DBE Series Desiccant Air Breather
With Extended Service Life

Description
The new breather dryer DBE (with Extended service life) was mainly developed for wind industry applications. The special feature of the filter are the two separated chambers storing two adsorbent types with different water holding capacity and response behavior. Four check valves can be integrated in the filter bottom in order to protect the adsorbent material avoiding a saturation during system’s downtime. The dirt holding capacity of the filter is increased through the star-pleated air breather filter element. All included new features contribute to an extended lifetime of the breather dryer. The entire design of the breather dryer prohibits the adsorbent material from getting into the tank or the gearbox. The filter is available in three sizes.

Features

2-Stage Adsorbent Filling
Combination of 2 adsorbent stages (molecular sieve and silica gel) to optimize the water adsorption capacity and efficiency. *see fig. 1 & 2

Saturation Protection
Protection of the adsorbent against saturation during system’s downtime through the valves in the housing.

Distribution of Flow
The special design of the inner components guarantees an optimal flow over the complete adsorbent volume of both stages.

Air Filter
Star-pleated air filter element (2 μm) reduces/ prevents dirt and dust ingress into the tank. *see fig. 3

Anti-splash Features
Integrated suction tube and anti-splash tool to protect the adsorbent from oil contamination.

Exchangeable Cartridges
With adsorbent and integrated air filter element (base and connecting piece remains as an adapter at the customer’s location).

Connecting Piece
Made of zinc die-casting (very stable installation of the complete filter, robust connection to the tank/ gears).

Safety Sealed for a Long Storage Time
Cartridge will be delivered with a o-ring sealed safety cap to guarantee a storage time up to 3 years (at cool, dry and UV proof storage conditions).

Color Indication
When maximum adsorption is reached, the silica gel turns from red to bright orange. *see fig. 4

*see fig. 1: molecular sieve
*see fig. 2: silica gel
*see fig. 3: star-pleated element
*see fig. 4: color indicator
DBE vs. D-AB

**Breather Series**

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**Advantage of DBE vs. D-AB**

**Water Absorption Capacity**

% advantage of water capacity of DBE vs. D-AB

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**I. DBE-4 vs. D-AB-4**
+15% @ 40% relative humidity
+7% @ 75% relative humidity

**II. DBE-10 vs. D-AB-8**
+25% @ 40% relative humidity
+17% @ 75% relative humidity

**SUMMARY**

**DBE-4 replaces D-AB-4**
- Similar size
- Higher Water Capacity - (depending on ambient conditions +7% advantage can be achieved)

**DBE-10 replaces D-AB-8**
- Similar size
- Higher Water Capacity - (depending on ambient conditions +17% advantage can be achieved)

**DBE Advantages:**
- Better Adsorption Efficiency
- Star-pleated filter element (High Dirt Holding Capacity)
- Better protection against oil splash (filter media and desiccant)
- Mechanical stability
- High efficiency desiccant (2-stage: Silica Gel + molecular sieve)
- Bypass and adsorbent protection valves

**Water Adsorption Efficiency**

**Moisture Removal Efficiency**

Significant increase of the Water Adsorption Efficiency up to 15%
- Better protection of the gear box lube oil
- Longer life time of the gear box lube oil
- Longer life time of the lube filter
Benefits

Protects gearbox by removing moisture from incoming air:
- Extending the life cycle of the gearbox lube oil
- Minimize component wear, down time and repairs due to moisture
- Minimize oil oxidation, additive depletion and freezing due to moisture
- Minimize corrosion
- Extended oil filter life

Applications

Applicable for all hydraulic tank and gearbox applications where problems with water entry can occur.

Functioning

Replacement Cartridges

DBE-2      DBE-4          DBE-10
How to Build a Valid Model Number for a Schroeder DBE:

Filter Model Number Selection

Example: Note: One option per box

```
BOX 1 | BOX 2 | BOX 3 | BOX 4 | BOX 5 | BOX 6 | BOX 7 | BOX 8
DBE  |   4   |   R   |   P   |   2   |   N   |   1   | R.04
= DBE4RP2N1R.04
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Base Assembly Only:

```
BOX 1     BOX 2     BOX 3     BOX 4
Model Number | Replacement Element | Connection Type |
DBE         | R = Replaceable     | P = NPT         |

BOX 5     BOX 6     BOX 7     BOX 8
Filtration Rating | Gauge Options | Connection Size | Options |
2           | N = None         | 1 = 1" (NPT only) | R.3 = 0.3 psi Protection Valve |

R.04 = 0.04 psi Protection Valve
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Replacement Cartridge Only:

```
BOX 1     BOX 2     BOX 3
Replacement Element | Model Number | Size |
R = Replaceable   | DBE         | 2    |

4           |
10
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