

# **SETCO AirShield<sup>™</sup>**

# Revolutionary Design Eliminates #1 Cause of Spindle Failures- Bearing Contamination!

- Extensive Field Testing for Over 5 Years
- Highest Reliability and Longest Life Cycle
- Best Warranty in the Industry!



# AirShield<sup>™</sup> Ends Coolant and Contamination Ingress!

With over 100,000 spindles in the field and 90+ years' spindle manufacturing experience, SETCO understands why spindles fail... and has now eliminated the #1 cause of spindle failure!

# Eliminates # 1 Cause of Spindle Failures:

Bearing Failure, due to:

- Coolant Ingress
- Condensation
- Contamination
- Chip Damage



Over the last decade, changes in manufacturing have subjected spindles to the most severe operating conditions ever experienced. The use of *faster cutting speeds* and *high-volume and concentrated highpressure coolant* became the practice to improve productivity. The *move to dry-floor guarding* made operating conditions more severe by making the machines more difficult to clean, increasing operating temperatures and intensifying humidity. *If the seals didn't fail during machining, they failed during cooldown as the spindles sucked coolant and contaminates past the spindle seals and into the bearings.* It is these conditions that cause premature spindle failure and the seal conditions that the new AirShield<sup>™</sup> has *completely eliminated!* 

### **100% Solution**

AirShield"

SETCO, the world leader in spindle design, manufacture and rebuild, has patented the revolutionary AirShield spindle seal system – a solution resulting from extensive research and development, field testing, and a 5-year study. The results speak for themselves: The AirShield has proven to be a 100% solution for coolant ingress and spindle bearing contamination.

With over 800 AirShield-equipped spindles in the field – some running more than 34,000 hours and spanning five years – the AirShield has performed without failure. The testing is conclusive: the AirShield has eliminated the #1 cause of spindle failure – bearing contamination. To back this statement, we tripled our standard warranty and now offer a 3 Year Limited Warranty.\*

# The SETCO AirShield:

Protected by

- Increases part throughput capability
- Reduces spindle maintenance costs
- Reduces manufacturing costs



The SETCO AirShield simulator produced the harshest machining environment imaginable: high pressure/high volume confined coolant and varying temperatures involving varying startup and cool-down cycles.

#### **Other Advantages:**

- AirShield performance is not affected by speed or directional rotation.
- The AirShield can be applied at any attitude: horizontal, vertical or angular mount.

# Double the Protection. Triple the Warranty.

# 1. Dynamic Shield (Running Mode)

Standard AirShield spindles are equipped with a unique tangential air purge system. As air enters the spindle, a patented internal porting arrangement equalizes and disperses supplied air. Equalized air gradually escapes by gently lifting the Viton seal from its contact surface providing a near-frictionless design.

# 2. Static Seal (Stopped Mode)

With purge air off, and in machine washdown condition, the Viton lip seal closes, creating the equivalent of a rubbing seal to prevent contaminates from entering the spindle.

And unlike other air seal systems, the AirShield design does not inhibit spindle bearing lubrication. The AirShield is non-contaminating, maintenancefree, and requires only standard clean and dry shop air.

# Ask About Our "Universal" AirShield<sup>™</sup> for Spindle Rebuild Applications!



**Top.** Patented AirShield design equalizes and disperses air within the seal for 100% elimination of coolant ingress and spindle contamination. The flexible Viton seal ensures protection in both dynamic and static conditions.

**Right.** Traditional labyrinth air seals provide a non-uniform air purge that allows contaminates to enter the spindle during operation and cool-down.



Equalized and Dispersed Air





AirShield protects rear bearing and motor from coolant union and coupling failure!



100% elimination of front & rear bearing contamination!

Reduces manufacturing costs by reducing spindle maintenance!

Increases machine uptime!

Standard on SETCO Sentry<sup>™</sup>, ProMetrix<sup>™</sup> and selected Motorized spindles!

To learn more about how the AirShield can increase your uptime and decrease your costs, call 1-800-543-0470 or visit *www.setcousa.com*.

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