



## FilmTec™ Fiberglassed Elements for Light Industrial Systems

### Description

FilmTec™ brackish water reverse osmosis membrane elements provide consistent system performance in light industrial applications.

- FilmTec™ BW30-4040 is an industry standard for reliable operation and production of high quality water.
- FilmTec™ BW30-2540 Elements are designed for systems smaller than 1 gpm (0.2 m<sup>3</sup>/h) offering a hard shell exterior for extra strength.

Elements with a hard shell exterior are recommended for systems with multiple-element housings containing three or more membranes, as they are designed to withstand higher pressure drops.

### Product Type

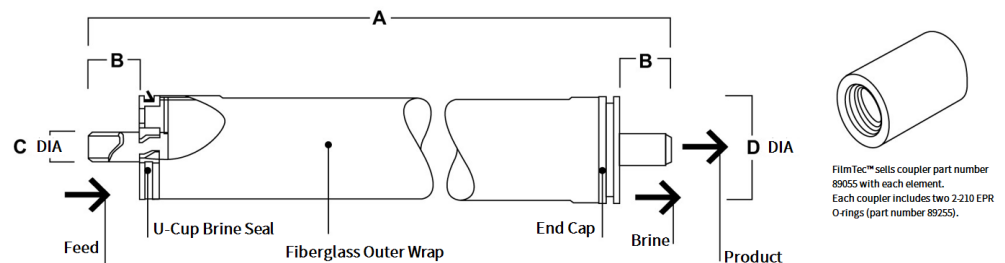
Spiral-wound element with polyamide thin-film composite membrane

### Typical Properties

Product	Part Number	Feed Spacer Thickness (mil)	Permeate Flow Rate gpd (m <sup>3</sup> /d)	Stabilized Salt Rejection %
BW30-4040	80783	34	2,400 (9.1)	99.5
BW30-2540	80766	28	1,000 (3.8)	99.5

1. Permeate flow and salt rejection based on the following test conditions: 2,000 ppm NaCl and 225 psig (15.5 bar), pH 8, 77°F (25°C) and 15% recovery.
2. Minimum salt rejection is 98.0%.
3. Permeate flows for individual elements may vary +/-20%.

### Element Dimensions



Product	Dimensions – inches (mm)			
	A	B	C	D
BW30-4040	40.0 (1,016)	1.05 (26.7)	0.75 (19)	3.9 (99)
BW30-2540	40.0 (1,016)	1.19 (30.2)	0.75 (19)	2.4 (61)

1 inch = 25.4 mm

1. Refer to [FilmTec™ Design Guidelines for multiple-element systems of midsize elements](#) (Form No. 45-D01588-en).
2. BW30-2540 Elements fit nominal 2.5-inch I.D. pressure vessel. BW30-4040 Elements fit nominal 4-inch I.D. pressure vessel.

## Operating and Cleaning Limits

Membrane Type	Polyamide Thin-Film Composite
Maximum Operating Temperature <sup>a</sup>	113°F (45°C)
Maximum Operating Pressure	600 psi (41 bar)
Maximum Feed Flow Rate	
4040 Elements	16 gpm (3.6 m <sup>3</sup> /h)
2540 Elements	6 gpm (1.4 m <sup>3</sup> /h)
Maximum Pressure Drop	15 psig (1.0 bar)
pH Range	
Continuous Operation <sup>a</sup>	2 - 11
Short-Term Cleaning (30 min.) <sup>b</sup>	1 - 13
Maximum Feed Silt Density Index (SDI)	SDI 5
Free Chlorine Tolerance <sup>c</sup>	< 0.1 ppm

- a. Maximum temperature for continuous operation above pH 10 is 95°F (35°C).
- b. Refer to [FilmTec™ Cleaning Guidelines](#) (Form No. 45-D01696-en).
- 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, it is recommended that residual free chlorine be removed by pretreatment prior to membrane exposure. Please refer to [Dechlorinating Feedwater](#) (Form No. 45-D01569-en) for more information

## Important Information

Proper start-up of reverse osmosis water treatment systems is essential to prepare the membranes for operating service and to prevent membrane damage due to overfeeding or hydraulic shock. Following the proper start-up sequence also helps ensure that system operating parameters conform to design specifications so that system water quality and productivity goals can be achieved.

Before initiating system start-up procedures, membrane pretreatment, loading of the membrane elements, instrument calibration and other system checks should be completed.

Please refer to the application information literature entitled [Start-Up Sequence](#) (Form No. 45-D01609-en) for more information.

## Operation Guidelines

Avoid any abrupt pressure or cross-flow variations on the spiral elements during start-up, shutdown, cleaning or other sequences to prevent possible membrane damage. During start-up, a gradual change from a standstill to operating state is recommended as follows:

- Feed pressure should be increased gradually over a 30-60 second time frame.
- Cross-flow velocity at set operating point should be achieved gradually over 15-20 seconds.

Please refer to the [FilmTec™ Reverse Osmosis Membranes Technical Manual](#) (Form No. 45-D01504-en).

## **General Information**

- Keep elements moist at all times after initial wetting
- For successful operation of Reverse Osmosis (RO) and Nanofiltration (NF) membrane systems, the operation must follow the guidelines provided in the [FilmTec™ Reverse Osmosis / Nanofiltration Elements Operation Excellence and Limiting Conditions Tech Fact](#) (Form No. 45-D04388-en).
- To prevent biological growth during prolonged system shutdowns, it is recommended that membrane elements be immersed in a preservative solution
- The customer is fully responsible for the effects of incompatible chemicals and lubricants on elements
- Maximum pressure drop across an entire pressure vessel (housing) is 50 psi (3.4 bar)
- Avoid static permeate-side backpressure at all times

## **Storage**

Refer to [Storage and Shipping of New FilmTec™ Elements](#) (Form No. 45-D01633-en) for further information.

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- The use of this product in and of itself does not necessarily guarantee the removal of cysts and pathogens from water. Effective cyst and pathogen reduction is dependent on the complete system design and on the operation and maintenance of the system.
- Permeate obtained from the first hour of operation should be discarded.

## **Regulatory Note**

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

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