



**DOWEX™ MARATHON™ A Resin**

**Uniform Particle Size, High Capacity, Strong Base Anion Exchange Resin**

For Potable and Industrial Demineralization Applications

**Description**

DOWEX™ MARATHON™ A Anion Exchange Resin is specifically designed to give high throughput and economical operation in primary demineralizer beds. Because of its uniform particle size, this resin offers a number of economic advantages over conventional (polydispersed) resins. The small uniform bead size of DOWEX MARATHON A Resin results in rapid exchange kinetics during operation, more complete regeneration of the resin, and faster, more thorough rinse following regeneration. It can be used for all types of water but especially recommended for waters that have a high percentage of silica and carbon dioxide.

**Typical Physical and Chemical Properties**

Physical Form		White to amber translucent beads	
Matrix		Styrene-DVB, gel	
Functional group		Quaternary amine	
Ionic form as shipped		<b>Cl<sup>-</sup> form</b>	<b>OH<sup>-</sup> form</b>
Total volume capacity, min.	eq/L	1.3	1.0
	kgr/ft <sup>3</sup> as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	28.4	21.9
Moisture Retention Capacity	%	50–60	60–72
Particle size †			
Uniformity coefficient, max.		1.1	1.1
Harmonic mean diameter		μm	
		575 ± 50	610 ± 50
Whole uncracked beads		%	95–100
Total swelling (Cl <sup>-</sup> → OH <sup>-</sup> )		%	20
Particle density		g/mL	1.06
Shipping density**	g/L	670	640
	lbs/ft <sup>3</sup>	42	40

† 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 OH <sup>-</sup> form Cl <sup>-</sup> form	60°C (140°F) 100°C (212°F)
pH range	0-14
Bed depth, min.	800 mm (2.6 ft)
Flow rates: Service/fast rinse Backwash Co-current regeneration/displacement rinse Counter-current regeneration/displacement rinse	5-60 m/h (2-24 gpm/ft <sup>2</sup> ) See Figure 1 1-10 m/h (0.4-4 gpm/ft <sup>2</sup> ) 5-20 m/h (2-8 gpm/ft <sup>2</sup> )
Total rinse requirement	3-6 BV*
Regenerant: Type Temperature	2-5% NaOH Ambient or up to 50°C (122°F) for silica removal

\*1 BV (Bed Volume) = 1 m<sup>3</sup> solution per m<sup>3</sup> resin or 7.5 gals per ft<sup>3</sup> resin

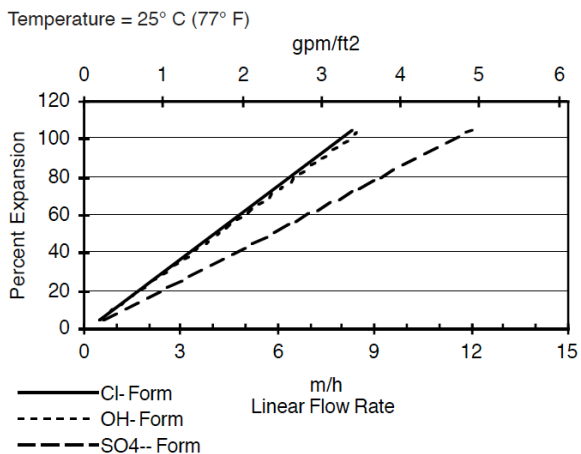
## Packaging

25 liter bags or 5 cubic foot fiber drums

## Hydraulic Characteristics

Figure 1 shows the bed expansion of DOWEX™ MARATHON™ A resin as a function of backwash flow rate and water temperature. Figure 2 shows the pressure drop data for DOWEX MARATHON A 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

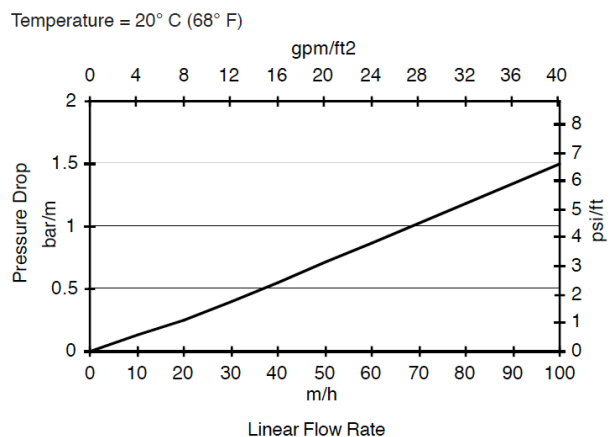


#### For other temperatures use:

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

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

### Figure 2. Pressure Drop Data



#### For other temperatures use:

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

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

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