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Installation, Operation and Maintenance Instructions for CB & CBF Series Blower Silencers

Description

The CB series of compact blower silencers is a combination reactive and absorptive design that gives superior performance, including effective pulsation control and noise reduction for a wide range of operating conditions, for most rotary positive displacement blower applications. The CBF series adds a cartridge filter element to the inlet for an effective combination filter/silencer. The standard unit of this series is designed for applications where the temperature does not exceed 325°F, the pressure does not exceed 15 psig and/or vacuum does not exceed 15"Hg. There are no moving parts in the operation of the silencer or filter units.

Receiving Inspection

- Upon receipt of the unit, check the nameplate against the packing list to verify the correct part numbers are received.
- Keep the shipping container to protect the unit until installation.
- Prior to unpacking check for shipping damage.
- Advise Universal Silencer of shipping damage within three days.

Storage

- Leave any cardboard boxing, plywood covering, crating, and/or plastic covering intact until ready to install.
- Be sure that all openings are closed so that no debris, vermin, rain, snow and/or ice can get into unit.
- Store unit on blocks, a minimum of 4" high so that air can freely circulate around unit.
- Do not store in contact with the ground or in a wet or flooded area.

Inspection and maintenance

- Components are either complete weldments or permanently assembled having no replaceable parts except filter elements and retainers.
- Spare parts other than filter elements are not required.
- Periodically inspect paint finish for damage or deterioration. **NOTE:** Minor localized damage may be touched up using touch-up paint. Areas with extensive damage or deterioration may require spot blasting and recoating. Consult paint manufacturer's recommendations.
- Examine connecting flanges and support/ anchor bolting at least annually. Retighten loose nuts as required.

- Indoor ambient temperature storage is preferable as these units contain internal absorptive and filtration material. If this is not possible, keep the unit covered and protected from the weather.
- Clean unit prior to installation. Remove any minor corrosion and refinish per paint manufacturer's recommendations. If major corrosion has occurred such that the integrity of the unit is in question, contact Universal Silencer.

Mounting and alignment

- Insure that the necessary equipment to install the unit, including anchor and/or support bolts, flange bolts, and expansion joints, are available before beginning installation.
- Anchor and/or support bolting and grouting is not included with the unit.
- Place the unit on a level, structurally adequate surface and mount the unit securely to the foundation.
- + **IMPORTANT:** The unit is not designed to serve as a support for any piping, additional mounting pads or loads on the inlet or outlet other than those stated in the Universal Silencer drawing or product bulletin.
- Align the unit with the blower and piping connections. To reduce the likelihood of vibration induced damage to the unit we recommend that you install a suitable expansion joint between the unit and the blower.
- Use thread lubricant on all bolted joints.
- Use all gaskets provided with the unit.
- If you replace or add bolts or gaskets, use the same size and material as the originals.
- Ensure that the unit is firmly mounted immediately prior to startup of the equipment, and again 24 hours after startup to verify the unit has not vibrated loose from the foundation or support.

Safety Issues

- **CAUTION** - All personnel working near high-temperature blower components during operation and cool down period should use care to prevent injury due to contact with high temperature surfaces.
- If performing any work internal to the silencer or adjacent components, ensure that all confined space requirements are met and that all tools and other materials are removed once work is completed.



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Care and Cleaning of Filter Elements – CBF units only

- Felt and paper filter elements should be cleaned or replaced when the pressure drop increases 4" w.g. above the clean condition. Wire mesh elements should be cleaned on an annual or semi-annual basis depending on the air quality. While the filter element can withstand greater pressure drops, failure to replace or clean the element at this time may result in dirt carry-over into the system being protected.
- Filter elements are accessed by removing the wingnut holding the cover or weatherhood and removing the cover or weatherhood.
- Do not remove any other hardware, nuts or bolts.
- Remove the element by lifting it away from the base plate.
- Periodically inspect paint finish for damage or deterioration. Minor localized damage may be touched up using touch-up paint. Areas with extensive damage or deterioration may require spot blasting and recoating. Consult paint manufacturer's recommendations.
- Examine connecting flange and support/anchor bolting yearly. Retighten loose nuts as required.
- Water Cleaning (Felt only): Rap gently to dislodge accumulated dirt. Soak thoroughly approximately 15 minutes in warm water and mild detergent. Rinse thoroughly under low-pressure water. Air dry (do not dry with compressed air).
- Compressed Air Cleaning (Paper only): carefully direct compressed air (100 PSI maximum) through element, opposite normal direction of flow.
- After cleaning, inspect element carefully for holes or cracks. Replace element if it is damaged.

Wire Mesh Filter Elements

- For best efficiency, wire mesh elements must be treated when new and after each cleaning.
 - For oil free adhesive, spray the element on both sides with Universal Oil-Free Adhesive, P/N 81-0323, following directions on container.
 - For oil treatment, dip the element in SAE 30-50 motor oil and drain thoroughly before replacing.
 - To clean wire mesh elements, wash in solvent or warm water and detergent in a container large enough for complete immersion of element. Rinse completely, drain and either air dry or use compressed air.
 - After cleaning, inspect element carefully for holes or cracks. Replace element if it is damaged. Re-treat element with oil-free adhesive or oil as described above.
- Paper and Felt Filter Elements
 - These elements are dry type elements. Do not use oil or adhesive on these elements. Although both paper and felt elements can be cleaned and re-used, paper elements are inexpensive and are generally considered to be replaceable.