

Cathode Air Filtration Solutions for Hydrogen Fuel Cell Applications



Proven Filtration, Future Redefined

Donaldson's cathode air filter technology is engineered specifically for hydrogen PEM fuel cells, ensuring optimal airflow while removing harmful chemical pollutants and dust. Our filter elements go beyond particulate filtration and are capable of neutralizing acidic gases, base gases and volatile organic compounds. Designed specifically for heavy-duty on and off highway vehicles, Donaldson's filtration technology helps optimize fuel cell performance, ensuring longer system life and supporting sustainable energy solutions in even the most challenging environments.

Compact and designed with serviceability in mind, Donaldson offers 3 standard cathode air filter sizes with the option of customization.

- Compact and designed to simplify serviceability
- + Additional filter sizes available
- + Able to fit custom housings









Technical Specifications



Ammonia Capture Efficiency



Chemical Capture Efficiency



Dust Holding Capacity



FC3A13 FC3A09 FC3A08 3.0 2.5 Restriction [kPa] 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 0 5 20 10 15 Flow rate [m³/min]

Restriction vs Flow Rate

Cathode Air Filter Media

The particle layer filters dust and particles. The second chemical layer consists of activated carbon and resins, encapsulated between two scrim layers. This proprietary mix of activated carbon and resins target acidic gases, basic gasses and volatile organic compounds.



Air Filter Media Configuration Options

We offer multiple ways to combine the dust filtration function and the chemical absorption function, customized to fit your specific application requirements.



Optimization Tools

To optimize the geometry and configuration, we use chemical modelling and advanced CFD tools, together with input data from ambient pollution studies. By combining all these tools, we can arrive at the best possible solution.





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