



## UniFoam/Polyester Media Storage Instructions

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### **Purpose:**

To provide guidelines and recommendations for the storage of open cell polyurethane foam based on material properties, experience and customer comments.

### **Material:**

Universal Air Filter Unifoam, open cell polyurethane foam and Polyester media.

### **Shelf Life:**

Since our open cell polyurethane foam may be subjected to a variety of environments beyond our control, we do not publish a life expectancy. The term "shelf life" is not typically used to describe foam longevity because it is a relative term based on environmental conditions.

### **Ideal storage conditions:**

A cool, dry, dark environment is optimal. Conditions that adversely affect the media are high heat, humidity at high temperatures and ultraviolet light. It is better for air filter media to be installed in the intended equipment application with air flow versus being stored in cartons and warehouses without air flow. Media also degrades when exposed to solvents and sulfates, such as exhaust. Reduced foam life depends upon the severity of the digressions from ideal storage conditions.

Since the ideal conditions may be difficult to achieve in most warehouse surroundings, we have received customer feedback that indicates controlling the relative humidity between 30% - 70% and the temperature between 4°C - 30°C [40°F - 85°F] yields an acceptable environment. In addition, wrapping or covering with plastic will help keep media dry and protect from ultraviolet light.

### **General Guidelines:**

Although we do not provide foam life expectancy, our opinion and experience indicates that in average, across-the-board air filter applications, the Unifoam and Polyester media will last approximately two to seven years. Depending upon the application, handling, maintenance and care of the filter media, this range may be more or less.

We do not recommend storing air filters for long durations, many months, or years at a time. Instead, purchase cost-effective quantities and keep sufficient inventories for no more than a few months. Filters have improved permanence in an operating situation with air movement and ventilation. To ensure optimal filter integrity in the operating environment it is recommended that filters be put into service within one (1) year of the product ship date from Universal Air Filter. Check filter media integrity before installing filters stored for longer periods.

### **Revision History**

Rev.	Date	Description of Changes
1	3 Aug 2000	Initial release
2	06 Oct 2022	Added storage duration recommendations

### **Procedure Approvals**

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