

The Most Advanced, Automatic, Non-Disposable Liquid Filtration System

# Zero Gravity Filters Presents

## **Innovations in Liquid Filtration**

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Parameters for Successful Operation

- Prevent Scale Formation
- Control Corrosion
- Control Biological Fouling
- Remove Particle Debris

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Problems Caused by Particle Debris

- Plugged Condenser Tubes
- Reduced Heat Transfer Efficiency
- Fouling of Sensitive Equipment
- Reduced Flow Rates
- Excessive Sediment in Tower Basin

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Benefits of Removing Particle Debris

- Reduced Maintenance Costs
- Improved Efficiency of Cooling Circuit
- Extend Equipment Life of Condensers, PHE, Inter-Stage Coolers on Air Compressors, etc.
- Reduced Water and Chemical Costs
- Increased Water Treatment Efficiency

# **Corrosion Control**

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Pounds of Cast Iron Lost at Various Corrosion Rates Calculated Per Year, Per 100 Linear Feet of Pipe

Corrosion Rate in Mils per Year (MPY)					
Pipe Size	1 MPY	5 MPY	10 MPY	15 MPY	
4	4.55	22.76	45.53	68.29	

For example, a pipe corrosion rate of 5 Mils per year on a 4 inch pipe will produce approximately 23 pounds of iron per 100 linear feet of pipe per year.

# Plate Heat Exchangers

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# Costs of Fouled Heat Exchangers (in Millions)





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### Separate Solids From Liquids

# Solids

Liquid

# Conventional Filtration



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- Fixed Geometric Screen (Wedge Wire)
- Bags and Cartridges
- Sand Filters
- Hydrocyclones

### Fixed Geometric Screens

### <u>Drawbacks</u>

- Systematic Blocking
- Deferred Maintenance
- Less Effective Filtration at <250 micron</li>



### Fixed Geometric Screens



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Contaminants become "wedged" on high pressure side of screen

### Fixed Geometric Screens

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Less than 100% cleaning of filter will eventually lead to system down-time

# Bags and Cartridges

### **Drawbacks**

- Non Self-Cleaning
- Disposal Issues
- Premature Blinding
- Nominal Micron Rating
- High Operating Costs

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### **Bags and Cartridges**

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8 month Payback

# Sand Filters

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### **Drawbacks**

- Significant Footprint Required
- Excessive Backwash Volumes (3 5 x Flow Rate)
- Full Flow Filtration Prohibitively Expensive
- Channeling or Tunneling
- Threat of Bacterial Growth

# Sand Filters



Threat of Legionella Bacteria

Department of Health and Social Security - Code of Practice

"Sand filters are often considered problematic in cooling systems that are used on the premises of health care facilities."

"When encountering sand filtration systems in health care facilities the systems should be closely monitored for organism contamination."

"A non-sand media type of filtration should be substituted."

# Hydrocyclones

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### <u>Drawbacks</u>

- No Removal Threshold
- Inability to Remove Less Dense Particles
- Liquid Loss Through Backwash Not Dependent on Loading
- Operation Requires Constant Pressures

# Filter Element

### Features

- 316 Grade Stainless Steel
- Absolute Micron Ratings, 20-400
- Fully Interchangeable
  Between Products
- Wound With Variable Pitch, Precision Gaps







### Filter Element

# Filter Element

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Filter coil opens. Liquid flows across coil causes shimmering affect. 100% clean with each and every backwash.

### Zero Gravity Filtration

### Features

- Stainless steel 316 Filter Element
- Uninterrupted Flow during B/W
- Fully Auto, Self-Cleaning
- Compact Design
- Precision Engineered Gap

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### **Benefits**

- Eliminates Disposable Media
- Increases System Up-Time
- Saves Labor
- Saves Valuable Floor Space
- Ensures Efficient Particle
  Retention

### Zero Gravity Filtration

### Features

- Minimal Moving Parts
- 100% Clean on Backwash
- Modular Design

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### **Benefits**

- Reduces Maintenance and Operating Costs
- Provides 24/7 Operation
- Allows:
  - On-site Expansion
  - Flexibility of
    Controls and
    Operation
  - Fully
    Interchangeable
    micron sizes

# **Product Line**



#### EASYCLEAN



#### SYSTEM 2000

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Maggie







# EasyClean





**Duplex Automatic** 

- Modular Design
- External Backwash Capabilities
- Automatic Filtration at Low Flow, Low Micron
- Cast Iron, 304 or 316
  SS Construction
- Minimal Moving Parts

# EasyClean

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### Easy Access to Filter Element

# Phoenix



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**Pneumatic Phoenix** 

- Two Models Available
  - Pneumatic & Electro-Pneumatic
- Compact Size
- All SS Construction
- Flow Rates up to 175 gpm
- Minimal Moving Parts
- Low Operating Costs

# Phoenix

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Electro Pneumatic Operation



### **Pneumatic Operation**

# System 2000







- Modular Design Allows On-Site Expansion
- Simple and Reliable Backwash Procedure
- 'Pod' Encourages Sedimentation
- Built to Customer Specifications, Quick Delivery
- Stainless or Carbon Steel Manifolds

# System 2000



System 2000, 4" Model

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#### System 2000, 2" Model

# System 2000







7 elements per pod Easy Access to Filter Elements by Removing Cage Plate



Cage Plate Installed in Pod

# **HVAC** Filtration

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- Cooling Towers (Full Flow and Side Stream)
- Chilled Water
- Condensing Cooling Water
- River Intake Water

# **HVAC** Filtration



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#### Full Flow Filtration of Cooling Tower



### Cooling Water Used For Juice Pasteurazation

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Protection of Inter-Stage Coolers on Air Compressors

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Protection of Inter-Stage Coolers on Air Compressors

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#### Full Flow Filtration - Process Cooling Water

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#### Full Flow Filtration - Protect Heat Exchanger

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Side Stream Cooling Tower Phoenix/Pump Combo

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#### Trial - Side Streaming Cooling Tower

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#### CIRCUIT TO BE FILTERED



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#### STEEL SKID MOUNTING





### Side Streaming Closed Loop System



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Forced Sedimentation Filtration System (FSFS) using Phoenix Filter

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### Chilled Water - Closed Loop System

# Case Study

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### Assume:

- 1,100 gpm recirculating rate of the cooling tower
- In-line plate heat exchanger used for process cooling
- 2 cycles of concentration







Benefit: Increase Efficiency of PHE

Assume \$.035 per KWH energy costs

Assume filtration improves Delta 'T' across PHE by 1 degree F

Requires 161 KW to raise 1,100 gpm by 1 degree F

Annual Energy Savings = \$49,363







### Benefit: Increase System Up-Time

Unscheduled downtime of the process costs \$10,000 per hour

Fouling of the PHE, causes 4 hours per year of downtime

**Proper Filtration Maintains Heat Efficiency** 

Annual Cost Savings = \$40,000



### Benefit: Reduce Chemical & Water Use

Assume increased cycles from 2 to 4

Evaporation at 1.2% = 19,000 gallons per day

Blowdown at 2 cycles = 19,000 gallons per day

Blowdown at 4 cycles = 6,333 gallons per day

Water usage no filtration = 38,000 gallons per day

Water usage with filtration = 25,333 gallons per day

Water Savings = 12,667 per day at \$.52/cubic meter

Annual Water Savings = \$9,161



### Benefit: Reduce Chemical & Water Use

- Assume 200 ppm chemical usage
- Assume \$2 per pound chemical cost
- Chemical at 2 cycles = 38 pints per day chemicals
- Chemical at 4 cycles = 12.5 pints per day chemicals
- Chemical Savings = 25.5 pints = 25.5 pounds

Annual Chemical Savings = \$18,615





Benefit: Reduce PHE Maintenance Costs

- Assume 40 plates
- Assume \$75 per plate to have cleaned and maintained
- Assume 16 hours to disassemble and reassemble

Annual Cost Savings = \$3,400





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### **Benefit: Total Cost Savings**

Increase Efficiency of PHE:	\$49,363
Increase System Up-Time:	\$40,000
Annual Chemical Savings:	\$18,615
Annual Water Savings:	\$ 9,161
Reduce PHE Maintenance Costs:	\$ 3,400

#### **Total Cost Savings:**

\$120,539