

DOW™ FILMTEC™ Membranes

DOW FILMTEC BW30-365 High Rejection Brackish Water RO Element

Features

For years, the DOW™ FILMTEC™ BW30-365 has been the element of choice for system designers, OEMs and system operators requiring consistently high performance and maximum element life when treating difficult feed waters. This element offers proven performance, high rejection and outstanding robustness and durability across a wide range of feed conditions where unit price is a key driver.

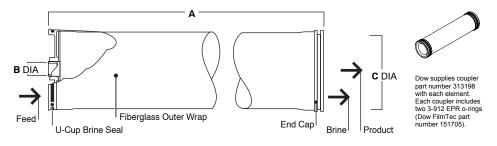
- Features the industry's thickest feed spacer (34 mil) to lessen the impact of fouling.
- May be cleaned over the widest pH range (pH 1-13) for the most effective cleaning.
- The BW30-365 is best suited for systems operating on challenging feed streams, where reliable pretreatment is not an option, or where maximum cleanability delivers value.

Product Specifications

		Active area	Feed spacer	Permeate flow rate	Stabilized salt	Minimum salt
Product	Part number	ft ² (m ²)	thickness (mil)	gpd (m³/d)	rejection (%)	rejection (%)
BW30-365	80773	365 (34)	34	9,500 (36)	99.5%	99.0%

- 1. Permeate flow and salt rejection based on the following standard conditions: 2,000 ppm NaCl, 225 psi (15.3 bar), 77°F (25°C), pH 8 and 15% recovery.
- 2. Flow rates for individual elements may vary but will be no more than 15% below the value shown.
- 3. Sales specifications may vary as design revisions take place.
- Active area guaranteed +/-3%. Active area as stated by Dow is not comparable to nominal membrane area often stated by some manufacturers. Measurement method described in Form No. 609-00434.

Figure 1



Dimensions - inches (mm)

	2	,		
Product	Α	В	С	
BW30-365	40.0 (1,016)	1.125 ID (29)	7.9 (201)	_

1. Refer to Dow FilmTec Design Guidelines for multiple-element applications and recommended element recovery rates for various feed sources.

1 inch = 25.4 mm

2. Element to fit nominal 8.0-inch (203 mm) I.D. pressure vessel.

Operating Limits

Membrane Type
 Polyamide Thin-Film Composite

Maximum Operating Temperature a 113°F (45°C)
Maximum Operating Pressure 600 psig (41 bar)
Maximum Pressure Drop 15 psig (1.0 bar)

pH Range, Continuous Operation^a 2 - 11
 pH Range, Short-Term Cleaning (30 min.)^b 1 - 13

Maximum Feed Flow
 85 gpm (19 m³/hr)

Maximum Feed Silt Density Index SDI 5
Free Chlorine Tolerance < 0.1 ppm

^a Maximum temperature for continuous operation above pH 10 is 95°F (35°C).

Refer to Cleaning Guidelines in specification sheet 609-23010.

Under certain conditions, the presence of free chlorine and other oxidizing agents will cause premature membrane failure. Since oxidation damage is not covered under warranty, Dow recommends removing residual free chlorine by pretreatment prior to membrane exposure. Please refer to technical bulletin 609-22010 for more information.

Important Information

Proper start-up of reverse osmosis water treatment systems is essential to prepare the membranes for operating service and to prevent membrane damage due to overfeeding or hydraulic shock. Following the proper start-up sequence also helps ensure that system operating parameters conform to design specifications so that system water quality and productivity goals can be achieved.

Before initiating system start-up procedures, membrane pretreatment, loading of the membrane elements, instrument calibration and other system checks should be completed.

Please refer to the application information literature entitled "Start-Up Sequence" (Form No. 609-02077) for more information.

Operation Guidelines

Avoid any abrupt pressure or cross-flow variations on the spiral elements during start-up, shutdown, cleaning or other sequences to prevent possible membrane damage. During start-up, a gradual change from a standstill to operating state is recommended as follows:

- Feed pressure should be increased gradually over a 30-60 second time frame.
- Cross-flow velocity at set operating point should be achieved gradually over 15-20 seconds.
- Permeate obtained from first hour of operation should be discarded.

General Information

- Keep elements moist at all times after initial wetting.
- If operating limits and guidelines given in this bulletin are not strictly followed, the DOW™
 FILMTEC™ Reverse Osmosis and Nanofiltration Three-Year Prorated Limited Warranty (Form No. 609-35010) will be null and void.
- To prevent biological growth during prolonged system shutdowns, it is recommended that membrane elements be immersed in a preservative solution.
- The customer is fully responsible for the effects of incompatible chemicals and lubricants on elements.
- Maximum pressure drop across an entire pressure vessel (housing) is 50 psi (3.4 bar).
- Avoid static permeate-side backpressure at all times.

Regulatory Note

These membranes may be subject to drinking water application restrictions in some countries: please check the application status before use and sale.

Notice: The use of this product in and of itself does not necessarily guarantee the removal of cysts and pathogens from water. Effective cyst and pathogen reduction is dependent on the complete system design and on the operation and maintenance of the system.

Notice: No freedom from any patent owned by Dow or others is to be inferred. Because use conditions and applicable laws may differ from one location to another and may change with time, Customer is responsible for determining whether products and the information in this document are appropriate for Customer's use and for ensuring that Customer's workplace and disposal practices are in compliance with applicable laws and other government enactments. The product shown in this literature may not be available for sale and/or available in all geographies where Dow is represented. The claims made may not have been approved for use in all countries. Dow assumes no obligation or liability for the information in this document. References to "Dow" or the "Company" mean the Dow legal entity selling the products to Customer unless otherwise expressly noted. NO WARRANTIES ARE GIVEN; ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE ARE EXPRESSLY EXCLUDED.

