Smart transformer breathers



Reduce maintenance costs with learned transformer breathing patterns and self-regenerating desiccant

- Constructed with robust materials that provide models for almost any application
- User customization through configurable or pre-programmed RH thresholds
- Local and remote communication options provide for any application
- Bright LED indication lights and alarming capabilities indicate breather status

Product Summary

Description Excess humidity from the atmosphere may degrade a transformer bladder, oil and insulation system over time. This degradation causes unnecessary aging to the asset, reducing the overall life and performance. This can lead to additional maintenance or even premature and unexpected asset failure in the future

Application The Qualitrol STB series smart transformer breather removes moisture from air entering oil-filled transformers or LTC conservators. The breather is automated to regenerate the silica gel desiccant at a user selectable time interval or relative humidity (RH) threshold. Alarming capability and communications reduce unnecessary breather maintenance costs over time. The silica gel may be regenerated many times without replacement due to internal heaters inside the unit that drive off accumulated water on a transformer exhale cycle.





QUALITROL STB-100/200 Series - Smart transformer breathers

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Reduce maintenance costs with learned	 Extend asset life by continuously protecting against atmospheric moisture on transformer inhale cycles
transformer breathing patterns and self-	 Reduce unnecessary maintenance through self regenerating silica gel desiccant on transformer exhale cycles
regenerating desiccant	Color changing desiccant gives visual assurance on breather regeneration process
	 4-20 mA signal provides continuous relative humidity (%RH) status
Constructed with robust materials that provide	 Standard models are designed for most applications and are offered in a variety of sizes (1 kg, 2 kg, 4 kg) all carrying a 5 year warranty
models for almost any application	 Polar models offer additional internal heaters to withstand harsh temperatures down to -60 °C
	• Offshore Xtreme [™] models contain material sets specially engineered to adapt to life in harsh marine environments
	 Multiple mounting options available for new or retrofit installation
	 Includes a solenoid valve that closes during the regeneration process to ensure moisture is not wicked into the transformer accidentally
User customization through configurable or	 Desiccant regeneration is configurable by the end user based on % relative humidity (RH) or time frequency (days)
pre-programmed RH thresholds	 Color changing silica gel desiccant allows for a visual confirmation of breather regeneration
Local and remote communication options provide for any application	 Multiple communication options including 4-20 mA, RS-485 MODBUS and local USB port provide for a variety of monitoring solutions for any application
Bright LED indication lights and alarming capabilities	• Front mounted indication LED lights of green, amber, and red indicate breather status and alarm capabilities
indicate breather status	 A guide to the color coded light alarms is displayed on the control box for easy field diagnosis

STB model offerings

Qualitrol offers a variety of models to suit almost any application:

Model	STB-100	STB-100	STB-200
Offerings	1 kg	2 kg	4 kg
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STB·desiccant size selection

STB breathers are sized to the application based on the quantity of oil housed within the system (main tank + conservator):

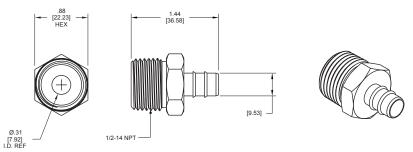
Desiccant	STB-100	STB-100	STB-200
Size	1 kg	2 kg	4 kg
Oil (liters)	30,000	68,000	136,000
Oil (gallons)	8,000	18,000	36,000



STB mounting options

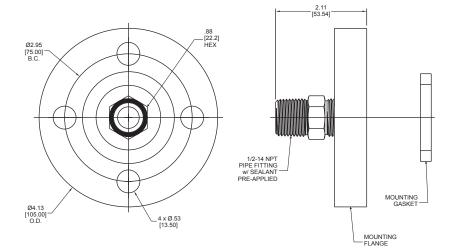
Hose barb fitting

• 3/8 inch I.D. hose barb with ½ inch NPT threads. Supplied with 6.5 foot (2 meter) black rubber hose



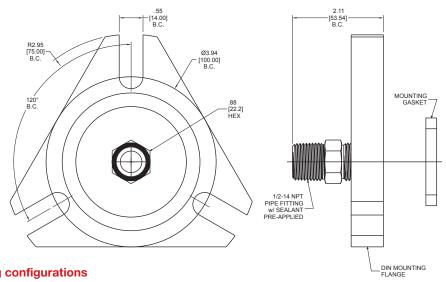
Circular flange

• Circular flange provided with mounting gasket and bolts



Triangular flange

• Triangular flange provided with mounting gasket and bolts



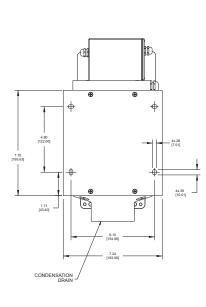
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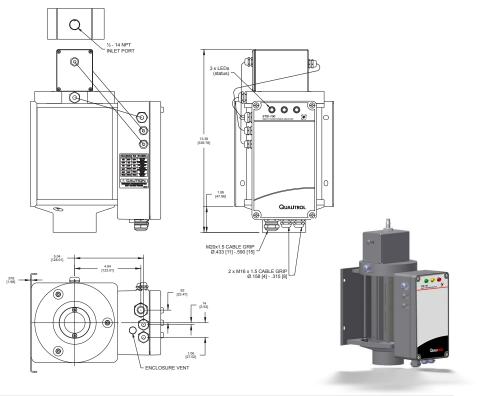
• Other special mounting configurations can be ordered per request

STB standard models

STB-100-1 Smart transformer breather - standard capacity

• 1 kg

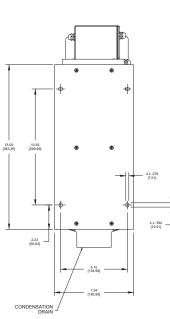


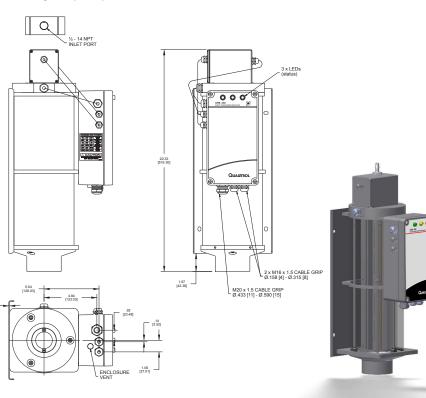


STB-100-2 Smart transformer breather - large capacity

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• 2 kg





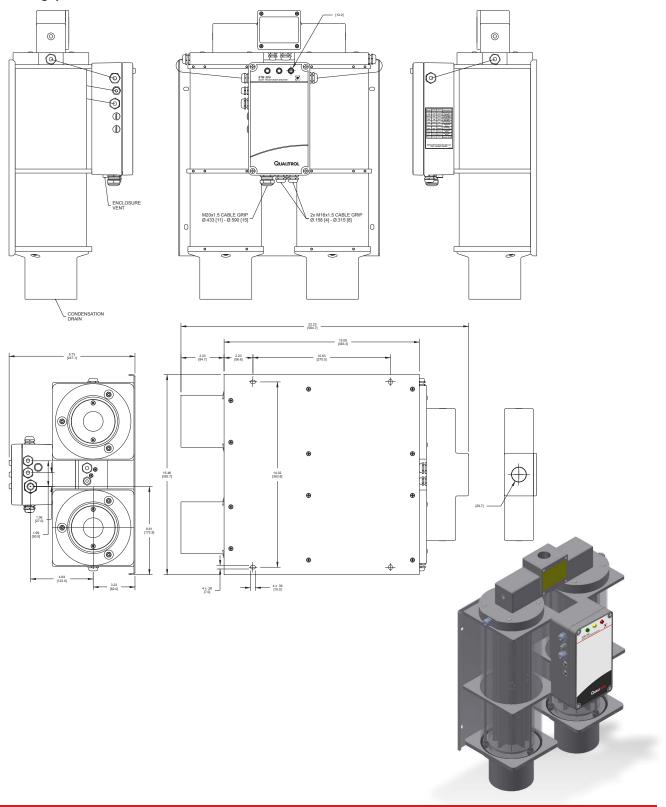




STB standard models

STB-200 Smart transformer breather

• 4 kg "jumbo"



STB special applications - Polar Xecution models

Description

 Harsh polar climates require transformer accessories designed and engineered to handle these extreme cold environments. Qualitrol's line of Polar Xecution instruments tackle these temperature extremes to ensure performance even on the coldest days of the year (down to -60 °C)

Application

 The Qualitrol Polar Xecution smart transformer breather removes moisture from air entering oil-filled transformers or LTC conservators. The PE breathers regenerate and operate in the same manner as the standard line of breathers offered by Qualitrol, but offer additional protection for the polar climate. Polar Xecution breathers are engineered to house additional heaters to prevent condensate water from freezing at the outlet of the breather. The addition of these heaters ensures proper drainage after the silica gel has been regenerated in extremely cold temperatures. Polar models are available in 1 kg, 2 kg, and 4 kg sizes

Ambient Operating Temperatures	Standard STB	Polar Xecution
Lower range	-40 °C	-60 °C
Upper range	80 °C	80 °C





STB special applications - Offshore Xtreme[™] models

Description

• Harsh marine environments require transformer accessories designed and engineered to handle these extreme applications. Qualitrol's line of Offshore Xtreme[™] instruments tackle these application extremes and ensure performance even in the harsh saline environment. They continue to carry the 5 year Qualitrol product warranty

Application

The Qualitrol Offshore Xtreme[™] smart transformer breather removes moisture from air entering oil-filled transformers or LTC conservators. These breathers regenerate and operate in the same manner as the standard line of breathers offered by Qualitrol, but offer additional protection in a saline environment. Offshore breathers are engineered with advanced material sets to withstand the additional environmental constraints, including stainless steel, reinforced fiberglass and glass components. Offshore models are available in 1 kg and 2 kg sizes

Material Sets	Standard STB	Offshore Xtreme [™]
Body components	Aluminium	316 stainless steel
Circuit board enclosure	Aluminium	Fiberglass
Tube	Polycarbonate	Glass







TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Electrical	Voltage / frequency	100 - 240 VAC, 50 / 60 Hz
	Inrush control	Staged heating at 10 seconds
	Conducted / radiated emissions	EN 55011
	Immunity tests	EN 61000-4-2 EN 61000-4-3 EN 61000-4-4 EN 61000-4-5 EN 61000-4-6 EN 61000-4-8 EN 61000-4-11
	Harmonics and flicker tests	EN 61000-3-2 EN 61000-3-3
	Dielectric isolation	1500 VAC for 60 seconds to ground
	Power consumption	Steady state, non-regeneration: < 10 watts Steady state regeneration: 3 amps Regeneration heater inrush current: 10 amps
Functions	Regeneration frequency setting	10, 40, 70, 100 days
	Humidity range	RH 2% to 100%
	Status indication	LEDs – green, amber, red
	Regeneration frequency control	2 position DIP switch
	Relative humidity trigger level	User configurable: 50% default value
	Regeneration cycle	3 hours full power, 1 hour cool-down
	Regeneration status monitoring	5A (NO) / 3A (NC) at 30 VDC resistive 5A (NO) / 3A (NC) at 125 / 250 VAC resistive
	Failure detection	RH sensor, heater, solenoid
	Analog output signal	4 - 20 mA @ maximum 500 Ohms for RH
	Communication	MODBUS (remote) and USB (local)
Operating conditions	Temperature	-40°C to 80°C or -60°C to 80°C, depending on model
	Relative humidity	95% non-condensing at 80°C
	Enclosure protection	IP65
	Vibration	50 / 60 Hz @ .004" displacement



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