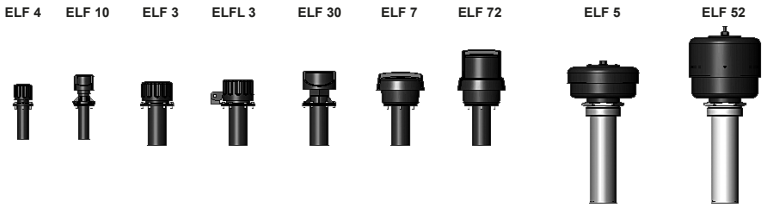


Tank Breather Filter with Filler Strainer ELF

up to 5500 l/min



1. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

1.1 FILTER HOUSING

Construction

Tank breather filters size 4, 10, 3 and 30 consist of an air filter top, which is connected to the mounting flange by a bayonet plate or a threaded boss, and a filler strainer.

Sizes 5 and 52 consist of a two-part threaded air filter top, with built-in oil mist trap, one or two exchangeable filter element(s) and a filler strainer.

Sizes 7 and 72 consist of a two-part flanged filter top, an exchangeable filter element and a filler strainer.

1.2 FILTER ELEMENTS

Contamination retention capacities in g

	Paper
ELF	3 µm
4	2.9
10	2.9
3	6.2
30	6.2
7	26.1
72	52.2
5	85.1
52	170.2

The filter elements are made from phenolic resin impregnated paper and cannot therefore be cleaned.

1.3 FILTER SPECIFICATIONS

Temperature range	-30 °C to +100 °C
Material of housing	Steel, zinc-plated/plastic coated (ELF 4, 3), steel (ELF 5, 52) glass fibre reinforced synthetic material (ELF 10, 30, 7, 72)
Material of filler strainer	Synthetic: ELF 10, 4, 30, 3, 7, 72 Metal: ELF 5, 52
Type of clogging indicator	VMF (return line indicator)
Pressure setting of clogging indicator	0.6 bar K pressure gauge 0.035 bar UBM indicator (others on request)

1.4 SEALS

NBR (= Perbunan) on filter
NBR / Polyurethane on element
Cardboard on mounting flange

1.5 SPECIAL MODELS AND ACCESSORIES

- lockable model (only ELFL 3)
- with check/bypass valve to support the suction characteristics of the pump
  Not 100 % air-tight or leakage-free!
  (only ELF 10, 3, 30, 5 and 52)
- with anti-splash device
  (only ELF 10, 3, 30, 7, 72)
- with connection for a clogging indicator
  (only ELF 7, 72)
- with filler adapter for automotive applications
  (only ELF 7 and 72) - see Point 5.

1.6 SPARE PARTS

See Original Spare Parts List

1.7 CERTIFICATES AND APPROVALS

On request

1.8 COMPATIBILITY WITH HYDRAULIC FLUIDS ISO 2943

The standard models are suitable for use with mineral and lubrication oils. For fire-resistant and biodegradable oils, see table:

Fire-resistant fluids

ELF	HFA	HFC	HFD-R
4, 3, 5, 52	–	–	–
10, 30, 7, 72	●	●	–

- HFA oil in water emulsion (H2O content ≥ 80 %)
- HFC water polyglycol solution (H2O content 35-55 %)
- HFD-R synthetic, water-free phosphate ester

Biodegradable fluids

ELF	HTG	HE	HPG PAG	HPG PRG
all sizes	+	+	●	●

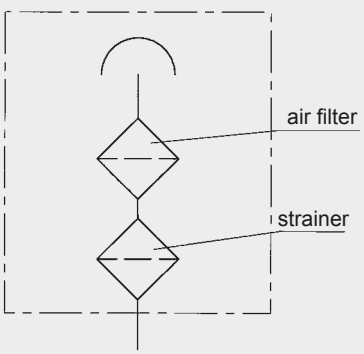
+ suitable for all
● contact our Technical Sales Department
– not suitable

- HTG vegetable oil based hydraulic fluids
- HE ester-based synthetic hydraulic fluids
- HPG polyglycol-based synthetic hydraulic fluids
- PAG sub-group of HPG: polyalkylene glycol
- PEG sub-group of HPG: polyethylene glycol

1.9 CHANGING INTERVALS

The filter elements or filters must be replaced as frequently as the fluid filters, but at least every 12 months.

Symbol



2. MODEL CODE (also order example)

2.1 COMPLETE FILTER

2.1.1 ELF 4, 10, 3, 30 and ELFL 3

ELF P 30 F 3 W 1 . X /-RV0.4

Filter type
ELF
ELFL (lockable)

Filter material
P Paper

Size
ELF 4, 10, 3, 30
ELFL 3

Type and size of connection

	Filter size 4	10	3	30
F = Flange	●	●	●	●

Filtration rating in µm
P 3 (absolute)

Type of clogging indicator
W without port, no clogging indicator

Type code

Filter size	Code	Δp [bar]
ELF 4	1.X	-
ELF 10	1.X	-
ELF 3	1.X	-
ELF 3.../-RV	4.X	0.4
ELF 3.../-RV	5.X	0.7
ELF 3.../-RV	6.X	0.2
ELF 3.../-RV	7.X	1.0
ELF 30	1.X	-

Modification number
X the latest version is always supplied

Supplementary details
AS anti-splash without check/bypass valve (not ELF 3 & 4)
KT for plastic tank systems (only ELF 30)
RV check/bypass valve (not ELF 4)
RV0.2, RV0.4, RV0.7 valve with relevant cracking pressure (only ELF 10 and 30)
SO148 metal filler strainer, 200 mm long (only ELF 3 and 30)
SO175 metal filler strainer, 100 mm long (only ELF 3 and 30)
SO394 ELF filter without strainer

2.1.2 ELF 7 and 72

ELF P 72 F 3 W 1 . X /-SO148

Filter type
ELF

Filter material
P Paper

Size
ELF 7, 72

Type and size of connection

	Filter size 7	72
F = Flange DIN 24557/Pt 2	●	●

Filtration rating in µm
P 3 (absolute)

Type of clogging indicator
W without port, no clogging indicator
K pressure gauge (measuring range -1 to +0.6 bar) (not for ELF 72)
UBM visual/analogue vacuum gauge with manual reset (pressure setting: -0.035 bar)

Type code
0 for type UBM
1 for types W and K

Modification number
X the latest version is always supplied

Supplementary details
AS anti-splash (only ELF 7, 72 without check/bypass valve)
SO148 metal filler strainer, 200 mm long
SO175 metal filler strainer, 100 mm long
SO394 ELF filter without strainer

2.1.3 ELF 5 and 52

ELF P 52 G 3 W 2 . X /-RV0.4

Filter type
ELF

Filter material
P Paper
BN Betamicron®

Size
ELF 5, 52

Type and size of connection

		Filter size 5	52
G = Thread	G1 1/2	●	●
	G2	●	●
	G2 1/2	●	●
	G3	●	●

Filtration rating in µm
P 3 (absolute)
BN 3 (absolute)

Type of clogging indicator
W without port, no clogging indicator

Type code

Code	Connection
2.X	G 2½
3.X	G 3
4.X	G 2
5.X	G 1½

Modification number
X the latest version is always supplied

Supplementary details
RV0.4 check/bypass valve with 0.4 bar pressure setting
SO479 filter suitable for HFC fluids

2.2 REPLACEMENT ELEMENT

0005 L 003 P

Size
0005 for ELF 5, 52
0007 for ELF 7
0072 for ELF 72

Type
L

Filtration rating in µm
P 003
BN 003 (only for 0005)

Filter material
P Paper
BN Betamicron®

Replacement elements cannot be ordered for ELF 4, 10, 3, 30 and ELFL 3. These filters are only available complete!

2.3 REPLACEMENT CLOGGING INDICATOR

VMF 0.6 K . X

Type
VMF Return line indicator

Pressure setting
0.6 -1 to +0.6 bar
0.035 -0.035 bar

Type
(see Point 2.1.2)

Modification number
X the latest version is always supplied

3. FILTER CALCULATION / SIZING

3.1 SINGLE PASS FILTRATION PERFORMANCE DATA FOR AIR FILTER ELEMENTS

The following separation values were established under real-life simulated conditions.
This means that the selected velocity of the flow against the filter mesh-pack was 20 cm/s and the contamination added was 40 mg/m³ of ISO MTD test dust.

Filtration rating	Retention value d...	For particle size	Filter material
3 µm	d 80	0.74 µm	Paper
	d 100	2.64 µm	

The d 80 value refers to the particle size which is filtered out at a rate of 80 % during the retention test. The particle size determined by this method is called the nominal filtration rating of the air filter. The d 100 value therefore refers to the particle size which is filtered out at a rate of 100 % during the single pass test. The particle size determined by this method is called the absolute filtration rating of the air filter.

Table of average dust concentrations in real life:

Urban regions with a low level of industry	3-7 mg/m³ air
General mechanical engineering	9-23 mg/m³ air
Construction industry (wheeled vehicles)	8-35 mg/m³ air
Construction industry (tracked vehicles)	35-100 mg/m³ air
Heavy industry	50-70 mg/m³ air

3.2 DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE ACROSS BREATHER FILTER

The differential pressure (with clean element) for the various filter sizes is shown in the graphs under Point 3.4.

3.3 SIZING GUIDELINES

The rate at which contamination enters a hydraulic system can be considerably reduced by using efficient tank breather filtration.

CAUTION:

Incorrectly sized tank breather filters can place additional strain on the system and reduce the service life of hydraulic filter elements.

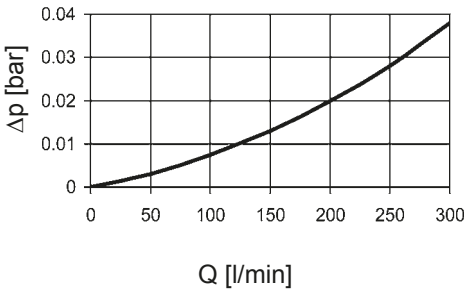
For optimum sizing the following should therefore be observed:

- Filtration rating of breather filter = filtration rating of hydraulic filter
- Only use breather filters with an absolute retention rate (d100 = x µm; x = given filtration rating)
- Max. permitted initial pressure drop: 0.01 bar (with a clean filter element and at calculated air flow)
- Determining the calculated air flow:
  Q_A = f5 x Q_p
  Q_A = calculated air flow in l_N/min
  f5 = factor for operating conditions
  Q_p = max. flow rate of the hydraulic pump in l/min

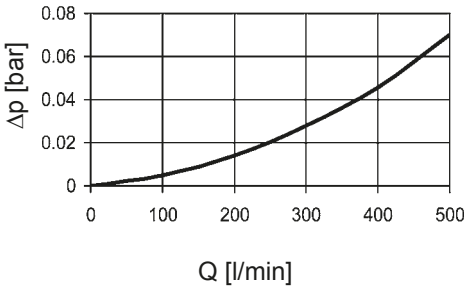
Ambient conditions	Factor f5
Low dust concentration; filter fitted with clogging indicator; continuous monitoring of the filter	1-2
Average dust concentration; filter without clogging indicator; intermittent monitoring of the filter	3-6
High dust concentration; filter without clogging indicator; infrequent or no monitoring of the filter	7-10

3.4 AIR FLOW RATE

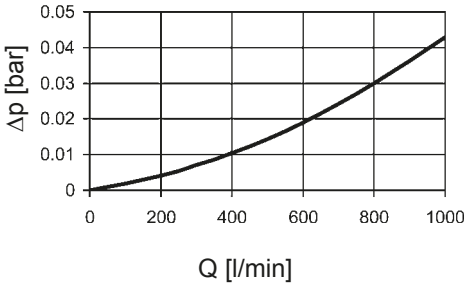
ELF 4



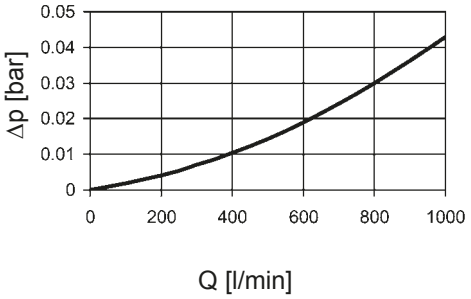
ELF 10



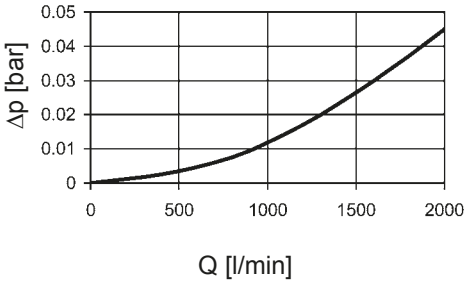
ELF 3



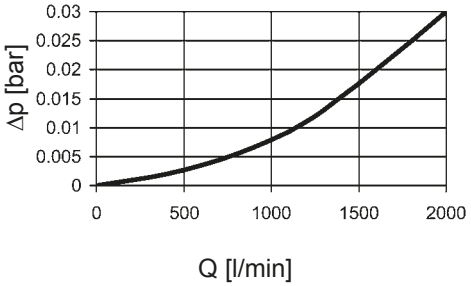
ELF 30



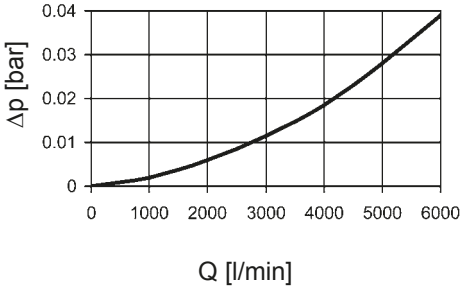
ELF 7



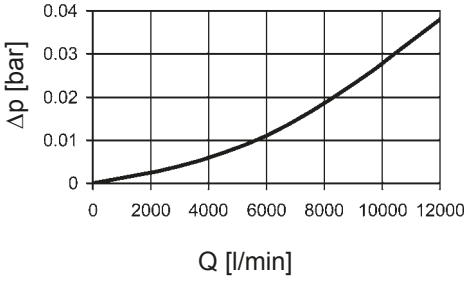
ELF 72



ELF 5



ELF 52

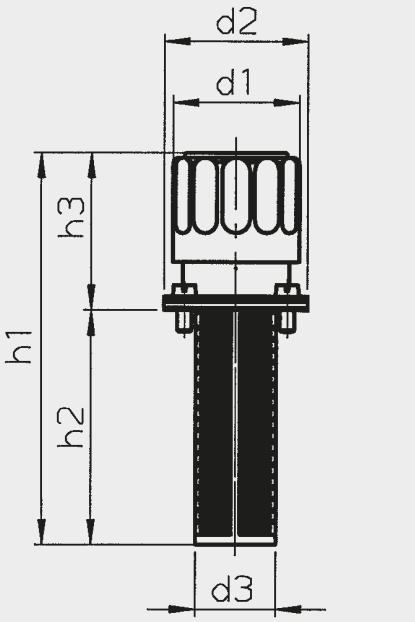


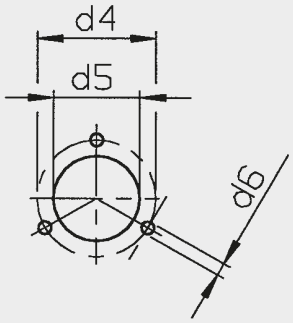
4. DIMENSIONS

Tank requirements

1. In the filter contact area, the tank flange should have a maximum flatness of 0.3 mm and RA 3.2 µm maximum roughness.
2. In addition, the contact area should be free of damage and scratches.
3. The fixing holes of the tank flange must be blind, or stud bolts with threadlocker must be used to fix the filter.
   As an alternative, the tank flange can be continuously welded from the inside.
4. Both the tank sheet metal and/or the filter mounting flange must be sufficiently robust so that neither deform when the seal is compressed during tightening.

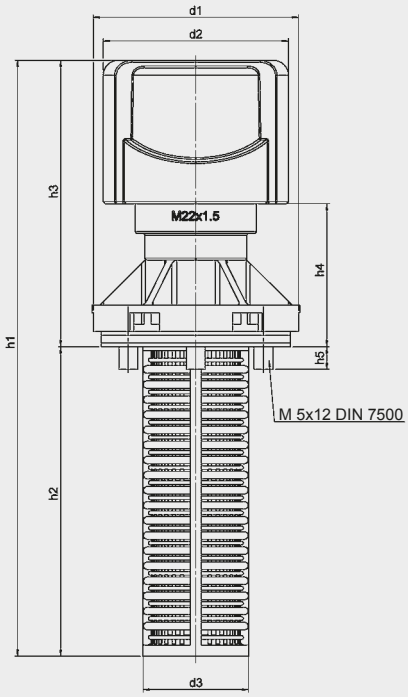
ELF 4

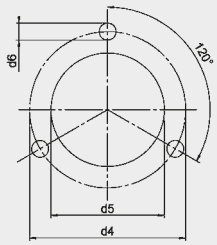




Interface

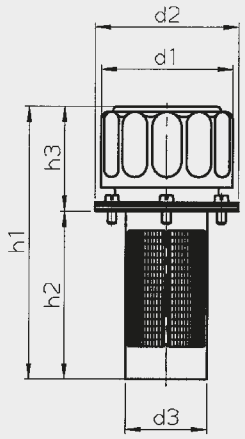
ELF 10



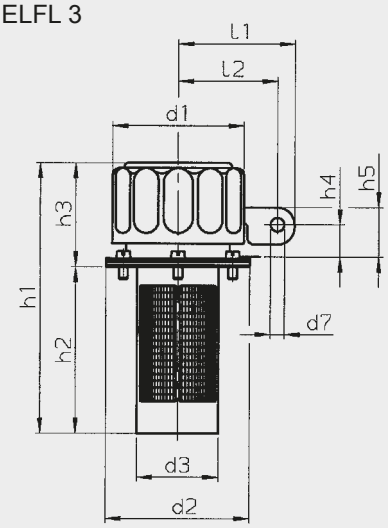


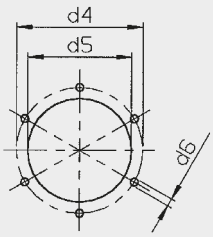
Interface

ELF 3



ELFL 3





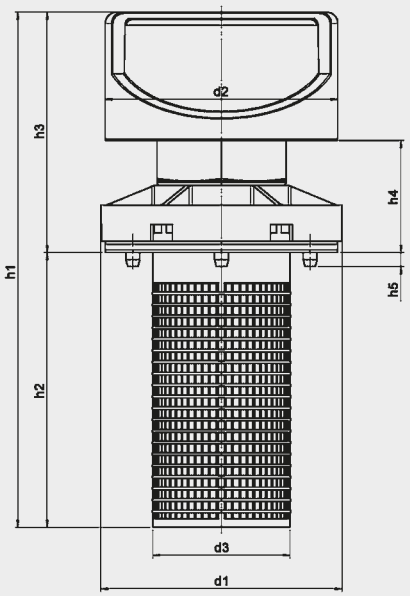
Interface to DIN 24557/Pt 2

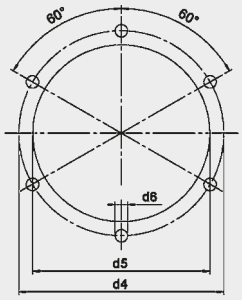
	ELF 4...
d1	44
d2	50
d3	28
d4	41.3
d5	30
d6	M5
h1	135
h2	81.5
h3	53.5
Weight	0.20 kg

	ELF 10...
d1	54
d2	49
d3	28
d4	41.3
d5	30
d6	M5
h1	158
h2	82
h3	76
h4	38
h5	6
Weight	0.08 kg

	ELF 3.../ELFL 3...
d1	76
d2	83
d3	49
d4	73
d5	60
d6	M5
d7	8
h1	159
h2	96.5
h3	61.5
h4	21
h5	31
l1	67.5
l2	57.5
Weight	0.25 kg

ELF 30

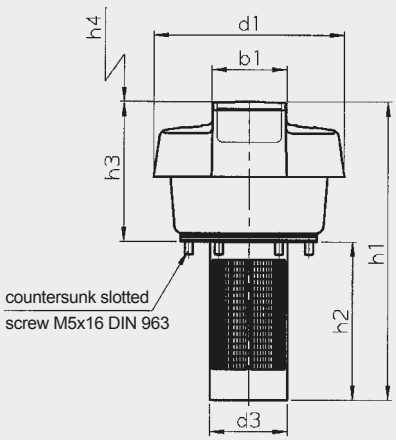


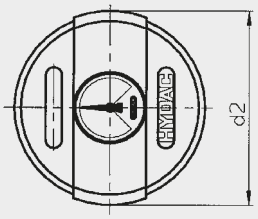


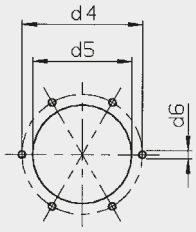
Interface to DIN 24557/Pt 2

	ELF 30...
d1	86
d2	83
d3	47
h1	185
h2	100
h3	85
h4	40
h5	5
Weight	0.23 kg

ELF 7



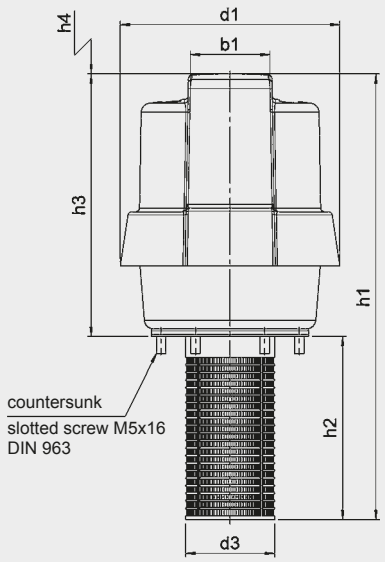


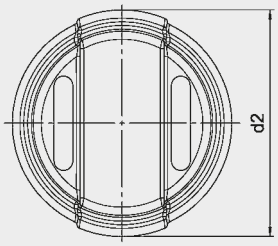


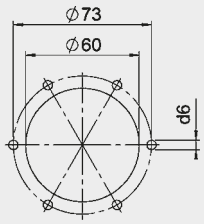
Interface to DIN 24557/Pt 2

	ELF 7...
d1	116
d2	120
d3	47
d4	73
d5	60
d6	M5
h1	181
h2	97
h3	84
h4	60
b1	44
Weight	0.38 kg

ELF 72



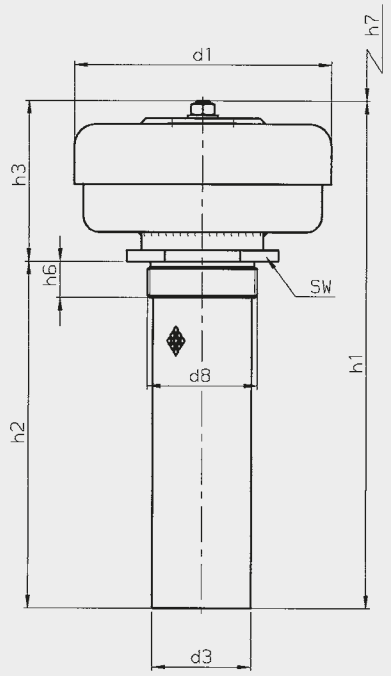




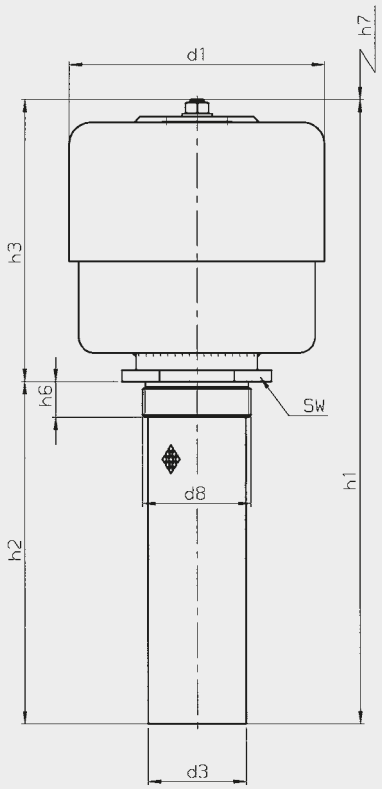
Interface to DIN 24557/Pt 2

	ELF 72...
d1	116
d2	120
d3	47
d6	M5
h1	236
h2	97
h3	139
h4	60
b1	44
Weight	0.58 kg

ELF 5

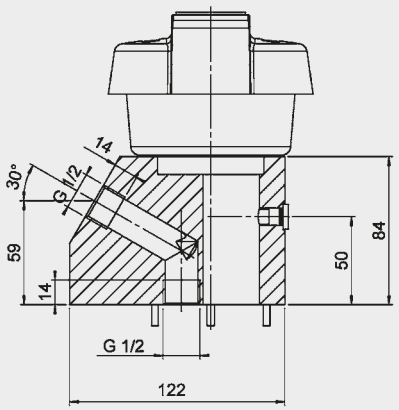


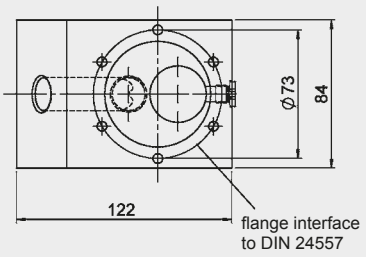
ELF 52



5. FILLER ADAPTER

This adapter can only be used on ELF 7 and ELF 72 filters!





These filler adapters are available in the following threaded connections:

- Adapter ELF /-FA12 (G ½)
  (Part No.: 00318597)
- Adapter ELF /-FA34 (G ½)
  (Part No.: 01282563)
- Adapter ELF /-FA1 (G 1)
  (Part No.: 01274065)

		ELF 5...	ELF 5... /-RV
d1		177	
d8 / d3	...2.X	G 2½ / 70,5	
	...3.X	G 3 / 70.5	
	...4.X	G 2 / 51.5	
	...5.X	G 1½ / 41.5	
h1		350	360
h2		240	
h3		105	126
h6		25	
h7		90	
SW		90	
Weight	...2.X	2.70 kg	
	...3.X	3.10 kg	
	...4.X	2.70 kg	
	...5.X	2.60 kg	

		ELF 52...	ELF 52... /-RV
d1		177	
d8 / d3	...2.X	G 2½ / 70.5	
	...3.X	G 3 / 70.5	
	...4.X	G 2 / 51.5	
	...5.X	G 1½ / 41.5	
h1		416	438
h2		240	
h3		176	198
h6		25	
h7		125	112
SW		90	
Weight	...2.X	3.10 kg	
	...3.X	3.50 kg	
	...4.X	3.10 kg	
	...5.X	3.00 kg	

NOTE

The information in this brochure relates to the operating conditions and applications described.
For applications or operating conditions not described, please contact the relevant technical department.
Subject to technical modifications.