Filtration Solutions for Water Production.
The global demand for water is rising steadily and is already exceeding the resources currently available. Insufficient water treatment prevents millions of people from having access to adequately treated drinking water. Industry, too, is in many cases reliant on clean process and service water. Industrial water treatment systems are used to produce clean drinking and process water from untreated water from a variety of sources. This protects natural resources in a sustainable way.

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- Reduced process reliability
- Increased operating costs
- Dangerous drop in quality

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- Guaranteed quality
The earth's water resources.

Our “blue planet” will continue to justify its name only as long as the resources of its “life-giving water” do not run dry. Thanks to modern technologies, including those from HYDAC Process Technology, the wide variety of water resources can be used for water purification, from natural groundwater to recycled service water.

The earth’s surface is made up of two thirds water, but just a vanishingly small fraction can be used as natural pure water. In comparison to the huge salt water resource accounting for approx. 97%, the approx. 3% freshwater is just a tiny proportion. Therefore where drinking water, service water and process water are concerned, sustainability is essential.

Salt water and freshwater

Only approx. 3% of the world’s water is freshwater. If you deduct the frozen water at the polar ice caps, just a tiny fraction remains.

Groundwater

Of the approx. 1% of the world’s water found in liquid form only a small proportion is visible on the earth’s surface; the majority is found deep in the earth in the form of groundwater.

Surface water

The freshwater visible on the surface accounts for just 0.3% – a mere drop of water, by comparison.

Surface water from lakes

Approx. 85% of the surface water is made up of natural and man-made lakes which can be used as water resources.

Surface water from rivers

Rivers account for approx. 2% of surface water which is a very small proportion and yet they are important for use as cooling and process water in industry and the energy sector.

Marshland and brackish water

Marshland and brackish water account for an amazing 13% of surface water.

Seawater

Where groundwater is located too deeply, but where the sea is more accessible, people rely on seawater desalination to provide service water and drinking water.

Industrial water

The recycling of waste water through the use of innovative filtration processes not only reduces cleaning time but also protects natural resources. HYDAC filtration solutions will help in this.
HYDAC Filtration Solutions:  
From coarse to fine filtration, ensuring high performance in your process chain.

Pre-filtration:  
A guarantee of process reliability.

The pre-treatment is sometimes a complex process which can itself comprise several treatment stages. In order to prevent large particles from reaching the system, as a first stage, screens, strainers or coarse filters with a filtration rating of between 1 to 5 mm are generally used. In the next stage, the untreated water is treated to achieve the required feed water quality for the processes for main treatment / after treatment. Typical methods here are: coagulation, flocculation, candle filters, sand filters and activated carbon filters.

Water treatment methods used in main or after treatment frequently include:
- Membrane filtration
- Chemical disinfection through the use of oxidising agents (e.g. ozonation)
- Physical disinfection through the use of UV systems

Examples of pre-filtration before membrane systems.

1* Coarse / fine filtration: AutoFilt® RF3 / RF4 / RF5 / RF7 / ATF, PRFS  
2* Finest filtration: PLF1, PMRF

Seawater, brackish water

or alternatively

Seawater, brackish water

or alternatively

Reverse osmosis

After treatment

Drinking water / Service water
Pre-filtration:
A guarantee of process reliability.

Product range.

HYDAC process filters will protect process function, increase the life expectancy and service life of components and systems and improve the quality of the medium being filtered. The advantage to you is reduced maintenance and production costs whilst at the same time minimising the environmental impact. As a customer, you will benefit from our many years’ experience, our extensive industry expertise, the quality of our products and services as well as efficient project management which is tailored to your needs.

Coarse filtration

1. TwistFlow Strainer AutoFilt® ATF
   Coarse separation by centrifugal force - with guaranteed filtration ratings

   Automated coarse filtration using proven technology

3. Process Screen Basket Filter PRFS
   Strainer filter, easy to operate

Fine filtration

4. Back-flushing Filter AutoFilt® RF3
   For many years this has been the reliable solution in respect of automatic filters

5. Back-flushing Filter AutoFilt® RF4
   Tried-and-tested function principle, compact design

6. Backflushing Filter AutoFilt® RF7
   The automatic filtration solution for low installation height

Finest filtration

7. Process Inline Filter PLF1
   High contamination retention capacity with high flow rates

8. Process MultiRheo Filter PMRF
   Proven candle filter technology for finest filtration
Coarse filtration > 200 µm.

TwistFlow Strainer
AutoFilt® ATF
Coarse separation by centrifugal force – with guaranteed filtration ratings

Features
- Suitable for wide variability in the quality of untreated water
- Copes easily with high contamination loads
- Degree of separation associated with a centrifuge combined with defined filtration ratings
- No transfer of contamination to the clean side
- Flow rates up to 400 m³/h

Function
Special 2-stage function:
1st stage
High contamination loads are tackled by the cyclone-like flow and it is this that achieves the filtration performance and efficiency of a centrifugal separator.

2nd stage
The conical filter element guarantees the filtration rating and prevents transfer of contamination to the clean side – irrespective of fluctuations in the operating conditions.

Advantages
- Conical filter element prevents transfer of contamination to the clean side
- Consistent filtrate quality
- Continuous filtration – constant self-cleaning
- Minimal pressure drop
- No turning parts – easy to service and low maintenance
- Cleaning achieved by cross-flow with unfiltrate – no additional medium is required
- Ready-to-operate unit
- Available as system solution
Process Screen Basket Filter
PRFS

Strainer filter, easy to operate

Features
- Used as coarse filter or pre-separator
- Also available as a change-over duplex filter
- Filtration ratings from 25 to 3,000 µm
- Flow rates up to 3,600 m³/h
- High filtration efficiency
- Simple to operate

Function
Flow through the filter element is from the inside to the outside. The separated particles remain in the stainless steel strainer and can be removed easily and quickly. Once the dirt has been emptied and after a short treatment using the pressure washer, the strainer is ready for use again.

Advantages
- Robust filter materials are ideally suited to long-term operation
- Cleanable filter materials
- Low operating costs
- Simple to operate

Automatic Back-flushing Filter
AutoFilt® RF3 / RF4 / RF5 / RF7

Automated coarse filtration using proven technology

Features
- Separation of solid particles from low viscosity fluids
- Filtration ratings from 25 to 3,000 µm
- Flow rates up to 10,000 m³/h
- Automation brings efficiency
- Performance enhanced by isokinetics
- Safety assured by proven technology and experience

Function
The medium flows through the filter elements from the inside to the outside. Contamination particles then collect on the inside of the filter elements. As the level of contamination increases, the differential pressure between the contaminated and clean side of the filter increases. When the differential pressure reaches the pre-set trigger point, back-flushing starts automatically.

Advantages
- Fully automatic operation
- Ready-to-operate unit
- Maximum utilization of the filter area
- Full filtration performance following back-flushing
- Complete cleaning of the conical filter elements
- Low maintenance requirement
- Low operating costs
Fine filtration 200 – 25 µm.

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- Maximum utilization of the filter area
- Full filtration performance following back-flushing
- Complete cleaning of the conical filter elements
- Low maintenance requirement
- Low operating costs
- Already proved its worth many thousands of times
Automatic Back-flushing Filter
AutoFilt® RF4

Features
- Separation of solid particles from low viscosity fluids
- Filtration ratings from 25 to 3,000 µm
- Flow rates up to 220 l/min
- Particularly resistant stainless steel model
- Automation brings efficiency
- Performance enhanced by isokinetics
- Safety assured by proven technology and experience

Function
The medium flows through the filter elements from the inside to the outside. Contamination particles then collect on the inside of the filter elements. As the level of contamination increases, the differential pressure between the contaminated and clean side of the filter increases. When the differential pressure reaches the pre-set trigger point, back-flushing starts automatically.

Advantages
- Fully automatic operation
- Ready-to-operate unit
- Maximum utilization of the filter area
- Full filtration performance following back-flushing
- Complete cleaning of the conical filter elements
- Low maintenance requirement
- Low operating costs

Automatic Back-flushing Filter AutoFilt® RF7

Features
- Separation of solid particles from low viscosity fluids
- Filtration ratings from 25 to 3,000 µm
- Flow rates up to 7,500 m³/h
- Automation brings efficiency
- Performance enhanced by isokinetics
- Safety assured by proven technology and experience

Function
The medium flows through the filter elements from the inside to the outside. Contamination particles then collect on the inside of the filter elements. As the level of contamination increases, the differential pressure between the contaminated and clean side of the filter increases. When the differential pressure reaches the pre-set trigger point, back-flushing starts automatically.

Advantages
- Horizontal design reduces installation height
- Ideally suited to systems with limited space
- Pivoting lid device supplied as standard, for easy access to the inside of the filter
- Fully automatic operation
- Ready-to-operate unit
- Maximum utilization of the filter area
- Full filtration performance following back-flushing
- Complete cleaning of the conical filter elements
- Low maintenance requirement
- Low operating costs
Finest filtration 25 – 1 µm.

Process Inline Filter
PLF1

High contamination retention capacity with high flow rates

Features
- Separation of solid particles from low viscosity fluids
- Suitable for applications with the highest purity requirements
- Very large filter area per element (> 5 m²)
- Filtration ratings from 1 to 90 µm
- Flow rates up to 2,500 m³/h

Special feature
The PLF1 uses the specially developed inline filter elements PELF1. These filter elements have the following features:
- Greatest possible flow rates with lowest possible pressure drop
- Very large pleated filter area
- High contamination retention capacity
- Long service life
- Simplified filter element change

Advantages
- Innovative element geometry with very high contamination capacity
- High separation performance
- Extended changing intervals
- Protection of the clean side during element change thanks to fixed support tube
- Low pressure drops due to large cross-sections and surfaces
- Compact design with high flow rates
- Modular design gives optimal flexibility in catering for every application
- Simple operation
- Elements are fully incinerable – environmentally-friendly disposal
**Process MultiRheo Filter**

**PMRF**

*Tried-and-tested candle filter technology for finest filtration*

**Features**
- Separation of solid particles from low viscosity fluids
- Suitable for applications with the highest purity requirements
- Filtration ratings from 1 to 90 µm
- Flow rates up to 1,200 m³/h
- Also available as a change-over duplex filter

**Special feature**
The product range of Flexmicron candle filter elements has the right filter element for every application:
- **Flexmicron P (Premium)**
  Pleated filter elements for applications with the highest purity requirements
- **Flexmicron S (Standard)**
  Spun Spray filter elements for applications where high fluid purity and high material purity is required
- **Flexmicron E (Economy)**
  Spun Spray filter elements for applications where an average fluid purity and material purity is required

**Advantages**
- Tried-and-tested filter element technology with very high retention capacity
- High separation performance
- Compact housing with high flow rates
- Various filter sizes and filter element qualities ensure optimal flexibility in catering for the individual application
- Elements are fully incinerable – environmentally-friendly disposal
Applications.

Ozonation.

Strong oxidising agents are used to kill (destroy the cell wall) of micro-organisms (bacteria, viruses, seeds). In industrial water purification plants, ozone is used for this. The ozonation process also removes colour, smell and taste from the water. Particle contamination can decrease the disinfection effect of the ozone and lead to a deterioration in product quality.

HYDAC filtration solutions in the pre-filtration of ozonation systems:

The more particles in suspension which are retained by HYDAC filters, the more effectively can the ozone destroy pathogens and clean the water.

HYDAC filtration solutions offer the following advantages:

- Increased disinfection effect
- Savings on ozone required
- Increase in efficiency of ozonation plants

UV Systems.

These systems utilise UV light to inactivate micro-organisms (they prevent bacteria, viruses, seeds etc. from reproducing by destroying their DNA structure). Particle contaminants affect UV systems in two respects:
- Reduction in penetration rate of the water being disinfected by UV light (transmission)
- "Shadow effect": Larger particles screen the micro-organisms being inactivated from the UV light, like a protective shield

HYDAC filtration solutions in the pre-filtration of UV systems:

Pre-filtration of the water is necessary so that UV systems can work efficiently. HYDAC filters help in this and can be used as pre-filters in UV systems.

HYDAC filtration solutions offer the following advantages:

- Increased disinfection effect
- Better penetration of the water by UV light
- Prevents "shadow effects"
- Increase in efficiency of UV systems
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Membrane filtration.

In the area of water treatment, various pressure-driven membrane processes are employed (microfiltration, ultrafiltration, nanofiltration, reverse osmosis). In so doing, the smallest particles (retentate) are retained and removed by a membrane. The membrane consists of a thin, fine-pore barrier which can separate almost all particles above a certain size. Smaller particles can pass through unobstructed and without pressure losses and are thus selected (permeate). This process can be used to remove bacteria, viruses, seeds, colloids and in the case of reverse osmosis, also ions (such as salt ions when treating seawater) from the water.

HYDAC filtration solutions in the pre-filtration of membrane systems:

Particle contaminants can cause damage to membrane filters. Damaged membranes increase the risk of contamination reaching the clean water side.

HYDAC filtration solutions offer the following advantages:

- Increased process reliability
- Guaranteed consistency in product quality

All membrane systems become clogged over time ("fouling") and must therefore be flushed and therefore cleaned regularly – either with their own filtrate or cyclically by adding chemicals (filtration is suspended during flushing).

HYDAC filtration solutions offer the following advantages:

- Extends the cleaning cycles
- Saves energy and chemicals
- Increases the economic efficiency of the entire treatment process

The use of reverse osmosis membranes in particular involves huge investment and operating costs.

To protect the sensitive reverse osmosis membranes, candle filters are usually fitted upstream as so-called safety filters. These must be replaced regularly – when a certain differential pressure is exceeded.

HYDAC filtration solutions offer the following advantages:

- Increase in service life of the candle filter elements
- Extends the cleaning cycles
- Reduces the outlay for the candle filter elements required as well as for their replacement and maintenance
- Lowers the energy consumption and therefore the energy costs by slowing down the increase in differential pressure across the candle filter