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Particulate filter for diesel engines

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Abstract (en)  
A particulate filter (10) for positioning in an exhaust system (12) from a diesel engine (14) comprising a housing (20); the housing having a first end (22) with a opening (26) for the flow of exhaust gases, and a second end (24) with an opening (28) for the flow of exhaust gases; and a filter substrate (30) positioned inside the housing between the opening in the first end and the opening in the second end, the filter substrate having a first surface (40) open to the opening in the first end but substantially closed from the opening in the second end, and a second surface (42) open to the opening in the second end but substantially closed from the opening in the first end; wherein the first surface and the second surface are capable of trapping ash material; and wherein the opening in the first end is substantially identical to the opening in the second end such that the housing can be positioned in the exhaust system either with the opening in the first end allowing flow of exhaust gases into the housing from the diesel engine, or with the opening in the second end allowing flow of exhaust gases into the housing from the diesel engine. Ash removal from the filter substrate can be easily achieved by reversing the position of the particulate filter relative to the exhaust system. <IMAGE>

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