from further testing any filter elements failing to comply with the fabrication integrity value.

**NOTE** In the instance of disqualification of any of the three filter elements, replace the filter element with another of the same part number and issue.

Record the pressure value at which the first bubble stream occurs for each filter element tested. For those that fail the minimum bubble point, designate as “Fail < x Pa”, where x is the minimum value.

Dry the filter elements.

**CAUTION — Take care when drying elements that have been tested using a volatile solvent because of potential explosion and vapor inhalation risks. Comply with local health and safety regulations and use good laboratory practice.**

### 8.2 2nd step — Identification and marking

Sort the elements that have passed the criteria in 8.1 in accordance with their 1st bubble point value.

- a) 1<sup>st</sup> element: lowest bubble point.
- b) 2<sup>nd</sup> element: highest bubble point.
- c) 3<sup>rd</sup> element: middle bubble point.

Mark the filter elements in a suitable location and using a suitable method, ensuring that the identification marks chosen do not conflict with other markings on the filter elements, and will not come off.

### 8.3 3rd step — Test sequence

The tests shall be performed on the three filter elements. Perform the test sequence as described in [Figure 1](#), [Figure 2](#) and [Figure 3](#).

A test on an element can only be continued if the previous test was successful.

In the case of the first filter element (lowest bubble point), the collapse/burst test need only be performed if the collapse/burst differential pressure requirement is greater than the differential pressure used in the conditioning test.

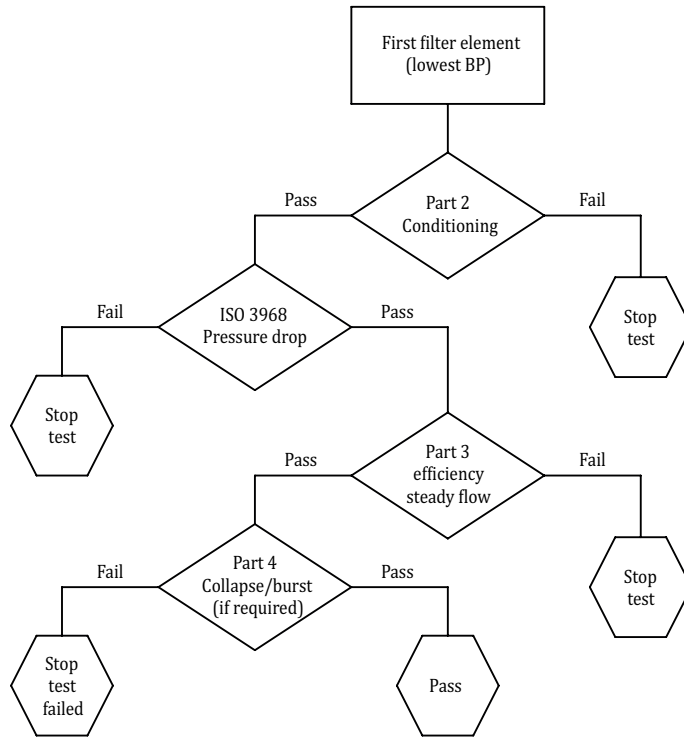
The order of testing of the filter elements shall be selected by the test laboratory.

Each set of tests can be performed independently.

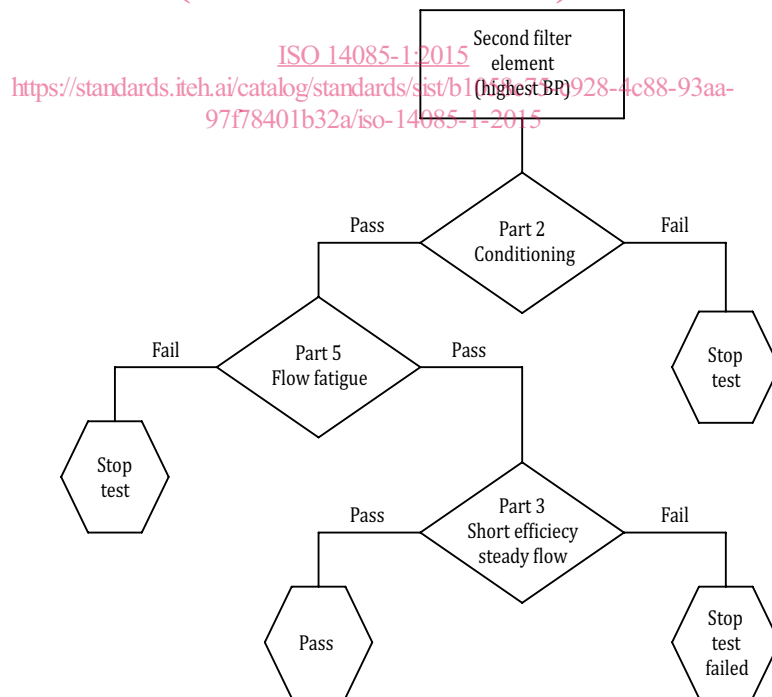
## 9 Data presentation

Present all results of each test in the format proposed in the relevant test method.





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**Figure 1 — First filter element test sequence**  
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**Figure 2 — Second filter element test sequence**