RT Return Line Filter
The Standard Product Range for Optimized Air Separation
Optimized air separation

An optimum air separation in a hydraulic system can only be achieved by a combination of an optimized filter and tank. Our new standard product range for optimized air separation offers the best way to protect the system from air and the resulting consequences. Hereafter, the special features of our filters are listed and it is also shown how the air separation ability of a filter-tank system can be significantly improved.

Flow direction

All filters of the series are flown from the inside to the outside. This flow direction ensures the enclosure of the contamination on the dirt side during element change and it provides the option of installing magnetic cores. The most important property however is the flow slowdown towards the tank. Due to the larger opening profile the oil flows out of the filter more slowly. There is more time available for the air bubbles to rise. The smooth and slow oil flow also ensures a calm oil surface in the tank. Thus, a renewed penetration of air into the fluid by splattering in the tank is prevented.

Coalescence

The rising time of an air bubble in the oil depends on the bubble diameter in a squared dependency. A ten times smaller bubble has a 100 times longer rising time. The smaller the bubbles are, the higher the risk of carrying them away.

Due to the fine filter material the bubbles are crushed by flowing of the oil through the filter media. The rising time of the bubbles increases and hence the air separation capacity of the system decreases significantly. The innovative hydraulic filters with the patented “window solution” enables a fusing of small bubbles into bigger ones at the wire mesh. This fusing is called coalescence. These larger bubbles rise much faster and the air separation is extensively improved.

Inlet geometry

If the filter tank system allows a flow from below, a part of the oil can flow out through the windows above or near the oil surface into the tank. Therefore the rising distance for air bubbles towards the surface is reduced to a minimum. The air separation of the system is increased again.
## OUT-TO-IN

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### Conclusion

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### Simulation

- **Velocity [m/s]**
  - 0.500
  - 0.462
  - 0.432
  - 0.385
  - 0.346
  - 0.308
  - 0.269
  - 0.231
  - 0.192
  - 0.154
  - 0.115
  - 0.077
  - 0.038
  - 0
The Products

RKT: Return Line Kit – Top
- In-tank integrated
- Flow from the top
- High connection variability
- Option: with cover
- Option: with magnetic core
- Option: with Quality Protection

RKB: Return Line Kit – Bottom
- In-tank integrated
- Flow from bottom
- Bypass valve integrated in the element
- High connection variability
- Option: with anti-drain valve
- Option: with Quality Protection

RFT: Return Line Filter – Top
- Complete filter solution
- Flow from the top
- Filter head version
- Bypass valve integrated in the element
- Option: with magnetic core
- Option: with Quality Protection

RFB: Return Line Filter – Bottom
- Complete filter solution
- Flow from bottom or side respectively
- Bypass valve on cover and element (split)
- Option: with anti-drain valve
- Option: with Quality Protection
# The Variants

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## Air separation (Example: RFT)

| Air injection: constant air content of approx. 0.9 %                     |                      |                   |               |                       |
| Initial level is never achieved                                          |                      |                   |               |                       |
| After 2000 s: initial level is not achieved                               |                      |                   |               |                       |
| After 2000 s: almost at initial level                                    |                      |                   |               |                       |
| After 1200 s: at initial level                                           |                      |                   |               |                       |

## Availability

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**RKT** Return Line Kit – Top

**Description**

This filter system provides an economic solution of full-flow return line filtration with large flow rates. The filter is mounted in the intermediate chamber that is formed in the upper part of the tank. That means it is fully integrated into the tank allowing any return line connection design. Moreover, several filters can easily be used without the problem of splitting up the return lines.

The optional magnetic core is connected to the filter element by a bayonet fitting and guarantees an effective magnetic pre-filtration. The magnetic core is integrated into the clamp for series RKT 0170 – 0500, and integrated into the cover for series RKT 0600 – 1200.

**Mounting position**

![Illustration of mounting position](image)

**Product range**

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**Benefits & Properties**

- Compact, tank integrated design
- RKT 0310 – 0500 with fully combustible element including Quality Protection
- Cost optimized solution, offering high flexibility in terms of connection configuration
- Service-friendly filter design
- Option: with magnetic core
- Quality Protection available for all filter types

**Technical Data**

- Nominal pressure: 10 bar
- Temperature range: -30°C to +100°C
- Bypass cracking pressure: 2.5 bar
- Collapse pressure element: 6 bar
- Material of cover: EN-AC-46100
- Material of housing tube: Steel
- Seals: Perbunan NBR

**Note:**

Please refer to the equivalent data sheets for further performance data.
**Description**

The RKB filters are suitable for medium to high flow rates. The filter is mounted in the intermediate chamber that is formed in the bottom part of the tank. Contaminated oil flows into the filter from below and filtered oil flows into the tank via a riser tube. The filter is fully integrated into the tank allowing any return line connection design. Moreover, several filters can easily be used without the problem of splitting up the return lines.

Optimal flow conditions in the chamber guarantee an optimum of air separation and an extended filter service life. In addition, the patented anti-drain valve can be used for improved serviceability.

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**Benefits & Properties**

- Compact, tank integrated return line concept
- Flow into the filter from the bottom
- Cost optimized solution, offering high flexibility in terms of connection configuration
- Service-friendly filter design
- Option: with anti-drain valve
- Quality Protection available for all filter types

**Technical Data**

- Nominal pressure: 10 bar
- Temperature range: -30°C to +100°C
- Bypass cracking pressure: 2.5 bar
- Collapse pressure element: 6 bar
- Material of cover: EN-AC-46100
- Material of housing tube: Steel
- Seals: Perbunan NBR

**Note:**
Please refer to the equivalent data sheets for further performance data.
**RFT Return Line Filter – Top**

**Description**

This filter system for medium to high flow rates is mounted on the tank. The filter head offers various connecting options from G ¾" to G 2" or SAE 1 ¼" to SAE 2".

The optional magnetic core is connected to the filter element by a bayonet fitting and guarantees an effective magnetic pre-filtration. The magnetic core is integrated into the clamp for series RFT 0170 – 0500, and integrated into the cover for series RFT 0600 – 1200.

A special feature of this product family is the optional element design with no support tube for series RFT 0310, 0410 and 0500.

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**Benefits & Properties**

- Compact, tank top filter design
- Elements modular / identical to RKT solution
- RFT 0310 – 0500 with fully combustible element including Quality Protection
- Service-friendly filter design
- Option: with magnetic core
- Quality Protection available for all filter types
- Various connection configurations available

**Technical Data**

- Nominal pressure: 10 bar
- Temperature range: -30° C to +100° C
- Bypass cracking pressure: 2.5 bar
- Collapse pressure element: 6 bar
- Material of cover/head: EN-AC-46100
- Material of housing tube: Steel
- Seals: Perbunan NBR

**Note:**

Please refer to the equivalent data sheets for further performance data.
RFB Return Line Filter – Bottom

Description
The RFB filters are suitable for medium to high flow rates. These filters are mounted in the tank and featured with lateral or bottom flow. The optimal flow conditions from below guarantee best air separation, high pulsation stability and an extended filter service life.
In addition the innovative filters offer a variety of other features such as the anti-drain valve or the use of an intelligent clogging indicator.

Mounting position

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Benefits & Properties
- Compact, tank integrated return line concept
- Flow into the filter from the bottom or the side
- Cost optimized solution
- Service-friendly filter design
- Option: with intelligent clogging indicator
- Option: with anti-drain valve
- Quality Protection available for all filter types

Technical Data
- Nominal pressure: 10 bar
- Temperature range: -30°C to +100°C
- Bypass cracking pressure: 2.5 bar
- Collapse pressure element: 6 bar
- Material of cover: EN-AC-46100
- Material of housing tube: Steel
- Seals: Perbunan NBR

Note:
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### Special Features

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| **Cap with integrated sealing**              | • Housing sealing located on the element  
• Sealing is replaced with each element change  
• Patented  
• Mechanical Quality Protection                                                             | • Securing the spare element business  
• Increased reliability of the machine, thanks to the use of original elements                                                                     |
| **Flow duct to differential pressure measurement** | • A borehole channel within the element cap connects the dirt side with the indicator, in order to measure differential pressure  
• Intelligent clogging indicator can be used (analogue differential pressure measuring, remaining service life determination, No-Element-Function…)  
• Electronical Quality Protection                                                              | • Securing the spare element business  
• Increased reliability of the machine, thanks to the use of original elements  
• Filter change can be scheduled  
• Filter Condition Monitoring (Bypass monitoring, pump pressure monitoring…)                 |
| **Integrated bypass valve**                  | • Split bypass valve (spring in the housing, valve seat in the element)  
• Patented  
• Mechanical Quality Protection                                                               | • Securing the spare element business  
• Increased reliability of the machine, thanks to the use of original elements                                                                     |
| **Anti-drain valve**                         | • Prevents the oil from returning from dirt side to clean side during element change  
• Dirt is caught in the element  
• Patented                                                                                       | • Improved serviceability  
• Reduced oil leakage during element change                                                        |