Portable filter integrity test devices for the pharmaceutical industry







# The portable filter tester "it-01"

The **filter tester "it-01"** is used to check the integrity of membrane filters. In addition, unknown volumes can be measured (eg the net volume of filter systems between 0.1-32L). The test device can also be used as a calibration manometer to check pressure transducers (possible measuring ranges 0-4, 0-6, 0-8bar).

## The following filter integrity tests can be performed:

- Diffusion test (forward flow)
- Pressure drop test
- Pressure drop test sterile bag test \*)
- Diffusion and bubble point test
- Tests with automatic filter wetting
- Water intrusion test (WIT)
- WIT on large filter systems (150L) \*)
- WIT with automatic filter drying \*)
- WIT with automatic housing cooling \*)
- \*) additional hardware required

The filter tester "it-01" is small and portable, (housing dimensions 20x30x15cm). It can also be used for filter tests in inaccessible places, eg. On tanks, in autoclave rooms, on freeze dryers etc.

#### **Power supply:**

Low voltage 7,5V / 3,3A Optional battery or mains operation

#### Filter holder:



At the back of the device is a special filter holder. Here, all standard filters can be adapted directly on the device, from syringe filters to standard capsules.

#### **Control of external compressed air valves:**

For automatic filter wetting, for filter drying, for external venting or for filling large housings, the test device can directly control an external compressed air valve.



**The plain paper printer** is waterproof and placed behind the front opening/door. Even under the most adverse circumstances, the printer's paper always stays dry

#### A quick installation guide

is printed inside the device and can be viewed when opening the front door.

#### **Up to 100 test programs**

can be stored permanently in the device, and unlimited numbers in a PC. A corresponding software for test program management is available.

#### FDA Standard 21 CFR 11:

A software version to meet this standard is available.

Up to 40 filter test protocols

can be stored in the device (CFR version only).

**Central administration** of filter test programs in a PC (System Software: Windows> XPprof.)

With the software "it-trans" large quantities of filter test programs can be managed in a central location.

All necessary filter test programs shall be created on a PC. The created programs for the application are loaded to the Integrity tester through the included transfer cable. So that the responsible QA employee is certain that the right programs are used.



### Filter test with a vent on the filter system

In order to avoid contamination of the filter test device by refluxing test gas, it is possible to vent the filter housing directly on site after the end of the test via a compressed air valve.

A gas filter can be placed behind the valve, so that the environment of the filter housing is not polluted. Since the filling hose does not affect the measurement, the filter test can be performed over long distances.



# Maintenance, Calibration, Qualification and Inline Filter Tests:



#### Maintenance and calibration:

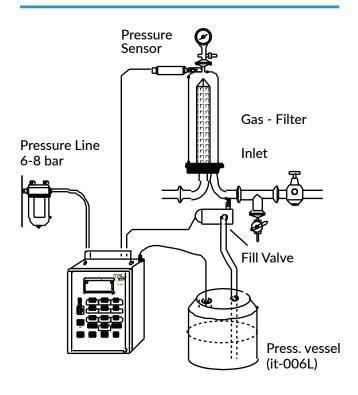
In order to guarantee a high quality standard, all sensors and the pressure regulation are checked and calibrated after 6 months (initial delivery only) thereafter the checks shall be performed every 12 months. The calibration check can be done at custoemr site or at Van Borselen, Zoetermeer. All required measuring equipment have DKD or PTB calibration certificates and are subject to regular measuring equipment monitoring.

#### Qualification (IQ, OQ, PQ):

Our qualification service will carry out qualification of the filter tester in accordance with the qualification plan prepared and approved by the operator.

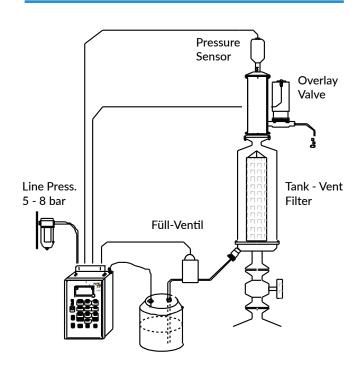
# Test Setup: Water Intrusion Test

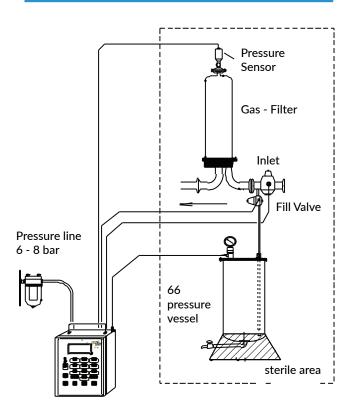
Test Setup: Water Intrusion Test (WIT)



Test setup: Water intrusion test (WIT) with filter cooling

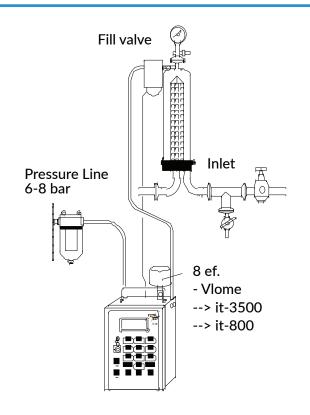




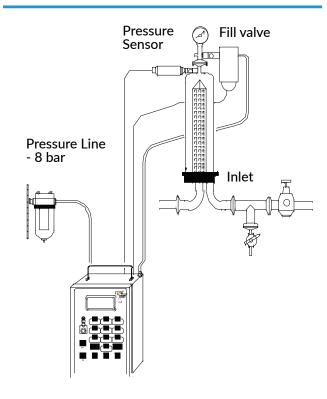


# Test setup: Diffusion bubble point test and volume measurement

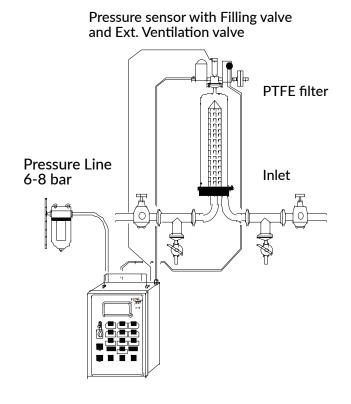
#### Volume measurement



#### Diffusion Test Bubble point Test



## Filter test with external vent filter (Remote Controlled)



#### **Example: Printout**

it-01- Filter Test Serial No.: 01041434

Program No.: ...... 1

**Water Intrusion Test** 

Date: Time: 12.08.14 14:12

**Filter System:** 

Freeze Dryer Hof

**Filter Type:** 

Van Borselen BPB17SP002

Filter Batch No.:

CT-234567

**Product Batch No.:** 

without

**Test Parameters:** 

**Test Gas:** 

Air

Kind of Water:

Tap-Water

Type of Housing:

Flow-Test G-001

Hardware Volume:

646 mL

**Test Pressure:** 

2500 mbar

Kind of Water:

Tap-Water

**Stabilization Time:** 

600 s

Test Time- t:

600 s

Water Flow max.:

3300 uL/t

**Test Results:** 

**Test Pressure:** 

2505 mbar

**Pressure Drop:** 

61 mbar

Water Flow:

 $1890 \mu L/t$ 

**Test passed** 

**Programmer:** 

Heinz Rudolph

Sign. Operator:

Anja Gehne

it-01- Filter Test Serial No.: 0104434

Program No.: ...... 2

**Diffusion Test** 

Date: 12.08.14

Time: 15:12

**Filter System:** 

Washing Machine

Filter Type:

VVan Borselen BPF27SP002

Filter Batch No.:

CT-2-RT-67

**Product Batch No.:** 

without

**Test Parameters:** 

**Test Gas:** 

Air

**Wetting Medium:** 

Water

Type of Housing:

Flow-Test G-001

Upstream Volume:

1896 mL

**Test Pressure:** 

2500 mbar

Kind of Water:

Tap-Water

**Stabilization Time:** 

300 s

Test Time- t:

300 s

Diffusion max.:

13 mL/min

**Test Results:** 

**Test Pressure:** 

2505 mbar

**Pressure Drop:** 

61 mbar

Diffusion:

8,9 mL/min

**Test passed** 

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**Programmer:** 

Heinz Rudolph

Sign. Operator:

Anja Gehne

it-01- Filter Test Serial No.: 01041434

#### **Volume Measurement:**

Date: 12.08.14

Time: 16:12

**Filter System:** 

Washing Machine

Volume:

1896 mL

**Test Pressure:** 

2506 mbar

Sign. Operator:

Anja Gehne

## **Technical specifications:**

Test device housing (see picture)	· Stainless steel 1 4301 (e-nolished)
Housing dimensions (without handle)	
Mass.	
Protection	
Power supply	
Input keyboard	
Software assurance	
Dot matrix printers	
Number-storable test programs	
Backup of the test program. and test protocols	. : Flash EPROM
Pneumatic connections	: Stäubli RBE 03 / stainless steel 1.4404
Pressure sensor - internal	. : 0-6 bar; rel. Cl 0.5
Pressure sensor	. : 800-1090 mbar KI 0,5
Barometric	. : 0-6 bar, rel. Kl.0,15
Pressure sensor external computer	.: HC-12 Motorola
Programming language	
Display	
Interface	
Languages	. : German-English-French-Spanish-Italian-Danish
Tests	: Water Intrusion Test (WIT) Diffusion Test Pressure Drop Test Bubble-Point Test, Diff + Bubblepoint Test, Net Volume Measurement
Cleaning the sensors and valves	: Evaporation of the external pressure sensor and the filling valve. Flushing internal valves (80 ° C)
Accuracy	: 4% of measured value ≥ 0.1 ml / min = 100uL /
Water Intrusion Test (WIT)	min) max. Resolution 0.005 mL = 5µL 5% of the measured value ≥ 5 ml / min)
Diffusion	: Measurement according to DIN 58356 Part 2 max. Resolution 0.1 mL
Bubblepoint	.: 1% FS
Ambient temperature	. : 5-40°C
Storage temperature	
Rel. Humidity	

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