

# **DOWEX MARATHON WBA**

A Uniform Particle Size, High Capacity, Weak Base Anion Exchange Resin for Water Demineralization Applications

Product	Туре	Matrix	Functional group
DOWEX™ MARATHON™ WBA	Weak base anion	Styrene-DVB, macroporous	Tertiary amine

Guaranteed Sales Specifications		FB (free base) form	
Total exchange capacity, min.	eq/L	1.3	
	kgr/ft³ as CaCO₃	28.4	
Water content	%	50 - 60	
Uniformity coefficient, max.		1.1	

Typical Physical and Chemical Properties		FB (free base) form	
Mean particle size <sup>†</sup>	μm	525 ± 50	
Whole beads	%	95 - 100	
Total swelling (FB → HCI)	%	20	
Particle density	g/mL	1.04	
Shipping weight	g/L	640	
	lbs/ft <sup>3</sup>	40	

# Recommended Operating Conditions

•	Maximum operating temperature	100°C (212°F)
•	pH range	0 - 7
•	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/ft²) See figure 1 1 - 10 m/h (0.4 - 4 gpm /ft²) 5 - 20 m/h (2 - 8 gpm /ft²)
•	Total rinse requirement	2 - 4 Bed volumes
•	Regenerant:	2 - 5% NaOH

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> For additional particle size information, please refer to Particle Size Distribution Cross Reference Chart (Form No. 177-01775).

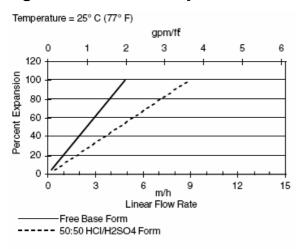
# Typical properties and applications

DOWEX MARATHON WBA resin is a high capacity, macroporous, weak base anion resin of narrow bead-size distribution. The small uniform bead size yields significantly higher throughput capacity than macroporous weak base resins with conventional polydispersed bead size distribution. This means more water can be produced per regeneration so regeneration costs are minimized. DOWEX MARATHON WBA resin is especially well suited for use with strong base resins. It effectively removes mineral acids (formed by Cl<sup>-</sup> and SO<sub>4</sub>-<sup>2</sup>) and organics, reducing the ionic load on the strong base anion and protecting it from organic fouling.

## **Packaging**

25 liter bags or 5 cubic feet fiber drums

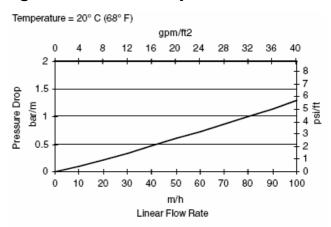
Figure 1. Backwash Expansion Data



#### For other temperatures use:

 $F_T = F_{77^{\circ}F} [1 + 0.008 (T_{\circ F} - 77)], \text{ where } F \equiv gpm/ft^2$  $F_T = F_{25^{\circ}C} [1 + 0.008 (1.8T_{\circ C} - 45)], \text{ where } F \equiv m/h$ 

## Figure 2. Pressure Drop Data



### For other temperatures use:

 $P_T = P_{20^{\circ}C} / (0.026 \, T_{^{\circ}C} + 0.48)$ , where  $P \equiv bar/m$  $P_T = P_{68^{\circ}F} / (0.014 \, T_{^{\circ}F} + 0.05)$ , where  $P \equiv psi/ft$ 

#### DOWEX Ion Exchange Resins For more information about DOWEX resins, call the Dow Liquid Separations business:

North America: 1-800-447-4369 Latin America: (+55) 11-5188-9222 Europe: (+32) 3-450-2240 Pacific: +60 3 7958 3392 Japan: +813 5460 2100 China: +86 21 2301 9000 Warning: Oxidizing agents such as nitric acid attack organic ion exchange resins under certain conditions. This could lead to anything from slight resin degradation to a violent exothermic reaction (explosion). Before using strong oxidizing agents, consult sources knowledgeable in handling such materials.

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