



## NEW: AquaSep® XS Coalescers Effectively Separate Liquid/Liquid Dispersions

### Introduction

Pall's new AquaSep XS liquid/liquid coalescer system is a lower cost solution to separate emulsions versus competitive cartridge coalescers and other traditional methods. Its cost effectiveness is due to the ability of each coalescer element to process a higher flow while still providing superior effluent quality. For existing cartridge coalescer systems, the AquaSep XS element provides superior removal of slugs of liquid contaminant thereby making it a more reliable solution than competitive offerings. See Figures 1, 2, and 3 below.

### Typical Applications

Not all coalescers provide a high quantitative removal of dispersed liquid contaminants and can handle emulsions with low interfacial tensions (IFTs). For example, conventional cartridge coalescers made of glass fiber media begin to lose efficiency when the IFT of the emulsion gets below 20 dyne/cm. In contrast, the new AquaSep XS coalescer from Pall is constructed of a high-efficiency, polymeric medium, making it well suited for numerous liquid/liquid separation applications with very low IFTs including:

- Removal of water from refined products including gasoline, diesel, kerosene, and LPG
- Separation of water from hydrocarbon condensates
- Separation of oil from water
- Removal of water from aromatics



AquaSep XS Liquid/Liquid Coalescers available in 6, 20, and 40 inch lengths

### Comparative Performance

**Effluent Quality- Pall Vs. Competition  
5% Water Ingression, 33 dyne/cm,  
Vertical Configuration**

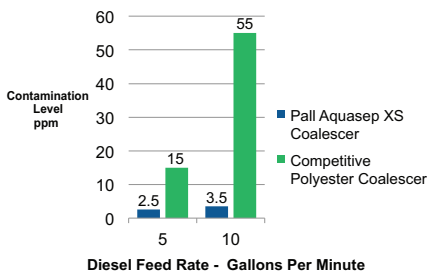


Figure 1

**Effluent Quality- Pall Vs. Competition  
0.1% Water Ingression, 18 dyne/cm,  
Horizontal Configuration**

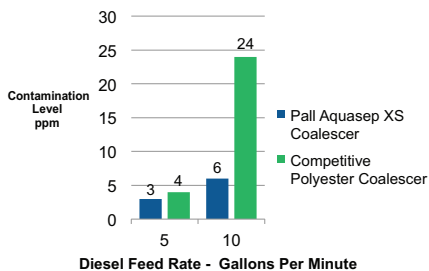


Figure 2

**Effluent Quality – Pall Vs. Competition  
0.1% Water Ingression, 33 dyne/cm  
Vertical configuration**

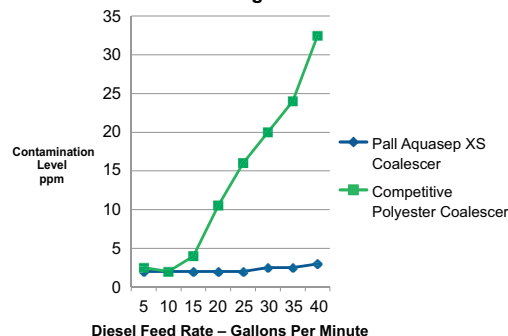


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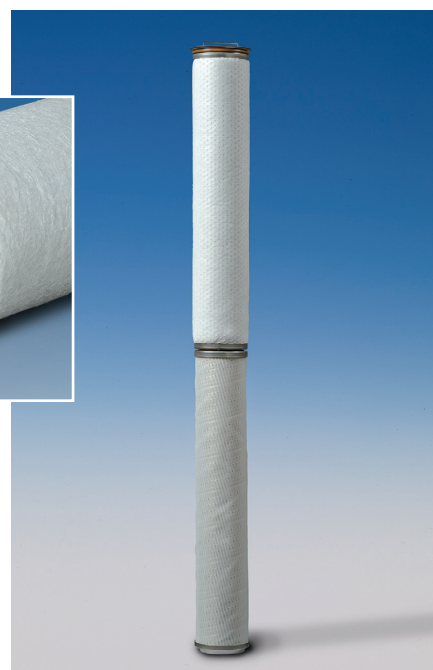
NOTE: Comparison tests were performed in a Pall laboratory with a limited number of 20 inch elements that were purchased through standard commercial channels. Lab results may not be identical to test results with actual process fluid under field conditions.

## Product Benefits

| Features   | Advantages   | Benefits   |
|--|--|--|
| High Performance Polymeric Medium                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher flow per coalescing element</li> <li>• Reduced incidents of off-spec product</li> <li>• Longer service life of coalescer and prefilter elements</li> <li>• Tolerant to process upsets, can remove slugs of liquids</li> </ul>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smaller, lower cost system</li> <li>• Eliminates reprocessing, product degradation and transportation costs</li> <li>• Reduces costly corrosion problems in downstream equipment</li> <li>• Prevents catalyst deactivation in downstream processes</li> <li>• Lower operating costs versus less efficient alternative solutions               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salt driers, electrostatic separators and sand filters</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fewer cartridge change-outs, reduced maintenance costs and waste disposal costs</li> <li>• Consistent fluid quality</li> </ul> |
| Non-disarming Medium   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The medium does not disarm in the presence of surfactants. Disarming occurs when surfactants (either natural or additives) “coat” the surface of the medium</li> <li>• Ability to separate emulsions with IFTs lower than 20 dyne/cm</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistent fluid quality</li> </ul>   |
| High Performance Integrated Stack Design—Coalescer and Separator | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher flow per cartridge because of even flow distribution. In conventional two-stage systems, the separators are located at different distances from the coalescers. This causes poor flow distribution.</li> </ul>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistent fluid quality</li> <li>• Smaller, lower cost system</li> </ul>   |



End cap configurations of Pall's separator (*left*) and coalescer (*right*)



Pall's coalescer (*top*) and separator (*bottom*) shown in an integrated stack design

## Description

The AquaSep XS system is a multiple-stage system starting with filtration to remove particulate matter, followed by either a one-stage or two-stage integrated coalescer stack to separate the two liquid phases. AquaSep XS coalescers will remove free water to a level as low as 15 ppmv<sup>1</sup> and be effective over a wide range of conditions such as inlet liquid contaminant concentration as high as 10% and interfacial tension less than 20 dyne/cm.

The AquaSep XS coalescer system is available in two different housing configurations. Both configurations begin with a filtration stage to remove solid contaminants.

**Table 1: Coalescer Selection Guide**

| Process Condition  | Recommended Product  |
|--|--|
| The dispersed phase fluid is aqueous and the IFT > 3 dyne/cm               | AquaSep XS coalescer/separator stack in a vertical housing     |
| The dispersed phase fluid is aqueous and the IFT < 3 dyne/cm               | AquaSep XS coalescer in a horizontal housing without separator |
| The dispersed phase fluid is oil and the continuous phase fluid is aqueous |  |

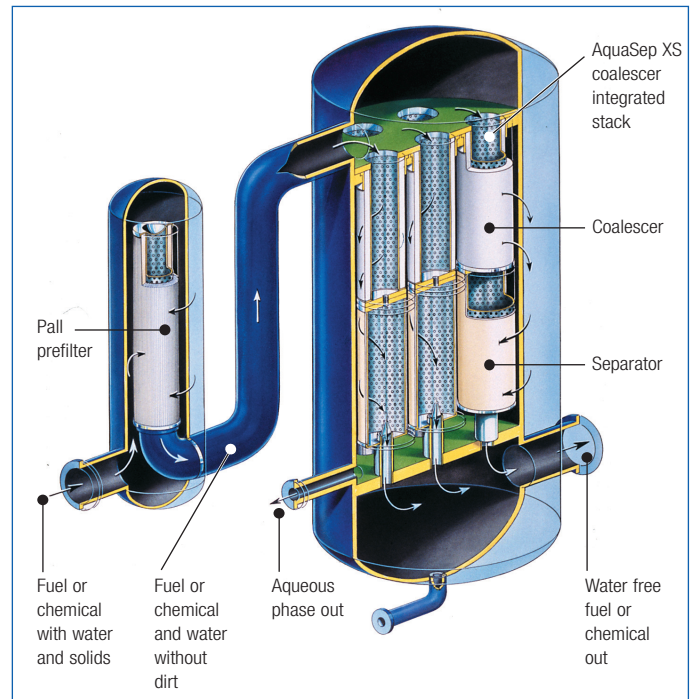
## AquaSep XS Coalescer/Separator Stack – Vertical Housing Configuration

The liquid/liquid mixture enters the coalescing element and flows inside-to-outside. Small liquid droplets suspended in the continuous phase come together, or coalesce, as the mixture moves through the coalescer medium.

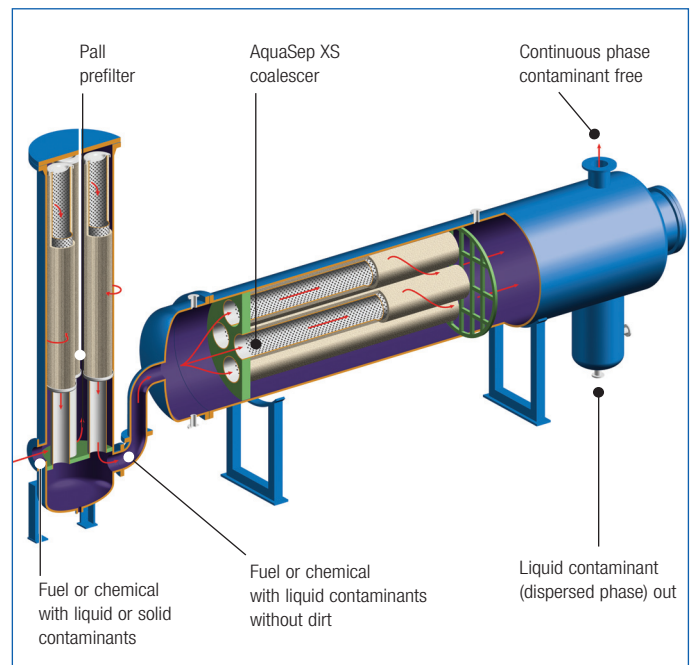
Contaminant-free liquid and large droplets of the dispersed phase flow toward the separator located directly below the coalescer stage. The flow is outside-to-inside. The separator medium is hydrophobic preventing the aqueous phase from entering the separator. Only the non-aqueous continuous phase fluid flows through the separator. The two liquids are removed by separate drain connections.

## AquaSep XS Coalescer – Horizontal Housing Configuration

In a horizontal housing, the liquid/liquid mixture enters the coalescing element and flows inside-to-outside, small liquid dispersed phase droplets suspended in the continuous phase come together, or coalesce, as the mixture moves through the AquaSep XS coalescer. The large coalesced droplets of the dispersed phase separate by gravity in the horizontal housing and are removed. The size of the housing is a function of the flow rate, IFT, viscosity, and specific gravity of the liquids.



**Figure 4:** AquaSep XS Liquid/Liquid Separation System with an Integrated Coalescer/Separator Stack in a Vertical Housing with a Prefilterer



**Figure 5:** AquaSep XS Liquid/Liquid Separation System with Coalescer in a Horizontal Housing with a Prefilterer

<sup>1</sup> Performance can vary depending on application.

## Compatibility

The AquaSep XS coalescer is compatible with hydrocarbon fuels, trace amounts of IPA and methanol, and water in the pH range of 4 - 8.5. For compatibility information with a specific chemical, please contact your Pall representative or distributor.

## Product Specifications

Maximum operating temperature: 60°C/140°F

Maximum differential pressure: 3.4 bard/50 psid at 21°C/70°F

Initial pressure drop: < 0.14 bard/2 psid

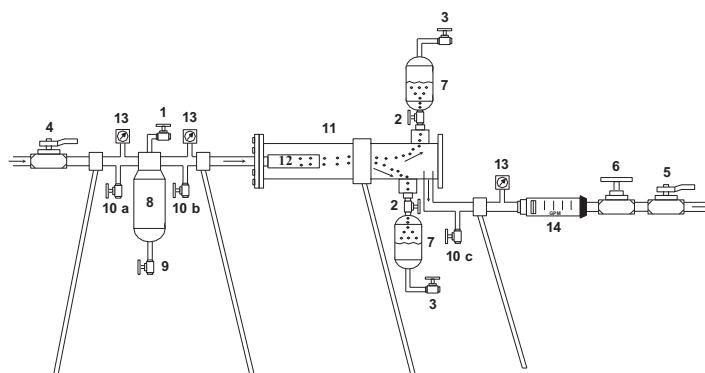
Recommended change-out: 1.0 bard/15 psid at 21°C/70°F

## Ordering Information

| Part Number | Description          | Outer Diameter (mm/in) nominal | Length (mm/in) nominal |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| LCS06PXSH   | AquaSep XS Coalescer | 69.9/2.75                      | 152.4/6                |
| LCS2PXSH    | AquaSep XS Coalescer | 106.7/4.2                      | 508/20                 |
| LCS4PXSH    | AquaSep XS Coalescer | 106.7/4.2                      | 1016/40                |
| LSS2F2H     | Separator            | 9.53/3.75                      | 508/20                 |

## AquaSep XS Coalescer Reduces Costs

Begin reducing your capital and operating costs today. Contact your local Pall distributor or call Pall directly to arrange for a budgetary quotation and pilot test of the AquaSep XS coalescer technology.



- 1) Pre Filter Vent Valve
- 2) Dispersed Phase Reservoir Isolation Valve
- 3) Dispersed Phase Reservoir Drain Valve
- 4) Inlet Isolation Valve
- 5) Outlet Isolation Valve
- 6) Regulating Valve
- 7) Dispersed Phase Reservoirs
- 8) Pre Filter Housing
- 9) Pre Filter Drain Valve
- 10) Sample Ports
- 11) L/L Coalescer Housing
- 12) Test Coalescer
- 13) Pressure Gauges
- 14) Flow Meter

Figure 6: Illustration of Pall pilot scale liquid/liquid coalescer test stand



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