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Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

Introduction

In hydraulic fluid power systems, one of the functions of the hydraulic fluid is to separate and lubricate the moving parts of the components. The presence of solid particulate contamination produces wear, resulting in loss of efficiency, reduced component life and subsequent unreliability.

A hydraulic filter is provided to control the number of particles circulating within the system to a level that is commensurate with the degree of sensitivity of the components to the contaminant and the level of reliability required by the users.

To enable the comparison of the relative performance of filters so that the most appropriate filter can be selected, it is necessary that test procedures be available. The performance characteristics of a filter are a function of the element (its medium and geometry) and the housing (its general configuration and seal design).

In practice, a filter is subjected to a continuous flow of contaminant entrained in the hydraulic fluid until some specified terminal differential pressure (relief-valve cracking pressure or differential-pressure indicator setting) is reached.

Both the length of operating time (prior to reaching terminal pressure) and the contaminant level at any point in the system are functions of the rate of contaminant addition (ingression plus generation rates) and the performance characteristics of the filter.

Therefore, it is necessary that a realistic laboratory test to establish the relative performance of a filter provide the test filter with a continuous supply of ingressed contaminant and allow the periodic monitoring of the filtration performance characteristics of the filter.

It is also necessary that the test provide an acceptable level of repeatability and reproducibility, and a standard test contaminant, the ISO medium test dust (ISO MTD) in accordance with ISO 12103-1, be featured. This product has been shown to have a consistent particle-size distribution and is available worldwide. The filtration performance of the filter is determined by measurement of the upstream and downstream particle-size distributions using automatic particle counters validated to ISO standards.

This test is intended to differentiate filter elements according to their functional performance but is not intended to represent performance under actual field operating conditions. Test conditions are steady-state, and the dynamic characteristics of industrial hydraulic systems are not represented. Other test protocols exist or are in development to evaluate performance with cyclic flow, high viscosity, flow fatigue, etcetera