**Road vehicles — Fuel filters — Specification**

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**Introduction**

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## AFRICAN STANDARD

**Road vehicles — Fuel filters — Specification**

1 Scope

This Draft African Standard specifies materials, performance requirements, and test methods for road vehicles fuel filters

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 4020, *Road vehicles — Fuel filters for diesel engines — Test methods*

3 Terms and definitions

There are no terms and definitions in this document.

4 Materials

**4.1** The filter shall be capable of withstanding normal mechanical stresses encountered in service. The use of dissimilar metals likely to cause corrosion shall be avoided.

**4.2** The filtering media shall be impregnated fuel filter paper with a maximum pore size of 1.5 microns, wire gauze, felt material, reinforced impregnated paper (with wire gauze) or any other appropriate material that meets the performance requirements specified in this standard as per the particular type of application. The media shall not disintegrate in performance for the specified service period.

**4.3** The filter casing may be made of plastic, but if made of sheet metal alloy, it shall be protected against corrosion.

**4.4** The filter shall be free from any leaks.

**4.5** All materials used for the construction of the filter shall be free from corrosion.

**4.6** All seals shall be of rubber (e.g. nitrile rubber) non-reactive with fuel and with a minimum Shore hardness of 65 International Rubber Hardness degrees.

**4.7** All gaskets required for mounting the filter element shall have a minimum Shore A hardness of 45 International Rubber Hardness degrees.

**4.8** The threaded end plate may be made of galvanized steel sheet or any other non-corrosive material and shall be strong enough to hold engine pressures.

**4.9** The compression spring shall be made of spring steel.

**4.10** Any adhesive used to bond the filter parts shall be bonded epoxy-based adhesives or equivalent that shall be non-reactive to fuels and shall give a strong bond able to resist mechanical stress encountered in performance.

5 Tests

5.1 Pressure drop test

When tested in accordance with 6.3 of ISO 4020, the pressure drop across the filter shall not exceed the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) specification.

5.2 Particle retention test

When tested in accordance with 6.4 of ISO 4020, the percentage particle retention shall be not less than 90%.

5.3 Burst test for complete filter

When tested in accordance with 6.7 of ISO 4020, the burst pressure of the complete filter shall be not less than 1.45 Mpa.

5.4 Pulsating pressure fatigue test

When tested in accordance with 6.8 of ISO 4020, the filter shall withstand 50 000 cycles without failure.

5.5 Bubble test

When tested in accordance with Annex A of this standard, the volume of escaped air shall not exceed 200 cm3 per minute.

6 Marking

**6.1** The filter and filter packaging shall be legibly and indelibly marked on the outer casing with the following:

1. manufacturers’ name and/or registered trade mark;
2. country of origin; and
3. manufacturers’ part number.

**6.2** Additional markings indicated on the filter or package shall necessitate additional verifications that the filters comply with the claims indicated.

Annex A  
(normative)  
  
Bubble Tests

**A.1 Principle**

The test liquid shall be straight mineral oil at a temperature of 23 °C ± 5 °C and kinematic viscosity between 4 mm2/s and 6 mm2/s.

**A.2 Equipment**

**A.2.1 Stop-watch**

**A.2.2** Other equipment shall be as in Figure A.1.

**A.3 Procedure**

Before mounting the filter element to be tested (9) in Figure A.1 on the rotating axle, immerse it in the test liquid sufficiently long to completely wet the filter medium, and drain off the surplus liquid.

**A.3.1** Mount the filter element on the rotating axle (10) and immerse it in the tank (8).

**A.3.2** Open the stopcock (3) and adjust the constant pressure device (5) to indicate a pressure of 1.3 kPa ± 0.1 kPa on the liquid manometer (6).

**A.3.3** Turn the filter element at approximately 10 min-1 on the rotating axle. The volume of air escaping in one minute shall be measured.

A diagram of a machine

Description automatically generated

Test components  key

① Connection to compressed air line; air must be dry

② Connection pipe, of metal, nominal internal diameter 4 mm to 6 mm

③ Stopcock

④ Needle valve (fixed throttle)

⑤ Constant-pressure device, adjustable

⑥ Manometer, adapted to the measuring range

⑦ Flexible hose, nominal diameter 4 mm to 6 mm

⑧ Tank, minimum capacity 20 L

⑨ Filter element to be tested 4 mm to 6 mm

⑩ Rotating axle

⑪ Rotary fitting

⑫ Device for rotation of filter element

⑬ Bubble trap, capacity approximately 1 L, with graduated scale, accuracy of reading 1 cm3

**Figure A.1 — Bubble test**

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