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# **Crystal Oily Water Separator**

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\* Interested in adopting the most advanced oil-water separation technology?

Genoil is leading the trend with its patented, state-of-the-art Crystal separator. Environmentally friendly for a friendly environment.





#### Introduction

Genoil Crystal oily water separators utilize a patented, unique process for multi-stage separation of immiscible phases with different densities such as mineral oils and water. An innovative separation process combines gravitational and centrifugal forces with surface tension and vortex effect prior to the polishing stage. A highly effective polishing stage enhances performance and minimizes maintenance costs and downtime. Crystal separators are designed for ships and have been certified by the US Coast Guard in accordance with IMO Resolution MEPC. 107(49).

The separator components meet or exceed the rigorous specifications of classification societies and all Crystal MU models are ABS certified.

Due to their high efficiency the separators are compact and need access only from the front side. They can also be placed against the wall, even in corners and do not require any extra head room.

The automation system ensures unattended operation and features PLC units, self-cleaning oil sensors and fail-safe components.



### 🖇 Description Process Flow Diagram

The separation process occurs in six stages in fluid communication with each other as shown below. Oil is gradually removed in each stage and collected in oil zones A, B and C respectively.

Periodically, a preset amount of oil is detected by oil sensors, which initiate an oil discharge sequence. The liquid flow through the stages is reversed and oil accumulated in the collection zones then discharged into a waste oil tank.



## 🖇 Installation sketch



STAGE 1 🕨

#### STAGE 2 🕨

The first stage achieves oil-water separation through gravity, enhanced through a flotation effect by minute gas bubbles. A specially designed device imparts a rapid circular motion to the liquid. Oil migrates to the center of the device and then ascends, accumulating progressively in a collection zone (A). Solids and sludge are deposited at the bottom of the stage for removal. Most of the oil droplets are removed in this stage. The flow is reversed prior to the liquid entering the second stage which contains oleophilic material. Small particles of oil adhere to the surface of the oleophilic beads and are attracted to them by a surface tension effect. As they get together, the oil droplets form larger globules whose enhanced buoyancy overcomes the force of attraction exerted by the beads. The oil globules then detach themselves from the beads, move upwardly with the liquid and remain in the secondary collection zone (B) for removal.

This stage is designed to allow continual agitation of the beads in order to accelerate the coalescing process and facilitate the self-cleaning of the beads. The flow is reversed through a circular motion at the upper part of the second stage and oil remains in the secondary collection zone (B). STAGE 3 🕨

The liquid is further processed in the third stage entering the core of a circular basket and moving radially outwards through the coalescing material. Liquid velocity decreases towards the periphery of the basket thus allowing minute oil particles to coalesce effectively. The resulting oil globules are retained in a collection zone (C) as the liquid reverses its motion and descends towards the fourth stage.



### 🖇 Separation Process

The Crystal oily water treatment units are designed to separate the liquid phases in six stages located within a single vessel. Each stage is devised to remove oil particles of a certain size and renders the liquid cleaner for the next stage. This ensures greater effectiveness and manageable loads for each stage. Furthermore, it also precludes undue contamination and clogging of various stages by oil, resulting in trouble free-operation.

Minute gas bubbles resulting from controlled vacuum conditions enhance the removal of oil droplets from the water stream. Vacuum is created in the stages operating prior to the circulation pump. Oil is retained at the upper portion of the stages and is gradually accumulated in collection zones.

Downstream from the pump the stages are slightly pressurized. Oil extracted in these stages is transferred continually into the collection zones through specially designed conduits. The transfer of oil occurs due to the pressure differential existing between the stages located upstream and downstream from the pump respectively. Continual oil extraction ensures outstanding cleanliness of the polishing stages and prevents accidental contamination of the effluent.

Oil accumulation in the collection zones is monitored by a probe that initiates periodic oil discharge sequences.

The separator is isolated from the effluent discharge line and connected to a pressurized line. Clean water back-flushes the stages and displaces the oil from the collection zones. The oil probe resumes the separation process after a preset amount of oil is evacuated.

#### STAGE 4 🕨

A positive displacement pump delivers the liquid to the fourth stage for further separation by means of a vortex-generating device. Centripetal forces within the vortex agglomerate the oil particles and force them to coalesce in order to form larger globules. Furthermore, an effect similar to one created by a cyclone also agglomerates the oil particles thus enhancing the coalescing process. A perforated conduit retrieves the globules from the eye of the vortex and directs them to a dispersion plate placed above the vortex generator.

Oil particles then travel through suitably sized perforations in the dispersion plate, gather around a funnel and migrate toward the oil collector of the first stage.

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STAGE 5 🕨

Further separation of minute oil particles occurs in the fifth stage by means of surface tension within a specially designed device. The liquid flows radially though the device and the oil particles are forced to form clusters of larger globules. The liquid is then directed around a circular baffle devised to create a quiet zone above the device. Oil is readily left behind and then drawn into the first stage as the flow is reversed and cleaner liquid is transferred to the final filtration stage.

In most cases the separation is completed prior to this stage.

However, for oils of unusually high density, the sixth stage retains the remaining particles by means of filters. The filters are designed to retain temporarily minute particles of oil on their surface. The particles coalesce and detach themselves from the filter media through their enhanced buoyancy and the sweeping effect of the liquid.

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#### 8 Main Feature



# Specification

Model	Max. Capacity [liters per hour]	H Height (mm)	L Length (mm)	D Depth [mm]	Inlet Line [inch]	Efuent Line [inch]	Oil Outlet [inch]	Power [kw]	Weight [kg]
MU-2	250	550	600	230	3/8	3/8	3/8	0.1	150
MU-5	500	945	980	485	3/4	1/2	1/2	0.25	365
MU- 10	1000	1200	1140	660	3/4	3/4	3/4	0.5	450
MU- 15	2000	1415	1680	780	1	3/4	3/4	0.75	900
MU- 20	3000	1791	2080	900	1	3/4	3/4	1	1250
MU- 30	5000	1791	2080	900	1 1/4	1	1	1.5	1350
MU- 40	10000	2200	2500	1200	2	1 1/2	1 1/2	5	2200

## 🖁 Advantages

- \* Unique six-stage design for high-efficiency and performance
- \* Low downtime, maintenance and operating costs
- \* Outstanding reliability
- \* Very compact units for applications where space is at a premium (20% downsize)
- \* Simple, unattended operation
- \* Versatility for a wide range of applications

# S Applications

- \* Bilge water separation for sea-going vessels
- \* Off-shore oil platforms
- \* Wastewater treatment plants
- \* Refineries
- \* Gasoline/Diesel service stations



Our Separators are manufactured in Korea with the latest manufacturing technology and unsurpassed quality.



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