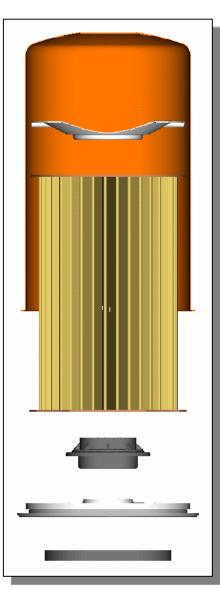
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FRAM ANNOUNCES PRODUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PH3976

EFFECTIVE 4/23/01 FOR FERNLEY CUSTOMERS AND 4/30/01 FOR ALL OTHER CUSTOMERS, THE PH3976 WILL BE SUPERCEDED TO THE PH3976A

Several important product improvements have been made to the PH3976A:

- The cartridge has been upgraded to contain a spiral center tube.
- The retainer spring is more robust. 23% thicker and stronger material.
- ◆A plastic centertube seal has been added between the centertube and the tapping plate. This improvement creates a better seal between the filter cartridge and the tapping plate



These product improvements result in a more robust filter than the PH3976

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