

Nelior® Filtration Technology

Nelior Filtration Technology represents the latest advancement in high-end air filtration. Nelior Filtration Technology is based on a patent-pending membrane air filtration medium that provides unique performance characteristics, unmatched by any other air filtration media currently available on the market. Exclusively developed and marketed by AAF, HEPA filters with Nelior Filtration Technology give value-added benefits to applications operating under strictly controlled conditions. The result is a more sustainable performance with lower energy consumption and reduced operational risk.



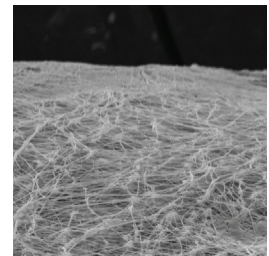
VITCacel® mini-pleat HEPA filter with Nelior® membrane media.

Reduced Operational Risk

Independent laboratory studies have shown that AAF HEPA filters with Nelior membrane media have superior mechanical strength over traditional ultrafine microglass media.

The superior mechanical strength is demonstrated by a high tensile strength, burst pressure, and abrasion resistance. Nelior membrane media retains its integrity with a high resistance to any potential damage, for example due to mishaps in handling or installation. In daily practice, this means that the risk of filter media failure is minimized and that fiber shedding, which could cause contamination when entering the airstream, is eliminated.

As a result, there will be less likelihood of hazardous contaminants entering cleanroom environments. Protection of sterile products and cleanroom personnel is optimized. It gives critical applications the possibility to improve their quality risk management systems for a consistent supply of quality products and a reduction of failure costs.

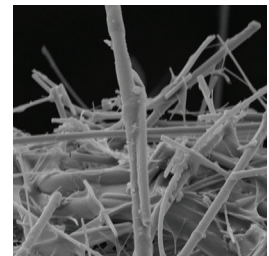


Resilient Nelior® membrane media at fold tip @ 10,000x magnification.

Chemical Advantages

Negligible Off-Gassing

Nelior membrane media has a smaller pore size and fiber diameter than ultrafine microglass media. It contains no metals ions, such as boron, sodium, potassium and silicon, that can off-gas contaminating sensitive processes. It has near zero off-gassing of chemical components resulting in the highest quality clean air available.



Fractured ultrafine microglass media fibers at fold tip @ 10,000x magnification.

High Corrosion Resistance

Nelior membrane media has proven to be resistant in highly corrosive environments including alkaline, acid, and organic substances common in a variety of manufacturing processes.

Superior Water Resistance

Based on AAF's test lab results, Nelior membrane media provides superior water resistance in comparison with ultrafine microglass media and low boron microglass media.

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Lower Energy Consumption

HEPA filters with Nelior membrane media feature a lower pressure drop than traditional ultrafine microglass media, up to 50% lower depending on the exact conditions. At the same time, the overall filtration efficiency for Nelior membrane media has proven to be higher than for ultrafine microglass media.

The lower pressure drop and improved efficiency are achieved from an evenly distributed layer of fibers with very fine nanometer-scale diameters. Air molecules can efficiently pass through the fibers and airborne particles can be captured more easily. The result: air quality is optimized and energy costs are substantially reduced.

HEPA Filter Integrity Testing

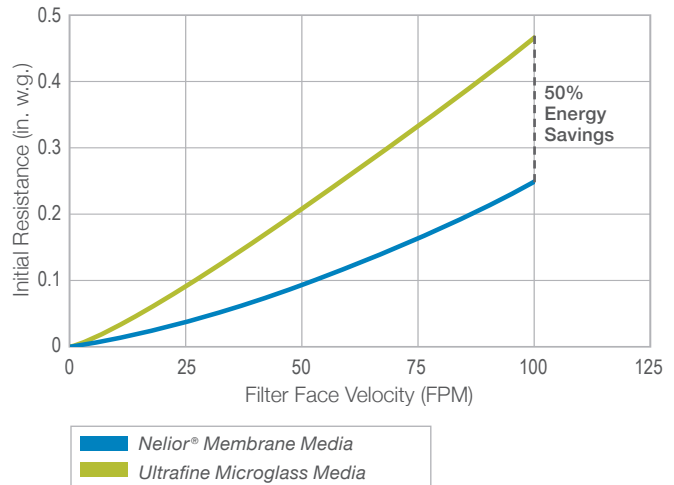
The purpose of installed HEPA filter integrity testing, also called in-situ testing, is to confirm a flawless performance during normal operation. With AAF's new Nelior Filtration Technology, filters can now be scan tested with commercially available photometers at standard PAO concentrations, as well as the low aerosol concentration Discrete Particle Counter (DPC) method.

Availability

Nelior Filtration Technology is available in various styles of filters, including gel seal or gasket seal and plenum style of terminal module style.

Performance Data

Initial Resistance vs. Filter Face Velocity



99.99% HEPA Filter, 50mm Packs



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