

Upgrade Fluid System Filter Element Monitoring to Increase Operational Reliability and Support Condition Based Maintenance Capability

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Why the filter element?

Filters are already incorporated in all important systems to provide operational reliability.

Fluid systems such as; Transmission,
Lubrication, Hydraulic, Fuel and Electronic
Cooling can utilize this effective CBM process.

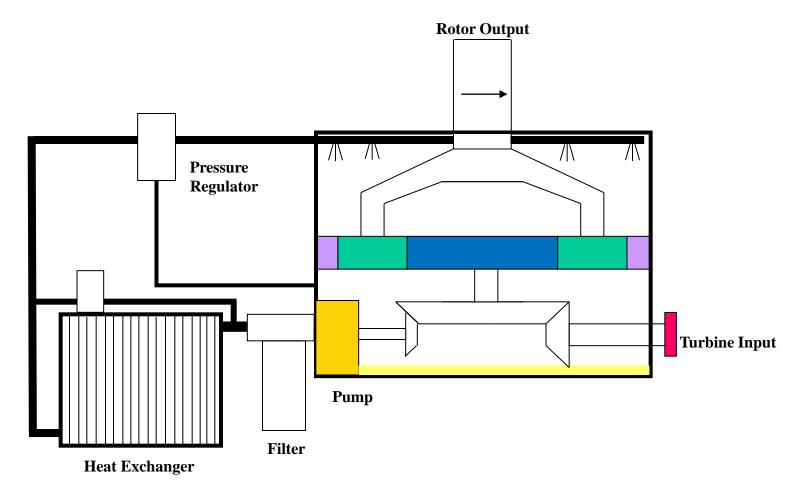


In-System Filter Element Monitoring can support the following major levels of Condition Based Maintenance:

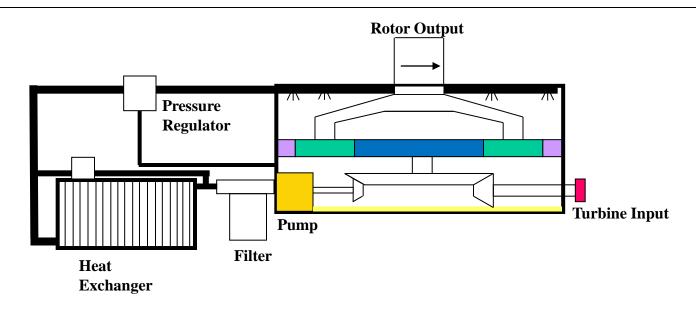
- 1. Identify when filter element service is required.
- 2. Determine the remaining filter element service life, the asset's mission availability and establish a schedule for filter element service.
- 3. Provide an early indication of a system fault.



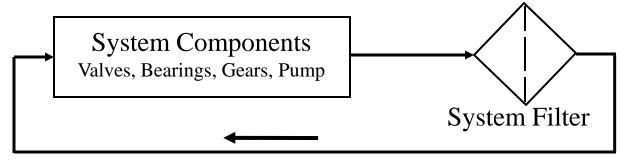
Basic Transmission Lubrication System





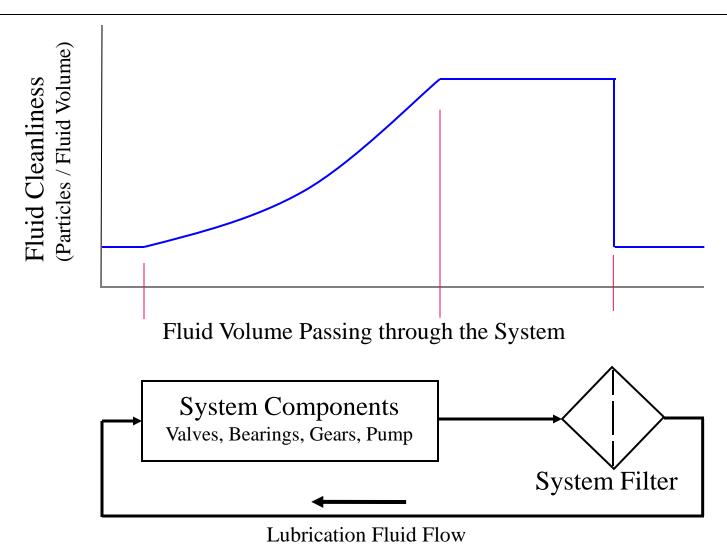


System Simplification

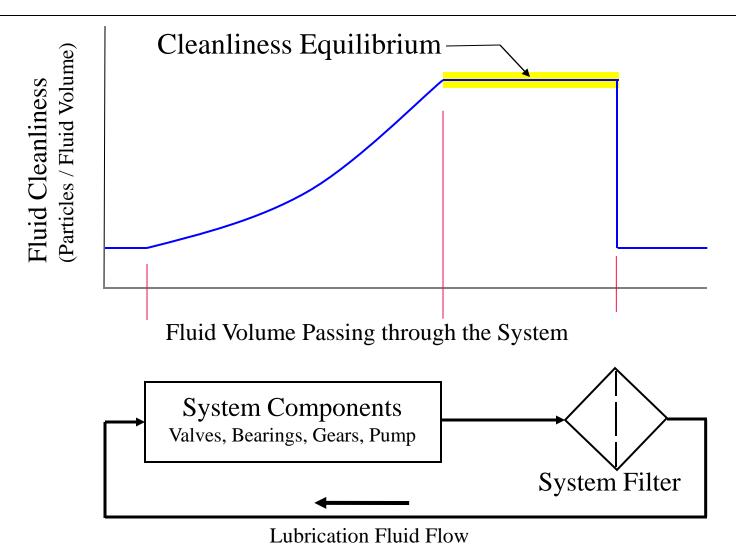


Lubrication Fluid Flow

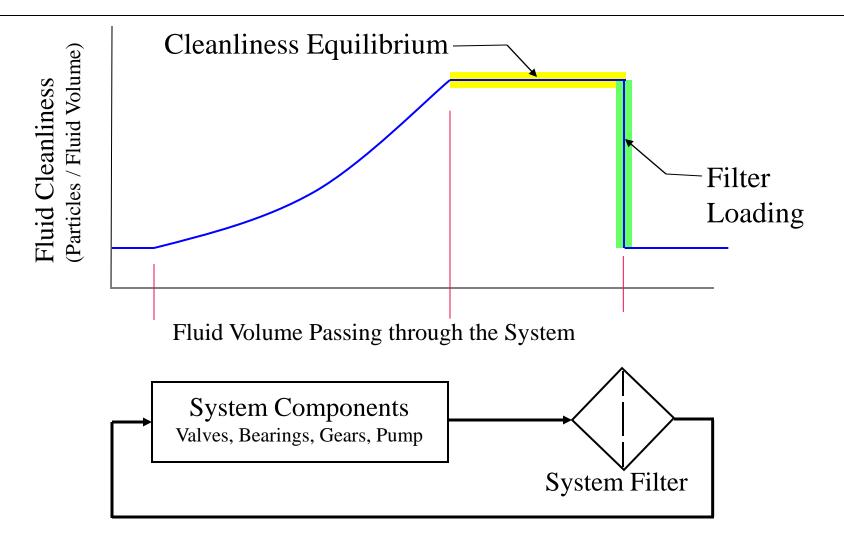




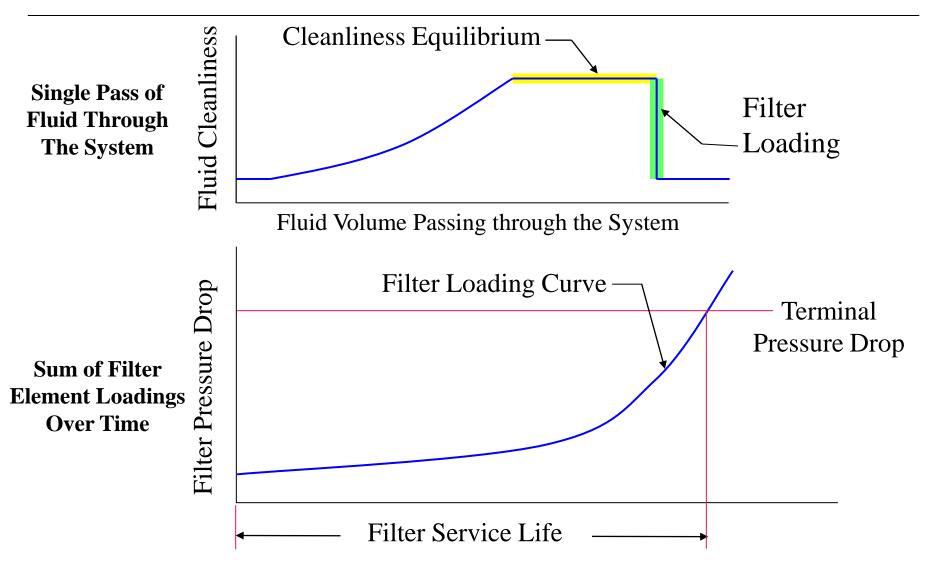




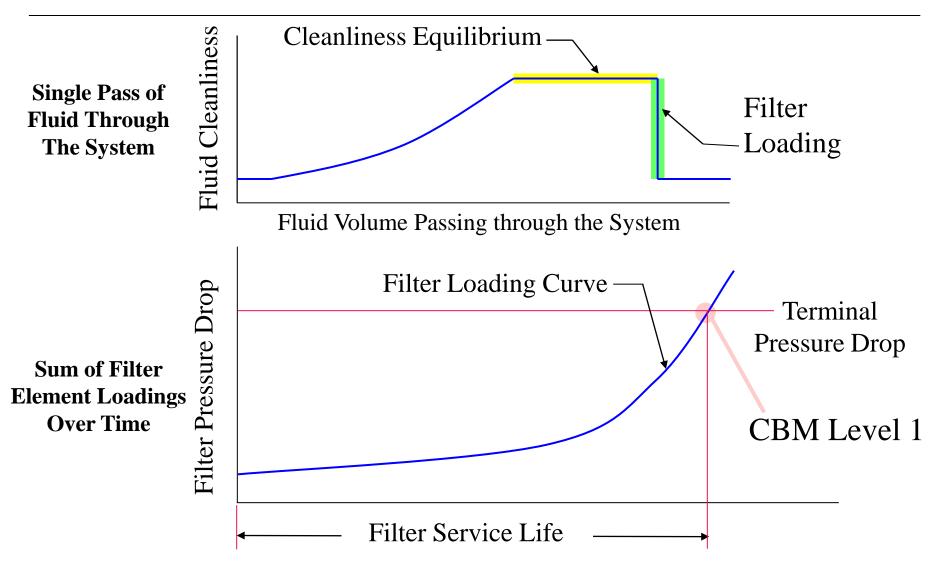




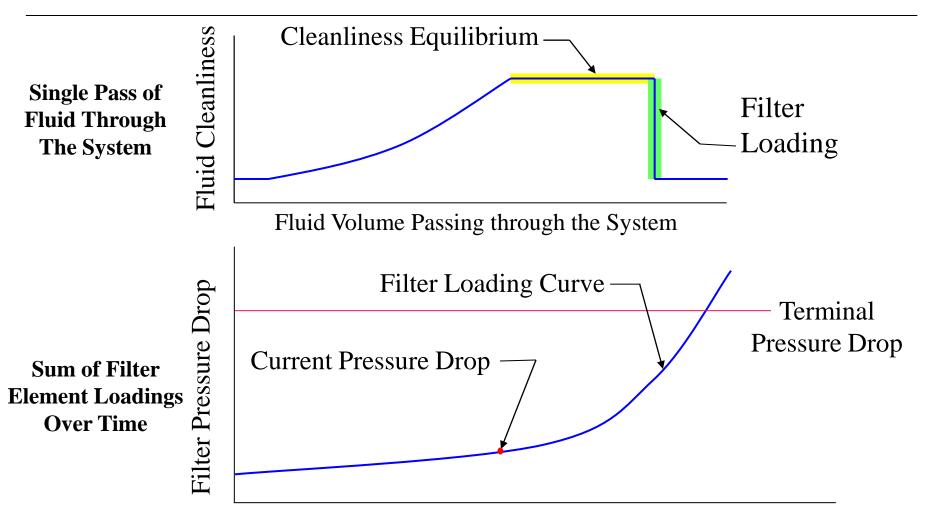




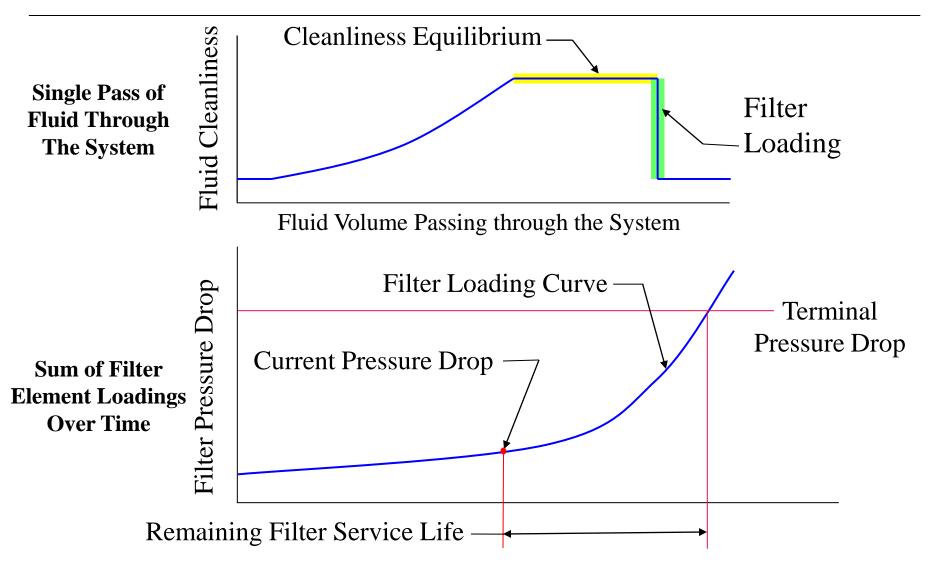




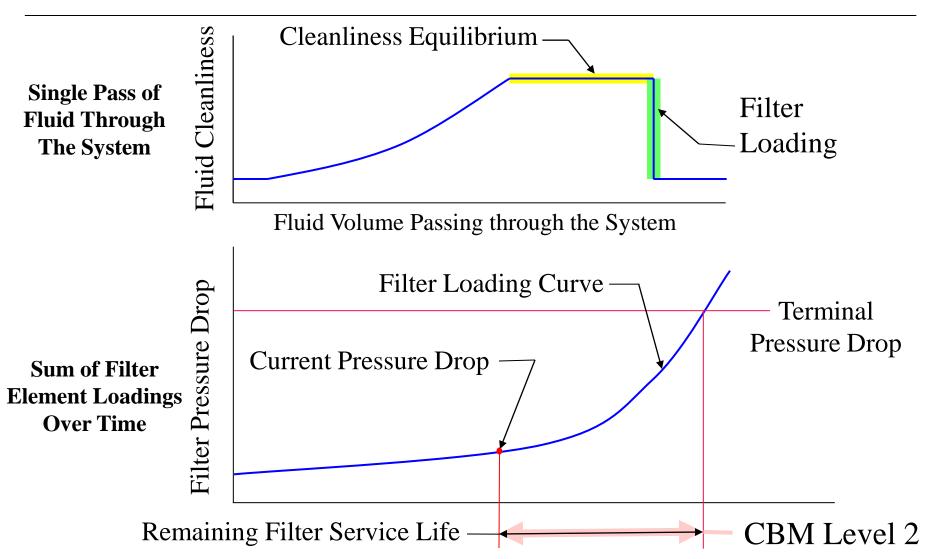




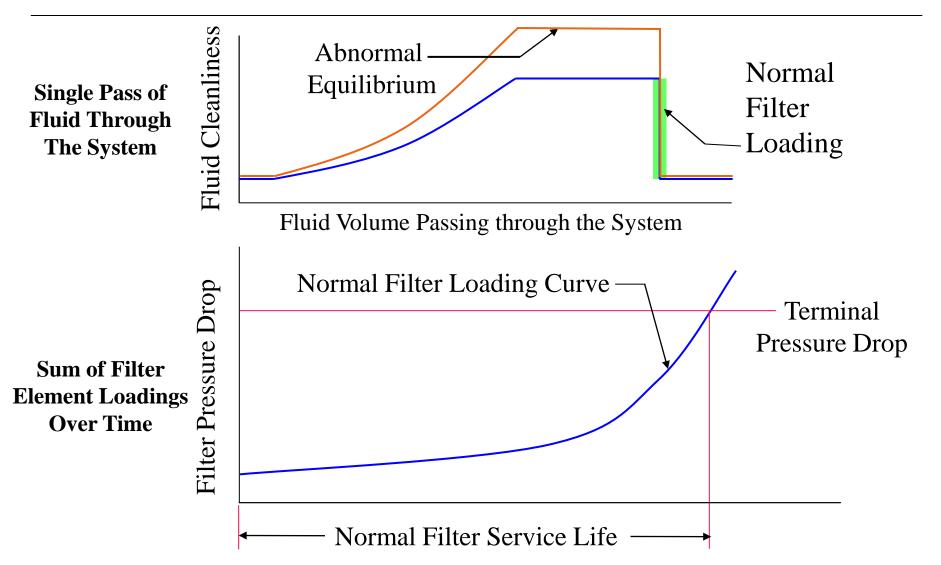




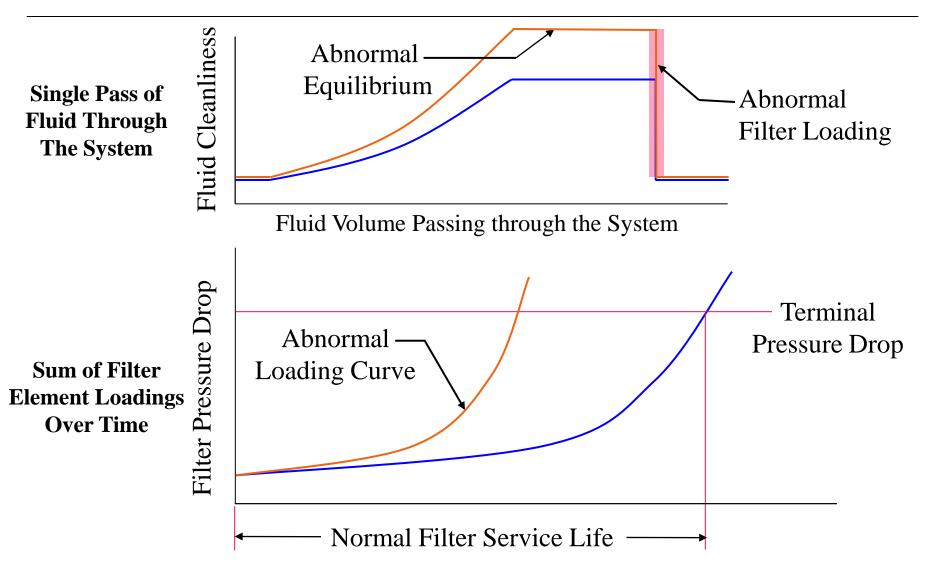




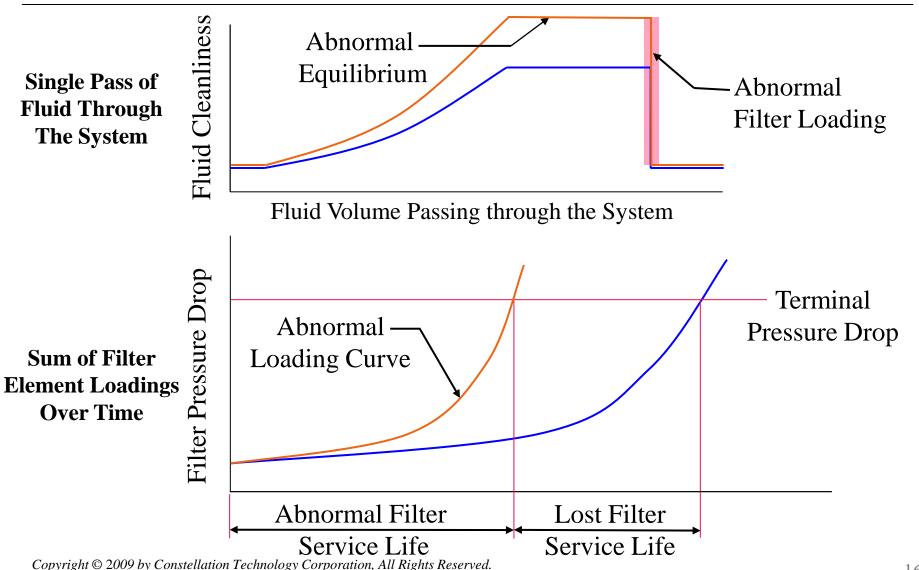




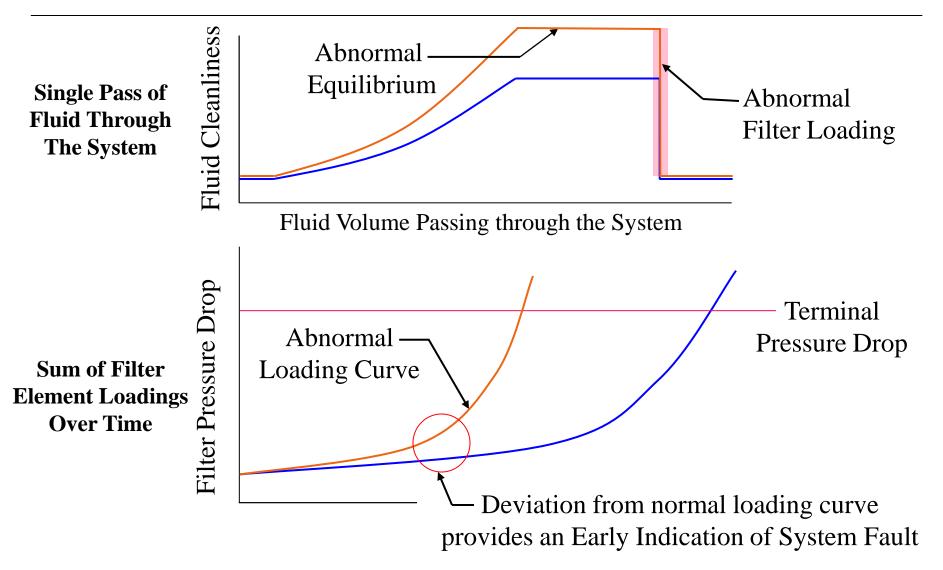




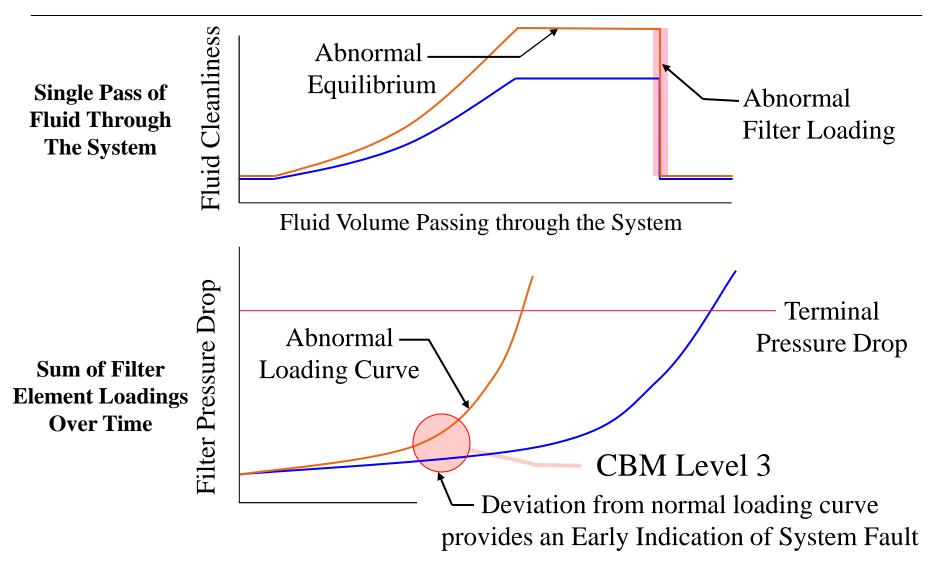














Comparison of Differential Pressure Monitors

| Monitor Capability | Indicator | Switch | Indicator/Switch | Sensor |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
| Port Mounting Compatible | yes | yes | yes | yes |
| Validate Operation | no | yes ¹ | no | yes |
| Continuous output | no | no | no | yes |
| Remaining Life | no | no | no | yes |
| Mission Availability | no | no | no | yes |
| Schedule Service | no | no | no | yes |
| Service Filter Element | yes ² | yes ³ | yes ² | yes |
| Early Fault Indication | no | no | no | yes |
| Missing Filter Element | no | no | no | yes |
| System In Bypass | no | no | no | yes |

- Only on systems having high pressure drop during cold start without thermal lockout
- 2 No validation, Poor operational reliability, Possibly system fault
- 3 Possible validation, Poor operational reliability, Possibly system fault



Upgrading to a Differential Pressure Sensor to provide real-time in-system monitoring of the filter element's performance can support CBM in addition to providing:

- Improved indication tolerance
- No moving parts, robust design
- An integrated temperature sensor output
- Full utilization of the filter element
- Reduction of required filter changes
- Improved reliability and operational readiness



