

Donaldson Bioadvantage Aircraft Filters Receive Faa-Pma Approval

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Cabin Air Filters with Antimicrobial Product Protection Available to Airlines

MINNEAPOLIS, February 11, 2002 — Donaldson High Purity Products, a division of the Donaldson Company, Inc. (NYSE: DCI) that designs and manufactures filters for the aviation industry, today announced that BIOAdvantage™, the industry's only cabin air recirculation filters with MICROBAN® antimicrobial product protection, have been awarded FAA-PMA regulatory approval. Donaldson BIOAdvantage filters are available for Boeing 737, 747 and 757 aircraft, DC-10, MD-11, MD-80 and MD-90 airplanes, and Airbus A319, A329 and A321 aircraft. Approval is expected soon for Boeing 767 and 777 models.

The filters, engineered specifically for the aviation industry, combine High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration with the antimicrobial activity of MICROBAN technology to capture virtually all airborne particles in modern aircraft cabin air recirculation systems. In laboratory bioefficiency testing, BIOAdvantage filters with antimicrobial additives physically removed 99.99996% of Staphylococcus aureus bacteria, American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) 6538, and inhibited bacterial and fungal growth per the American Association of Textile, Chemists and Colorists (AATCC) test methods #147 and #30.

"These tremendous test results prove we have taken a great cabin air filter and made it even better," said Sheila Peyraud, general manager of Donaldson High Purity Products.

The Microban antimicrobial additives in the new Donaldson BIOAdvantage filter media are effective against a broad spectrum of odor-causing bacteria, fungi and yeast. They inhibit the growth of microorganisms captured on the filter media by penetrating and disrupting their cell walls. The cells are compromised and unable to reproduce.

BIOAdvantage filters are completely interchangeable with Donaldson HEPA filters presently used in commercial aircraft, eliminating the need for costly retrofits. The recommended service interval is one C-Check.

"Donaldson Company has developed new technologies over the years to help airlines make cabin environments clean and comfortable for their passengers," said Peyraud. "Adding antimicrobial product protection gives airlines the best available technology and something more to work with – peace of mind."

Donaldson Company, Inc., headquartered in Minneapolis, Minn., is a leading worldwide provider of filtration systems and replacement parts. Founded in 1915, Donaldson is a technology-driven company committed to satisfying customer needs for filtration solutions through innovative research and development. Donaldson serves customers in the industrial and engine markets including dust collection, power generation, specialty filtration, off-road equipment, trucks, and automotive. More than 8,200 employees contribute to the company's success at 40 manufacturing locations around the world. In fiscal year 2001, Donaldson reported record sales of more than \$1.1 billion and achieved its 12th consecutive year of double-digit earnings growth. Donaldson is a member of the S&P MidCap 400 Index and Donaldson shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol DCI. Additional company information is available at www.donaldson.com.

The Microban Products Company develops technology that safely and effectively provides continuous built-in protection for a variety of end products from the growth of odor and stain causing bacteria, mold and mildew. Microban Products Company is located near Charlotte, North Carolina, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Microban International, Ltd., a privately held company, headquartered in New York City with operations in the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Thailand, Australia, Canada, and Mexico. For more information, visit www.microban.com.

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