What's Donaldson's Position Air Filter Cleaning & Reuse?

Donaldson recommends servicing air filters by monitoring the air flow restriction levels in the intake system. DO NOT clean and reuse Donaldson filters.

Some vehicle owners and maintenance supervisors, concerned with lowering their operating costs, will clean and reuse their heavy-duty air filters. Before you decide whether cleaning or washing of air filters is appropriate for your vehicle or fleet, please consider these factors:

- Heavy-duty air filtration manufacturers do not recommend any type of cleaning process be used on their products. Donaldson, like other heavy duty air filter manufacturers, does not warrant the air filter once it has been cleaned.
- Filter dirt holding capacity is reduced 20-40% with each cleaning.
- Rather than cleaning or reusing filters, consider upgrading to an extended service filter and service the filter by restriction.
- There is a risk of dirt reaching the clean side of the filter while cleaning, plus possible filter damage from high pressure water or compressed air, makes cleaning or washing a gamble. Add the cost of cleaning to the danger of filter damage when determining the risk versus the value of filter cleaning process.
- Damaged filters should not be cleaned or reused. If a filter is damaged in service, investigate the source of damage and make corrections to avoid future damage.
- Reusing a cleaned heavy duty filter increases the likelihood of improper air cleaner servicing because of the shortened service life. Each time the air intake system is serviced, it is exposed to the chance of contamination.
- Never attempt to clean a safety filter. Replace it after three primary filter services.



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