Guide for Brewers



Effective beer filtration with Eaton filtration solutions

Eaton is a leading supplier of complete depth filtration solutions and develops, manufactures and provides high-quality depth filtration media for food, beverage, fine chemical and pharmaceutical applications.

In addition to a wide range of depth filter sheets, stacked disc cartridges, filter cartridges, filter aids and stabilizers, the product range also includes filtration systems for breweries in various designs and sizes.

Classic systems:

• BECO COMPACT PLATE[™] multi-sheet plate and frame filters

Enclosed systems:

- BECO INTEGRA CART[™] cartridge housings
- BECO INTEGRA DISC[™] stacked disc cartridge housings
- BECO INTEGRA LAB[™] laboratory filters

Automatic systems:

• StepFlow[®] filtration systems

Eaton also provides ideal filtration solutions for **craft breweries**. These include:

- BECOPAD[®] depth filter sheets and systems
- BECODISC[®] stacked disc cartridges and housings
- BECO[®] filter cartridges and housings
- Silica sol
- Filter bags and bag housings





Most beers undergo a filtration process after storage. In this process, protein-based and tannin-based compounds, hop resins, yeast cells and beer-spoiling bacteria are removed so that a level of beer clarity can be achieved that would not be possible using the standard clarification process during storage. The following filtration processes are commonly used:

-> CLASSIC BEER FILTRATION (pre-coat filtration)

---- CROSS-FLOW FILTRATION

→ 1- OR 2-STEP DEPTH FILTRATION WITHOUT DIATOMACEOUS EARTH



The Eaton product range for classic beer filtration meets even the highest demands for clarity and stability at the brewery.



Process step		Recommended product	Advantages	Note
Beer clarification	Adding silica sol	BECOSOL 30 silica sol	Improved filtration properties	Added to the hot finished wortIn the storage tank
Clarification and pre-coat filtration (optional stabilization)	Diatomaceous earth filtration (vessel filters)	 BECOGUR 3500 diatomaceous earth To form the first pre-coat layer BECOGUR 1200/200 diatomaceous earth for continuous dosing BECOLITE 3000 perlite used partially to replace coarse diatomaceous earth (BECOGUR 3500) 	 Maximum clarification due to a unique grain size distribution Optimal dirt-holding capacity Reliable filtration effect caused by rapid build-up of a firmly adhesive filter cake Economical due to an optimal flow rate to clarification ratio Maximum purity 	To solidify and stabilize the filter cake: • BECOFLOC 7/10 filter flakes • BECOCEL 250 cellulose • BECO FilterAid to facilitate pre-coating and continuous dosing
	Diatomaceous earth filtration (frame filters)	 BECO ENDURA support sheet Adding BECOGUR 3500, 1200 or 200 filter aids 	RenewableHigh strength for a longer service life	
	Protein stabilization	BECOSORB 2500 silica gel	 Moisture content approx. 40% Filtration properties of fine diatomaceous earth (amount of diatomaceous earth can be reduced) Selective adsorption Nearly dust-free handling 	 Add to the storage tank Add during pre-coating filtration Alternatives: BECOSORB 1000 (xerogel) BECOSORB 6000 (hydrogel)
2	Tannin stabilization	Divergan F* polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVPP)	Selective tannin adsorption	Add during pre-coating filtration
Trap, fine and microbial removal filtration processes	Trap filtration (particle reduction) with cartridge filters	BECO PROTECT PG depth filter cartridges (10 μm) Alternatives: 5 μm und 3 μm, depending on customer requirements	 Easy backwashing ensures long service life Reliably reduces particles and yeast Graded filter structure for high particle absorption capacity 	 After the diatomaceous earth filter (horizontal sieve filter or slot filter cartridge) After adding PVPP Alternatives: BEC0 PROTECT FS FineStream depth filter cartridges for a higher flow rate
	Fine and microbial removal filtration processes (yeast reduction) with cartridge filters	BECO PROTECT PG depth filter cartridges (0.3 μm or 0.5 μm) Alternative: 0.6 μm, depending on customer requirements	Yeast-reduced or yeast-freeReduces levels of fine haze	 Removes fine haze and yeasts Final filtration before bottling Alternatives: BECO PROTECT FS FineStream BECO PROTECT PP Pure[™]
	Fine filtration with sheet or stacked disc cartridge filters	BECOPAD 450 and 350 depth filter sheets	 High bursting strength Backflushable Preserves color and aroma High dirt-holding capacity 	 All types are available as backflushable BECODISC R+ stacked disc cartridges in enclosed systems
	Microbial removal filtration with sheet or stacked disc cartridge filters	BECOPAD 270 and 220 depth filter sheets	 For a longer service life Biodegradable High microbiological retention capacity when used with filter sheets for microbial removal Low adsorption of hop oils** 	
Alternative stabilization	Alternative tannin stabilization	Divergan RS* PVPP	Selective tannin adsorption	• Renewable PVPP for use in a PVPP filter
Fine and microbial removal filtration	Cartridge filtration	BECO PROTECT PG depth filter cartridges (0.3 μm or 0.5 μm) Alternative: 0.6 μm, depending on customer requirements	Yeast-reduced or yeast-freeReduces levels of fine haze	 Removes fine haze and yeasts Final filtration before bottling Alternatives: BECO PROTECT FS FineStream BECO PROTECT PP Pure
Final membrane filtration	Cartridge filtration	BECO MEMBRAN PS Beer membrane filter cartridges	 Long service life Beer-spoiling microorganisms are reliably retained High mechanical, thermal and chemical resistance for easy cleaning 	Final filtration for cold-sterile bottling

* Product availability may vary in different countries.
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