





# Sanergrid<sup>®</sup> Filter & Containment Solutions

Highly Effective Hydrocarbon Filters and Retention Tanks

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# **MINITRODUCTION TO HYDROCARBONS**

Many industrial devices, such as transformers, contain several thousand litres of transformer oil in their internal cooling or insulation systems. These oils belong to the hydrocarbon classification, and may cause severe soil or water pollution in the event of a leak or spill. To mitigate this pollution risk, industrial equipment must be paired with retention equipment of a volume at least equal to the volume of hydrocarbons the equipment contains (the Full Retention Principle). The European standard EN 61936-1 (for transformers) requires a watertight retention able of containing 100% of the oil volume contained in the transformer. 110%

in UK according to SPCC. Additional protection such as an extinguishing cover, or suffocating gratings, are recommended to avoid slippery stones or pebbles below the transformer in the concrete retention pit.

Additionally, equipment installed outdoors is subject to rainwater that can fill the primary retention tank. To overcome the rainwater and/or oil leak overflow risk, the tank must be equipped with a system that filters and continuously discharges rainwater, while retaining hydrocarbons within a secondary retention device. The hydrocarbon contamination limit is no more than 5ppm hydrocarbon in discharged water (EN 858-1).

# THE SANERGRID SPI® SOLUTION

Sanergrid's SPI® hydrocarbon filters allow you to drain rainwater that is potentially contaminated with hydrocarbons in a simple and efficient way, guaranteeing a safe concentration rate in the output rainwater.

The standard SPI® range is composed of different filtration cartridges capable of pumping from 3 litres per minute, up to 150 litres per minute, and they can also accommodate for bespoke designs to suit your application. SPI® hydrocarbon water filters are special cartridges and solutions that allow you to

drain hydrocarbon contaminated rainwater in a simple and efficient way by guaranteeing low hydrocarbon concentration levels in the discharged water.

Your metallic retention tank or concrete oil pit is empty in water and 100% ready to receive oil spill in case of transformer failure.

SPI® is the inventor and world leader in oil/water filtration for electrical transformers, and we are able to provide for all dielectric oil: mineral, synthetic or natural ester



Petro Pipe®



Petro Pit®





Petro Barrier™

Petro Plug®

Put simply, the unique Sanergrid<sup>®</sup> SPI<sup>®</sup> Filters allow rainwater to drain, while containing contaminants.

# G HOW DO SPI® FILTERS WORK?

# **Initial State**

Sanergrid SPI® Filters are quick to install, and are available in a range of capacities suitable for a range of applications.



# **Evacuation State**

In the presence of water, the SPI® Filter allows water molecules to flow freely through the filter. The higher the pressure is in the filter input, the higher the rate of outflow is Dust, mud, and impurities in water can affect the flowrate, which is why pre-filtration is important.



# **Filtration State**

In the event that hydrocarbon molecules enter the filter, the active media captures and solidifies any contaminant, preventing further flow. Media that is not in contact with hydrocarbons is not activated, therefore clean water molecules can still freely pass. With the solidified hydrocarbons reducing the amount of free space for water to flow, the outflow decreases according to the amount of hydrocarbons trapped in the filter.



# **Sealing State**

In the event that there is a significant flow of hydrocarbons into the filter, or a quantity equal to the saturation capacity of the filter, the active media will solidify and there will be no space available for the free movement of water molecules. At this stage, human intervention is necessary - if an oil leak is responsible for sealing the filter, the leak must be identified and sealed, and the filter replaced.



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# **WHAT IS PRE-FILTRATION?**

The filters in SPI® products are designed to react with hydrocarbons. However, they are sensitive to mud and impurities in water, which can considerably lower their solidification capacity and rainwater outflow. Pre-filtration is an absolute necessity for all SPI® filters, which should be checked and cleaned as often as the installation requires. Consisting of a set of grates, and foams of different mesh sizes, its purpose is to protect the SPI® filter, and block impurities in rainwater from getting to the filter,

preventing damage. Pre-filtration can be through a cartridge, for example in a PETRO PIT® style filter, or it can be external and placed in the retention tank, for example in the PETRO PIPE®, PETRO PLUG®, and PETRO BARRIER® style filters. When positioned externally, the pre-filter is most effective as it is at the source of the impurities, guaranteeing a longer filter lifespan and more efficient hydrocarbon filtration.

# **USERS OF SANERGRID SPI® FILTER SYSTEMS**















SPI® Filters are an extensive range of products, suitable for a wide range of applications and flowrates. Should you have any uncertainty regarding whether the SPI® system will be effective with a specific hydrocarbon, Sanergrid® can test a sample through a nationally reconigsed lab, and produce an official report. For specialist applications and bespoke

flowrates, filters can be installed in parallel, or replaced with SPIs of a higher capacity, up-to and including bespoke designs.

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\*It is recommended that filters are changed by their advised replacement date continued use beyond this date exposes the user to a potential decrease in the solidification speed of the active media. Therefore, beyond this date, even if the filter has remaining capacity, there is an increased risk of a minimal oil escape through the filter. Replacement is typically every five years.



# **RETENTION TANKS**

Industrial equipment must be paired with retention containment of a volume at least 110% of the volume of hydrocarbons they contain. The Sanergrid® retention tank product ranges allow you to comply with all regulatory and technical requirements. All Sanergrid retention tanks ensure the full retention of the dielectric.

# **Retention Tanks with Removable Walls**

## 3 tank ranges to suit your individual needs

#### **BDR-P & BDR-GC Features:**

- 2 removable tank walls
- B DR-G2 hot dip galvanized for indoor and outdoor use
- Metal thickness 20 up to 30/10
- · Secured with nuts and bolts + silicone joint

## **BDRSA Features:**

- 1, 3 or 4 removable walls
- · Galvanised for indoor use
- · Watertighness Secured silicone joint

## **Flexible Retention Tanks**

## TRFLEX®-REFOR and TRFLEX®-ECO - for temporary transformer storage

### Features:

# **Features:**

TRFLEX ® -REFOR - Tubular reinforced metallic structure for long period storage

TRFLEX ® -ECO+ - Right-angled metallic structure for medium and short duration storage

High resistance tarpaulin mechanically reinforced to corrosion, hydrocarbons and ultraviolet light

#### Features:

- Can be used outdoors with SPI Filters
- Quick set-up and installation
- Retention capacity of 250 to 200,000 litres
- Can be tailor made and receive rolling truck thanks to rolling track mat

# **Outdoor Simple Retention Tanks**

### TRT® &TRT-MODULO™

The standard TRT ® unit comprises a series of hot-dip galvanized steel retention tanks all double welded that ensure a service-life that is equivalent to the service-life of the transformer. in an indoor or outdoor environment.

A set of 2 adjustable beams at the bottom of the tank allow for easy installation, and ensures the equipment remains above the residual waterlevel. Two watertight stainless steel valves in the base of the tank allow for simple installation of the Sanergrid® SPI® SANERGRID ® oil retention tanks and containment solutions for electrical transformers: Standard range from 160 to 10 MVA - special custom-made solutions up to 300 MVA Tanks: modular tanks TRT® MODULO can be assembled in several module for power transformers - fire extinguishing gratings EXTICOV ® LHD® can be added for easier

maintenance and fire protection.

### **Features:**

- Hot dip galvanized retention tanks, designed for outdoor use
- Equipped with emergency siphon by-pass, adjustable beams at the bottom of the tanks. and a PETRO PIT® SPI® rainwater evacuation filter (filter optional, but recommended)
- TRT-MODULO solutions can be used for larger containment capacities, or longer duration outdoor storage
- · Reusable, and easy to install

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# **FIRE EXTINGUISHING RETENTION TANKS**

### For distribution transformers, auxiliary & autotransformers.

The ERT® Extinguising Retention Range is designed to prevent or reduce fire risk to electrical transformers. The range has metal baffles named EXTICOV® CCF that are closely spaced, but which will allow liquid through, so that oil and rainwater can run in to the retention tank. In the case of a fire, the close spacing means that insufficient air penetrates the space, and the resulting oxygen depletion causes the fire to suffocate. This fast method of fire suffocation decreases the probability of thermal runaway into the tank, and is an efficient, natural, and simple system that acts on 2 of the 3 components of fire simultaneously. A patented design with over 20 years of reliability. which is BS and EU approved, ERT® Monobloc and MODULO Features: Self-load bearing hot dip galvanised retention tanks, equipped with an extinguishing cover, validated by CNPP independant fire laboratory.

### **ERT® Monobloc Features:**

Self-load bearing hot dip galvanised retention tanks, equipped with an extinguishing cover, validated by CNPP. Independent fire laboratory.

- Adjustable beams to support the transformer
- Total dielectric containment (EU 100% / UK 110%)
- Standard range from 160 kVA to 20 MVA
- Dimensions and configurations adapted to every need
- Hot dip galvanised gratings 30 x 30 (optional)
- Stainless steel tapings and valve, emergency siphon by-pass
- SPI® Filter options for outdoor use
- Integrated lifting points for crane or forklift (optional)

### **ERT**® MODULO™ Features:

- Retention tanks in 2, 3 or 4 modules, connected by special flexibles or flanges.
- Hot dip galvanized retention tanks for transformers up to 60T, equipped with a fire extinguishing cover. Validated by CNPP.
- Total dielectric containment (EU 100% / UK - 110%)
- Dimensions and configurations adaptable
- Hot dip galvanised gratings 30 x 30
- Stainless steel tapings and valve, emergency siphon by-pass
- SPI® Filter options for outdoor use
- · Extinguishing cover for transformer pit

# **Animal mitigation & protection covers**

The animal mitigation range MIDSUN® is an easy to install and costeffective solution to bird, animal and weather-related breakdowns.

The simplicity and robustness of the MIDSUN products has made this solution one of the most reliable and quality-oriented protection solutions for low-voltage and medium-voltage outdoor substations.

## **MIDSUN® Avifaune Protection**

E/TAPE™, E/FOURREAU™, E/PLAQUE™, E/PEINTIS™. E/COVER™, E/INSULA T/ON™

# GALVAGRID™ Rust ANODE™ anti-corrosion coating innovation

GALVAGRID™ Rust ANODE™ Galvanic coating is a revolutionary anti-corrosion treatment that provides active cathodic protection for steel structures. This technology is the result of 40 years of development and use with NATO.

The compound fuses with raw steel, old or new zinc coatings and recharges the cathodic protection of galvanized and/or metallized steel. GALVAGRID™ Rust ANODE™ is comparable to the hot-dip galvanizing process while being applied at room temperature to either new or

old metallic structures. Once applied under our supervision, GALVAGRID™ technology offers you unprecedented corrosion protection by providing up to CSH, even in heavy saline conditions.



# SPI® FILTER TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Technology	PETRO PIPE®		PETRO PLUG®	PETRO BARRIER®		OIL BOND®
Range Name	P-PIT	P-PIPE	P-PLUG	Petro Barrier Casted	Pump through PETRO BARRIER (PTB)	Booms, pillows, powder
Description	Cartridge Filter (Screw)	Cartridge Filter (screw or cast concrete)	Filtering for drain pipes	Filtration system casted in floor of retention pit	Filteration system external to retention pit	Loose absorbent solidifying material
Use	Horizontal in lower retention volumes	Inclined at 250 in medium and large retention volumes	Vertical in drain pipes of retention tanks	Vertical, casted in concrete in retention tank floors	Vertical, outside retention tank, with liquid pumped in	Emergency spill kit
Advised Replacement	3 - 5 years	3 - 5 years	1 - 3 years	5 years	5 years	N/A
Saturation Limit (approx.)	1 litre	3 -4 litres	1 litre	15 litres	15 litres	3x its own weight
Order of Magnitude	4 inches 40cm 1KG	6inches 60cm 5KG	4 inches 30cm 1KG	24 inches 80cm 30KG	24 inches 100cm 45KG	N/A
Pre-Filtration Requirement	PFC 44 Cartridge	PFB Cage	TopHat Filter (THF)	THF Top Hat Filter	Cage, pump and internal kit	N/A
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GES Group are a leading Electrical and Mechanical Engineering company, serving customers throughout Ireland, UK and beyond. We are the UK representative and distributor for the innovative Filter and Containment Solutions, from the market leader, Sanergrid.

Sanergrid are dedicated to bringing solutions to market that reduce the environmental footprint and industrial risk of electrical projects or installations, while being cost-effective.

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