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Micro-Klean™ RT Series

All-Polypropylene Rigid Thermal Bonded Filter

Advancing Depth Filtration Through Technological Innovation

Micro-Klean™ RT series filters, manufactured using 3M Purification rigid extrusion bonded technology, are all-polypropylene depth filter cartridges offering premium features including:

- consistent particle reduction efficiencies throughout the filter's life
- increased surface area for extended filter life
- low initial pressure drop for enhanced flow
- high particle reduction efficiencies at high flow rates (flux).

The filter's extended service life results in fewer filter change-outs while its enhanced flow characteristics can typically reduce the number of filters required to achieve a given flow rate. These combined features of Micro-Klean RT series filters can significantly reduce total filtration costs.

Applications

Industrial	Plating, Desalination plants, Pulp & paper, Additives, Process cooling water, Parts Washing, Peroxide, Mechanical seals
Coatings	Resin manufacturers (water & solvent), Trade architectural paint, Ink
Food & Beverage	Bottled water, Ready-To-Drink Beverages, Soft Drinks, Juice
Oil & Gas	Amine & glycol, Prefiltration in waterflood, Process cooling water, Completion fluid
Chemical	PE-PP, Intermediate grade chemicals, PVC-VCM, Herbicides, Pesticides
Electronics	Printed Circuit Boards, CMP slurries, Electronic Capacitors, Video Displays, Pre-RO, CD/DVD
Pharmaceutical	Pre-RO, Bulk pharmaceutical chemicals, Particle control in WFI, Rinse water, Active pharmaceutical ingredients

Features & Benefits

Rigid depth filter construction

- Reduces unloading at high differential pressure
- Efficient reduction of deformable materials
- Consistently superior particle reduction throughout filter life and at high flow rates (flux).

Enhanced contaminant holding capacity

- Fewer filter change outs
- Long filter life

Grooved cartridge with extended surface area

- Promotes fuller utilization of the depth-matrix
- Long filter life

All-polypropylene construction

- Compatibility in a wide range of applications and operating conditions
- No adhesives, binders, surfactants, lubricants

Materials of construction listed in FDA 21CFR and ANSI / NSF Standard 42 and 61 certified

- Complies with regulations for food and beverage contact
- Approved for use in potable water applications

Core-less filter structure

- Ease of disposal via incineration or shredding

Continuous integral length filter element (up to 40")

- No bond joints to break
- Easy to install



Micro-Klean™ RT Series Filter Construction

The unique Micro-Klean RT series filter manufacturing process combines the superior process control with the quality assurance enabled by an ISO 9001 certified quality system to provide consistent product performance. 3M Purification's exclusive manufacturing process provides a high degree of fiber-to-fiber thermal bonding, without the use of binders, to produce a rigid, core-less, filter structure with the following properties:

- Does not unload contaminants with increasing differential pressure like typical meltblown filters
- Allows grooves to be machined into the upstream surface, without tearing or melting the filter structure, providing more than double the effective surface area. Refer to photo 1.
- Exhibits exceptionally low differential pressure for a given filter rating.

Consistent filtration throughout the service life of a depth-style filter depends on how well the filter's structure tolerates fluctuations in operating conditions – including contaminant loading and differential pressure. Flexible structures, such as those found in typical meltblown and string-wound filters, tend to compress and change porosity with increased pressure, while rigid structures do not (photo 2). Media compression can result in short filter life because the pores collapse and ultimately close.

Media compression can also cause the filter to release already held particles. The robust Micro-Klean RT series filter captures and retains contaminant within its rigid filter matrix, even under increasing differential pressure. In addition, the unique depth filter structure of the Micro-Klean RT series filter provides a significant increase in contaminant holding capacity and provides greater flow capacity at a given pressure.

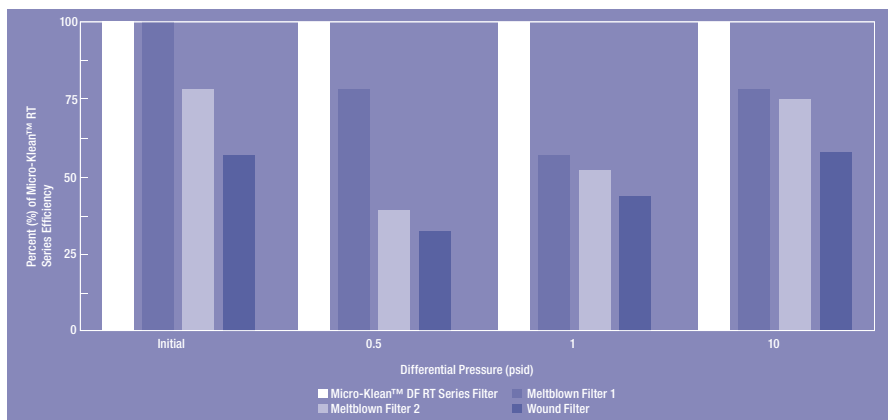
Unlike soft meltblown and string-wound filters that require core support, the Micro-Klean RT series filter is self-supporting and is grooved to provide greater than twice the surface area. The increase in surface area prevents premature blinding of the outer surface by large particles and gels and promotes fuller utilization of the depth-matrix. The result is significantly longer life than competitive cartridges.

Micro-Klean™ RT Series Filter Performance

Micro-Klean™ RT series filters exhibit superior filtration characteristics. The rigid construction allows for enhanced performance compared to other filter structures with equivalent reduction ratings.

Superior Service Life

Extensive testing of Micro-Klean RT series filters has demonstrated an appreciable advantage in service life. Graph 1 compares rigid Micro-Klean RT series filters to typical meltblown and string-wound filters of equivalent efficiency. All filters were challenged under identical conditions. Comparison of test results, when test filters are subjected to the same contaminant load up to 20 psid, shows the relative life of the test filters. As depicted, Micro-Klean RT series filters typically provide nearly twice the life of its closest competitor, and up to 10 times or more the life of some competitive filters..



Graph 2. – Efficiency Comparison of Filter Cartridges Rated at 5 Microns Efficiency

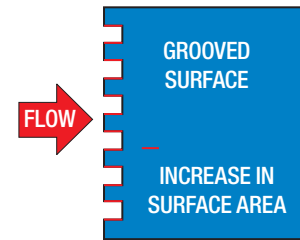


Photo 1. - Surface Area

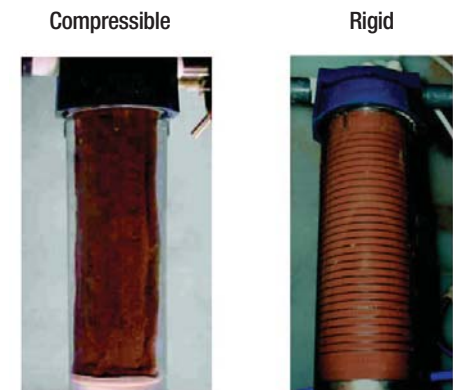
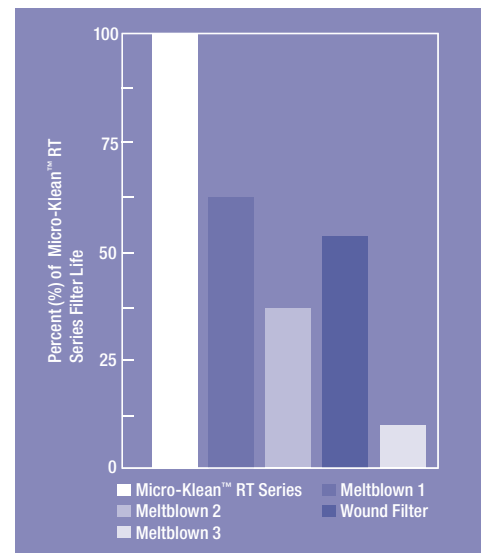


Photo 2. – Compressible vs Rigid Structures @ 35 psid



Graph 1. – Life Comparison of Filters Exhibiting Similar Efficiency

Consistent Reduction Efficiency

The rigid Micro-Klean™ RT series structure resists deformation, filter by-pass, compression and particle unloading. This allows Micro-Klean RT series filters to achieve excellent filtration efficiency up to its recommended change-out pressure (35 psid), while typical melt blown and wound structures exhibit significant drops in reduction efficiency at much lower differential pressures (10 psid).

To demonstrate the Micro-Klean RT series filter's reduction consistency, efficiency at four sampling points (initial, 0.5 psid, 1 psid and 10 psid) was measured on Micro-Klean RT series filters and typical melt blown and wound structures. All equivalently rated filters were tested under the same conditions to enable direct comparison.

As shown in Graph 2, Micro-Klean RT series filters display a stable, consistently higher contaminant reduction throughout the duration of the test. Note that the other melt blown and string wound structures yield erratic reduction and as such can not provide predictable performance even under controlled conditions of uniform contaminant loading and pressure.

Micro-Klean RT series filters are also capable of delivering consistent particle reduction efficiencies at high fluid flux (flow rate per surface area). This capability is demonstrated in Graph 3 which shows both reduction efficiency and differential pressure results from tests conducted with 25u Micro-Klean RT series cartridges at a fluid flux of 68 lpm per 10 inch length – six times higher than typical design flux for cartridge filters. Because of its rigid structure and high contaminant holding capability, Micro-Klean RT series cartridges are able to maintain high particle reduction efficiencies throughout the life of the filter at this high flux.

This consistent performance capability at high fluid flux makes Micro-Klean RT series an effective solution for systems where smaller housing size is desirable because of physical limitations or budgetary constraints. Utilizing Micro-Klean RT series cartridges at higher flux can also be beneficial for low contaminant load systems.

Lower Initial Differential Pressure

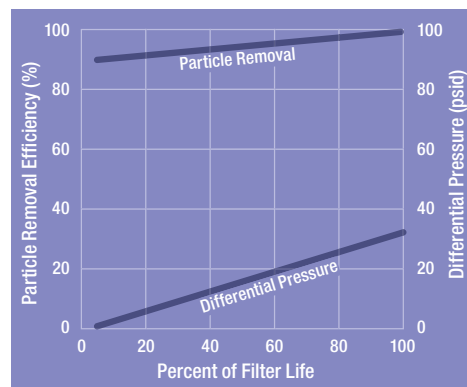
The unique design and construction of the Micro-Klean RT series element allows for significantly lower pressure drop when compared to competitive elements. Graph 4 clearly demonstrates the Micro-Klean RT series flow advantage when compared to other 5 m rated competitive meltblown and wound cartridges. For a given differential pressure, Micro-Klean RT series filters yield flows up to ten times that of competitive filters. When sizing a system for a given process flow rate, this is a significant advantage and translates into lower capital investment for filter housings and fewer cartridges to purchase. For example, as shown in Table 1, in a process with a water flow rate of 680 lpm and a maximum clean pressure drop of 0.5 psid, a Micro-Klean™ RT series filter system requires significantly fewer cartridges and smaller filter vessels (compared to competitive filters) for greatly reduced capital costs.

Micro-Klean™ RT Series Filter System Sizing

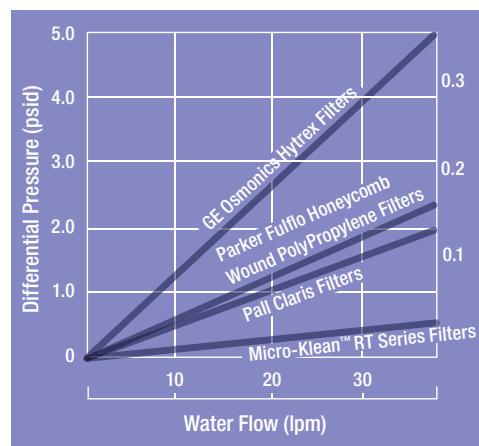
To size a system of Micro-Klean™ RT series filters, flow vs. differential pressure data is provided in Table 2.

To calculate filter's clean pressure drop for Newtonian fluids, use the following formula in conjunction with the Specific Pressure Drop Values. The Specific Pressure Drop values may be effectively used when three of the four variables (Viscosity, Flow, Differential Pressure and Cartridge Grade) are set. Care must be taken when sizing Micro-Klean RT series filtration systems. Select a filter housing that will accept at least the required number of 10 inch filter elements, and ensure that the total system flow does not exceed the maximum housing flow rating.

$$\frac{\text{psid}}{\text{mbar}} = \frac{\left(\frac{\text{total system}}{\text{lpm}} \right) \left(\text{viscosity in Cp} \right) \left(\text{SPD value from Table 2} \right)}{\left(\frac{\text{Equivalent number of 10 inch Cartridges in housing}}{\text{clean}} \right)}$$



Graph 3. – Particle Reduction Efficiency at Increased Flux



Graph 4. – Flow vs. Differential Pressure

(see note * in Table 1)

Table 1. – Comparison of 5 Micron Filters in a Water System

Filter	30" Filters Required for a 680 lpm Flow Rate*	Housing Diameter (mm) Required for 30" Double Open End Filters
Micro-Klean™ RT Series Filters	12	323
Parker Fulflo® Honeycomb™ Wound Polypropylene Filters	29	508
Osmonics Hytrex® Filters	60	762
Pall Claris® Filters	24	406

*Based on the manufacturers literature piece specification

Nominal Rating (µm)	Specific Pressure Drop per 10" Filter (mbar/lmp-Cp)**
1	1.330
5	0.765
10	0.455
25	0.273
50	0.182
75	0.109

Table 2. – Micro-Klean™ RT Series Filter Specific Pressure Drop (SPD)

** 100 mbar = 10 kPa

Micro-Klean™ RT Series Filter Cartridge Specifications

Table 3. – Micro-Klean™ RT Series Filter Specifications

Construction	
Filter Media, End Connector	Polypropylene
Gaskets & O-ring Options (see ordering guide)	Silicone, Fluorocarbon, EPR, Nitrile, and Polyethylene
Operating Conditions	
Maximum Operating Temperature	80 °C
Maximum Differential Pressure	100 kPa (15 psi) @ 80 °C
	170 kPa (25 psi) @ 60 °C
	410 kPa (60 psi) @ 20 °C
Recommended Change-out Differential Pressure	240 kPa (35 psi) @ 20 °C
Cartridge Dimensions	
Inside Diameter (nominal)	28 mm
Outside Diameter (nominal)	66 mm
Length (nominal) see ordering guide	248 - 1016 mm
Regulatory	
Micro-Klean RT series filters meet the requirements of USP for the Biological Test for Plastics, Class VI-70 °C.	
Materials used in the manufacture of Micro-Klean RT series filters meet the requirements of USDA 21 CFR for food and beverage contact Micro-Klean RT series filters have been certified to ANSI/NSF Standard 42 and 61.	



Chemical Compatibility

The 100% polypropylene construction provides excellent chemical compatibility in many demanding process fluid applications. Compatibility is influenced by process operating conditions. Micro-Klean RT series cartridges should be tested under actual conditions to determine compatibility.

Table 4. – Fluid Compatibility

Chemical	Temperature	Chemical	Temperature	Chemical	Temperature
Acetic Acid 20%	71 °C	Hydrogen Peroxide	38 °C	Sodium Carbonate	71 °C
Alkanolamines	60 °	Methyl Ethyl Ketone	21 °C	Sodium Hydroxide 70%	71 °C
Ammonium Hydroxide 10%	71 °C	Mineral Oil	21 °C	Sulfuric Acid 20%	71 °C
Beach 5.5%	49 °C	Nitric Acid 20%	49 °C	Sulfuric Acid (70%)	71 °C
Ethylene Glycol	71 °C	Potassium Hydroxide	60 °C	Urea	71 °C

Scientific Applications Support Services (SASS)

Dedicated technical support teams comprised of 3M Purification scientists and engineers are available to provide application specific recommendations for the most effective and economical filtration system. In addition to comprehensive testing and analyses conducted in advanced laboratories at 3M Purification, the SASS staff can also perform on site-testing at customer's facilities. Contact your 3M Purification technical expert for more information.

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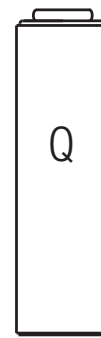
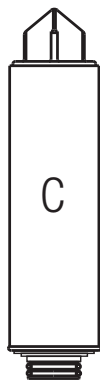
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Micro-Klean™ RT Series Filter Cartridge Ordering Guide

Cartridge Type	Length	Grade	Material	Surface	Packaging	Ring Support	End Modification	Gasket/O-ring
RT – Micro Klean™ RT Series	09 – 9 ¾"	Y – 1 µm	16 – Polypropylene	G – Grooved	2 – Bulk	0 – None	B – 226 O-ring & Spear	A – Silicone
	10 – 10"	B – 5 µm					C – 222 O-ring & Spear	B – Fluorocarbon
	19 – 19 ½"	C – 10 µm					F – 222 O-ring & Flat Cap	C – EPR
	20 – 20"	F – 10 µm					N – None	D – Nitrile
	29 – 29 ¼"	L – 50 µm					P – Polypropylene Core Extender	G – Polyethylene**
	30 – 30"	Q – 75 µm					Q – Cap without Spring	H – Clear Silicone
	39 – 39"						R – Cap with Spring	N – None**
40 – 40"								

* Available with N or P end modifications only
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