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Air filters are not rated by micron size on an absolute basis. (See technical service bulletin 89-5R from the Filter Manufacturer's Council) The proper rating system for air filters is a testing procedure developed to measure the efficiency of the filtration media at varying micron sizes. We routinely subject a sample of our air filters to this testing procedure conducted by independent laboratories. A micron (one-millionth of a meter) is a unit used for microscopic measurements. A human hair is approximately 75-microns.







What is micron rating?

A measure of the pore size in the filter media. Expressed as either 'Nominal' or 'Absolute'. Nominal Rating relates to the percentage of particles at a given size that a filter can capture i.e. 10 microns at 90% means it will remove 90% of particles 10 microns in size. Absolute refers to the removal of all particles at a given micron size and larger i.e. 20 micron absolute means 100% of particles 20 microns or greater will be captured.







- The lower the micron rating, the greater the efficiency and hence the amount of dirt that is captured.
- When comparing different filter brands micron rating, you need to make sure that the same test procedures have been followed.





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What is filter efficiency?

- The percentage of dirt that a filter removes. The filter 'media' determines what the air has to pass through and where the dirt is trapped. The more twists and turns a particle of dirt has to take, the more likely it is to be captured.
- The higher the efficiency, the higher the % of dirt retained by the filter. Filters are least efficient when new and become most efficient just before "plugging".







What is flow?

How easily air flows through the filter. Minimising resistance to flow ensures that the Air conditioner is never starved of air. Poor flow in a filter deprives Air conditioner of their vital needs, causing them to work harder, lose power and create rapid Air conditioner wear over shorter periods.







Is a regular service interval filter change necessary -

Given the importance of efficiency, life and flow, regular filter changes with a good quality filter provide optimum performance and Air conditioner life.



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