



DOW FILMTEC™ FORTILIFE™ XC80 Element

Push TDS Limit and Maximize Water Recovery in Brine Concentration

Description

The DOW FILMTEC™ FORTILIFE™ product line offers industrial users a reliable and highly efficient option to help solve their most difficult water challenges, such as wastewater reuse and Minimal Liquid Discharge (MLD).

Key benefits of the DOW FILMTEC™ FORTILIFE™ XC80 element include:

- The ability to achieve reject Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) level > 80,000 ppm within standard reverse osmosis (RO) operating limits, helping lower brine volume and maximize water recovery in the brine concentration step
- Improved cost-efficiency of the overall MLD or Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) system due to brine reduction to downstream thermal treatment
- Lower reverse osmosis (RO) energy consumption
- Slower permeate flow rate decline enabled by a highly fouling-resistant membrane
- Robust membrane and reliable long-term performance
- The wide pH range for cleanings (pH 1 – 13) allows effective cleaning in severe fouling
- Support from highly specialized and experienced technical experts

These industry-leading benefits result from a distinct combination of:

- A highly permeable, fouling resistant membrane
- An oxidative-free membrane manufacturing process

Exemplary Brine Concentration Projections

DOW FILMTEC™ Element	P _r (bar)	Feed TDS (ppm)	Concentrate	Ave Op. flux (LMH)	Recovery (%)
			TDS (ppm)		
FORTILIFE™ XC80	70	60,000	77,000	13	23

1. Results in the table are based from a ROSA simulation of a single 3 element pressure vessel operated at 25 C, pH 8, feed flow = 7 m³/h and a FF = 0.85, with 60,000ppm NaCl feed.
2. No warranty is provided for the application of this information since use conditions and applicable laws may differ from one location to another and may change with time.

Product Type

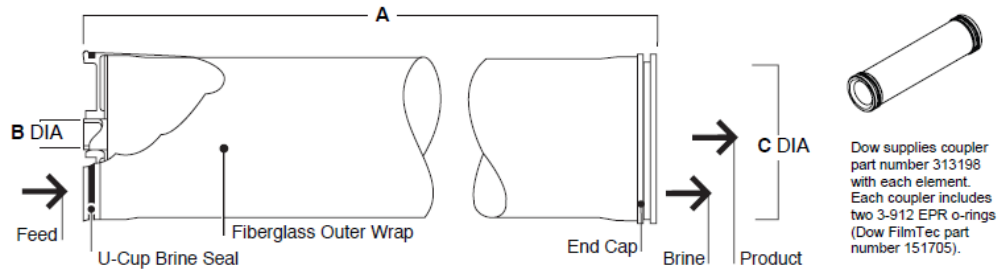
Spiral-wound element with polyamide thin-film composite membrane

Product Specifications

DOW FILMTEC™ Element	Active Area		Feed Spacer Thickness (mil)	Permeate Flow Rate (GPD)	Permeate Flow Rate (m ³ /d)	Typical Stabilized Salt Rejection (%)	Minimum Salt Rejection (%)
	(ft ²)	(m ²)					
FORTILIFE™ XC80	440	41	28	9,050	34.2	99.47	99.25

- The above values are based on the following testing conditions: 32,000 ppm NaCl, 600 psi (4.1 MPa), 77°F (25°C), pH 8, 8% recovery.
- Flow rates for individual elements may vary but will be no more than ± 15%.
- Sales specifications may vary as design revisions take place.
- Active area guaranteed ± 3%. Active area as stated by Dow Water & Process Solutions is not comparable to nominal membrane area often stated by some manufacturers. Refer to ["How to Evaluate the Active Membrane Area of Seawater Reverse Osmosis Elements"](#) for a description of the measurement method.

Element Dimensions



DOW FILMTEC™ Element	A		B		C	
	(in.)	(mm)	(in.)	(mm)	(in.)	(mm)
FORTILIFE™ XC80	40.0	1,106	1.125 ID	29 ID	7.9	201

- 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.

Operating and Cleaning Limits

Maximum Operating Temperature ^a	113°F (45°C)
Maximum Operating Pressure ^b	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.) ^c	1 – 13
Maximum Feed Silt Density Index (SDI)	SDI 5
Free Chlorine Tolerance ^d	< 0.1 ppm

^a Maximum temperature for continuous operation above pH 10 is 95°F (35°C).

^b Maximum pressure at 25 C. Consult tech service specialist for limits at high temperature.

^c Refer to guidelines in ["Cleaning Procedures"](#) for more information.

^d 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](#)

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