



Product Data Sheet

DOW FILMTEC™ SW30HRLE-400 Element

High Rejection, Seawater Reverse Osmosis Element

Description

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

DOW FILMTEC™ SW30HRLE-400 Elements offer a combination of high rejection and low energy requirements to allow lower total costs with medium- and high-salinity feedwater. Benefits of the DOW FILMTEC SW30HRLE-400 element include:

- Helps systems to be designed and operated to optimize operating cost through lower energy consumption or to optimize capital cost through higher productivity at lower operating fluxes.
- High NaCl and boron rejection to help meet World Health Organization (WHO) and other drinking water standards.
- 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. This is one reason DOW FILMTEC elements are more durable and may be cleaned more effectively over a wider pH range (1 – 13) than other RO elements.
- Automated, precision fabrication with a greater number of shorter membrane leaves reducing the effect of overall fouling and maximizing element efficiency, helping to lower your cost of operation.

Product Type

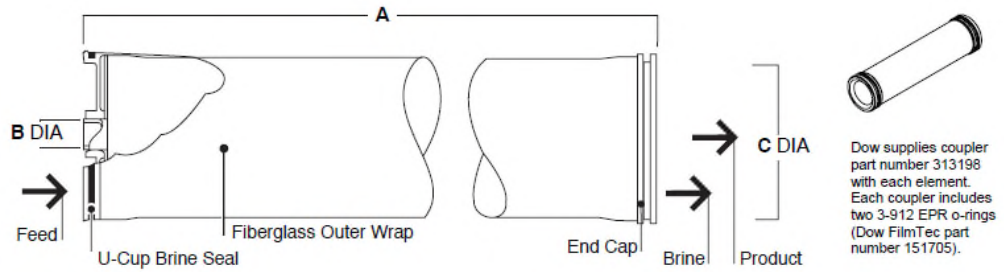
Spiral-wound element with polyamide thin-film composite membrane.

Product Specifications

DOW FILMTEC™ Element	Active Area		Feed Spacer Thickness (mil)	Permeate Flow Rate		Stabilized Boron Rejection (%)	Stabilized Salt Rejection (%)
	(ft ²)	(m ²)		(GPD)	(m ³ /d)		
SW30HRLE-400	400	37	28	7,500	28	92	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. Minimum Salt Rejection is 99.65%.
4. Stabilized salt rejection is generally achieved within 24 – 48 hours of continuous use; depending upon feedwater characteristics and operating conditions.
5. Product specifications may vary slightly as improvements are implemented.
6. 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.

Element Dimensions



DOW FILMTEC™ Element	A		B		C	
	(in.)	(mm)	(in.)	(mm)	(in.)	(mm)
SW30HRLE-400	40.0	1,016	1.125 ID	29 ID	7.9	201

1. Refer to Dow Water & Process Solutions Design Guidelines for multiple-element applications. 1 inch = 25.4 mm
2. Element to fit nominal 8-inch (203-mm) I.D. pressure vessel.

Operating and Cleaning Limits

Maximum Operating Temperature ^a	113°F (45°C)
Maximum Operating Pressure	1,200 psig (83 bar) ^d
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 guidelines in “[Cleaning Procedures](#)” for more information.

^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 Water & Process Solutions recommends removing residual free chlorine by pretreatment prior to membrane exposure. Please refer to technical bulletin “[Dechlorinating Feedwater](#)” for more information.

^d Operation at pressures up to 1,200 psig (83 bar) is allowable under certain conditions. Consult your Dow representative for advice on applications above 1,000 psig (69 bar).

Additional Important Information

Before use or storage, review these additional resources for important information:

- [Usage Guidelines for DOW FILMTEC™ 8" Elements](#)
- [System Operation: Initial Start-Up](#)
- [Handling, Preservation and Storage](#)

Regulatory Note

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

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