



DOWEX™ MAC-3 Resin Macroporous Weak Acid Cation Exchange Resin

For Water Softening, Dealkalization and Demineralization Applications

Description

DOWEX™ MAC-3 Weak Acid Cation Resin has high exchange capacity, excellent regeneration efficiency, very good resistance to osmotic shock, plus good chemical and physical stability.

DOWEX MAC-3 Resin is effective in removal of temporary hardness (hardness associated with alkalinity) and dealkalization. It can also be used for recovery of metals. DOWEX MAC-3 Resin can be supplied in accordance to the TOC (Total Organic Carbon) requirements of the major European legislations for use in food and potable water applications. In such cases, a recommendation is given for resin conditioning before use.

Typical Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical Form		White to amber opaque beads
Matrix		Polyacrylic, macroporous
Functional group		Carboxylic acid
Ionic form as shipped		H ⁺ form
Total volume capacity, min.	eq/L kgr/ft ³ as CaCO ₃	3.8 83.0
Particle size† 300–1,200 μm, min. (50 mesh–16 mesh)	%	90
Moisture retention capacity	%	44–52
Whole beads	%	90–100
Total swelling (H ⁺ → Na ⁺)	%	~70
Particle density	g/mL	1.18
Shipping density**	g/L lbs/ft ³	750 47

† For additional particle size information, please refer to Particle Size Distribution Cross Reference Chart (Form No. 177-01775).

**As per the backwashed and settled density of the resin, determined by ASTM D-2187

Suggested Operating Conditions

Maximum operating temperature	120°C (250°F)
pH range	5–14
Bed depth, min.	800 mm (2.6 ft)
Flow rates: Service/fast rinse Backwash Regeneration/displacement rinse	5–50 m/h (2–20 gpm/ft ²) See figure 1 1–10 m/h HCl (0.4–4 gpm/ft ²) 5–20 m/h H ₂ SO ₄ (2–8 gpm/ft ²) 5–20 m/h (2–8 gpm/ft ²)
Total rinse requirement	3–6 BV*
Regenerant	1–5% HCl or 0.5–0.8% H ₂ SO ₄

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

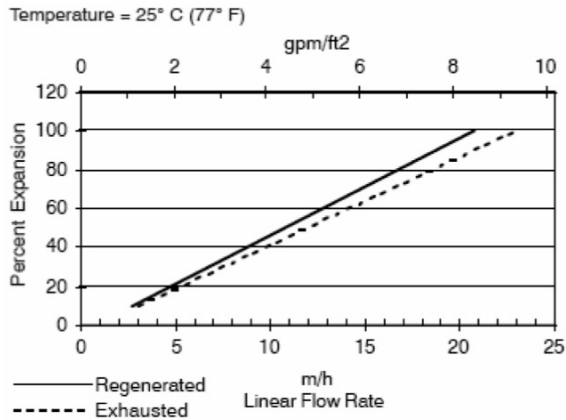
Packaging

25 liter bags or 5 cubic feet fiber drums

Hydraulic Characteristics

Figure 1 shows the bed expansion of DOWEX™ MAC-3 resin as a function of backwash flow rate and water temperature. Figure 2 shows the pressure drop data for DOWEX MAC-3 as a function of service flow rate and water temperature. Pressure drop data are valid at the start of the service run with clear water and a correctly classified bed.

Figure 1. Backwash Expansion Data

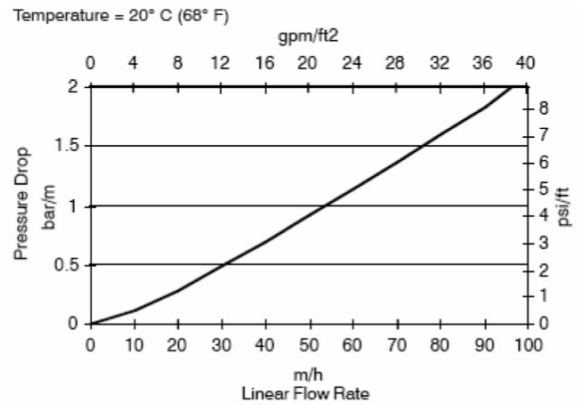


For other temperatures use:

$$F_T = F_{77°F} [1 + 0.008 (T_F - 77)], \text{ where } F \equiv \text{gpm/ft}^2$$

$$F_T = F_{25°C} [1 + 0.008 (1.8T_C - 45)], \text{ where } F \equiv \text{m/h}$$

Figure 2. Pressure Drop Data



For other temperatures use:

$$P_T = P_{20°C} / (0.026 T_C + 0.48), \text{ where } P \equiv \text{bar/m}$$

$$P_T = P_{68°F} / (0.014 T_F + 0.05), \text{ where } P \equiv \text{psi/ft}$$

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