

## Problem 15-15

**Goal:** Determine filter area and cost of a Rotary Vacuum Filter

<b>Given:</b>	Time Value of money interest rate		0.053		
		<b>Original</b>		<b>New</b>	
	operating RPM	$N_r$	2 rpm	1.5 rpm	
	total filtering area	$A_D$	0.75 $m^2$	<i>find</i> $m^2$	
	filtrate produced	$v_R N_r$	0.3 $m^3$ /minute	3 $m^3$ /minute	
	operating pressure drop	$\Delta P$	140 kPa	100 kPa	
	fraction submerged	$\Psi_f$	0.2	0.2	
	M&S Cost Index		1,102.5 Jan.2002	1431.7	current = 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2008

**Approach:** Volume of filtrate per minute is given by Eq. (15 - 101b)  
 $\text{volume filtrate/time} = v_R N_r = A_D [ ( 2 \Psi_f N_r \Delta P ) / ( \alpha w \mu ) ]^{1/2}$   
 Since  $\alpha$ ,  $w$ , and  $\mu$  remain constant in both filters, solve 15-101b original small filter for  $\alpha w \mu$   
 $( \alpha w \mu ) = [ ( 2 \Psi_f N_r \Delta P ) / ] / ( v_R N_r / A_D )^2$

Solve 15-101b for new larger filter area  $A_D$   
 $A_D = v_R N_r / [ ( 2 \Psi_f N_r \Delta P ) / ( \alpha w \mu ) ]^{1/2}$

Purchased cost of filter from Fig. 15-39 (in Jan. 2002 \$'s)  
 update to current cost using M&S equipment cost index

### Calculations:

$$\alpha w \mu = 700.0 = (2 \cdot 11 \cdot 7 \cdot 10) / ((9/8)^2) = ( 2 \Psi_f N_r \Delta P ) / (v_R N_r / A_D)^2 = 2(0.2)(2)(140) / (0.3/0.75)^2$$

<b>Answer (a)</b>	$A_D$	<b>10.25</b>	$m^2$	$= 9 / ((2 \cdot 11 \cdot 7 \cdot 10 / 9)^{0.5}) = v_R N_r / ( 2 \Psi_f N_r \Delta P )^{1/2} = 3 / [2(0.2)(1.5)(100)]^{1/2}$
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read Fig. 15-39 \$120,000

update to present \$155,831

<b>Answer (b)</b>	round off	<b>\$156,000</b>
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