



Make Water Anywhere with Pall Integrated Membrane Systems



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Constituents of source water

Water contaminants will include dissolved solids and suspended solids



Seawater contains between 30 and 50 g/l of dissolved salts. Depending on the water source, other contaminants will be present across the entire range with huge problems associated with the suspended components



Constituents of water



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Constituents of water

Suspended solids - Removed by a filtration media or membrane processes

Dissolved contaminants - Removed by Reverse Osmosis (RO)





Contaminants in Water



Membrane separation





Membrane configurations

Microfiltration



Complete uniform pore structure through the thickness **(no skin)** polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) membrane construction

Ultrafiltration



Uniform inner and outer skinned UF membrane with narrow pore range ensures highly efficient rejection characteristics



Membrane vs conventional filtration

Features / Performance Evaluation	Sand Filter / MMF/DMF	Membrane MF	Benefit of Pall MF	
Protection of potential RO	+	++++	0.1 µm rating removes particulate fines (colloids and oxidized metals eg. Fe, Mn, As) & micro organisms	
Silt Density Index (SDI)	+	++++	Filtrate with SDI <3	
Turbidity	++	++++	Filtrate with turbidity < 0.1 NTU	
Microbial removal	+	++++	6 log removal of microorganism and pathogens	
Consistency in performance	+	++++	Continuous	
Integrity testable	-	++++	Assurance of safe potable water supply	
Flexibility to cope with variable feeds and hydraulic loads	++	++++	Broad operation range, handles upsets	
Reliability & longevity	++	++++	Superior strength of HC-PVDF membranes	
Modular & expandable	+	++++	Future needs, by modules or banks	
Waste minimization	+	+++	Unique Air-scrub-feature for high recovery	
Footprint and weight	+	+++	Compact design, small footprint	
Response to oil in feed	++	+++	CIP will clean membranes while SF blocks	

++++ : excellent	+++ : good	++ : fair	+ : poor	- : not available
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Membrane filtration vs conventional

Differences of filtrate qualities between traditional prefiltration and Microza[®] prefiltration (Deposits during SDI measurements)



Feedwater

After traditional pre-filtration



Pre-treatment membrane operation







Pre-treatment membrane operation

Filtration

Backwash & air scrub







Pre-treatment performance imperatives

Performance metrics

- Particulate (RO pre-treatment)
 - Turbidity < 0.1 NTU</p>
 - SDI < 2 (RO feed requires SDI <3)
 - Total suspended solids background
- Microbiologicals (RO pretreatemnt and drinking water production)
 - Giardia, Crypstosporidium > 6 log removal (99.9999%)
 - Virus 0.5-3 log
 - Animal Parasites

Given the broad range of inlet solids and the life expectancy It is vital to use a physically robust and chemically resistant Membrane:

- Homogenous construction
- Chemically inert PVDF
- High degree of crystallinity

Skinned ultrafiltration membranes will not withstand the rigours of repeated backwashing and air scrub. Resulting in deterioration of performance with time





Membrane integration





DTRO configuration

Disc Tube RO (DTRO) membrane alternative configuration





Membrane properties & considerations

Pre-treatment

- Protection of downstream equipment, processes & functions
 - Control of inlet suspended solids (SDI >3 for RO/NF)
 - Microbial barrier
- Integrity assurance
 - Sensitive, automated test to confirm performance
- Sustainable operation
 - Ability to reverse pore occlusion (filtration process)
 - Withstand aggressive cleaning procedures
 - Chemical resistance

RO

- Desired rejection rates for ionic species
- Minimal loss of production through flow channel and membrane fouling



Operational considerations - sustainability

- The pre-treatment stage can face extremely challenging and sometimes often variable feed water conditions
- As the filtration membrane retains solids, it exhibits an increase in transmembrane pressure (TMP) as previously demonstrated
- The increase in TMP must be completely recoverable, this is achieved with physical and chemical cleaning regimes
 - Reverse filtration with previously filtered water in combination with air scour
 - Regular (24 hr infinite) flux maintenance clean (CIO-)
 - CIP (~monthly infinite) Chemical clean (CIO⁻ + NaOH)
 - Chemical cleaning can be eliminated with low flux operation
- Membrane prefiltration dramatically reduced cleaning burden of downstream RO
- Membrane prefiltration reduces scale formation in RO by reduced precipitation nucleation



Sustainable operation





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Sustainable operation

Robust and chemically resistant membranes are required to withstand the rigours of feed water duty and the associated aggressive cleaning procedures over the years of their service life

Highly crystalline PVDF exhibit greater mechanical and chemical resistance (Liu, C. 2007). Factors affecting stability...

- Morphology of polymers: crystalline vs. amorphous polymers
- Chemical composition, inc structure of monomers
- Molecular architecture average mol wt & distribution, branching, cross linking.
- Chain orientation with respect to the major stresses during operation
- Structure and geometry of membranes
- The presence of catalysts and inhibitors for chemical reactions relevant to chemical degradation of polymeric membranes



Shipboard Series

AT25 - 20m³/day



AT32 - 40m³/day



MF pre-treatment upgrade



DTRO special Submarine





Conclusions

- Membrane technology has a long history in water treatment but recent developments in construction and polymer chemistry have enabled significant broadening of this scope – particularly as a conventional media filter replacement option
- Robust polymeric prefiltration membranes remove virtually all suspended solids and produce a high quality filtrate with background levels of TSS and SDI
- Membranes provide dependable barriers to microorganisms in drinking water supply and as such enable treatment of freshwater sources (Bunker feed)
- Combining MF membranes as pre-treatment to RO enables the latter to function under optimum conditions and produce a treated water quality that is reliably within demanding target limits
- The control of TSS and microbial burden reduces bio fouling of RO membranes and delays scale formation enabling optimum RO production and extended life
- The robust MF membranes can continuously maintain throughput when challenged with a wide range of inlet solids and algae conditions with effective TMP regeneration

