P3X Series
Membrane dryers

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**The Problem**

Compressed air is an essential power source that is widely used throughout industry. This safe, powerful and reliable utility can be the most important part of your production process.

However, your compressed air will contain water, dirt, wear particles and even degraded lubricating oil which all mix together to form an unwanted condensate. This condensate often acidic, rapidly wears tools and pneumatic machinery, blocks valves and orifices causing high maintenance and costly air leaks. It also corrodes piping systems and can bring your production process to an extremely expensive standstill.

The use of high efficiency compressed air filters fitted with condensate drains will remove the oil, water and dirt particles to eliminate the abrasive sludge in the compressed air system.

In many cases this action alone is not enough, as modern production systems and processes demand an even higher level of air quality. Where required “point of use” membrane air dryers can provide the correct air quality, without the need for drying the complete compressed air installation, which can be both costly and totally unnecessary.

**The Efficient Solution**

The Parker P3X Series membrane air dryers employ an advanced molecular membrane technology that dries the compressed air and lowers the pressure dewpoint (PDP). The compact space saving design offer the user uncomprised performance from a dedicated “point-of-use” air dryer. It is easy to install and will transform an ordinary process into a highly reliable and efficient production operation.

The membrane material is formed into bundles of individual fibres retained in a cartridge. Water vapour escapes through the walls of the fibre to a sweep chamber from where it is continuously vented to atmosphere as a gas. A fraction of the dried air is routed through the sweep chamber to continuously purge and exhaust moisture vapour.

The P3X series membrane dryers can be used for many years to dry air continuously. They instantly respond to any change in inlet conditions. The P3X dryers perform at temperatures between 2° and 60° C (ambient or inlet) and handle pressure from 5 bar to 16 bar. The inlet flow rate and pressure determine the outlet dew point suppression. In other words, membrane dryers deliver a constant level of drying protection that follow the rise or fall of the inlet dew point temperature.

Prefilters mounted immediately upstream of the membrane dryer keep out liquids and solids to allow an almost unlimited service life. Because water vapour passes right through the membrane material, it does not accumulate there, so membranes do not become saturated and never need to be regenerated. The P3X membrane dryers have no moving parts to wear out, they are non-electric and are suitable for hazardous application areas. They require no RF shielding or protection, they do not use refrigerant gas or potentially dusty desiccants.

The P3X membrane dryer is based upon well proven principles which offer a simple cost effect alternative to refrigeration and desiccant dryers.

Available in 6 sizes, the membrane dryer is compatible with the modular P3X air preparation series which can easily be connected to the P3X filters providing a clean dry air system at the point-of-use.
Advantages of the P3X Series Membrane Dryers

- Dried compressed air is immediate
- No electrical connection necessary
- Suitable for hazardous areas
- No CFC's/FC's
- Compatible with the P3X series modular air preparation series
- Low pressure drop
- No moving parts
- No drying medium required
- Low purge air usage
- Low operating costs

Dryer types with PDP reduction & flow values

- Central refrigeration dryers
- Membrane dryers
- Modufl ex Lite Point-of-use
- Desiccant dryers

Application area:
- Semiconductor production
- Measuring machinery (air bearing)
- Food Processing
- Painting workshops
- Laboratories
- Lasers
- Packaging Machinery
- Instrumentation
- Pharmaceuticals
- Process equipment
- Dental technology
P3X Series Membrane Dryers

- Removes water vapour & lowers the PDP
- Compact design
- No electrical connections necessary
- Suitable for hazardous environments
- No moving parts
- Maintenance & wear free
- No change in air consumption
- Low pressure drop less than 0.1 bar
- Minimal purge air consumption
- Modular design - compatible with the P3X air prep series

**Membrane dryer**

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*Note:* For optimum system performance and maintenance free conditions, Parker recommend the dryer is preceded with a 5 micron and 0.01 coalescer filter from the P3X series.

**Wall mounting bracket kit**

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*Note:* For NPT threaded connections replace the 6th digit from 1 to 9 i.e. P3XJA94CA1N

**Complete Filter / Dryer System combinations available on request**

- F + Fc + MD
- F + Fc + MD + R
- F + Fc + MD + R + Fa
**Technical Information**

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- Compact
- Immediate dry air delivery
- No electric power supply required
- Minimal purge air consumption
- Low pressure drop
- No change in air composition

**Mounting Instructions**

Recommended mounting sequence

Dimensions in mm

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Selection Criteria

To correctly select the dryer best suited for your application, the following information is required to ensure optimum performance and trouble free operation.

- Maximum inlet pressure dew point (°C)
- Outlet PDP (°C)
- Working pressure (bar)
- Maximum inlet flow rate (m³/h)

Conversion factor for calculation of corrected flow rate

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Working Example:

Selecting a dryer with an inlet pressure dew point of 35°C, a PDP reduction of 35K with a working / operating pressure of 6 bar and an inlet flow of 11 m³/h.

**Step 1**
From the correction factor table select the required pressure (6 bar) and read below the corrected factor value (0.78)

**Step 2**
To adjust the flow for your application, divide the required flow by the correction factor

\[
\text{Sizing capacity} = \frac{\text{Actual flow}}{\text{Correction factor}} = \frac{11 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}}{0.78} = 14.1 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}
\]

**Step 3**
Plot the values on the selection graph (below). Where the dew point reduction value of 35K intersects with the corrected flow value of 14.1 m³/h, select the dryer flow curve which is equal or above the intersection point. For example: the optimum dryer would be size 25 (P3XJA14CD1N)
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P3X Series - G1/2

Flow rate in relation to pressure dewpoint reduction and inlet pressure.

P3XJA14CA1N (Size 10)

P3XJA14CB1N (Size 15)
Membrane dryers

P3X Series - G1/2

Flow rate in relation to pressure dewpoint reduction and inlet pressure.

**P3XJA14CC1N (Size 20)**

![Graph 1](image1)

**P3XJA14CD1N (Size 25)**

![Graph 2](image2)
Membrane dryers

P3X Series - G1/2

Flow rate in relation to pressure dewpoint reduction and inlet pressure.

P3XJA14CE1N (Size 35)

P3XJA14CF1N (Size 50)
There are innovations that bring selective improvements. And then there are real innovations. Innovations that set new standards. Like the new Parker Moduflex Lite series.

The Moduflex Lite FRL system is constructed from ultralight weigh technopolymers instead of the traditional aluminium or zinc die cast, this means that is up to 45% lighter than conventional units. This non-metal construction also means that the Moduflex Lite is corrosion free enabling it to be used in harsh industrial environments where anti freeze or aggressive synthetic oils are present.

The use of technopolymers in the design of Moduflex Lite has facilitated a universal body design, this has resulted in reducing the number of variants required to cover the full spectrum of applications. This can dramatically lower logistic costs and simplify stock holding for customers making the Moduflex Lite a very cost effective solution.

New Nano Mist Technology,
New Lubricator Concept.
Self-Adjusting.

With conventional lubricators, only the oil volume per time unit can be adjusted. If the demand changes, the quantity dispensed still remains constant.

The Moduflex Lite lubricator concept sets new benchmarks here. For the first time, the oil volume is automatically adjusted to the flow rate. This ensures that there is neither too little nor too much oil in the system, which leads to clear economic and ecological advantages. In addition, with conventional systems, the distance between the lubricator and the equipment has to be less than 8 meters. With larger distances, the dispensed oil is deposited as a wall flow.

The new lubricator principle of the Moduflex Lite allows for distances of up to 40 meters. This opens up new scope for the design of even more efficient production systems.
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