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Revolutionary Flexoperm™ UF System Now Available in North America

New modular UF system designed for E-coat paint systems.

Valparaiso, Indiana USA — January 5, 2005 — UFS Corporation announces the availability of the Flexoperm Ultrafilter System, an entirely new UF system design that was invented by Jan Tump of Membracon Filtration in The Netherlands

Disturbed by the lack of innovation in system design for e-coat paint spiral ultrafiltration machines, Mr. Tump started analyzing UF systems from the perspective of the operating and maintenance personnel. He realized that, in most systems, it is difficult to extract the UF elements from the housings because they are heavy and paint sediments can cause them to stick. He further realized that the existing design resulted in the elements and valves being difficult to reach, creating awkward and hazardous conditions for e-coat personnel.

Thus the foundation of the Flexoperm design was first to reroute the flow of paint so that the inlet & outlet connections are located near the floor and secondly the lightweight housing is removed rather than the heavy spiral UF element. The other feature of the design is its modular nature that the entire Flexoperm machine can be assembled from a couple of standardized parts. The result is a very economical design even though high quality stainless steel materials are used in the construction.

Membracon is a leader in the design and application of UF systems for electropaint in Europe and also manufactures TECTRON Membrane Electrode Cells for their markets.

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