



DOW FILMTEC™ Membranes

DOW FILMTEC SW30XLE-440*i* Seawater Reverse Osmosis Element with *i*LEC Interlocking Endcaps

Features

Dow Water & Process Solutions offers various premium seawater reverse osmosis (RO) elements designed to reduce capital and operation cost of desalination systems. DOW FILMTEC™ products combine excellent membrane quality with automated precision fabrication which takes system performance to unprecedented levels.

DOW FILMTEC™ SW30XLE-440*i* offers medium salinity and medium temperature feed waters an advanced combination of high productivity and high rejection through extra-low energy consumption and single-pass design. It is also an ideal choice for two-pass seawater designs or high salinity brackish water applications. The combination of highest active area and thickest feed spacer of the DOW FILMTEC membranes results in higher productivity and lower cleaning frequency which enable sustainable lower lifecycle cost. Benefits of SW30XLE-440*i* include:

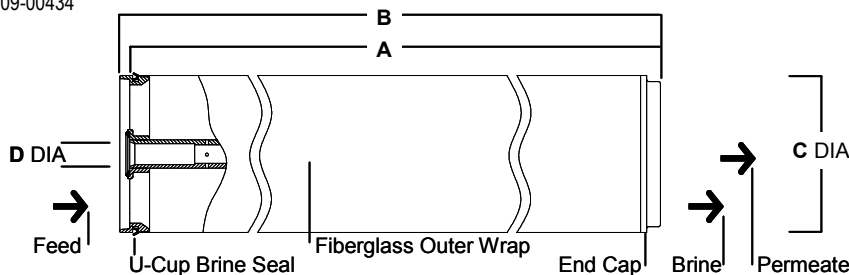
- Active area of 440 sq. ft., enables systems to be designed to deliver the lowest total cost of water by optimizing energy consumption, system productivity and operating flux.
- The highest guaranteed active area of 440 ft² (41 m²) permits lowest system capital cost by maximizing productivity and enables accurate and predictable system design and operating flux.
- The combination of highest active area with thickest feed spacer (28 mil) allows low cleaning frequency and high cleaning efficiency.
- Utilization of the distinct *i*LEC™ interlocking endcaps help reduce system operating costs and reduce the risk of o-ring leaks that can cause poor water quality (See Form No. 609-00446 for information on cost-saving benefits).
- Sustainable high performance over the operating lifetime, because oxidative treatments are not used in membrane production. This is one reason DOW FILMTEC elements are more durable and may be cleaned more effectively over a wider pH range (1-13) than most other RO elements, which use oxidative treatments.
- Can effectively be used in permeate staged seawater desalination systems without impairing the performance of the downstream stage.

Product Specifications

Product	Part number	Active area ft ² (m ²)	Maximum operating pressure psig (bar)	Permeate flow rate gpd (m ³ /d)	Stabilized boron rejection %	Minimum salt rejection %	Stabilized salt rejection %
SW30XLE-440 <i>i</i>		440 (41)	1,200 (83)	9,900 (37.5)	91.5	99.65	99.8

1. The above values are normalized to the following conditions: 32,000 ppm NaCl, 5 ppm Boron, 800 psi (5.5 MPa), 77°F (25°C), pH 8, 8% recovery.
2. Permeate flows for individual elements may vary +/-15%.
3. Product specifications may vary slightly as improvements are implemented.
4. Active area guaranteed +/-5%. Active area as stated by Dow is not comparable to the nominal membrane area figure often stated by some element suppliers. Measurement method described in Form No. 609-00434

Figure 1



Product	Feed spacer (mil)	Dimensions – inches (mm)			
		A	B	C	D
SW30XLE-440 <i>i</i>	28	40 (1,016)	40.5 (1,029)	7.9 (201)	1.125 (29)

1. Refer to Dow Design Guidelines for multiple-element systems.
2. Elements fit nominal 8-inch (203 mm) I.D. pressure vessel.
3. Individual *i*LEC elements measure 40.5 inches (1,029 mm) in length (B). The net length (A) of *i*LEC elements when connected is 40 inches (1,016 mm).

1 inch = 25.4 mm

Operating Limits

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| • Membrane Type | Polyamide Thin-Film Composite |
| • Maximum Operating Temperature ^a | 113°F (45°C) |
| • Maximum Element 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 Silt Density Index (SDI) | SDI 5 |
| • Free Chlorine Tolerance ^c | <0.1 ppm |

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

^{b.} Refer to Cleaning Guidelines in specification sheet 609-23010.

^{c.} 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.

Please refer to the product technical manual.

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 limited warranty will be null and void. Refer to [FILMTEC™ Reverse Osmosis and Nanofiltration Element Three-Year Prorated Limited Warranty](#) (Form No. 609-35010).
- 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.

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