

**1000th
FILTER**

At home on the world's oceans

HYDAC is selling its 1000th ballast water filter from the AutoFilt® series

In December 2015, the HYDAC Process Technology plant in Neunkirchen will be dispatching its 1000th ballast water filter. A milestone for the automatic back-flushing filter production of the internationally active company association with over 8000 employees, 50 branch offices 500 distribution and service partners worldwide.



Since its market launch in 2011, the HYDAC AutoFilt® RF10 has been the filter of choice for numerous ballast water system suppliers. As part of the AutoFilt® product family, the RF10 is continuing a success story that has been going strong for over 30 years.

The AutoFilt® RF10 is distinguished by its special hydrodynamic suction effect, the "JetFlush". This patented technology means that the AutoFilt® RF10 no longer relies on pressure on the clean side of the filter. A crucial feature for system suppliers and shipowners, given that installation and retrofitting conditions on board tend to be difficult.

Across the globe, HYDAC has gained a reputation as being the one of the world's leading producers of ballast water filters.

With its own production sites in Europe, China, Korea and India and a global distributor and service network, HYDAC is especially well equipped for the increasing demand in the Asian markets.

The product range includes filters for all types of ship – in particular ships with large ballast water capacities such as VLCCs and tankers.



Ballast water is used to stabilise ships on the high seas. As the ship travels across the sea, millions of plant and animal organisms caught up in the ballast water are transported from one port to another and then released into a foreign habitat. This releases non-native species into sensitive ecosystems where they can cause harm.

The Ballast Water Management Convention was adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) back in 2004. To enter into force, the convention needs to be ratified by at least 30 states representing at least 35 % of the world's tonnage. The convention has so far been signed by 44 states with a tonnage of 32.86 % (as of October 2015).

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