



# Operation Manual

PRODUCT NAME

*Bag Filter*

MODEL / Series / Product Number

FGF series

**SMC Corporation**

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# Safety Instructions

These safety instructions are intended to prevent hazardous situations and/or equipment damage. These instructions indicate the level of potential hazard with the labels of “**Caution**,” “**Warning**” or “**Danger**.” They are all important notes for safety and must be followed in addition to International Standards (ISO/IEC)<sup>\*1)</sup>, and other safety regulations.

\*1) ISO 4414: Pneumatic fluid power - General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components  
ISO 4413: Hydraulic fluid power - General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components  
IEC 60204-1: Safety of machinery - Electrical equipment of machines - Part 1: General requirements  
ISO 10218-1: Robots and robotic devices - Safety requirements for industrial robots - Part 1: Robots  
etc.



## **Danger**

**Danger** indicates a hazard with a high level of risk which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



## **Warning**

**Warning** indicates a hazard with a medium level of risk which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



## **Caution**

**Caution** indicates a hazard with a low level of risk which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

## **Warning**

### **1. The compatibility of the product is the responsibility of the person who designs the equipment or decides its specifications.**

Since the product specified here is used under various operating conditions, its compatibility with specific equipment must be decided by the person who designs the equipment or decides its specifications based on necessary analysis and test results. The expected performance and safety assurance of the equipment will be the responsibility of the person who has determined its compatibility with the product. This person should also continuously review all specifications of the product referring to its latest catalog information, with a view to giving due consideration to any possibility of equipment failure when configuring the equipment.

### **2. Only personnel with appropriate training should operate machinery and equipment.**

The product specified here may become unsafe if handled incorrectly. The assembly, operation and maintenance of machines or equipment including our products must be performed by an operator who is appropriately trained and experienced.

### **3. Do not service or attempt to remove product and machinery/equipment until safety is confirmed.**

1. The inspection and maintenance of machinery/equipment should only be performed after measures to prevent falling or runaway of the driven objects have been confirmed.
2. When the product is to be removed, confirm that the safety measures as mentioned above are implemented and the power from any appropriate source is cut, and read and understand the specific product precautions of all relevant products carefully.
3. Before machinery/equipment is restarted, take measures to prevent unexpected operation and malfunction.

### **4. Our products cannot be used beyond their specifications. Our products are not developed, designed, and manufactured to be used under the following conditions or environments. Use under such conditions or environments is not covered.**

1. Conditions and environments outside of the given specifications, or use outdoors or in a place exposed to direct sunlight.
2. Use for nuclear power, railways, aviation, space equipment, ships, vehicles, military application, equipment affecting human life, body, and property, fuel equipment, entertainment equipment, emergency shut-off circuits, press clutches, brake circuits, safety equipment, etc., and use for applications that do not conform to standard specifications such as catalogs and operation manuals.
3. Use for interlock circuits, except for use with double interlock such as installing a mechanical protection function in case of failure. Please periodically inspect the product to confirm that the product is operating properly.



# Safety Instructions

## Caution

**We develop, design, and manufacture our products to be used for automatic control equipment, and provide them for peaceful use in manufacturing industries.**

**Use in non-manufacturing industries is not covered.**

Products we manufacture and sell cannot be used for the purpose of transactions or certification specified in the Measurement Act.

The new Measurement Act prohibits use of any unit other than SI units in Japan.

## Limited warranty and Disclaimer/Compliance Requirements

The product used is subject to the following “Limited warranty and Disclaimer” and “Compliance Requirements”. Read and accept them before using the product.

### Limited warranty and Disclaimer

1. The warranty period of the product is 1 year in service or 1.5 years after the product is delivered, whichever is first.\*2)  
Also, the product may have specified durability, running distance or replacement parts. Please consult your nearest sales branch.
2. For any failure or damage reported within the warranty period which is clearly our responsibility, a replacement product or necessary parts will be provided.  
This limited warranty applies only to our product independently, and not to any other damage incurred due to the failure of the product.
3. Prior to using SMC products, please read and understand the warranty terms and disclaimers noted in the specified catalog for the particular products.

**\*2) Vacuum pads are excluded from this 1 year warranty.**

A vacuum pad is a consumable part, so it is warranted for a year after it is delivered.

Also, even within the warranty period, the wear of a product due to the use of the vacuum pad or failure due to the deterioration of rubber material are not covered by the limited warranty

### Compliance Requirements

1. The use of SMC products with production equipment for the manufacture of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) or any other weapon is strictly prohibited.
2. The exports of SMC products or technology from one country to another are governed by the relevant security laws and regulations of the countries involved in the transaction. Prior to the shipment of a SMC product to another country, assure that all local rules governing that export are known and followed.

# 1. Precautions for handling

## Selection / Design

Carefully consider the application, required specifications, and the operating conditions (fluid, pressure, flow rate, temperature, environment, etc.)

Incorrect handling can result in unexpected accidents.

### Warning

#### ① Operating pressure

Do not operate the product outside the operating pressure range of the specifications. Do not use the product where the pressure exceeds the operating pressure range due to water hammer, surge etc.

#### ② Operating temperature

Do not operate the product outside of the operating temperature of the specifications. This model cannot be used at a temperature higher than the boiling point of the operating fluid.

#### ③ Applicable fluids

Use the product to filter coolant (oil based or aqueous type), alkalescent cleaning agent, or industrial water.

Do not use the product for gases.

Do not use the product for corrosive fluid.

Do not use any fluid which causes seals, "O" ring or element to swell or deteriorate. The fluid may deteriorate these causing leakages.

The wetted parts of the pressure gauge of the standard specification are made of brass. Check the compatibility with operating fluids.

#### ④ Operating environment

Do not use the product under operating conditions or environment in which discoloration or the deterioration of the product is possible.

Do not use the product where it is subjected to vibration or impact.

### Caution

#### ① Pressure drop ( $\Delta P$ )

Use the product with the flow rate such that the initial pressure drop is 10kPa or less.

#### ② Installation space

Allow sufficient space for maintenance and inspection.

#### [Maintenance space]

Upper space of the product (Space to remove the basket for replacing the element) --- 450mm or more

Around the band (Space to remove the band for replacing the element) --- 50mm or more for the upper space of the band

#### ③ This product is classed as a filter for liquid. However, the product may be classified as a pressure vessel, depending on the country, if there is trapped air inside the product.

When selecting a product model, please comply with local (national) applicable laws and regulations to determine the usability and whether it can be exported.

## Installation and piping

### Caution

- ① Use a circuit which does not apply much pressure or load fluctuation to the filter. (Fig. 1-1)

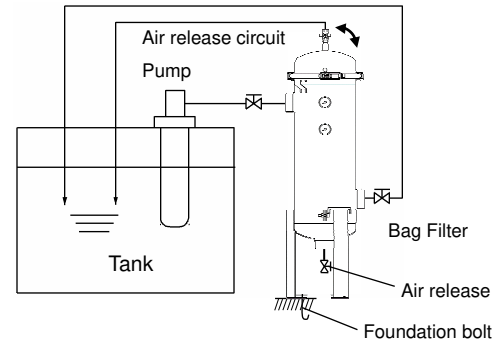


Fig. 1-1 Example of the circulating filter circuit

- ② Use the product in a circuit where no backflow occurs in the filter. If any backflow occurs, take appropriate measures, such as installation of a non-return valve. The riser piping at the outlet of the filter may also cause backflow. So, take appropriate measures shown above.

- ③ Fix the feet using the foundation bolts

- ④ Check the port size and use valves and fittings which are appropriate for the operating conditions. Prevent cutting chips and sealant material from getting inside the piping when connecting. Flush piping with air before operation and check there is no abnormality such as fluid leakage.

- ⑤ Fix the piping to the base using a saddle so that it is not subjected to vibration or weight.

- ⑥ It is necessary to discharge fluid from the reservoir for the replacement of the element. Connect piping to the fluid outlet to discharge fluid properly.

- ⑦ Connect piping so that air can be discharged.

Piping whereby a small amount of air constantly returns to the tank by a resin tube from the air release valve is helpful to release air properly. (Fig. 1-2)

If the location of the pump is high, the pump may idle when it is restarted. Release air at high position.

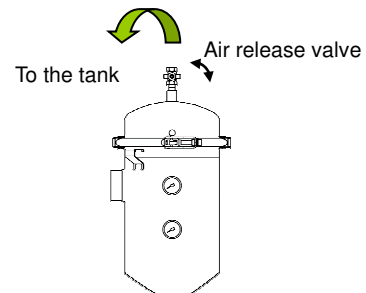


Fig. 1-2. Air release circuit

## Precautions for handling

### Warning

- ① Do not loosen the V band while pressure is applied to the product

### Caution

- ① Air release

When supplying pressure when starting the pump, release air by opening the air release valve at the top of the pump. (Fig. 1-3)

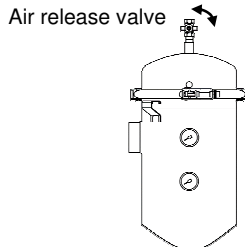


Fig. 1-3 Air release

- ② During operation

When pressure is applied during the starting of the pump, make sure that each connecting part is completely sealed. Stop operation if any abnormality such as fluid leakage is confirmed.

Do not restart operation until the cause has been investigated and corrective action (replacement with a new O ring, retightening of the fitting) has been taken.

## Maintenance

### Warning

- ① Incorrect maintenance procedure can result in fluid leakage or falling of the cover leading to unexpected accidents. Maintenance should be performed according to the procedure indicated in the Operation Manual.

- ② Make sure that the line is stopped and the pressure is atmospheric pressure (gauge pressure: zero) before starting maintenance and inspection.

### Caution

- ① Element replacement timing

Replace the element with a new one when the replacement timing has come.

#### **Element replacement timing**

**When pressure drop reaches 0.1 MPa.**

- ② Element replacement

Maintenance should be performed according to the procedure in this operation manual. Improper handling can cause damage and malfunction of equipment and machinery.

Make sure that the pressure is atmospheric pressure (gauge pressure: zero) before the replacement of the element.

Mount the cover connecting parts (V band etc.) to the specified positions after replacement of the element.

- ③ Cleaning of parts

For proper sealing during the replacement of the element, clean off any paint etc which is stuck to the threads of the sealing seat surface and the cover connecting part.

- ④ Replacement of the sealing

Replace any deteriorated or swollen "O" ring or sealing of the holder assembly.

Replace the sealing after a year of usage or when fluid leakage is generated.

- ⑤ Cover connecting parts

Do not use any cover connecting parts (V band) which is deformed or scratched.

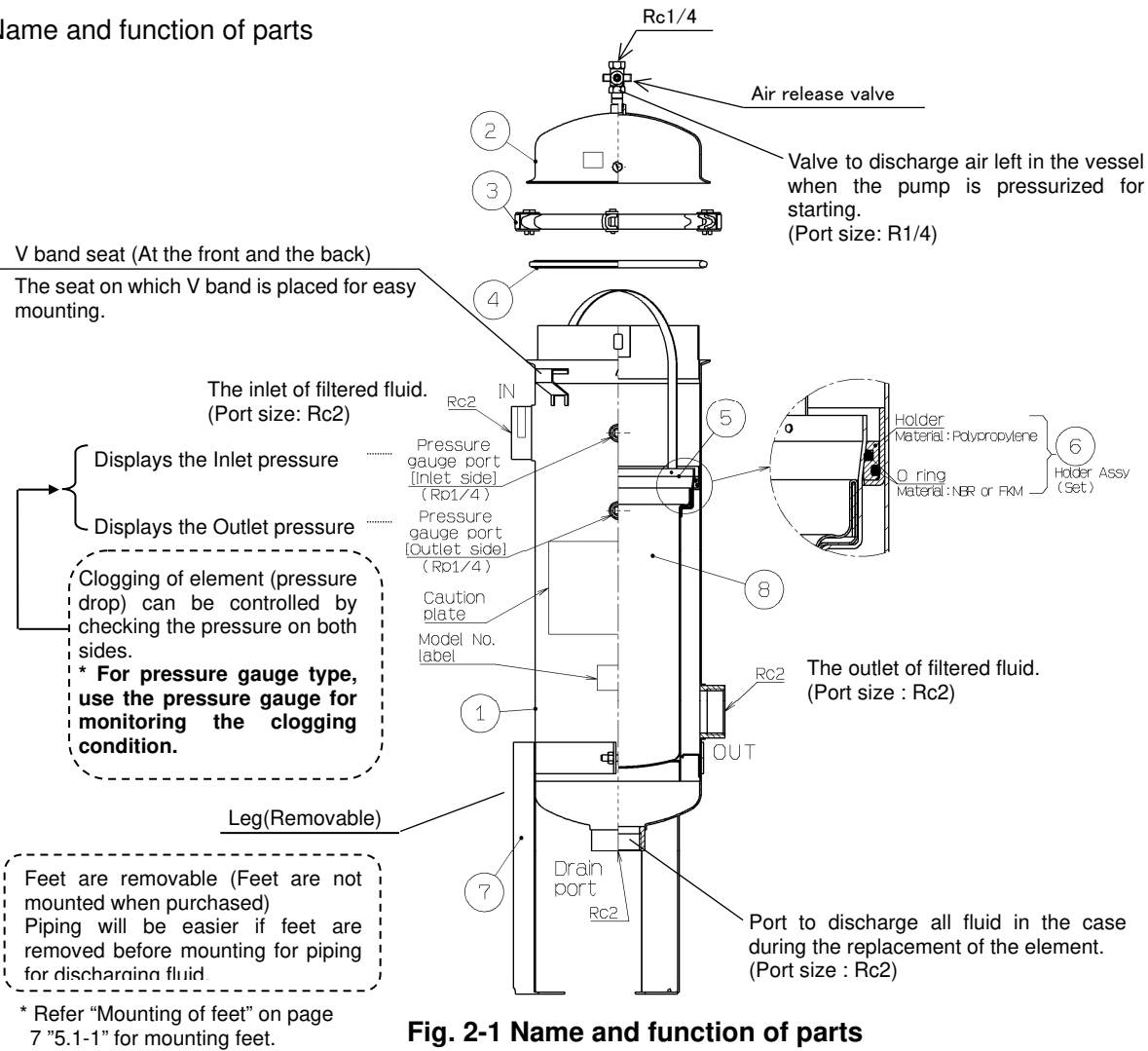
- ⑥ Temperature

The usage of this product at high temperature (40 to 80°C) may cause burns.

To prevent burns, replace the sealing after confirming that the temperature of the filter surface and operating part (V band, element) is lower than 40°C.

# 2 Name and function of parts

## 1) Name and function of parts



**Fig. 2-1 Name and function of parts**

### 2-1. Name and function of parts

No.	Name of components	Part no.	Application type <small>Note 1)</small>	Material	Function
1	Case	—	FGF□1□	Stainless steel	Body
2	Cover	—	FGF□1□	Stainless steel	The lid of the body
3	Band	FGF-BA01	FGF□1□	Stainless steel	Attach the cover to the case and fix them.
4	O-ring	FGF-KT01	FGFS1□	NBR	"O" ring which seals by the sealing part of the cover and the case.
		FGF-KT02	FGFL1□	FKM	
5	Basket	FGF-BT01	FGF□1A	Stainless steel	Basket for mounting the element and set to the body.
		FGF-BT02	FGF□1B		
6	Holder Assembly	FGF-KT03	FGFS1□	Polypropylene / NBR	Seals the basket and the body (O ring is attached to the holder)
		FGF-KT04	FGFL1□	Polypropylene / FKM	
7	Leg Assy	FGF-OP01	FGF□1□	Carbon steel	Supports the body
8	Element	EJ501S-※ <small>Note2)</small>	FGF□1A	Polyester	Filters the fluid (Bag element made from non-woven cloth)
		EJ601S-※ <small>Note2)</small>	FGF□1B		

Note 1) Check the model number on the model number label for ordering parts. Select the part number which is suitable for specified model number.

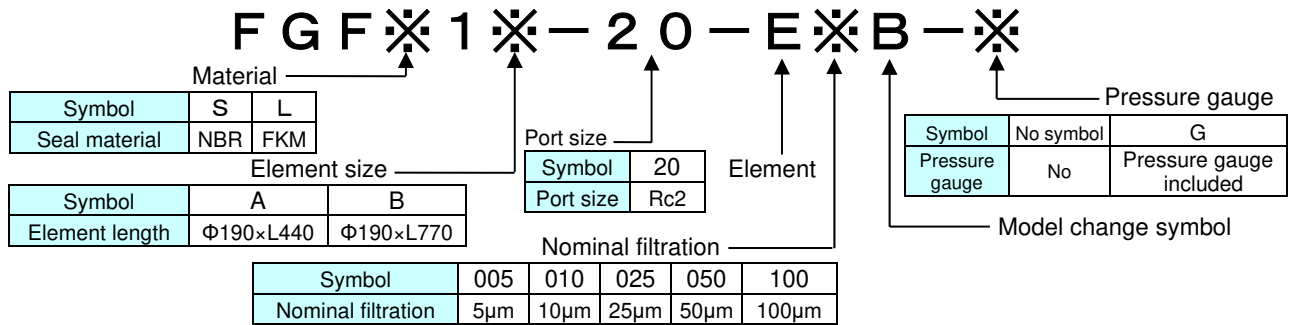
Note 2) ※ is the space for the symbol of filtration.

Check the element part number on the model number label before ordering.

(Example) Nominal filtration rating 5um: EJ501S-005

### 3. How to Order / Specifications

#### 1) How to order



#### 2) Specifications

**Table 3-1. Specifications**

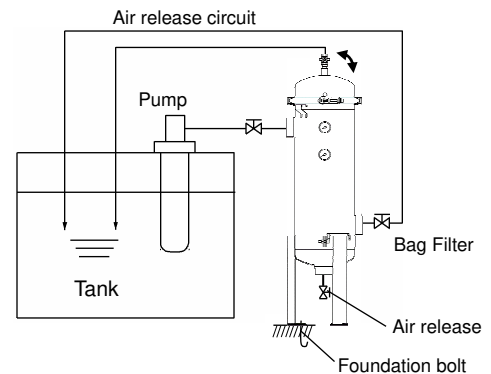
	Item	Content		Remarks
		FGF□1A	FGF□1B	
Body	Main applicable fluids	Coolant (aqueous type/ oil based) Alkalescent cleaning agent, industrial water		Not applicable for gas. Fluids which corrode, det eriorate or swell the filter and element material cannot be used.
	Maximum operating pressure	0.5MPa		
	Maximum operating temperature	80°C		
	Maximum operating flow	400L/min		Condition: Fluid Water, Initial pressure drop 7kPa, Nominal filtration 100μm (Refer to the flow characteristics in the catalog for other conditions.)
	Content	0.023m <sup>3</sup> (23L)	0.035m <sup>3</sup> (35L)	
	Weight	13kg	16kg	
	Applicable standards	None		
Element	Material	Polyester		
	Nominal filtration rating	5, 10, 25, 50, 100μm		Depends on the element filtration (Symbol of filtration).
	Element exchange deifferental pressure proof	0.1MPa		

Others) The outer surface of the body is finished with surface treatment equivalent to No.2D(\*1). There may be scratches, rubbing, stains, or discoloration which do not affect the function or the performance. )

\*1 : Symbol for surface finishing of JISB4305 cold rolled stainless steel sheet.

### 4. Circuit

- Operating pressure, operating temperature and operating fluid conditions shall conform to the product specifications in table 3-1.
- Set the operating flow so that the initial pressure drop becomes 10kPa or less. (Refer to the SMC catalog for flow characteristics. )
- Use a circuit which does not have large fluctuation of the pressure and flow to the filter. (Figure 4-1)



**Fig. 4-1 Example of the circulating filter circuit**



## 5. Assembly, installation and piping

### 1) Assembly

Assemble the product according to the following procedure.

#### ① Check the contents

《Contents》

Filter: 1

Operation manual: 1 (This manual)

Leg: 1 set

Hexagon socket head bolt / Hexagon nut / Flat washer: (1 bag)

Pressure gauges: 2 (for pressure gauge type)

#### ② Take out the filter body. Mount the feet. → Refer to "1-1) Mounting of feet" on page 7.

#### ③ Install the pressure gauge (For pressure gauge type) → Refer to "1-2) Mounting of the pressure gauge" on page 7.

### 1-1) Mounting of feet

\*Detachable feet are used for easy piping for discharging fluid.

Piping will be easier if feet are removed before mounting for piping for discharging fluid.

(Piping for discharging fluid after mounting the feet limits the angle for rotating the mounting tool. )

Mount the feet according to steps ① and ② below.

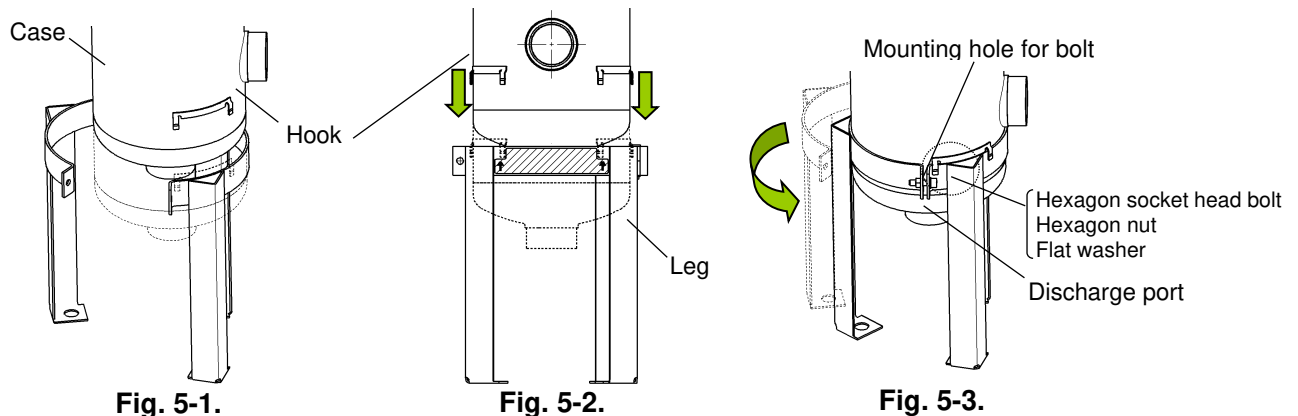
<Accessory> Feet --- 1set (Hexagon socket head bolt / Hexagon nut / Flat washer: (1 bag)

#### ① Mount the feet to the body (case). (Refer to Fig. 5-1, 5-2)

Mount the feet so that they contact the hook of the case.

For the insertion position, refer to the displayed position for mounting on the feet.

#### ② Close the feet. Mount the hexagon socket head bolt / hexagon nut / flat washer to the mounting hole for the bolt of the feet. (Fig. 5-3) Tighten the bolts until the feet are fixed to the case so that they do not become loose.



**⚠ Be careful not to drop or knock over the body (case).**

### 1-2) Mounting the pressure gauges

Mount the pressure gauges (2 pcs.) included in the package to the pressure ports (2 places) without leakage.

Note) Be careful not to tighten too much. Too much tightening can cause breakage.

Use the seal tape for sealing.

Recommended tightening torque: 12 to 14Nm.

Mount the pressure gauges at an appropriate direction and angle so that the display is visible.

\*Bag filter without the pressure gauge is shipped with plugs attached to the pressure gauge entry ports of the filter. It is possible to use it in this state.

### 2) Installation

Fix the feet to the ground using the foundation bolt (M16).

When installing and piping, allow sufficient space for maintenance.

Allow sufficient space for maintenance and inspection.

Upper space of the product (Space for removal for replacing the element) --- 450mm or more

Around the band (Space for removal for replacing the element) --- 50mm or more around the band

Reinforcement is necessary if the product is used in a location where it is exposed to vibration and impact.

### 3) Piping

Install a fluid discharge valve. It is necessary to discharge fluid from the reservoir for the replacement of the element.)

Check the port size for piping the valve and fitting which are appropriate for the operating conditions.

Flush piping with air before operation, confirming there is no abnormality such as fluid leakage.

Connect piping so that air can be discharged from the case.

Piping in which a small amount of air constantly returns to the tank by a resin tube from the air release valve is helpful to release air properly. (Fig. 5-4)  
If the location of the pump is high, the pump may idle when it is restarted.  
Care should be taken.

Fix the piping of the inlet and the outlet to the base using a saddle so that it is not subjected to vibration or weight.

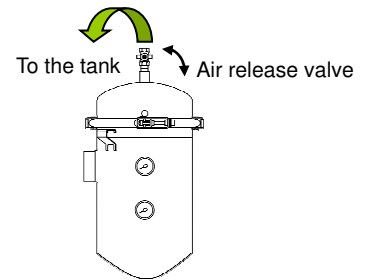


Fig. 1-2. Air release circuit

## 6. Maintenance

### 1-1) Replacement of the element

Replace the element with a new one when the replacement timing has come.

\* Continuing to use an element which is overdue for replacement may cause breakage of the element and the equipment.

[Replacement timing of the element] When differential pressure (pressure drop) reaches 0.1MPa.

[Part number of the element for replacement] EJ501S-※ (FGF□1A: Element size  $\Phi$  190 x L440)

EJ601S-※ (FGF□1B: Element size  $\Phi$  190 x L770)

\* is the space for the symbol of filtration.

Check the element part number on the model number label before ordering.

(e.g.) Nominal filtration 5  $\mu$  m: EJ501S-005

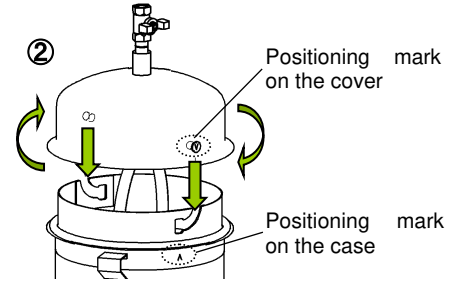
[For the replacement of element] Replace the element following Element Replacement Procedure on Page 8.

## 1-2) Element Replacement Procedure

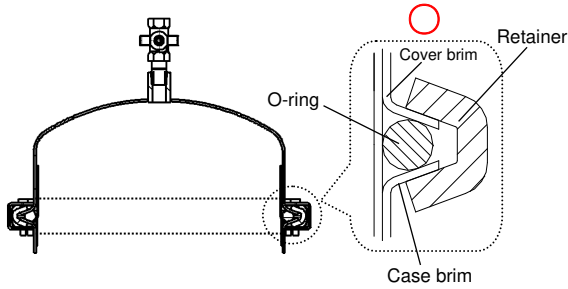
<p><b>1 [Removal of operation panel]</b></p> <p>① Stop operation            ② Close the valves in order of inlet (IN) and outlet (OUT).            ③ Open the air exhaust valve to make the internal pressure atmospheric pressure. (Figure ③)            ④ Discharge fluid inside by opening the fluid discharge valve.            ⑤ Loosen the tightening bolt of the V band to remove the stopper. (Figure ⑤ on the right)            Tightening bolt can be loosened by a hexagon wrench [flat size 6mm].            ⑥ Remove V band / cover.            Rotate the cover counterclockwise and lift upwards to remove it. (Steps (1) and (2) in Figure ⑥)            ⑦ Check O-ring. If there is any failure such as swelling, replace O ring with a new one.            [O-ring for replacement]            ( Part no.: FGF-KT01 (EGFS1□: Seal material NBR) )            ( Part no.: FGF-KT02 (EGFL1□: Seal material FKM) )</p> <p><b>⚠ Warning: Remove the V band and the cover after confirming that the pressure in the filter is atmospheric pressure (gauge pressure: zero).</b></p>	
<p><b>2 [Removal of the basket]</b></p> <p>① Remove the basket by lifting it vertically. (Figure on the right)            ② Check O-ring mounted to the holder in the case. If there is any failure such as swelling, replace O-ring with a new one.            [Assembly part number of the holder for replacement]            ( Part no.: FGF-KT03 (For FGFS1□: Seal material NBR) )            ( Part no.: FGF-KT04 (For FGFL1□: Seal material FKM) )            *Set of holder and O-ring.</p> <p><b>⚠ Caution Be careful not to burn your skin if the temperature is high.</b></p>	
<p><b>3 [How to remove element]</b></p> <p>① The element has a handle made of cloth. Move the handle to the center with your finger or a bar to pull the element out of the basket.            [Element for replacement]            ( Part no.: EJ501S-※ (For FGF□1A: Element size Ø190 x L440) )            ( Part no.: EJ601S-※ (For FGF□1B: Element size Ø190 x L770) )            ※ is the space for the symbol of filtration.            Check the element part number on the model number label before ordering.            (e.g.) Nominal filtration 5mm : EJ501S-005</p> <p><b>⚠ Caution Be careful not to burn your skin if the temperature is high.</b></p>	
<p><b>4 [How to mount the element]</b></p> <p>① Pull the cloth handle of a new element to the center. Squeeze the element brim to insert the element into the basket. Then, put the element brim down to the level of the bottom flange of the basket.            ② Put back the basket handle in the vertical direction.            ③ Hold the handle to install the basket in the case.            ④ Set the handle in a position which does not interfere with either "IN" side or "Latch" (slanted by 45 degrees)</p>	

## 5 [Mounting of the cover]

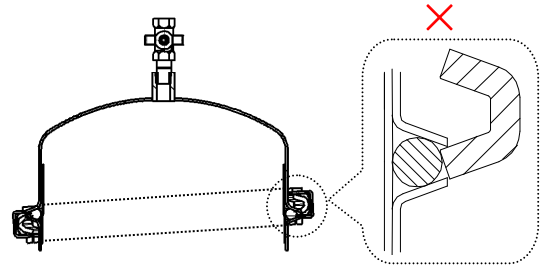
- ① Set O-ring to the case.
- ② Mount the tube gasket to the cover.  
Rotate the cover clockwise pushing down to the end so that the positioning mark for the cover and the case meet. (Figure ② on the right)



## 6 [Mounting and tightening of V band]

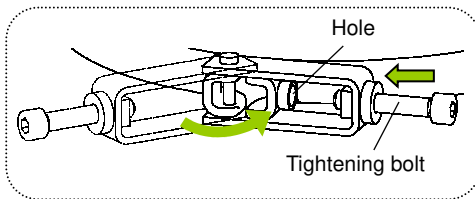


**Fig. A Mounting of V band (Correct)**

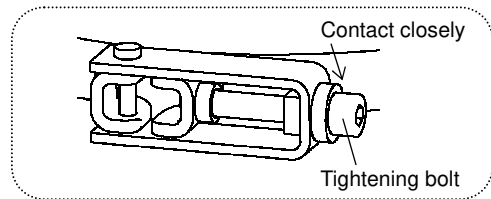


**Fig. B Mounting of V band (Incorrect, not horizontal)**

- ① Mount V band.
  - ①-1 Mount V band to the brim of the cover and the case. (Fig. A, B)
  - ②-2 Set the tightening bolt to the hole and tighten it properly. (Fig. C)
  - ③-3 Tighten bolt. (Fig D)



**Fig. C Position for V band bolt for tightening**



**Fig. D Final condition of the tightening of V**

**⚠ Warning Mount V band securely in the correct position.**  
Incorrect mounting leads to unexpected accidents such as the V band loosening or coming off.

## 7 [Restart and air release]

- ① Check opening/closing of the valve of piping and confirm that connecting parts are completely sealed when restarting the product after replacing the element.
- ② When restarting the product, release air by opening the air release valve on the upper part.

## 2-1) Sealing part replacement

When the replacement timing of sealing parts (O ring and holder assembly) has come, replace them with new parts. (Refer to P8 "Replacement of the element" and P10 "Replacement of the holder assembly")

[Replacement timing of sealing parts] When any deterioration or swelling occurs.

When leakage occurs

1 year after starting operation.

### O-ring

[Part number for replacement] FGF-KT01 (FGFS1□: Seal material NBR)

FGF-KT02 (FGFL1□: Seal material FKM)

[Replacement of O ring] Replace O ring following steps [1] and [5] to [7] of P8 "1-2) Element replacement procedure"  
(When only O ring is replaced, steps [2] to [4] are unnecessary.)

### Holder Assembly

[Part number for replacement ] FGF-KT03 (FGFS1□: Seal material NBR)

FGF-KT04 (FGFL1□: Seal material FKM)

Check the model number on the model number label for ordering parts. Select the part number which is suitable for specified model number.

[Replacement of the holder assembly] Replace the holder assembly following steps ① to ② of P11 "2-2) Holder assembly replacement procedure".

## 2-2) Holder assembly replacement procedure

① Remove old holder assembly

② Put the new holder assembly in the case with the holder slanted. (Fig. 6-1)

Mount the holder assembly so that the projection is facing upwards. (Fig. 6-2)

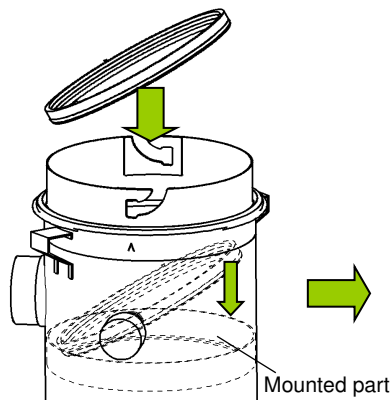


Fig. 6-1. Holder assembly replacement

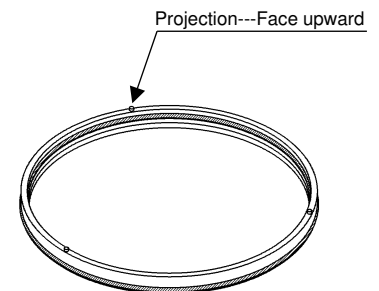
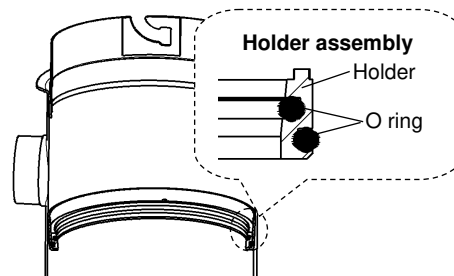


Fig. 6-2. Holder assembly mounting direction

**⚠ Caution** Mount the holder assembly in the correct position and direction. Incorrect mounting leads to sealing failure.

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