Product overview

Fig. 1: Schematic illustration (TFC-TC shown)

① Casing
② Internal measuring tube
③ Filter
④ Clamping frame for the filter element
⑤ Clamping screw
⑥ Diffuser face
⑦ Central screw to fix the diffuser face
⑧ Decorative cap
⑨ Suspension
⑩ Spigot with lip seal
⑪ Pressure measurement point
Important notes

Information on the installation manual

This manual enables operating or service personnel to correctly install the product described below and to use it safely and efficiently.

It is essential that these individuals read and fully understand this manual before starting any work. The basic prerequisite for safe working is to comply with the safety notes and all instructions in this manual.

The local regulations for health and safety at work and general safety regulations also apply.

Correct use

Type TFC particulate filter air terminal devices are used as final filters for the separation of suspended particles, and for air distribution.

TFC can be used in supply air and extract air systems. They are suitable for the fitting of Mini Pleat filter panels for the separation of suspended particles, to ensure critical air cleanliness and meet demanding hygiene requirements.

It is important that you comply with any national hygiene regulations when you install, commission or use the ceiling mounted particulate filter.

Incorrect use

**WARNING!**

Danger due to incorrect use!

Incorrect use of the unit can lead to dangerous situations.

Never use the unit:
- in areas with potentially explosive atmospheres
- in humid rooms
- in rooms with aggressive or dust-laden air

Limitation of liability

The information in this manual has been compiled with reference to the applicable standards and guidelines, the state of the art, and our expertise and experience of many years.

The manufacturer does not accept any liability for damages resulting from:
- Non-compliance with this manual
- Incorrect use
- Operation or handling by untrained individuals
- Unauthorised modifications
- Technical changes
- Use of non-approved replacement parts

The actual scope of delivery may differ from the information in this manual for bespoke constructions, additional order options or as a result of recent technical changes.

The obligations agreed in the order, the general terms and conditions, the manufacturer’s terms of delivery, and the legal regulations in effect at the time the contract is signed shall apply.

We reserve the right to make technical changes.

Defects liability

For details regarding defects liability please refer to Section VI, Warranty Claims, of the Delivery and Payment Terms of TROX GmbH.

The Delivery and Payment Terms of TROX GmbH are available at [www.troxtechnik.com](http://www.troxtechnik.com).

Qualified staff

**HVAC technician**

HVAC technicians are individuals who have sufficient professional or technical training in the field they are working in to enable them to carry out their assigned duties at the level of responsibility allocated to them and in compliance with the relevant guidelines, safety regulations and instructions. HVAC technicians are individuals who have in-depth knowledge and skills related to HVAC systems; they are also responsible for the professional completion of the work under consideration.
HVAC technicians are individuals who have sufficient professional or technical training, knowledge and actual experience to enable them to work on HVAC systems, understand any potential hazards related to the work under consideration, and recognise and avoid any risks involved.

**Properly trained person**
Properly trained persons are trained individuals who understand any potential hazards related to the work under consideration, and who recognise and avoid any risks involved. Training is provided by the HVAC contractor when the system is handed over.

Properly trained persons are responsible for cleaning the unit, and for carrying out functional tests, regular checks and smaller adjustments.

**Skilled qualified electrician**
Skilled qualified electricians are individuals who have sufficient professional or technical training, knowledge and actual experience to enable them to work on electrical systems, understand any potential hazards related to the work under consideration, and recognise and avoid any risks involved.

**Personal protective equipment**
Personal protective equipment must be worn for any work in order to reduce health or safety hazards to the minimum.

The appropriate protective equipment for a job must be worn for as long as the job takes.

**Industrial safety helmet**
Industrial safety helmets protect the head from falling objects, suspended loads, and the effects of striking the head against stationary objects.

**Light respiratory protection**
Light respiratory protection is used to provide protection from harmful dusts.

**Protective gloves**
Protective gloves protect hands from friction, abrasions, punctures, deep cuts, and direct contact with hot surfaces.

**Safety shoes**
Safety shoes protect the feet from crushing, falling parts and prevent slipping on a slippery floor.
Supply package, transport and storage

The supply package includes:

- TFC casing
- Diffuser face
- Filter element (optional)

Transport

**CAUTION!**

Danger of injury from sharp edges, sharp corners and thin sheet metal parts!

Sharp edges, sharp corners and thin sheet metal parts may cause cuts or grazes.

- Be careful when carrying out any work.
- Wear protective gloves, safety shoes and a hard hat.

Use only lifting and transport gear designed for the required load. Always secure the load against tipping and falling.

Upon delivery, carefully remove the packaging and check the unit for transport damage and completeness.

Storage

Please note:

- Store the unit only in its original packaging
- Protect the unit from the effects of weather
- Protect the unit from humidity, dust and contamination
- Storage temperature: -10 °C to 50 °C.
- Relative humidity: 95 % max., no condensation

Installation

**General information**

- Fix the unit only to load-bearing ceilings.
- Load suspension systems only with the weight of the unit. Adjacent components and connecting ducts must be supported separately.
- Do not unpack the diffuser face and any filter element until you are ready to install them.

**NOTICE!**

Possible malfunction due to a damaged casing

If the casing has been damaged, unfiltered (contaminated) air may leak.

Do not drill any holes into the casing.

Fixing the unit to the ceiling slab

Fig. 2: Fixing

1. Suspension lug with drilled hole Ø 12 mm
2. Threaded rod
3. Locknut
4. Nut
Personnel:
- HVAC technician

Protective equipment:
- Industrial safety helmet
- Protective gloves
- Safety shoes

If possible, install the unit before fixing the ceiling tiles; if this is not possible, remove the adjacent ceiling tiles.

TFC can weigh up to 38 kg, depending on the construction. Use only approved and adequately sized suspension systems. Fixing material is not included in the supply package.

Only work in pairs; preferably use a lift.

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**DANGER!**

Danger of death from the fall of suspended loads!

- Only use fixing materials designed for the required load.
- Use all hanging brackets supplied.
- Stand clear of suspended loads, unless properly secured.
- Check secure fixing after installation.

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1. ▶️ Remove the clamping frame from the casing. To do so, loosen the clamping screws (Fig. 1/5), then remove the clamping frame (Fig. 1/4). Remove and dispose of the spacers; keep the clamping frame as you will need it again later.

2. ▶️ Fix any suspension elements, e.g. threaded rods (Fig. 2/2), to the ceiling.

3. ▶️ Start by suspending the TFC casing on three suspension lugs (Fig. 2/1); ensure that the casing is horizontal, fix the nuts accordingly (Fig. 2/4), then use the locknuts (Fig. 2/3) to secure the suspended casing.

   Loads imposed on the casing may impair the function of the unit. Be sure to install the unit without torsion.

4. ▶️ Fix the fourth threaded rod without changing the position of the TFC casing and secure it with a locknut.

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If there is a lengthy break between installation and commissioning, cover all openings of the casing (e.g. with plastic foil) to protect the interior and avoid cumbersome cleaning procedures at the time of commissioning.
**Ceiling systems**

Ceiling mounted particulate filters are usually installed in suspended ceilings. Installation in the most common ceiling systems is shown below.

![Installation in different ceiling systems](image)

**Fig. 3: Installation in different ceiling systems**

A  T-bar ceiling  
B  Clip-in ceiling  
C  Plasterboard ceiling  
①  TFC  
②  Diffuser face  
③  Seal  
④  T-bar or clamping rail  
⑤  Ceiling tile  
⑥  Plasterboard ceiling

**Connecting the ductwork**

Type TFC ceiling mounted particulate filters are available with different spigots:

- Side entry circular spigot
- Top entry circular spigot
- Side entry rectangular spigot

Circular spigots are fitted with a lip seal and fit onto circular ducts to EN 1506 or EN 13180.

Connect the duct in such a way that the connection is tight.

To protect the filter element once installed as much as possible from excessive contamination, proceed as follows when you install the ventilation system:

- Keep the ducts clean when you install them.
- If you have to interrupt the installation procedure, protect all openings from the ingress of dust.
- If necessary, clean the ducts before you commission the ventilation system.
Electrical/pneumatic connection

Connecting the electric actuator

Personnel:
- Skilled qualified electrician

Ensure the following conditions when you connect units with a shut-off damper and electric actuator (TFC-SCBR0):

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Fig. 4: Wiring example

1 (BU) Blue
2 (BN) Brown

Connecting the pneumatic actuator

Personnel:
- HVAC technician

Ensure the following conditions when you connect units with a shut-off damper and pneumatic actuator (TFC-SCTN0):

- Operation only with instrument air that is free from oil, water and dust.
- Control pressure: 0.6 to 1.0 bar (required for achieving the actuator forces)
- Maximum pressure: 2.0 bar
- Connect the pneumatic tube (not part of the supply package) to the tube spigot $6 \times 1$ mm and fix it with a clamp. The tube spigot is at the top or at the side of the casing.
Commissioning

General information

Before you start commissioning:

- Check that the units are correctly seated.
- Remove protective film, if any.
- Ensure that all units are clean and free from residues and foreign matter.
- Prime the ventilation and air conditioning system for 24 hours before you insert the filter element.

Volume flow rate balancing

To adjust the ventilation and air conditioning system you first have to carry out volume flow rate balancing for each ceiling mounted particulate filter. Volume flow rate balancing is required before initial commissioning.

Units with an optional volume flow rate limiter (TFC-SCVFL): Once the volume flow rate has been set (by others), it will be maintained (mechanical self-powered).

Units with an optional damper blade: Adjust the damper blade to set the volume flow rate. You can adjust the damper blade before you install or after you remove the diffuser face and the filter element.

Inserting a filter element

- Do not unpack filter elements until you are ready to install them.
- Hold filter elements only by the edges.
- Check filter elements for any damage; replace damaged filter elements.
- Insert only suitable Mini Pleat filter elements with a flat seal or fluid seal.

1. Remove the clamping frame (Fig. 5/3) from the ceiling mounted particulate filter. To do so, loosen the clamping screws (Fig. 5/4), then press the release buttons (Fig. 5/5) in; remove spacers, if any (spacers are used to fix the clamping frame during transport of the unit).

**NOTICE!**

Be careful with the filter medium.
Handle filter elements with care and hold them only by the edges.

2. Set the filter element (Fig. 5/2) with the seal (Fig. 5/1) facing upwards into the clamping frame.
3. Push the clamping frame with the filter element into the casing. Ensure that the release buttons snap into the recesses on both sides (Fig. 5/6).

4. Turn in the clamping screws (2 or 4) evenly such that the filter element is pressed against the test groove (Fig. 5/7); 2 Nm max. torque.

5. Once you have inserted the filter element, check that there are no leaks, ‘Leakage test on an installed filter’ on page 10.


Installing the diffuser face

1. If the diffuser face has been supplied with a separate seal, glue the seal onto the back of the diffuser face.

2. Set the diffuser face (Fig. 1/6) onto the TFC casing and fix it with the central screw (Fig. 1/7).

3. Put the decorative cap (Fig. 1/8) onto the central screw.

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<td>Turn the clamping screw M6 × 70 with the washer 6.4 × 20 × 1.5 into the clamping frame (A) and tighten it; then fix the spacer (tube) with an M6 nut to the threaded part.</td>
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PCD diffuser face (PROCONDIF): Insert the central honeycomb sections.

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Maintenance

Maintenance applies mainly to the filter element. Check the filter regularly and replace it, if necessary.

The service life of a filter depends mainly on how polluted the air is. Check the filter in intervals that are short enough such that you can anticipate any defects or problems before they actually occur.

Replace the filter immediately if any of the following is true:

- The defined final differential pressure has been reached.
- Hygiene problems (micro-organisms, fungal spores, odours, etc.)
- Filter defects (particle count has been exceeded)
- The maximum filter usage time has been reached (8 years, to VDI 3803, part 4).

You may replace a filter even before the defined final differential pressure has been reached if it is more economic.
Removal of the diffuser face

Some maintenance jobs, such as sealing integrity testing, leakage testing, filter changes or cleaning, require you to remove the diffuser face.

1. Remove the decorative cap (Fig. 6/1) from the diffuser face (Fig. 6/3). PCD diffuser face (PROCONDIF): Remove the central honeycomb sections.

2. Remove the central fixing screw (Fig. 6/2) and then the diffuser face.

Fig. 6: Removing the diffuser face

Leakage test on an installed filter

A functional test of the filter system is required to ensure that there are no leaks and that the filter element is without any defects (no small holes on the filter frame or on the seal, no leaks at the filter frame).

1. Remove the diffuser face, ‘Removing the diffuser face’ on page 10.

Fig. 7: Measuring tube

1. Measuring tube Ø 8 × 1.5 mm
2. Cheese head screw M6 × 10 mm

2. Open the measuring tube by removing the cheese head screw.

3. Measure the particle concentration on the upstream side to ISO 14644-3 B6.

4. Close the measuring tube by inserting the cheese head screw.

5. Measure the particle concentration on the downstream side to ISO 14644-3 B6.

If there are no leaks, reinstall the diffuser face. If there is a leak, seal it; then test for leakages again.
Sealing integrity test

The casing is fitted with a sealing integrity test facility. Sealing integrity is tested with a sealing integrity test device (see operating manual).

1. Connect the sealing integrity test device (Fig. 8/3) to the connection point in the casing (Fig. 8/2).
2. Apply at least 2000 Pa to the test groove (Fig. 8/1).
3. Check the leakage rate on the flow rate meter of the sealing integrity test device.
   ⇨ The value must not exceed 0.003% of the nominal volume flow rate.

If this value is exceeded, adjust the clamping screws or the clamping frame; also check the seal, test groove and filter element for damage. Then repeat the sealing integrity test.

Differential pressure measurement

The initial differential pressure for TROX filters is given on the label on the filter frame.

There are two ways to measure the differential pressure:

**Continuous measurement:** Continuous differential pressure measurement and monitoring of the final differential pressure. This is done with a static differential pressure measuring device (Fig. 9/1), e.g. TROX MD-UT, MD-APC or MD-DPC, using the pressure measurement points (Fig. 9/2) at the side or on the top of the casing.

![Fig. 9: TROX MD-DPC connection](image)

Connecting a stationary measuring device

Plus (+) - to the 'Plus' measurement point (+)
Minus (–) - to the 'Minus' measurement point (–)

**Temporary measurement:** Temporary differential pressure measurement with a mobile measurement device connected to the internal measuring tube (Fig. 7/2); this measurement can be carried out while the unit is in operation. For this measurement you have to remove the diffuser face, 10.

Connecting a mobile measuring device

Plus (+) - to the internal measuring tube (Fig. 7/2)
Minus (–) - Don't connect; the differential pressure is measured against the room pressure.
Filter change

Personnel:
- Properly trained person

Protective equipment:
- Industrial safety helmet
- Light respiratory protection
- Protective gloves

Before you start changing filters, switch off the ventilation and air conditioning system, or close the shut-off damper (if any) on TFC.

1. ▶ Remove the diffuser face, ⇨ ‘Removing the diffuser face’ on page 10.

2. ▶ Remove the clamping frame. To do so, loosen the clamping screws (Fig. 10/4) and press the release buttons (Fig. 10/3) in. Remove the clamping frame (Fig. 10/2) with the filter element.

3. ▶ Remove the dust-laden filter (Fig. 10/1) from the clamping frame, put it into a plastic bag and dispose of it properly, see ⇨ ‘Disposal ’ on page 12.

4. ▶ If the filter casing is dirty, clean and disinfect it ⇨ ‘Cleaning TFC’ on page 13.

5. ▶ Insert a new filter element, reinstall the clamping frame including the filter, and fix the diffuser face again, see ⇨ Chapter 7 ‘Commissioning’ on page 8.

Disposal

ENVIRONMENT!

Risk of harm to the environment due to the incorrect handling of hazardous materials and substances.

Filters and cleaning materials that have been contaminated with bacterial, toxic or radioactive particles are considered hazardous waste and have to be disposed of by an authorised business in compliance with local regulations.

Disposing of filter elements with household waste is allowed only in the following cases:
- For unused filter elements
- For filter elements that have been exposed only to atmospheric outdoor air

Ordering replacement filters

To ensure permanent protection from particulate matter and other pollutants we recommend using only original TROX filters.

Original TROX filters carry a sticker on the frame with both the use before date and information on how to order replacements.

To avoid downtime of the ventilation and air conditioning system, we recommend you to always have the required filters in stock.

To order filters go to: www.troxtechnik.com
Cleaning TFC

**Personnel:**
- Properly trained person

**Protective equipment:**
- Light respiratory protection

It is usually not possible to regularly clean and disinfect the ductwork between the second filter stage and the TFC casing, and neither is it required for hygienic reasons. As a prerequisite, however, you have to keep the ducts clean during installation.

It is then sufficient to clean and disinfect (wipe) the filter casing and the diffuser face; this has to be done for the first time just before the ventilation and air conditioning system is switched on for the first time.

The casing may be cleaned with a damp cloth. Sticky dirt or contamination may be removed with a commercial, non-aggressive cleaning agent. Cleaning agents that contain chlorine must not be used.

Once you have completed cleaning, disinfect TFC and any connecting rooms.