

Customer Application Brief Oil & Gas

# The filtration that **keeps it flowing.**

Using waterflooding, or water injection, for enhanced onshore oil recovery can provide up to 40% additional oil production. The quality of the injected water is critical in the effectiveness of waterflooding operations in oil recovery, and requires a filtration system capable of removing particles that can plug well formations. Injected water must be treated so that the oil and particulate content is reduced to sufficient levels to prevent potential clogging of the reservoir well pores and subsequent loss of oil production.

#### **Injection Well Example**



#### Formation Pore Plugging Due to Particles



Waterflooding can increase reservoir pressure and "sweep" oil to the production well.

## Let increased production take center stage.

A two stage process often provides the most cost-effective filtration solution.

**Two Stage Water Injection Filtration Example Product Water** Storage Tank Stage 1 Filtration **Stage 2 Filtration First Stage Filtration** Nominally rated filter products are frequently used as an economical method for removing larger particles in the first stage. Cartridge or bag filter products, typically rated between 25 and 100 microns (nominal) are used, depending on the existing filter vessels or operator preferences. 3M<sup>™</sup> Micro-Klean<sup>™</sup> RT Series Filter 3M<sup>™</sup> High Flow Filters **3M™ DF Series Filter Elements** Cartridges (for 2.5" Cartridge Vessels) (for New Installations) (for Bag Vessels) These filter elements feature longer Polypropylene depth filter cartridges These large diameter (6.5") service life and holding capacity than featuring rigid extrusion bonded cartridges in 40" and 60" conventional nominally rated bag technology. lengths feature high-efficiency bag housings. filters. DF Series elements can be used polypropylene microfiber media. Enhanced contaminant holding in existing bag housings with specially capacity for longer life compared • Compound radial pleat design microfiber media designed baskets. to 2.5" diameter depth cartridges yields a large amount of filter • Greater than 60% more filter surface media surface area per cartridge Consistent particle removal area proving up to 3-5X more service standard bags efficiencies throughout filter life • High flow rates up to 500 gpm life and 2-3X more dirt holding (per 60" cartridge) reduces

 Innovative filter element and basket geometry reduces the potential for element rupture and downstream fluid contamination

used standard bag filters

capacity compared to most commonly

• Low initial differential pressure

capital investment • Twist-to-Lock feature provides a positive indication of proper sealing

elements needed and the size

of housing required—lowering

Water Injection

#### 3M<sup>™</sup> 500 Series Bag Filters (for Bag Vessels)

Multi-layer polypropylene bags for use in Size #2

- High efficiency blown
- provides higher particulate holding capacity than
- High oil-absorption capacity
- Transport/bypass layer design optimizes flow and filter life

## **Second Stage** Filtration

In this stage, absolute rated filter products rated in the 1-25 micron (absolute with 99.9%) range are typically used for removal of fine particles.

**3M<sup>™</sup> Betafine<sup>™</sup> XL Series** Filters (for 2.5" Diameter **Cartridge Filter Vessels**)

These cartridges are constructed with high efficiency polypropylene media using 3M Advanced Pleat Technology.

- Absolute rated media helps remove fine particles (as small as 0.2 microns)
- 3M Betafine cartridges are available in various micron ratings
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## **Filtration Solutions for Waterflooding Operations**

	Product Name				
	3M DF Series	Micro-Klean <sup>™</sup> RT Series	3M <sup>™</sup> 500 Series	Betafine <sup>™</sup> XL Series	3M <sup>™</sup> High Flow Series
Filtration Stage	First Stage	First Stage	Second Stage	Second Stage	Second Stage
Filter Housing	Bag (requires special basket)	2.5" Cartridge	Bag	2.5" Cartridge	High Flow
Materials of Construction	Polypropylene or Polyester	Polypropylene	Polypropylene	Polypropylene	Polypropylene
Micron Ratings	1 - 200(nominal)	1 - 70 (nominal)	2.5 - 48 (absolute 99%)	0.2 - 70 (absolute >99.9%)	1 - 70 (absolute >99.9%)
Dimensions	Size #1: 7" D x 16" L Size #2: 7" D x 30" L	Diameter: 2.5" Length: 10", 20", 30", 40"	Size #2: 7" D x 30" L	Diameter: 2.5" Length: 10", 20", 30", 40"	Diameter: 7.0" Length: 40" & 60"

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