





## Synonym for Oil Maintenance



## **Applications in Power Plants**

#### Gas turbines

Soft contaminants and oxidation by-products are created due to high temperatures, especially on hot spots, e. g. bearings, valves, pumps and inline filters. These oil degradation products (resin / varnish) are deposited and lead to sticky and clogged components, and therefore to malfunctions in the control system.



#### **Control system fluids**

Especially in cases where HFD fluids are used, temperature peaks and contamination with water result in degradation and acidification of control system fluids.

#### **Steam turbines**

Water can enter steam turbine oil systems in various ways, e. g. through steam that enters via bearing and labyrinth seals, or condensation. Water in oil not only leads to cavitation and corrosion, but also accelerates the oil degradation process. The limit in this case is between 200 and 500 ppm H<sub>2</sub>O.

#### Hydro turbines

Due to the comparatively low operating temperature, primarily solid and liquid contaminants in the oil have a damaging effect on these systems, especially in combined control and lubrication systems. A high particle content in the oil leads to wear on system components, resulting in reduced reliability and life. Furthermore, the oil must be changed more frequently.



#### Transformers

Water in the liquid and solid insulation reduces dielectric strength. Especially in older transformers, water accelerates the degradation process of the paper insulation, reduces the life of the transformer and decreases operating safety.



#### **Tap changers**

Electric arcs and condensate lead to deposits (carbon, sludge), wear and decreased operating safety. Continuous fine filtration can reduce not only tap changer revisions and therefore downtimes, but also the amount of flushing oil.





### Oil maintenance is a requirement

Up to 80 % of all machinery repair and maintenance costs are the result of contaminated system fluids. This is substantiated by several independent analyses at hydraulic and lubrication systems. It is not only the reduced, specific properties of the oils that cause these, preventable, costs. The main cause is wear induced by contamination through solid particles, water and varnish. **These contaminants can be removed reliably and permanently only with continuous offline fine filtration**.

## **Applications in Power Plants**



#### **Coal mills**

Gear oils are often loaded with very fine metal particles. The high operating temperature accelerates oil ageing.



#### Feeding pumps

Condensed water, particles and oxidation by-products in the gear oil reduce life and reliability.



#### Further applications

Combined heat and power units Liquid fuel, lubrication oil Wind turbines: Gear boxes, pitch hydraulics, main bearings Waste disposal plants, Conveyor belts, Cranes, Compressors, Cooling blowers, etc.

## Oil maintenance reduces CO<sub>2</sub>-emission

Every litre of oil pollutes the atmosphere with approx. 2.6 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Filtering oil and using it for longer therefore not only saves purchasing and disposal costs for oil but also protects the environment.



## Removal of Particles, Water and Varnish

Every particle in the system can generate more contamination (sand blasting effect).

Particle contamination of the oil can only be reduced, not avoided. The contaminants enter the system from the

environment (e. g. through venting, oil refilling or repairs), but they are also generated inside the system (abrasion).

#### The most common types of wear

#### **Particles**



abrasion (Bearing ring)

#### **Erosion**

Abrasion

the surfaces (abrasive wear).

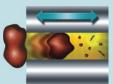
Small particles in a high velocity oil flow come in contact with metal surfaces and edges, breaking off more particles (sand blasting effect).

Hard particles jammed between moving parts destroy













#### Water



#### Cavitation

Water droplets in the oil evaporate under high pressure, implode and rip particles off the metal surfaces.

common sources of oil contamination.

Corrosion (Shaft)

#### Corrosion

Varnish

varnish.

Water or chemical contaminants in the oil cause rust or chemical reactions, which deteriorate the component surfaces.

Soft contaminants are deposited on metal surfaces and lead to the formation of varnish. Sticky valves, clogged inline filters and varnish-like deposits on bearings are typical of such contamination with











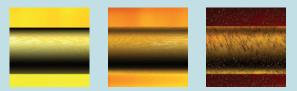




#### Varnish



Varnish (Steering gear) The precursors to varnish, so-called soft contaminants, are primarily created in oil systems' hot spots, e.g. bearings, valves, pumps and high-flow inline filters. Soft contaminants exist both in dissolved and suspended forms.







#### Wear



#### Water in oil

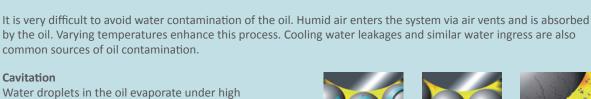


#### Corrosion



#### Varnish







## **Offline Oil Maintenance**

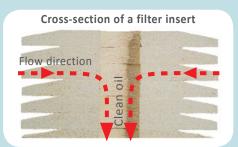


#### CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter systems

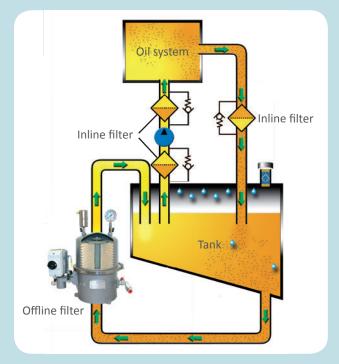
Continuous high oil cleanliness **can only be ensured by continuous offline fine filtration** - in conjunction with the inline filter. Only the offline principle allows a perfect fluid flow rate / filter size relation. The oil flows through the filter body at an extremely slow pace so that even micro-fine particles settle down deep within the filter insert.

#### *"Filter efficiency is basically a function of the fluid's time of contact with the filter material."*

The gear pump of the CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter system draws contaminated oil from the fluid system tank of the machine and passes it slowly and at a constant flow rate through the depth filter insert. The oil flows radially from the outside to the inside through the CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter insert and returns, cleaned and dried, to the system. The manometer on the filter



housing indicates the necessary filter insert change. During insert replacement the CJC™ Fine Filter system is briefly stopped, but the main fluid system remains in operation.



#### **CJC™ Filter Separators**

For large amounts of water in the oil or continuous water ingress in the oil system, CJC<sup>™</sup> Filter Separators are an appropriate solution for drying and filtering the oil. The specially treated CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter insert type BLAT, retains solid particles as well as oil degradation products without absorbing water. The water is separated in a subsequent process in the coalescing element.

The coalescing process starts in the CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter insert. During the passage through the mesh of cellulose and cotton linters microscopic water parts combine to droplets.

The water droplets are carried with the laminar oil flow through the coalescing element and attach to the stainless steel mesh because of the larger adhesion forces. The flow pushes them along the metal fibres, lets them combine with other droplets at the intersections and, due to the higher density, fall into the filter base as larger droplets.



Flow switch and solenoid valve regulate the periodical discharge of the accumulated water.



#### CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter inserts

75 % of the insert volume forms a structure of cavities, which explains the very high dirt holding capacity. The extremely absorbent filter material retains water permanently. Oil degradation by-products are deposited at the polar sites of the depth filter insert. Used CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter inserts can be disposed of according to the (German) Waste Product Key 150202. Because the filter inserts consist **only of organic materials**, no raw material based separation is required.

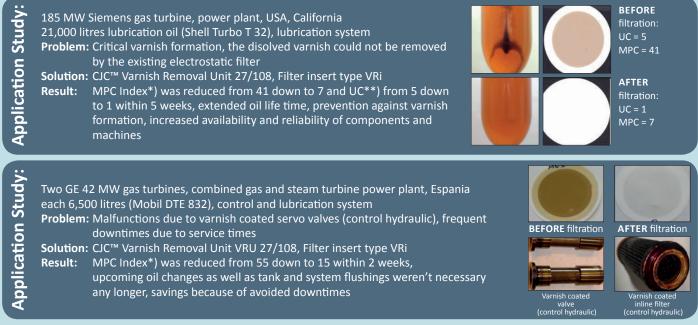
All CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter inserts have a filtration degree of at least 3 µm (absolute) and a retention degree of 1 µm (nominal).



## Gas Turbines

#### Maintenance of lubrication oil

Varnish formation presents the greatest problem in the case of gas turbines. High temperatures and oxidation processes create soft contaminants and oxidation by-products, which lead to varnish-like resin (especially in valves, coolers, pumps, inline filters and bearings) and sludgy deposits, resulting in malfunctions in the lubrication and control systems. In the case of higher operating temperatures, an increase of 10 °C halves the life of the oil. The risk is particularly great for Group II base oils, which are generated by hydrocracking, because they cannot hold the oil degradation products in suspension.



\*) MPC (Membrane Patch Colorimetry) Index: the higher the MPC Index, the larger the potential of the oil to generate deposits / varnish (see also page 15). \*\*) UC (Ultra Centrifugal) Test: the greater the sedimentation, the more advanced the oil degradation process due to oxidation and thermal load.

#### CJC<sup>™</sup> Varnish Removal units

The CJC<sup>™</sup> Varnish Removal Unit (VRU) removes both dissolved and suspended soft contaminants from the oil with revolutionary high efficiency. It is ideal for gas and steam turbines.

The optimized filtration process retains soft contaminants in the VRU. These can then be removed from the system completely by replacing the CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter insert VRi.

The warm system oil is drawn from the bottom of the tank and then treated and filtered continuously in the VRU before being pumped back to the system tank as varnish-free oil. The varnish-free oil will start to clean all system components it comes into contact with, ultimately resulting in a completely varnish-free system. The varnish level in the oil will typically be halved within a few weeks of operating the VRU.



#### Heat exchanger with varnish



Shell and tube heat exchanger with varnish



with varnish



Valve piston Sleeve bearings with varnish



## **Steam Turbines**



#### Maintenance of lubrication oil

As in gas turbines, steam turbine oil systems can become loaded with varnish. Steam turbines can also become contaminated with water as a result of processes. Water can enter oil systems as a result of leakages in bearing seals, via labyrinth seals, or condensation and lead to corrosion and cavitation. Furthermore, water accelerates the oil degradation process and stimulates bacterial growth. The turbine manufacturer recommends a maximum system water content of 300 ppm.



Steam turbine, lubrication system, Denmark
Problem: Water, particles, rust
Solution: CJC™ Filter Separator 27/108
Result: ISO Code improved from 20/19/14 up to 13/11/6, water content reduced from 31,400 ppm down to 60 ppm

**Bjarne Karlsen, Maintenance Manger, Vattenfall A/S:** "The installation of the CJC™ Fine Filter unit and CJC™ Filter Separator has quickly solved the problem. The unacceptable high water content in the lubrication oil of our steam turbine decreased significantly."



Brown Boveri steam turbine, power plant, Ireland 4,000 litres lubrication oil (Castrol Perfecto T 46) **Problem:** old Centrifuge,

ISO Code 22/19/14, water: 126.300 ppm Solution: CJC<sup>™</sup> Filter Separator 27/54, Filter insert type BLAT Result: ISO Code 15/14/9, water: 58 ppm

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#### **Combined lubrication and control systems**

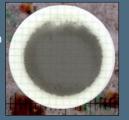
Oxidation and thermal load can lead to the formation of not only varnish, but also acid compounds in the oil. These, like water, facilitate the formation of rust and accelerate the oil degradation process. Whenever abrasive particles come into contact with corrosive surfaces more particles break off. Control systems that are fed from the same oil tank as the lubrication system are particularly vulnerable because their sensitive components wear out even given a low ingress of contaminants from the lubrication system.

# **Application Study:**

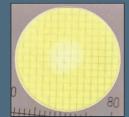
#### Steam turbine, paper plant, Espania

6,500 litres SHELL Turbo CC 46, control system and bearing lubrication system **Problem:** Water ingress through seals, contamination with particles, formation of sludge due to oxidation of the oil **Solution:** CJC<sup>™</sup> Filter Separator 27/81, Filter insert type BLAT

**Result after 6 months:** ISO Code improved from 20/19/16 up to 13/12/7, water content reduced from 35,940 down to 89 ppm



**BEFORE** filtration



**AFTER** filtration

The specially developed CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter inserts VRi remove oil degradation products (whether dissolved or in suspension) from turbine oil in gas and steam turbines for oil volumes up to 45,000 l

#### – even from turbines with high operating temperatures!



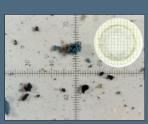
## Hydro Turbines

#### **Control systems**

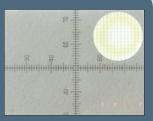
In hydro turbines, as in other turbines, temperature peaks, water ingress and oxidation can lead to oil ageing products, which, as deposits in the system, affect turbines' speed control and control systems. Wear particles, especially metal particles, not only accelerate the further degradation of the oil molecules, but also reduce the life of hydraulic and mechanical components. These can be generated by intensive and continuous loading of the system. If the particles are not removed the contaminants create more wear. Increased water content in the oil leads not only to corrosion but also to cavitation and pitting on the metal surfaces and consequently a higher particle content.



Hydro turbine, Great Britain 3,000 litres Esso FM68, control system Problem: High particle content and thereby reduced oil life time and wear on system components Solution: CJC<sup>™</sup> Filter Separator 27/108 Result: ISO Code improved from 20/19/17 up to 12/11/8







**AFTER** filtration



Second largest hydro power plant in the USA nearly 38,000 litres, storage tank for turbine oil of the control system **Problem:** Oil degradation products, solid particles **Solution:** CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter unit 8x27/108, Filter insert type BLA **Result:** ISO Code improved from 22/19/14 up to 13/10/6



Particles on used filter insert

#### **Bevel gears**

In hydro turbines too, different types of systems are often fed from the same oil volume. If the bevel gears and control system are supplied from the same oil system, the risks for the control system are identical to those for the lubrication system.



Hydro turbine, Ontario, Canada 800 litres, bevel gear / control system **Problem:** Heavy contamination with particles and varnish **Solution:** CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter unit 27/27, Filter insert type B **Result:** ISO Code improved from 19/18/14 up to 15/13/9

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ISO Code	19/18/14	19/17/14	16/15/11	15/13/9
> 4 µm	390,700	303,500	57,400	17,900
> 6 µm	151,900	118,000	22,300	6,900
> 14 µm	11,500	9,000	1,700	500
> 50 µm	500	300	0	0
> 100 µm	0	0	0	0
Gravimet. Analysis (g)	0.3100	0.0100	0.0096	0.0084
Water (%)	-	-	-	0.028



New oil



Oil ageing due to oxidation, thermal load and hydrolysis

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## **Control System - HFD Fluids**

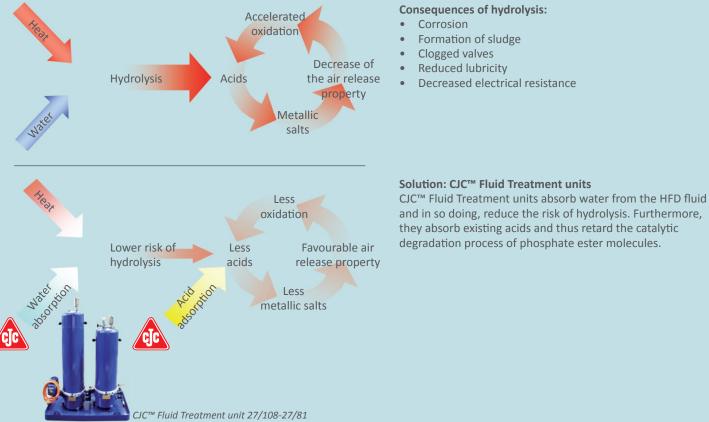


#### **Flame-resistant fluids**

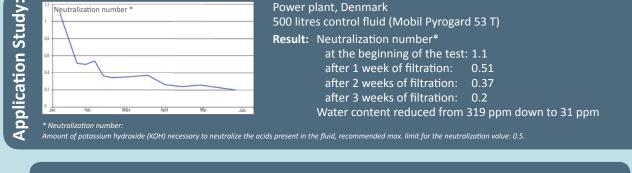
Due to the high operating temperatures that exist in, for example, hot steam pipelines, phosphate esters (HFD fluids) are often used in the turbine hydraulic control systems instead of mineral oils. Although they are flame-resistant, such water-free synthetic fluids acidify easily.

High temperatures (> 80 °C) over longer periods, temperature peaks and water lead to hydrolysis in these fluids, during which the phosphate ester molecules are split into their acidic compounds.

The more advanced the hydrolysis, the faster the phosphate ester degenerates.



Decreased electrical resistance





#### **CJC<sup>™</sup> Fluid Treatment units**

CJC<sup>™</sup> Fluid Treatment units are specially designed for filtering turbine control fluids. The fluid is pumped through two filter housings (2-stage filtration). In the first stage acid compounds in the oil are neutralized by a CJC<sup>™</sup> Filter insert. In the second stage water and dirt are removed from the oil by a cellulose-based CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter insert.



## Conditioning of Transformer Insulations

#### Drying and filtration of insulating oil

Water in the insulating media reduces the dielectric strength and thus the transformer's operating safety. It is therefore essential to remove the water. In this regard, it should be noted that the solid cellulose insulation of the transformer contains 100 times more water than the insulating fluid. If the humid oil is simply replaced by dry oil, the concentration is equalised and within a short period of time the water content in the insulating oil is like before the oil change.

In order to achieve a sustainably low water content in the transformer, the aim must therefore be to dry the transformer's paper insulation. Especially in aged transformers, cellulose has a disposition to molecular degradation. It is therefore necessary to dry it gently. Vacuum drying, for example, significantly stresses the ageing cellulose and can accelerate the degradation process. To avoid downtimes the drying process should be conducted while the transformer is in online operation.



The ageing process in the transformer is normally monitored via dissolved gas analysis (DGA). Continuous trend monitoring is only possible if the drying process does not influence the gas composition.

#### **Requirements to the drying method**

- Continuous, without downtime
- Gentle, without further load of the paper insulation
- Without influence of the dissolved gas analysis (DGA)

#### CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter technology for conditioning of transformer insulation

- **Drying:** The basic approach for conditioning transformer insulation with CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter systems is continuous online operation. The cellulose insulation is dried indirectly via the insulation oil. During continuous operation the oil is dried and the paper insulation gradually releases the water to the returned, dried oil. This indirect drying process best preserves the ageing transformer cellulose.
- Fine filtration: CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter inserts also remove solid contaminants. The oil is slowly pumped through the depth filter insert and the dirt particles are retained in the numerous cellulose mesh cavities (filtration degree 3 µm absolute, 1 µm nominal). Due to the long contact period between the oil and the filter material, as well as a high retention rate, CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter inserts offer a particularly high dirt holding capacity. CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter inserts thus ensure a sustainably high dielectric strength and therefore a high operating safety.

Drying of insulating oil with CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter technology.

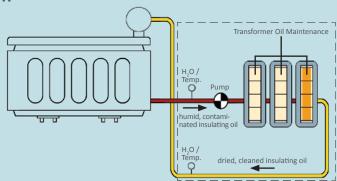
#### Prolonging life at high operating safety.

## CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter Technology for Conditioning of Insulating Oil



#### CJC<sup>™</sup> Transformer Oil unit: Drying by adsorption

In CJC<sup>™</sup> Transformer Oil units the warm humid insulation oil is pumped through two filter housings with CJC<sup>™</sup> Molecular Sieve inserts and a filter housing with a cellulose-based CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter insert. The molecular sieve and cellulose draw the water and the solid contaminants from the oil. Once dried (up to a few ppm residual content of water) and cleaned, the insulation oil flows back to the transformer. In continuous operation, this dries not only the insulation oil, but also the paper insulation.

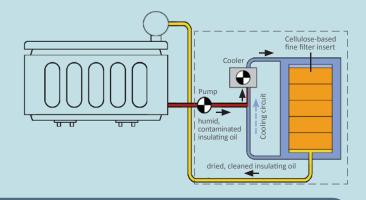




Transformer (building year 1963), Italy approx. 20,000 litres **Problem:** Water content 49 ppm, low dielectric strength (40.3 kV) **Solution:** CJC<sup>™</sup> Transformer Oil unit 3R27/108, Filter insert type MS and JT **Result:** Water content reduced down to 17.4 ppm, dielectric strength increased up to 73.8 kV

#### CJC<sup>™</sup> PuriDryer: Drying by cooling

In transformers running at operating temperature the oil absorbs water from the paper insulation. The humid oil is pumped in the CJC<sup>™</sup> PuriDryer, where it is cooled to 3 °C. At this low temperature the oil releases the water to the CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter insert. The dried oil is pumped back to the transformer, where it absorbs further humidity from the paper insulation. Solid contaminants are also removed by the CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter inserts.

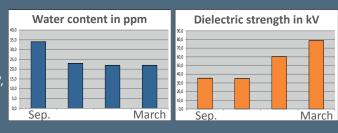


Application Study:

Rectifier transformer, Germany 35.8 MVA, oil volume 27 t **Problem:** Water content increases from 17 up to 34 ppm

Solution: CJC<sup>™</sup> PuriDryer, Filter insert type JT

Result: Dielectric strength increased from 35 up to 78.6 kV, water content was reduced to approx. 20 ppm and kept on the level during operation





CJC™ Transformer Oil unit 3R27/108 Drying by adsorption CJC<sup>™</sup> PuriDryer 38/100 Drying by cooling



## Tap Changer Oil Conditioning



#### Electric arcs and water - oil ageing in tap changers

#### Oxidation through electric arcs:

Tap changers regulate the electricity load that is fed into the grid. This means that frequent switching is the norm. With each switching operation an electric arc is generated whose temperature places heavy local stress on the tap changer oil. The oil molecules degrade and the burn-off is deposited on the contact surfaces. The resulting steadily increasing loading of the tap changer oil with particles and oil degradation products reduces the operating safety and reliability of the tap changers. Breakdowns are only a question of time.

#### Water ingress:

Water enters the tap changer oil as condensate as a result of temperature changes. Condensate and dirt compounds in the oil reduce the oil's interfacial tension, decrease its insulating effect and increase the risk of electric arcs. The contaminants have an additional catalytic effect, i.e. they accelerate the further degradation of the oil.

**Negative consequences:** The consequences of these influences are a decline in dielectric strength, destruction of the contacts, increased wear and, finally, failures during switching operations. Further consequences include frequent tap changer revisions, which are additionally hampered due to the heavy contamination of the oil (and therefore more expensive) and unnecessary disposal costs for waste oil.

To avoid these negative consequences a continuously high level of tap changer oil cleanliness is necessary. Continuous fine filtration increases the operating safety and reliability of the tap changer, makes tap changer revisions easier and minimises the amount of waste and flushing oil.



Tap Changer 30 MVA transformer, Iceland approx. 120 litres

**Problem:** Combustion on contact surfaces, Failures during switching operation

Solution: CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter unit 15/25, insert type BGN Result: ISO Code improved from 23/20/17 up to 18/17/15,

color value significantly improved



	20-03-02	27-03-02	14-05-02
> 2 µm	not measurable	288,610	142,395
> 5 µm	not measurable	75,266	70,516
> 15 µm	not measurable	5,517	19,522
ISO Code	-	19/17/13	18/17/15



Swiss Federal Railways, Switzerland approx. 20,000 litres

- Problem: Too many fault switch-offs, consequences: common tap changer revisions, annual disposal of 40 t oil
- Solution: CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter unit 38/100 in centralized location, conditioning and re-use of the oil

since 1983 - CJC™ Fine Filtration for tap changer oil







#### **Tap Changer Revision**

Tap changer WITH CJC™ Fine Filter

With CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter systems these

contaminations can be almost completely avoided. Advantages:

- Prolong maintenance intervals (by 100 %)
- Minimize downtimes
- Decrease amount of waste oil and disposal costs
- Increase reliability

## Feeding Pumps - Coal Mills



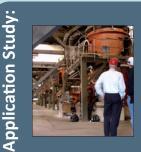
#### **Boiler feed pumps**

The gear oil of boiler feed pumps in power plants is contaminated by particles, water and oxidation by-products. If these contaminants are not removed, the life of not only the oil but also of the pump and other components will be reduced.

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		Solution	CJC <sup>™</sup> Filter Separator PTU3 27/54, Filter insert type B	> 15 µm	62,466	37,925	1,827	270
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#### **Coal Mills**

Coal mills gear oils are often heavily contaminated with tiny metal particles. Furthermore, the high operating temperatures have a catalytic effect on the oil ageing process, which leads to a high varnish loading. Particles that enter the bearings damage them and generate further particles, which damage entire lubrication system components. In this application CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter systems can reduce the particle content in the oil by 98 % and the amount of resin by 99 % within a few months.



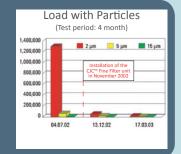
1,000 MW Thermal power plant, New Zealand approx. 2,000 litres, worm gear of the coal mill **Problem:** Coal, abrasive wear and water in the oil **Solution:** CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter unit 27/54, Filter insert type B **Result:** already after 10 days ISO Code -/15/13 was achieved



**BEFORE** filtration AFTER 10 DAYS of filtration



Power plant, Denmark 1,800 litres gear oil, gear of a rolling coal mill **Problem:** metal wear **Solution:** CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter unit 27/81, Filter insert type B **Result:** ISO Code improved from 21/17/13 up to 15/13/7 within 4 month





## Between 2 and 56 kg of dirt

Depending on their size, CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter systems can retain between 2 and 56 kg of dirt before the CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter inserts need to be changed.



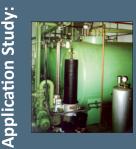
## **Further Applications in** the Energy Sector

#### **Combined heat and power plants**

The high operating temperatures in gas engines result in faster lubrication oil wear than in conventional diesel engines. In addition to contamination with particles due to abrasive wear, oil degradation product loading is particularly critical. If gas engines are driven with bio or landfill gas, acidification often limits the life of the lubrication oil.

With specially designed filter inserts, CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter systems can significantly retard this process. Prolonging oil change service intervals not only means savings regarding purchase/disposal of oil, but also less maintenance and increased engine reliability.



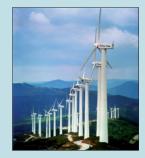


Motor heating power station, Germany 9,000 litres lubrication oil, diesel / gas engine Problem: Oil loss caused by centrifuges, life time of the backflush filter is too short, operation costs for oil maintenance too high Solution: CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter unit 27/108, Filter insert type B

Result: Oil consumption was reduced from 0.6 g/kWh down to 0.5 g/kWh, prolonged life time of the backflush filter inserts by factor 2, operating costs for oil maintenance reduced by 60 %.

#### Wind turbine gears

The changing forces on gears of wind turbines lead to heavy wear and varying temperatures cause a large amount of condensate in the gear oils. In order to protect the gears, leading wind turbine manufacturers equip their series-production gearboxes with CJC™ Fine Filter systems. The high dirt holding capacity and the minimal need for maintenance are the primary reasons for the wide acceptance of CJC™ Fine Filter technology in this industry. More and more CJC™ Fine Filters are also being installed in pitch hydraulics and for the lubrication oil care in main bearings.





#### Wind turbine gear 60 litres gear oil Problem: heavy load of the gear oil with particles and water

Solution: CJC<sup>™</sup> Fine Filter unit 15/25, insert type BG

Result: Improved ISO Code from 21/19/15 up to 12/12/9, reduced water content from 1,240 ppm down to BEFORE test start 76 ppm



AFTER 1 MONTH of filtration

#### 140 kg of dirt is pumped annually through the system, even when typical new oil is used!

#### Calculation:

At a pump flow of 200 l/min and an operating time of 8 hours/day, 230 days/year: approx. 0.64 mg dirt in 100 ml oil ▶ approx. 6.4 mg in 1 l oil ▶ pump load with approx. 1,280 mg/min ▶ approx. 76.8 g/hour ▶ approx. 614 g/day ▶ approx. 140 kg/year.

## Oil Analysis



#### Classification according to ISO 4406 (International Organization of Standardization)

#### 1st Method: Automatic particle count

From a 100 ml sample of the fluid to be examined, the quantity of particles > 4  $\mu$ m, > 6  $\mu$ m and > 14  $\mu$ m is determined. The determined quantities of particles are then categorised in class codes, indicating the oil cleanliness level.

#### Example - Oil cleanliness level 19/17/14 (typical for new oil):

250,000 up to 500,000 particles  $\geq$  4  $\mu$ m, 64,000 up to 130,000 particles  $\geq$  6  $\mu$ m and 8,000 up to 16,000 particles  $\geq$  14  $\mu$ m are contained in 100 ml of the tested oil.

#### 2nd Method: Microscopic analysis

Only the quantity of particles  $\geq$  5  $\mu m$  and  $\geq$  15  $\mu m$  is determined.

#### Example - Oil cleanliness level 17/14 (typical for new oil):

64,000 up to 130,000 particles  $\geq$  5  $\mu m,$  8,000 up to 16,000 particles  $\geq$  15  $\mu m$  are contained in 100 ml of the tested oil.

Amount of p	oarticles > spec	ified size
more than	up to	ISO Code
8,000,000	16,000,000	24
4,000,000	8,000,000	23
2,000,000	4,000,000	22
1,000,000	2,000,000	21
500,000	1,000,000	20
250,000	500,000	19
130,000	250,000	18
64,000	130,000	17
32,000	64,000	16
16,000	32,000	15
8,000	16,000	14
4,000	8,000	13
2,000	4,000	12
1,000	2,000	11
500	1,000	10
250	500	9
130	250	8
64 (Extract free	130	7

(Extract from the currently valid ISO 4406 standard.)

#### MPC-Test (Membrane Patch Colorimetry)

50 ml of the oil to be tested and 50 ml filtered heptane are mixed and vacuum-filtered through the test membrane. The colorimetric analysis is conducted after the subsequent drying of the membrane. The residuals on the membrane are analyzed by the spectral sensor. The deposits absorb or reflect the light completely or partially. The differences between sent and reflected light as well as the colour intensity in the respective spectral range allow an MPC value to be calculated. The higher the MPC Index, the heavier the colour change on the membrane and the greater the potential of the oil to generate deposits.

0 - 15	16 - 30	31 - 40		46 - 50	51 - 55	56 - 60
Normal	Monitor	Attention	Critical	Problematical	Oil change	System purification
Normal oil ageing	Critical value for formation of deposits is achieved soon	many soft contaminants, start of deposits on sleeve bearings and cooler spots in the lubrication system	Extremely high amount of soft contaminants, formation of deposits in bearings, valves or tanks	Additive degradation, oxidation, high oil temperatures and long use of the oil can generate further particles, which deposit	Additive degradation and oxidation well advanced, deposits in bearings, valves and tanks	Oil not further useable, deposits in the whole system
MPC Index 2	MPC Index 19	MPC Index 35	MPC Index 41	MPC Index 49	MPC Index 53	MPC Index 60

Depending on the application, specified oil cleanliness levels for	22 / 20 / 17	19 / 17 / 14	17 / 15 / 12	16 / 14 / 11	14 / 12 / 10
oil systems (ISO 4406) are recommended. (Source: Noria Corporation)	heavily contaminated	medium contaminated e. g. new oil *)	lightly contaminated	clean	very clean
The service life of hydraulic and lubrication system components	not useable in oil systems	low and medium pressure systems	hydraulic and lubrication systems	servo / high pressure systems	all oil systems
varies distinctly according to the cleanliness level (ISO 4406).	50 % of nominal service life	75 % of nominal service life	100 % of nominal service life	150 % of nominal service life	200 % of nominal service life



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