

## Automatic filter AF 173 G

with external pressure cleaning and integrated cyclone effect  
Connection size DN 50/G2, cast stainless steel

### 1. Short description

Filtration Group automatic backflush filters are suitable for all applications where low-viscosity liquids have to be filtered.

These compact, inline filter systems are designed for automatic cleaning. The system is cleaned by rotating the cartridge and back-flushing with external or internal pressure media.

#### Advantages:

- Low lifecycle cost because no filter material is consumed
- Cleaning without interrupting filtration
- Precise separation quality in accordance with the surface filter principle
- Top-quality, asymmetric filter medium made of multiple-sintered stainless steel fleece on a rugged core element
- Efficient filter cleaning assures maximum process stability
- Solid construction and high-quality materials for a long service life
- Minimal liquid loss during cleaning
- Filter cleaned one segment at a time with a high backflush pulse
- Actual filter rating and nominal separation are indicated
- Integrated preseparation thanks to tangential inflow and preseparator tube
- Material variants open up a wide range of applications
- Modular Filtration Group Vario system for optimum filter selection
- Optional: Gas-tight shaft seals available
- Optional: Application in Ex zone 1 and 2
- Optional: Certification for Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) according to category III PED EN
- Easy maintenance
- Worldwide distribution



## 2. Operating principle

The Filtration Group AF 173 G belongs to the Vario series. The compact Filtration Group automatic filter system is used for fine and micro-filtration of a variety of low-viscosity liquids.

This inline pressure filter consumes no filter material, which means there is also no need for subsequent disposal. The filter is cleaned without interrupting operation. The concentrated solids are drained off simply by opening the system for a short time.

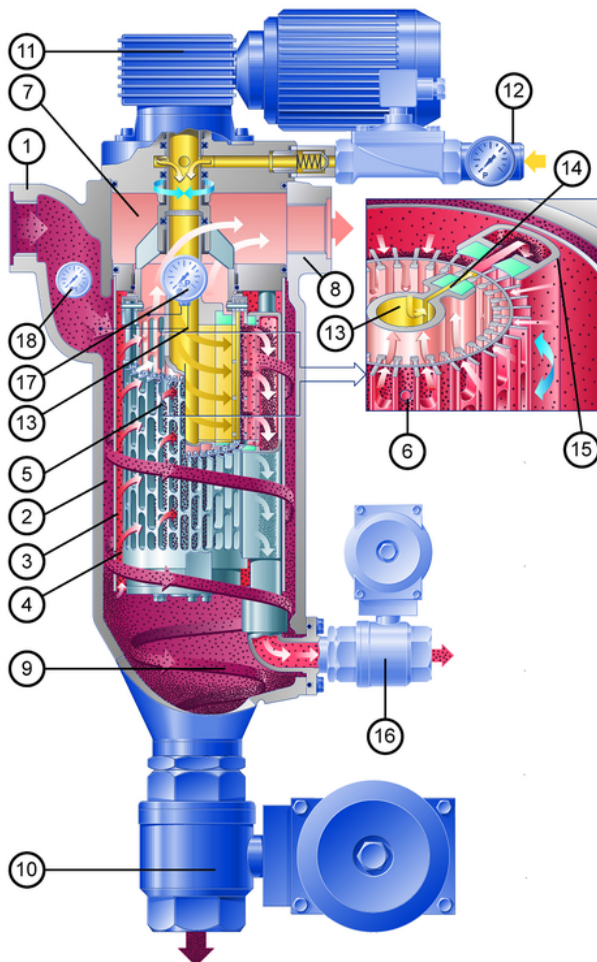
The medium to be cleaned is guided into the filter housing under pressure and flows inward through the Filtration Group segmented element. Particles settle on the surface of the filter medium. The filtered fluid exits the filter housing at the top opposite the inlet connection.

The integrated preseparator relieves the load on the segmented element, particularly from coarse and heavy particles. This is achieved by a tangential flow around the preseparator tube and the deflection edges.

The filter is cleaned when a preset differential pressure limit, a set interval or a defined filtered fluid quantity is reached.

The segmented element is turned as the cleaning and external pressure valves are opened. The segments are then guided one at a time past the pressure channel on the outside, causing them to open and close alternately. The integrated external pressure accumulator is pretensioned during closing, so that when one segment opens, an outward surge cleans the separated particles from the filter material. As a result of this pulse cleaning principle, the particles are catapulted out, collected in the flushing channel and discharged almost entirely with external medium. One turn suffices to clean all segments. The residue that has settled in the collection cone can be emptied via the drain valve either when the machine is at a standstill or during filtration.

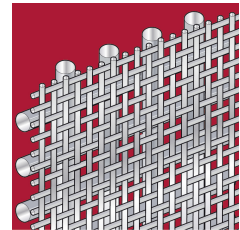
All filters of the Filtration Group Vario series are protected by various patents.



### Used Filtration Group filter cartridges in the AF 173 G backflush filter:

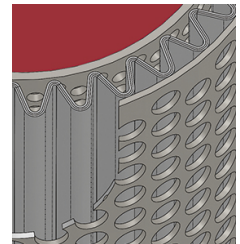
#### Filtration Group topmesh cartridges (standard):

- Good cleanability due to asymmetric design
- Large effective filter surface
- Defined particle retention
- Several material combinations



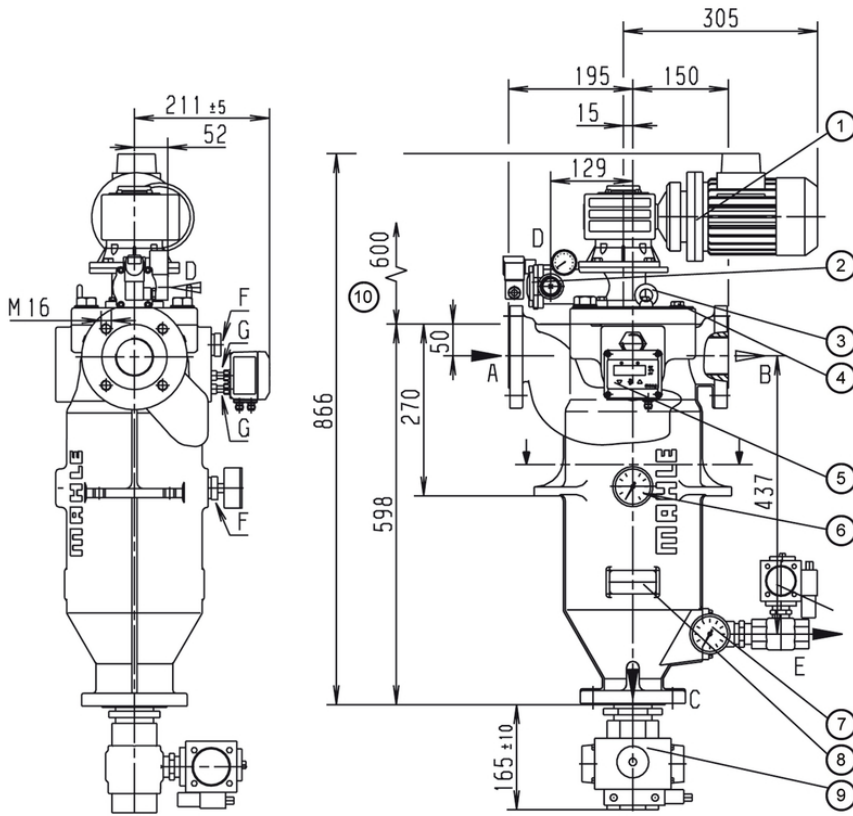
#### Filtration Group Wave element:

- Higher contamination levels because of pleated filter area
- Complete stainless steel
- Higher flow rate compared to standard elements
- Specially for filter fineness < 60 µm
- Filter media (wire mesh) made of 1.4401



- 1 Inlet connection
- 2 Outer inlet plenum
- 3 Preseparator tube
- 4 Inner inlet plenum
- 5 Filtration Group segmented elements
- 6 Filtration Group filter material
- 7 Plenum for filtered fluid
- 8 Outlet connection for filtered fluid
- 9 Residue collection cone
- 10 Drain valve
- 11 Drive motor
- 12 External pressure connection, external pressure and back-flush valves and gauge  $P_f$
- 13 External pressure accumulator
- 14 External pressure nozzle
- 15 Flushing channel
- 16 Cleaning valve (P3 control throttle)
- 17 Differential pressure contact gauge
- 18 P1 gauge

### 3. Technical data



- 1 Cleaning drive: can be mounted turned 90°, 180° or 270°
- 2 External pressure valve
- 3 Lifting eyebolts
- 4 Vent screw G1/4
- 5 Optional: Differential pressure indicator/switch
- 6 Optional: P1 gauge
- 7 Optional: Automatic backflush valve
- 8 Optional: P3 control throttle with P3 gauge
- 9 Name-plate
- 10 Optional: Automatic drain valve
- 11 Clearance required = 600 mm

#### Filter data

Max. operat. pressure: 16 bar  
 Max. operat. temperature: 100 °C  
 Materials: Housing and cover: Cast steel 1.4581

- Optional: Certificate acc. to EN 10204-3.1
- Internals: Cast steel 1.4581, stainless steel 1.4571
- Bearing bushes: PTFE based
- Seals: FPM (Viton)
- Segmented element: 1.4571 or 1.4571/AI ( $\Delta p$  max. 10 bar)
- Wave element: 1.4401

Cover lock: 4 x M20 hexagon screws

Connections and nominal diameters:

- A-inlet, B-outlet, C-drain: threaded hole G2 in flange DN 50
- D-external pressure: G1 (air: must be reduced to G1/2 by the customer)
- E-backflush, F-gauge: G1

G-indicator: G1/8

- All threaded holes acc. DIN 3852 Form Z

Drive shaft seal: Lip seal with O-Ring

#### Motor data

Worm gear motor  
 Multi-range winding

V	Hz	kW	rpm	A
$\Delta$ 230 ± 10%	50	0.18	9.3	1.2
$\lambda$ 400 ± 10%	50	0.18	9.3	0.7
$\Delta$ 266 ± 10%	60	0.22	11.2	1.1
$\lambda$ 460 ± 10%	60	0.22	11.2	0.7

Protection class: IP 55; insulation class F; output torque: 97 Nm

#### Optional:

- Ex protection acc. to ATEX 2014/34/EU
- Electrical components in Ex II 2G T3
- Mechanical design in Ex II 2G c T3
- Worm gear motor Ex
- Ex II 2G T3, output torque: 97 Nm

Weight: 92 kg


Volume: 12 l

**Other versions available on request.**

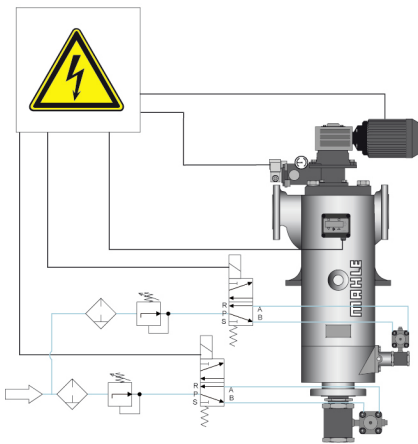
**Technical data is subject to change without notice.**

## 4. Design and application

Cartridge type (see section 6)	Total surface in cm <sup>2</sup>	filter rating in $\mu\text{m}$ / effective filter surface in cm <sup>2</sup>								
		10	20	30	40	60	80	100	200	
AF 100XX6	763	637	637	637	637	637	637	637	637	637
AF 105216	1750	1620	1620	1620	1620	1620	1620	1620	1620	1620

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### Possible cleaning and discharge modes



#### Fully automatic operation:

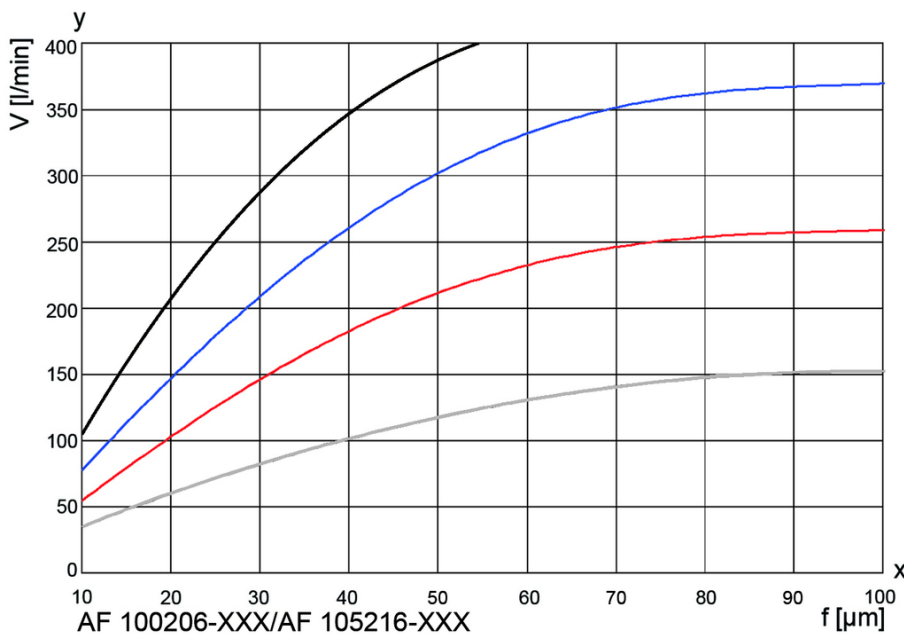
Filtration usually takes place under pressure. The filter is cleaned after a programmed time or a preset number of cycles or according to the differential pressure. We recommend cleaning the system at a differential pressure of approximately 0.5 - 0.7 bar. The cleaning motor is operated for around 7 s (about one turn of the cartridge). The external pressure and cleaning valves remain open for this period. This suffices to clean the filter thoroughly.

The drain valve is opened in order to discharge the filter. Depending on the residue concentration, this can either take place directly after cleaning or be time or cycle controlled. The opening time of the drain valve is 2-3 s.

Refer to the Instruction Manual for further information.





Filtration Group's team of specialists will be pleased to assist in any way. Tests can be carried out in the absence of reliable evaluation criteria.

## 5. Performance curves



The curves indicate the volume flow through the complete filter system (filter housing including cartridge) and are referred to a differential pressure of 0.3 bar. Specific process information is essential to guarantee reliable operation of an automatic filter.

#### Viscosity

-  1 mm<sup>2</sup>/s AF105 DN65/G2 1/2
-  1 mm<sup>2</sup>/s AF100 DN50/G2
-  33 mm<sup>2</sup>/s "
-  100 mm<sup>2</sup>/s "

y = Volume flow V [l/min]

x = Filter rating f [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]

## 6. Type number key

Type number key with selection example for AF 17363-1322-43220/G3										
Size										
AF 1736	1 x 110x265	No. of steps x diameter x length [mm]								
<b>Cleaning drive</b>										
3	Gear motor 230/400 V, 50 Hz or 266/460 V, 60 Hz									
4	Gear motor 230/400 V, 50 Hz Ex II 2G T3									
<b>Inlet and outlet connections</b>										
3	threaded hole G2 in flange DN 50, mountings flange connection									
13	threaded hole G2 in flange DN 50, mountings thread connection									
<b>Permissible operating pressure</b> in bar (housing/cover)										
2	PN 16									
<b>Material</b> Seal FPM, bearing PTFE										
2	Housing and cover 1.4581/1.4571									
<b>Differential pressure indicator gauge</b>										
1	PiS 3076, switching level at 1.2 bar, static 63 bar									
2	PiS 3076, switching level at 0.7 bar, static 63 bar									
4	PiS 3170, digital $\Delta p$ gauge, 2 switching levels settable from 0 to 16 bar									
5	PiS 3175, digital $\Delta p$ gauge, 2 pressure transmitters settable from 0 to 16 bar									
<b>Valves and control throttles</b>										
3	External pressure valve G1 for liquid, 24 V									
4	External pressure valve G1 for liquid, 230 V									
8	Like 3 but with P3 control throttle and P3 gauge									
9	Like 4 but with P3 control throttle and P3 gauge									
<b>Drain valve</b>										
2	Ball valve, electropneumatic 24 V DC									
3	Ball valve, electropneumatic 230 V AC									
4	Ball valve, electric 24 V DC									
5	Ball valve, electric 230 V AC									
<b>Cleaning valve</b>										
2	Ball valve, electropneumatic 24 V DC									
3	Ball valve, electropneumatic 230 V AC									
4	Ball valve, electric 24 V DC									
5	Ball valve, electric 230 V AC									
<b>Optional features</b>										
0	Without/special version									
AF 1736	3	- 13	2	2	-4	3	2	2	0	-XXXX (end number for special version)/G3

\*end number completion:

G1 cast iron, Version 1

G3 cast iron, Version 3

End number	Special version
3001	Standard filter insert (complete), without housing or drive
3002	Standard filter insert (complete), without housing, with drive
3700	PTFE seals
Other numbers	On request

## Type number key with selection example for AF 100 cartridges

### Series

**AF 100** Segmented element with topmesh (5 µm to 100 µm)

**AF 105** Wave element AF 105216

Material	Core element	Filter medium	Clamp rings	Wire width in mm
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#### Segmented element

<b>20</b>	Al Hardcoated	1.4571	1.4571	-
<b>21</b>	1.4571	1.4571 (1.4401)*	1.4571	-

#### Overall length Diameter x length in mm

**6** 110 x 265

#### Gap width/rating in µm (see 4. Design and application)

<b>001</b>	10 µm	<b>004</b>	40 µm	<b>010</b>	100 µm
<b>002</b>	20 µm	<b>006</b>	60 µm	<b>013</b>	130 µm
<b>003</b>	30 µm	<b>008</b>	80 µm	<b>020</b>	200 µm

Other filter ratings on request

**AF 100**    **20**    **6**    **-006**

\*AF 105 filter media 1.4401

## 7. Spare parts

No.	Designation	Material no.	
		FPM/C steel	PTFE/VA
1	Bush kit		70311579
2	Set of seals (complete)	70316231	70316233
3	Backflush channel moulding	79744004	70312375
4	Backflush channel moulding for wave element*		70597327
5	Distributor	70511099	
6	Cartridge	See name-plate	

\*When replacing standard filter element by wave element request wave element kit.

Please contact us for detailed technical information, any open questions about options, accessories and for general expert advice. Completion of the relevant questionnaire would facilitate in the coordination of all important parameters.

Comprehensive documentation on our filter range, filter elements and accessories can be provided. About installation and operation, please refer to the Instruction Manual.

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