

EMFE Bulletin

- Counterfeit Products On The Market
- It has been brought to the Division's attention that certain replacement filter elements from our FBO Fuel Filtration range are being illegally copied and sold into the market. Below we have illustrated the differences between the genuine elements and the copies. As can be seen there are some major visual differences, as well as some less obvious ones which may impact customer's engine performance should these products be purchased and used in the field.

Genuine Parker Product:

The genuine FBO filter element media is contained by black plastic end caps.

The text format printed upon the end cap is white italic print.



Counterfeit Product:

Visual Differences:

- The end caps are pressed metal, possibly aluminium or a cheap alloy.
- The text is black on the metal background.
- In one case they have matched our italic text font, but in another case they have not.
- The box label in one case has a 'blue hue'.
- There are spelling mistakes on the label, e.g. 'Micrion' rather than 'Micron'.

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Non-Visual Differences:

- The media used in the counterfeit product may be difficult to distinguish by eye.
- It is highly likely that the media will under-perform when in comparison to the Parker Aquablock media used in the genuine FBO elements.
- Water separation may be non-existent.
- The exact micron rating of the copies is unknown, but may be many times bigger than advertised, thus allowing a high level of contamination through the fuel line.

Impact:

- Customers who use these counterfeit filters stand to put their engines at risk through poor fuel filtration and water ingress.
- Parker's reputation can be put at risk due to customers believing that they have purchased a genuine Parker product, when they have not.