



Product Data Sheet

AmberLite™ XAD™16HP N Polymeric Adsorbent

Macroporous, Adsorbent Resin

Description

AmberLite™ XAD™16HP N Polymeric Adsorbent is a macroporous, non-ionic, fully-hydrated, hydrophobic, styrenic resin characterized by its porosity, controlled pore size distribution, and high surface area. This resin has been prepared to meet high purity specifications and is intended for bioprocessing applications in the pharmaceutical and organic chemical industries.

AmberLite™ XAD™16HP N has excellent physical resistance and thermal stability. In addition, it has a low swelling between solvent and aqueous media and can be used in column or batch operations.

In general, AmberLite™ XAD™16HP N is used for the adsorption of water-soluble organic substances, but it is not limited to this area. AmberLite™ XAD™16HP N is particularly useful in the separation and purification of antibiotics, vitamins, steroids, amino acids, enzymes, polypeptides, etc.

Applications

- Biopharmaceutical processing separation and purification (antibiotics, vitamins, steroids, amino acids, enzymes, polypeptides, etc.)

Typical Properties

Physical Properties	
Matrix	Macroporous, crosslinked DVB
Type	Adsorbent
Functional Group	None
Physical Form	White, opaque, spherical beads
Nitrogen BET	
Surface Area	~800 m ² /g
Total Pore Volume	~0.6 mL/mL
Chemical Properties	
Ionic Form as Shipped	Not applicable
Total Exchange Capacity	Not applicable
Water Retention Capacity	62 – 70%
Particle Size [§]	
Particle Diameter	600 – 750 µm
< 300 µm	≤ 3.0%
> 1180 µm	≤ 5.0%
Density	
Particle Density	1.015 – 1.025 g/mL
Shipping Weight	675 g/L

[§] For additional particle size information, please refer to the [Particle Size Distribution Cross Reference Chart](#) (Form No. 45-D00954-en).

Suggested Operating Conditions

Maximum Operating Temperature	150°C (302°F)
Bed Depth, min.	700 mm (2.3 ft)
Flowrates	
Loading	2 – 16 BV*/h (usually)
Elution/Desorption	1 – 2 BV/h
Regeneration	1 – 2 BV/h
Rinse	2 – 16 BV/h
Regenerants	• Water-miscible organic solvents (methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, acetone, etc.) for hydrophobic compounds • Dilute bases (0.1 – 0.5% NaOH) for weakly acidic compounds • Dilute acids (0.1 – 0.5% HCl) for weakly basic compounds • Water when adsorption is from an ionic solution • Hot water or steam for volatile materials

* 1 BV (Bed Volume) = 1 m³ solution per m³ resin or 7.5 gal per ft³ resin

Hydraulic Characteristics

Backwashing AmberLite™ XAD™ 16HP N Polymeric Adsorbent with water at 15°C (59°F) at a linear velocity of 1 m/h will produce a bed expansion of 70%.

Conditioning and Limits of Use

In general, AmberLite™ XAD™ 16HP N Polymeric Adsorbent is ready to use after a simple regeneration followed by a rinse with 20 bed volumes of potable water.

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- **WARNING:** Oxidizing agents such as nitric acid attack organic ion exchange resins under certain conditions. This could lead to anything from slight resin degradation to a violent exothermic reaction (explosion). Before using strong oxidizing agents, consult sources knowledgeable in handling such materials.

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