# Balston® 3 Stage Sterile Air Filtration Systems

for the Food Industry



#### Balston 3 Stage Compressed Air Filter Assemblies

Safeguard your operations from rust, pipescale, water, oil, and organisms. The prefilters will remove contaminants at a very high efficiency - up to 99.99% for 0.01 micron particles and droplets. Liquid releases from the filter cartridge to an automatic drain as rapidly as it enters the filter. This allows the filter to continue removing liquids for an unlimited time without loss of efficiency or flow capacity.

The final stage of filtration removes all viable organisms with an efficiency rating of 99.9999+% at 0.01 microns. Select 1/4" to 1 1/2" aluminum with a durable powder coating designed to hold up to the dirtiest compressed air systems.



- Remove all viable organisms at 99.9999+% @0.01 microns
- Remove 99.99% of 0.01 micron particles of oil, water, and dirt from compressed air and other gases



- USDA accepted for use in federally inspected meat and poultry plants
- Low pressure drop
- Continuously trap and drain liquids

#### The Application

Compressed air is contaminated with compressor oil, water condensate, pipe scale and rust all of which provide the ideal environment and means to grow bacteria. This natural occurring contaminate can also effect the taste, appearance and shelf life of food product. The food processing and packaging industry utilizes compressed air extensively throughout their facilities. Compressed air is used to push and propel product, cut and mix product in addition to packaging product.

Cahoon Farms in Walcott, New York uses Parker Balston three stage filtration systems for all their compressed air and sterile air applications. Cahoon Farms packages fresh sliced apples and cherries, dried apples, and other assorted dried fruits. Compressed air is used extensively throughout the facility servicing pneumatic equipment, slicing and mixing food product, and packaging. The sterile compressed air applications are filtered to an efficiency of 99.9999+% at 0.01 microns,

which is 30 times better than the accepted industry standard. Cahoon Farms safeguards their food product from any possible contamination that could lead to bacteria and mold growth. The investment in these filtration systems ensures Cahoon Farms' products will maintain superior taste, quality and freshness with an extended shelf life.



### **Balston Sterile Air Filters**

2000 Series

#### **Sterile Air Filter Rating Information**

Balston grade SA filter cartridges, rated at 99.9999+% efficiency for 0.01 micron particles, is at least 30 times better than the accepted standard for sterile air filters developed by independent research organizations in the U.S. and U.K. (request bulletin TI-105 for a detailed discussion on Balston filter efficiency rating procedure, and Bulletin TI-935 for an independent test report on Balston Sterile Air Filters). Balston Sterile Air Filters are in full compliance with the requirements of the FDA.

Explanation for 3 Stage Filter System						
1st Stage: Grade DX	Removal of large quantities of oil, water, and dirt from compressed air. Prefilter to Grade BX					
2nd Stage: Grade BX	Complete removal of trace quantities of oil, water, and dirt down to 0.01 microns.					
3rd Stage: Grade SA	Removal of bacteria providing sterile air.					



#### Flow Rates

Filter Housing Model	Port Size	Filter Cartridge Grade			at 2 psi dro duct data sh					l Specificati sing	on
			2	20	40	80	100	125	150	200	250
3B-2002N-3B1 3B-2003N-3B1 3B-2004N-3B1	1/4" 3/8" 1/2"	DX BX SA	9 3 	19 8 8	39 11 11	51 21 21	63 25 25	76 31 31	90 36 36	117 47 	145 58 
3B-2104N-3B1	1/2"	DX BX SA	19 9 	41 19 19	65 30 30	113 51 51	137 63 63	166 76 76	196 90 90	257 117 	316 145 
3B-2206N-3B1	3/4"	DX BX SA	37 10 	78 21 21	123 34 34	214 56 56	259 70 70	315 85 85	371 101 101	484 131 	596 162 
3B-2208N-3B1	1"	DX BX SA	55 11 	115 23 23	181 37 37	314 64 64	380 77 77	463 94 94	546 111 111	711 144 	877 178 
3B-2312N-3B1	1 1/2"	DX BX SA	98 22 16	203 46 33	319 74 52	554 129 91	670 155 110	816 189 134	963 223 158	1254 290 206	1546 358 253

## 3 Stage Sterile Air Filter Systems



Model	3B-2002, 2003, 2004	3B-2104	3B-2206	3B-2208	3B-2312
Port Size	1/4" NPT	1/2" NPT	3/4" NPT	1" NPT	1.5" NPT
Materials of Construction					
Head	Aluminum-				<b>→</b>
Bowl	Aluminum-				<b>→</b>
Internals	Aluminum-				<b>→</b>
Seals	Buna-N Food Grade				<b>→</b>
Maximum Temperature (1)	120°F (49°C)				<b>→</b>
Maximum Pressure (2)	175 psig				<b>→</b>
Minimum Pressure (3)	15 psig ————				-
Shipping Weight	6.75 lbs.	7.5 lbs.	17.5 lbs.	17.5 lbs.	41.25 lbs.
Dimensions	10"W X 11"L	10"W X 11"L	13.5"W X 13"L	13"W X 13"L	17"W X 17"L

#### Notes:

<sup>3</sup> Required for proper operation of auto drain.

ssembly Ordering	g Information		
Model P/N		Replacement	Cartridge
		Box of 5	Box of 10
3B-2002N-3B1	1/4" 3-Stage (DX, BX, SA) Filter Assembly	5/100-12-DX	100-12-DX
3B-2003N-3B1	3/8" 3-Stage (DX, BX, SA) Filter Assembly	5/100-12-BX	100-12-BX
3B-2004N-3B1	1/2" 3-Stage (DX, BX, SA) Filter Assembly	5/100-12-SA	100-12-SA
3B-2104N-3B1	1/2" 3-Stage (DX, BX, SA) Filter Assembly	5/100-18-DX	100-18-DX
		5/100-18-BX	100-18-BX
		5/100-18-SA	100-18-SA
3B-2206N-3B1	3/4" 3-Stage (DX, BX, SA) Filter Assembly	5/200-176-DX	150-19-DX
		5/200-176-BX	150-19-BX
		5/200-176-SA	150-19-SA
3B-2208N-3B1	1" 3-Stage (DX, BX, SA) Stainless Assembly	5/200-185-DX	150-19-DX
		5/200-185-BX	150-19-BX
		5/200-185-SA	150-19-SA
3B-2312N-3B1	1 1/2" 3-Stage (DX, BX, SA) Stainless Assembly	5/200-35-DX	200-35-DX
		5/200-35-BX	200-35-BX
		5/200-35-SA	200-35-SA

<sup>4 2</sup> each of mounting brackets are required for adequate support.

<sup>1</sup> Max. temperature with auto drain

<sup>2</sup> Max. pressure with auto drain. Max. pressure with manual drain is 250 psi.

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