DOW FILMTEC™ Membranes

DOW FILMTEC SW30HRLE-370/34*i* Seawater Reverse Osmosis Element with *iLEC*™ Interlocking Endcaps

Features

Dow Water & Process Solutions offers various premium seawater reverse osmosis (RO) elements designed to produce high quality water and reduce capital and operation cost of seawater RO systems. These products combine premium membrane performance with automated precision fabrication to provide reliable and consistent performance.

DOW FILMTEC™ SW30HRLE-370/34*i* element is a durable, high-rejection, high-productivity seawater element for use in high fouling or challenging feedwater conditions, helping to support smooth operations and low cost of water.

The benefits of DOW FILMTEC™ SW30HRLE-370/34*i* elements include:

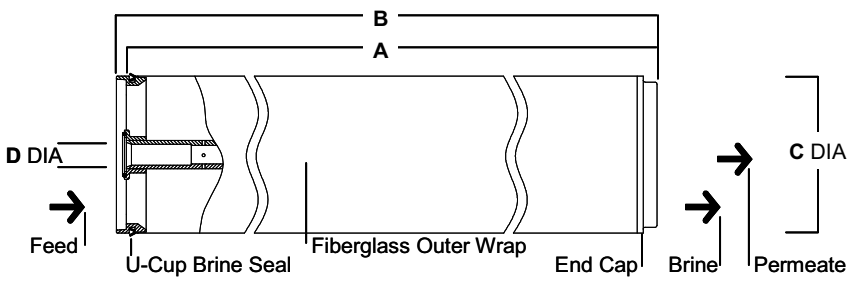
- A wide 34 mil feed spacer to lessen the impact of fouling on pressure drop across a vessel and enhance cleaning effectiveness.
- An active area of 370 square feet maximizing productivity and enabling accurate and predictable system design and operating flux.
- Utilization of the distinct *iLEC*™ interlocking endcaps that help to reduce system operating costs and reduce the risk of o-ring leaks that cause poor water quality.
- Effective use in permeate staged seawater desalination systems without impairing the performance of the downstream stage.
- High performance over the operating lifetime without the use of oxidative post-treatments. DOW FILMTEC elements are more durable and may be cleaned over a wider pH range (1-13).
- Automated, precision fabrication with a greater number of shorter membrane leaves reducing the effect of overall fouling and maximizing element efficiency.

Product Specifications

Product	Part Numbe	Active Area ft² (m²)	Maximum Operating Pressure psig (bar)	Permeate Flow Rate gpd (m³/d)	Stabilized Boron Rejection %	Minimum Salt Rejection %	Stabilized Salt Rejection %
SW30HRLE-370/34*i*	297 258	370 (34.4)	1,200 (83)	6,700 (25)	92	99.65	99.80

1. The above benchmark values are based on the following test conditions: 32,000 ppm NaCl, 5 ppm Boron, 800 psi (5.5 MPa), 77°F (25°C), pH 8 and 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 Water & Process Solutions 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
SW30HRLE-370/34*i*	34	40 (1,016)	40.5 (1,029)	7.9 (201)	1.125 (29)

1. Refer to Dow Water & Process Solutions Design Guidelines for multiple-element systems.
2. Elements fit nominal 8-inch (203 mm) I.D. pressure vessel.

1 inch = 25.4 mm

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Operating Limits

• Membrane Type	Polyamide Thin-Film Composite
• Maximum Operating Temperature	113°F (45°C)
• Maximum Element Pressure Drop	13 psig (0.9 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. DW&PS 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 limited warranty will be null and void. Refer to DOW™ 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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