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Installation/Operating instruction for the FilterPAK 4001

The FilterPAK 4001 provides filtration of vibratory fluids via replaceable filter bags, gravity settling, and a flow over baffle. The replaceable filters are available from Burr King Manufacturing in 5, 10, 15, 25, 50, and 100-micron meshes. Select finer mesh (i.e. 10 micron vs. 100 micron) for greater filtration. Finer mesh filters will have shorter service life than filters with coarser mesh, but will provide clearer filtration and thus cleaner vibratory processing. The standard filter that is provided with the FilterPAK 4001 is 15-micron mesh.

To place your FilterPAK 4001 in service follow these instructions (if you purchased the FilterPAK 4001 as a part of a vibratory system from Burr King go to **step 4**):

1. Install a 1/2 (3/8 with VibraKING bowls) male barb into the drain outlet of your VibraKING chamber.
2. Connect the 1/2-inch (3/8 with VibraKING bowls) clear plastic hose between the input to the FilterPAK 4000 and the chamber output drain.
3. Secure the 1/2-inch hose to the chamber barb, and to the FilterPAK 4001 input tube with the clamps provided.
4. Route the 1/4-inch pump tube from the chamber input to the pump connection. Pass the tube and the pump power cord through the 1 inch hole of the protective rubber grommet in the lid of the FilterPAK 4001. You may split the grommet to accept the pump power cord and fluid feeder tube.
5. Connect the clear plastic hose from the chamber drain to (or through) the tube fitting on the lid of the FilterPAK 4001. If the tube ID fits over the fitting used the supplied clamp to secure.
6. Place the pump into the bracket that is provided in the small chamber.
7. Add water to the FilterPAK 1 inch above baffle. At this fill level there are 6 gallons of fluid in the FilterPAK 4001.

Do not over fill the FilterPAK.

8. Add compounds (soaps) of the type and the ratios suggested by the compound manufacturer (Burr King recommends **BKS60, and AR60 soap for de-burring and most surface moderation**). In example, if the suggested ratio is 2-oz. soap per gallon of water, add about 12 oz. of soap to the FilterPAK reservoir and mix with the 6 gallons of water previously added. We recommend that you premix all fluids.
9. Adjust the metering valve on your vibratory chamber to the desired fluid flow rate. The pump that is provided with the FilterPAK 4001 is capable of providing 140 gal./hour at a 36-inch rise. In general a fluid flow rate of 1 to 2 gallons per hour per cubic feet of chamber capacity is nominal, this flow occurs with the metering valve at about 60 degrees off line.
10. The filter in your FilterPAK 4001 will require periodic change. The length of time between changes will vary depending on the capacity of your chamber, the media type you are using, the chamber liquid flow rate, the material you are processing, the mass of your material, and naturally the mesh size of the filter you use. As a reference point a 15 micron filter with 250 pounds of P20 media in a 4.5 cubic foot chamber processing 50 pounds aluminum, at a fluid flow rate of 4 to 6 gallons/hour will sustain useable fluid flow and sludge filtration for about 12 hours. When the filter nears replacement time you will note that fluid backs up in the clear drain tube such that there is no air pocket visible. To replace the filter lift the top of the FilterPAK free, remove the filter. Install the new filter and reassemble the FilterPAK. You will find it helpful to have a bucket handy into which you should place the depleted filter (including its fluid and sludge contents). Later, after the filter has fully drained, remove the depleted filter from the bucket and dispose of the filter and its dried contents in a responsible manner.

Note: Plastic and synthetic media will foam and will require more frequent filter changes than does ceramic media. This is natural and unavoidable due to the composition of plastic media. Typically the life of filters when plastic media is used will be less than ½ that of filters when ceramic media is used.

11. Periodically clean out the sludge that will form in the bottom of the FilterPAK. Most of this sludge deposit will occur in the larger chamber. Do not allow the sludge to accumulate deeper than 1/2 inch in either chamber.
12. Add water and soap to your FilterPAK as required to keep the fluid level between above the pump inlet (about 4 inches minimum) and the 6-gallon mark 1 inch above the baffle. **DO NOT RUN THE PUMP DRY.** Running the pump dry may damage the pump as it will have inadequate cooling.
13. **Dispose of the depleted (filled) filters in a responsible manner.** Generally, the filter bags can be disposed in public landfills when material such as steel, iron, aluminum, and copper are processed: however,

you should consult with your local authorities for specific requirements and instructions in regard to disposal of all waste materials.

Operating tips for your FilterPAK 4001

1. During the first few hours of operation after the installation of new media:

- The drain tube from the vibratory chamber to the FilterPAK 4001 may plug. This is a consequence of the new media sloughing off edge particles that may not gravitate into the filter bag. Should you observe particles collecting in the clear drain hose tilt the hose to allow the particles to flow into the FilterPAK 4001. Alternately, disconnect the hose and allow the particles to escape into a bucket for disposal. Reconnect the hose. If the hose becomes fully impacted the FilterPAK 4001 will pump dry prematurely and the available fluid will collect in the vibratory chamber. If this occurs it will be necessary to stopper the chamber before removing the clear drain hose to prevent spillage. It may also be necessary too forcibly dislodge the hose impaction using a rod or similar device.
- The filter bag may require changing after 2 to 4 hours of operation or less if plastic media is in use. This is a natural consequence of “break-in” of the media. Larger, coarser media will create more initial debris than will smaller finer media.
- After media “break-in” change the filter at regular intervals (see previous discussion on page 1). Keeping the filtration system clean will pay dividends in media life, reduced cycle times, and part cleanliness.

2. Use a 5-gallon bucket or similar container to place exhausted filters into after removal from the FilterPAK 4001. Doing thus will provide you a handy way to avoid spillage since the exhausted filter will have some liquid trapped, and also provide a place for the filter to dry in preparation for disposal. It is not uncommon to trap two or three pounds of sludge in the filter.

3. Mix your water and compounds (soaps) in a separate, clean bucket. Add the fluid to the FilterPAK 4001 (or to the vibratory chamber) as required. Doing thus will assure that you maintain the proper ratio of compound to water.

4. Do not allow the pump to sit in a layer of collected sludge in the FilterPAK 4001. The sludge will harden over time and damage the pump. Periodically, take your FilterPAK out of service and thoroughly clean out all sludge from both chambers.

5. Periodically check the pH (acidity/alkalinity) of the vibratory fluids. As a general rule deburring media prefers a pH of 8 to 11 (alkaline) when used on steel, aluminum, cast iron, copper, etc. Adding the recommended mixture of vibratory soap to water that is pH neutral (7.0) will typically raise the pH to the recommended 8 to 11 range. As oils and other contaminants are added as a natural consequence of the deburring process the pH may drop below the recommended level. This may result in accelerated rusting and/or other staining of your material. Should this happen replace the vibratory fluid with fresh fluid mixed per manufacturer’s instructions. There are several methods available for measuring pH. Electronic meters are the most accurate and the most expensive. Litmus paper is inexpensive and suitable for this purpose. Purchase litmus paper at drug stores, chemical supply houses, or through your local industrial supply.

6. DO NOT USE FLUIDS OTHER THAN WATER (with approved soaps) in the FilterPAK 4001. Doing so may create a fire or explosion hazard resulting in serious injury and/or property loss. Additionally, fluids other than water and recommended soaps may attack the urethane liner of the vibratory chamber and significantly shorten its service life. **Burr King vibratory chambers are covered by warranty that is void if unapproved fluids are used.**