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Foreword

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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.

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.