



Product Data Sheet

DOW FILMTEC™ SW30HRLE-440i Element

High Rejection, Seawater Reverse Osmosis Element with *iLEC™* Interlocking Endcaps

Description

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

DOW FILMTEC™ SW30HRLE-440i Elements offer sustainable lower lifecycle cost for medium- and high-salinity feedwater by combining high rejection and low energy performance with the highest active area and a thick feed spacer. Benefits of the DOW FILMTEC SW30HRLE-440i element include:

- Helps systems to be designed and operated to either lower operating cost through reduced energy consumption, or to decrease 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.
- Very high guaranteed active area of 440 ft² (41 m²) permits lower system cost by maximizing productivity and facilitating accurate and predictable system design and operating flux.
- The combination of very high active area with a thick feed spacer (28 mil) allows low cleaning frequency and high cleaning efficiency.
- Utilization of the distinct *iLEC™* Interlocking Endcaps that help reduce system operating costs and 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 of the element, 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.
- Effective use in permeate staged seawater desalination systems without impairing the performance of the downstream stage.

Product Type

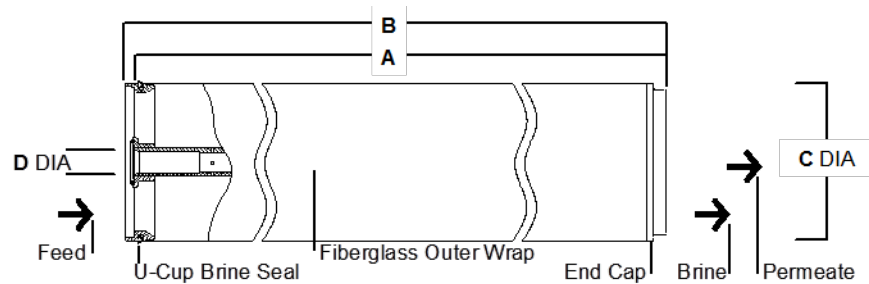
Spiral-wound element with polyamide thin-film composite membrane

Product Specifications

DOW FILMTEC™ Element	Active Area		Feed Spacer	Permeate Flow Rate		Stabilized Boron	Stabilized Salt
	(ft ²)	(m ²)	Thickness (mil)	(GPD)	(m ³ /d)	Rejection (%)	Rejection (%)
SW30HRLE-440i	440	41	28	8,000	30.2	92	99.80

- 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.
- Permeate flows for individual elements may vary ± 15%.
- Minimum Salt Rejection is 99.65%.
- Stabilized salt rejection is generally achieved within 24 – 48 hours of continuous use; depending upon feedwater characteristics and operating conditions.
- Product specifications may vary slightly as improvements are implemented.
- 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		D	
	(in.)	(mm)	(in.)	(mm)	(in.)	(mm)	(in.)	(mm)
SW30HRLE-440i	40.0	1,016	40.5	1,029	7.9	201	1.125 ID	29 ID

- Refer to Dow Water & Process Solutions Design Guidelines for multiple-element applications. 1 inch = 25.4 mm
- Element to fit nominal 8-inch (203-mm) I.D. pressure vessel.
- Individual elements with *iLEC*™ Interlocking Endcaps measure 40.5 inches (1,029 mm) in length (B). The net length (A) of the elements when connected is 40.0 inches (1,016 mm).

Operating and Cleaning Limits

Maximum Operating Temperature ^a	113°F (45°C)
Maximum Operating Pressure	1,200 psig (83 bar)
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.

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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