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Evaluation of differential pressure
versus flow**

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charge en fonction du débit*

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Introduction

In hydraulic fluid power systems, power is transmitted and controlled through a fluid under pressure circulating within a closed circuit. Filters maintain the cleanliness of the fluid by retaining the insoluble contaminants.

Hydraulic filters normally include a housing that serves as the pressure-containing vessel to direct the flow of fluid through a filter element that separates contaminants from the test fluid.

This document foresees the possibility to test spin-on filters in which the replaceable unit does or does not include a filter head.

In operation, fluid flowing through a filter meets resistance due to kinetic and viscous effects. The pressure required to overcome this resistance and to maintain flow is known as the differential pressure. The differential pressure is the total pressure difference observed between the filter inlet port and outlet port and represents the sum of the losses recorded in the housing and filter element.

Factors which affect clean filter differential pressure are fluid viscosity, fluid specific gravity, flow rate, filter element media type and construction, as well as housing design.

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Hydraulic fluid power — Filters — Evaluation of differential pressure versus flow

1 Scope

This document specifies a procedure for evaluating differential pressure versus flow characteristics of hydraulic filters and constitutes a basis for agreement between the filter manufacturer and user.

It also specifies a method for measurement of the differential pressure generated at different flow rates and viscosities by the relevant parts of a filter assembly, spin-on and any valves contained within the filter which are in the flow stream. The typical types of filter to be tested are as follows:

Type 1: which are spin-on filters in which the replaceable unit does not include a filter head (it might or might not include the element by-pass valve);

Type 2: which are spin-on filters in which the replaceable element is tested together with a filter head (it might or might not include the element by-pass valve);

Type 3: which are filter assembly, usually of the replacement element type, that is the housing (head and bowl) and element.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 2909, *Petroleum products — Calculation of viscosity index from kinematic viscosity*

ISO 3448, *Industrial liquid lubricants — ISO viscosity classification*

ISO 3675, *Crude petroleum and liquid petroleum products — Laboratory determination of density — Hydrometer method*

ISO 4021, *Hydraulic fluid power — Particulate contamination analysis — Extraction of fluid samples from lines of an operating system*

ISO 4406, *Hydraulic fluid power — Fluids — Method for coding the level of contamination by solid particles*

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

ISO 6415, *Internal combustion engines — Spin-on filters for lubricating oil — Dimensions*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the definitions given in ISO 5598 and the following apply:

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— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

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filter rated flow rate

flow rate recommended by the filter manufacturer for a specified kinematic viscosity