



# P-GS STEAM FILTER ELEMENTS

Compressed Air & Process Filtration

**The Donaldson® P-GS sintered stainless steel filter element is used for filtration of steam, gas, and liquid.**

The P-GS 5 micron filter element exceeds 3-A guidelines for the production of culinary steam under Accepted Practice 609-03. Improved steam quality ensures longer service life of the filter elements being sterilized and increases the efficiency of the entire process. The P-GS provides high dirt holding capacity at low differential pressure and high flow rate, and it can be regenerated by back flushing or ultrasonic cleaning to deliver long filter life and reduced operating costs.



**P-GS**

FEATURES	BENEFITS
Thirteen lengths, three micron ratings and connection options	These meet virtually all purification requirements in steam, gas, and liquid filtration applications.
High-quality continuous 316L sintered stainless steel filter media construction with 304 SS welded end caps	Ensures excellent material resistance to steam and aggressive gases.
Heavy-duty design	Withstands a maximum differential pressure up to 72 psi and an operating temperature range of -60°F to 400°F (with optional Fluoraz®* o-rings).
P-GS 5 micron element exceeds 3-A guidelines for the production of Culinary Steam under Accepted Practice 609-03	
50+% porosity level	Ensures high dirt holding capacity at low differential pressure and high flow rate.
Multiple regenerative methods are possible, including back-flushing, ultrasonic cleaning, and solvent cleaning with hydrogen peroxide and other chemicals	Allows for longer filter life and reduced operating costs.
The filter element is manufactured according to ISO 9001	All components meet FDA requirements for contact with food in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 21.

\*Fluoraz is a registered trademark of Greene, Tweed & Co.

## APPLICATIONS

There are several terms used for steam. Process steam is used in process applications as a source of energy for process heating, pressure control and mechanical drives. Culinary steam can be direct injected during food processing. Culinary steam needs to meet 3-A Culinary Standards for the dairy industry. Process steam does not generally come in contact with the final product whereas culinary steam can, and often does, come in direct contact with the final product.

### Steam Filtration

- Aseptic packaging
- Breweries
- Chemicals
- Dairies
- Electronics
- Food and beverage
- Pharmaceuticals
- Plastics

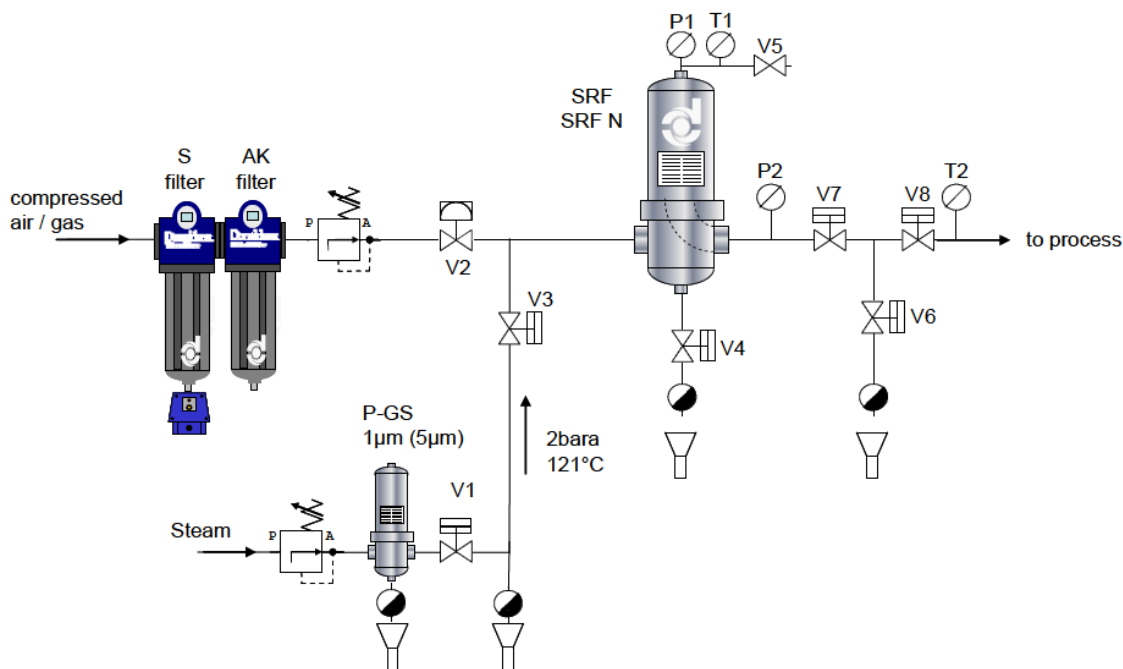
### Gas Filtration

- Highly aggressive gases
- Nitrogen
- Carbon dioxide
- Compressed air
- Tank ventilation

### Liquid Filtration

- Chemicals
- Cosmetics
- Paints
- Salt and seawater
- Syrups
- Coolants
- Food and beverage
- Pharmaceuticals
- Solvents
- Water

## RECOMMENDED STERILE AIR INSTALLATION WITH STEAM FILTER



\* For more information on steam terminology, please refer to Donaldson's Process Filtration Culinary & Process Steam brochure.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Continuous Operating Temperature Range	up to 356°F (EPDM o-rings) up to 400°F (Fluoraz o-rings)
Filtration Surface	0.54 ft <sup>2</sup> per 10" element (10/30) (For other element sizes see correction factors filtration surface)
Configurations	UF 2" plug connection and flat end cap Code 7: 2 x 226 o-rings, 2 bayonet locking tabs and locating fin
Maximum Differential Pressure	72 psid, regardless of the system pressure or temperature
Typical Service Life	Total filter element life dependent on cleaning cycle frequency. Element replacement recommended after a maximum of 6 cleanings to prevent loss of integrity.

## NOMINAL FLOW RATES AT RECOMMENDED SURFACE LOADS FOR 10" ELEMENT (10/30)

Element Pore Size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Saturated Steam lbs/hr per 10"			Gases/Air cfm per 10"	Low Viscosity Liquids 10"
	15 psig	50 psig	100 psig		
1	300	650	1000	50	2.5
5	400	800	1500	60	5
25	500	1000	2000	70	10

## RETENTION RATES

Steam & Air		
Element Pore Size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	98% ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	100% ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
1	0.5	1
5	1	2
25	5	15

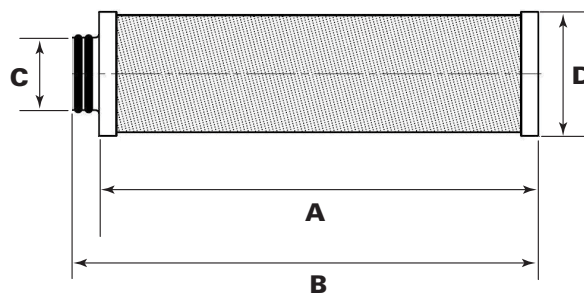
Water		
Element Pore Size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	98% ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	100% ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
1	2	12
5	3	15
25	12	35

MATERIALS	CFR TITLE
Filter Media	316L sintered stainless steel 211.65
End Caps	304 stainless steel 211.65
O-Rings Standard	EPDM 177.2600
O-Rings Optional	Fluoraz (high temp) 177.2600
	Silicone 177.2600
	Buna N 177.2600
	PTFE over silicone 177.1550
	PTFE over Viton®* 177.1550

\* Viton is a registered trademark of DuPont Performance Elastomers L.L.C.

## UF PLUG CONNECTION

Element Size	Dimensions (inches)					Correction Factors**
	A	B	C (I.D.)*	C (O.D.)*	D	
03/10	3.0	3.4	0.8	1.2	1.65	0.12
04/10	4.1	4.6	0.8	1.2	1.65	0.17
04/20	4.1	4.6	1	1.5	2.05	0.19
05/20	5.0	5.6	1	1.5	2.05	0.25
05/25	5.0	5.6	1	1.5	2.44	0.32
07/25	7.1	7.6	1	1.5	2.44	0.47
05/30	5.0	5.7	1	1.5	3.39	0.46
07/30	7.1	7.7	2	2.4	3.39	0.68
10/30	10.0	10.6	2	2.4	3.39	1.00
15/30	15.0	15.6	2	2.4	3.39	1.55
20/30	20.0	20.6	2	2.4	3.39	2.10
30/30	30.0	30.6	2	2.4	3.39	3.28
30/50	30.0	30.6	3.2	3.5	5.50	5.89

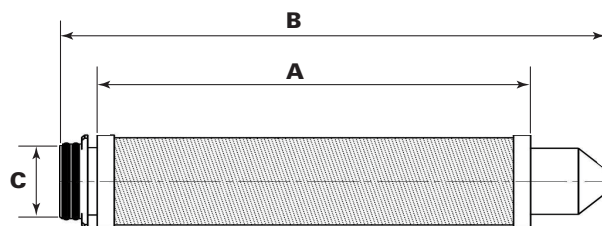


\* Plug-type connection with double o-ring

\*\* Correction factors filtration surface area

## CODE 7 CONNECTION

Size	Dimensions (inches)		
	A	B	C
5"	4.92	7.48	2.22
10"	9.84	12.40	2.22
20"	19.68	22.24	2.22
30"	29.53	32.08	2.22



## QUALITY ASSURANCE

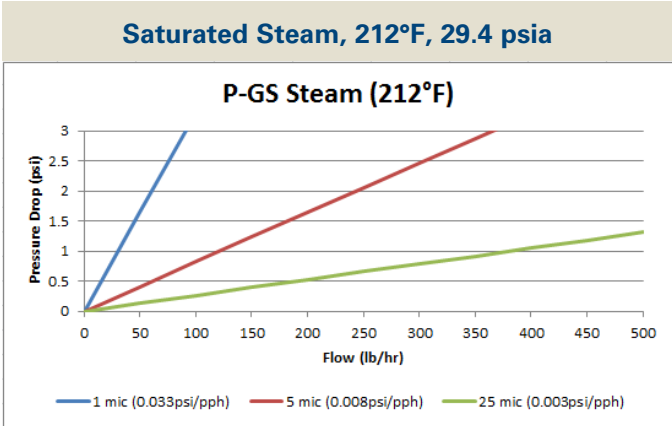
All components of the P-GS filter element with welded and caps are FDA listed for food contact use in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 21.

All products have been inspected and released by Quality Assurance as having met the following requirements:

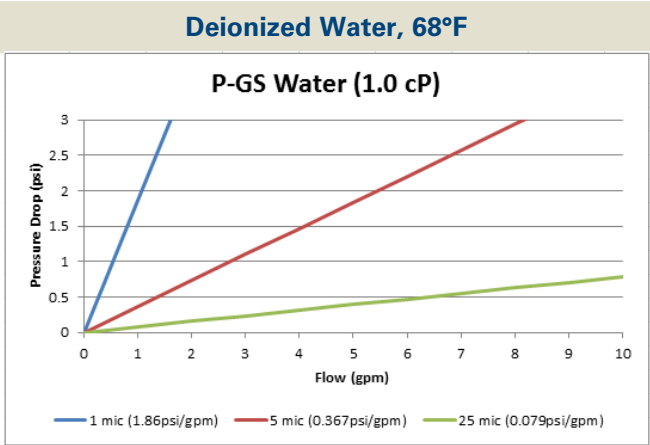
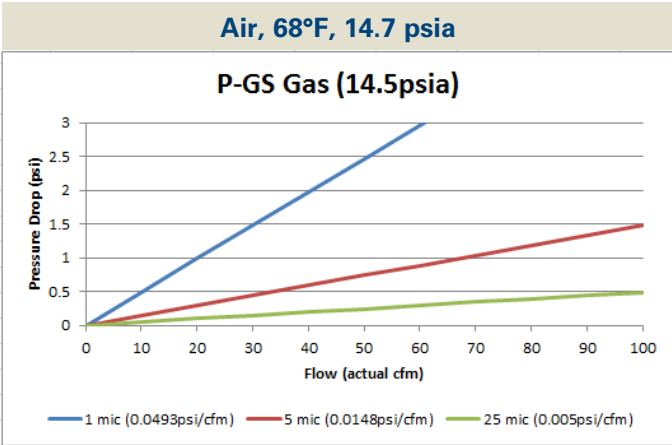
- All filter elements are fabricated without the use of binders, adhesives, additives or surface-active agents.
- All filter elements are staged, assembled, tested, and packaged according to ISO 9001.

### FLOW CHARACTERISTICS FOR 10" ELEMENT (10/30)

Properly sizing a steam filter system will depend on a number of variables, including: flow rate (pounds per hour), pressure, element micron rating, and acceptable pressure drop across the filtration system.



Correction Factor for Steam Temperature				
Steam Temperature (°F)	212	250	285	320
Correction Factor	0.5	1	2	3



PRESSURE CORRECTION FACTORS										
Pressure (psig)	15	29	58	87	100	116	145	174	203	232
Correction Factor	0.25	0.36	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.9	2.1

Nominal and maximum flow for other pressures can be calculated with the above correction factors.

## REGENERATION

Steam filter elements are commonly regenerated to reduce differential pressure drop, remove settled contaminants, and prevent permanent contamination buildup. The Donaldson P-GS Filter elements can be regenerated using a number of different techniques. In general, the more frequently an element is cleaned, the better the regeneration. It is recommended that all cleaners are in compliance with CFR, Title 21. The following is some general background in methods of steam filter element regeneration.\*

### Counter-Flow

The filter media can be washed with either clean liquid or clean gas in a reverse, or counterflow, cycle. Pulsing the flow to loosen attached particles can enhance cleaning. This method is excellent where retained particles are on the surface of the media. Use of a soft nylon brush can also enhance this method of cleaning.

### Solvent Cleaning Forward Flow

In some cases, oil and other contaminants in the steam cause particles to be retained on or within the filter media. Detergents and/or solvents might be required in these instances, not only to remove the oil or oil-like contaminants, but also to allow particles to be released. The chemical resistance of o-rings should be checked prior to solvent cleaning. After cleaning with solvents, it is essential to flush with cold water thoroughly and let all liquid evaporate.

### Ultrasonic Cleaning

The most thorough regeneration can be achieved using ultrasonic cleaning. In this method, filter elements are immersed in a non-flammable solvent or water bath in which ultrasonic waves lead to a loosening and removal of particles embedded in the media. Regeneration is nearly total, leaving elements close to their original state.

## CLEAN STEAM

In many applications steam comes in contact with the product itself. For example, direct injection of steam into large vats of processed foods is one method used to cook those foods. In other cases, steam is used to clean or sterilize surfaces, tools and containers used in processing and packaging of various products such as pharmaceuticals. In all cases, steam is being generated and distributed in piping systems, and these often end in small orifices or nozzles that can be easily fouled by contaminants in the steam.

Filtration of steam is essential to avoid product contamination and equipment downtime. Particulate contaminants found in steam can include rust, scale, dirt and sediments carried over from the water source.

\* Contact a Donaldson representative for more details on P-GS steam filter element regeneration and sanitation guidelines.



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