Alfa Laval MF spiral membranes

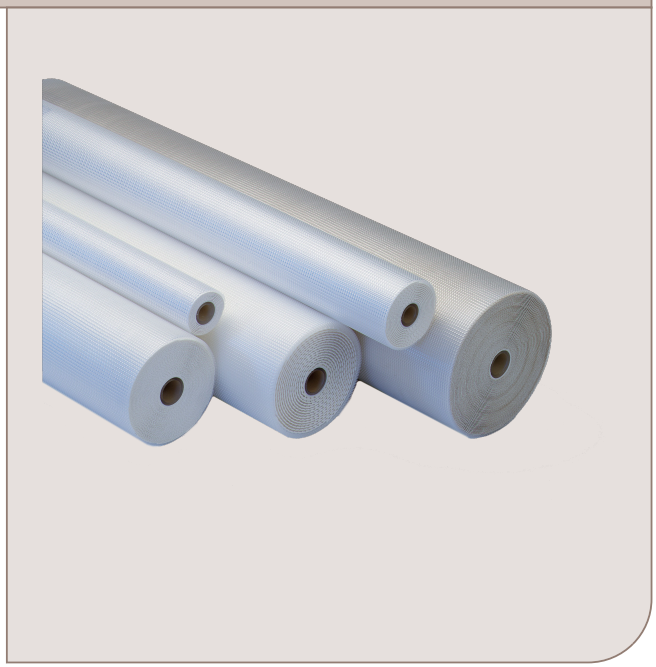
Sanitary spiral membranes for microfiltration

Introduction

Cross-flow membrane filtration by Alfa Laval separates out the different components in a feed stream on the basis of the size and the shape of the micro-particles within it.

Microfiltration (MF) is used on feed streams where the aim is to remove small-diameter dispersed solids such as bacteria, fat and oil globules without affecting the balance of components dissolved within the stream.

Alfa Laval MF spiral membranes have the advantage of eliminating the frequent replacement and disposal of the cartridges and other consumables used in traditional dead-end filtration.



Applications

Alfa Laval spiral membranes for microfiltration are used for a wide range of high-sanitary processes in the food, beverage, dairy, biotech and pharmaceutical industries such as:

- concentration and purification
- clarification and fractionation
- extraction
- product recycling and recovery
- product and effluent upgrading

Benefits

- sanitary and compact full-fit design
- low initial investment and replacement costs
- cost-effective operation thanks to low energy consumption
- tolerance to high pH and temperature
- operation at low temperature possible
- different types and sizes available
- the same basic membranes available in spiral and flat sheet configurations
- developed and manufactured by Alfa Laval
- all materials in compliance with EU Regulation (EC) 1935/2004, EU Regulation 10/2011, EU regulation (EC) 2023/2006 and FDA regulations (CFR) Title 21

Spiral membrane data

Alfa Laval MF spiral membranes are based on a unique construction of a polymeric membrane of either polysulphone or fluoro polymer with polypropylene (PP) support material that provides optimum cleaning conditions.

Membrane type	Support material	Characteristics	Pore size[1]
MFG1	Polypropylene	Polysulphone	0.1 µm
MFG2	Polypropylene	Polysulphone	0.2 µm
MFP2	Polypropylene	Fluoro polymer	0.2 µm
MFP5	Polypropylene	Fluoro polymer	0.5 µm

[1] measured by standard bubble point method

Spiral membrane designation

Example: **Alfa Laval MFG1–6338/48**		
Alfa Laval MFG1	=	Membrane type
63	=	Outer diameter of spiral (6.3")
38	=	Length of spiral (38") without ATD system
48	=	Thickness of feed spacer (48 mil)

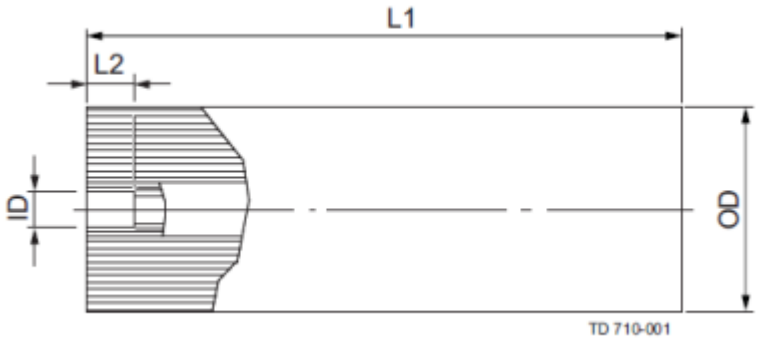
Standard configurations

Size[1]		Membrane type and code number[2]			
Spiral	**Spacer**	**MFG1**	**MFG2**	**MFP2**	**MFP5**
2517	48	531068	531576	528902	528995
2538	48	540910	529966	529965	541046
3838	48	531632	531049	524871	525474
	80	527942	527940	524822	524823
6338	48	531647	531648	524859	524858
	80	531633	531649	533860	529902
8038	48	531635	531634	—	533861
(id 28.9 mm)	80	531637	531636	533866	533862
8338	48	531639	531638	533867	533863
(id 28.9 mm)	80	531641	531640	533868	533864

[1] For other sizes, please contact Alfa Laval

[2] Please specify code number when ordering

Dimensions



OD = outer diameter of spiral membrane
HD = nominal inner diameter of housing[1]
L1 = total length of spiral membrane without ATD
ID = diameter of ATD socket
L2 = depth of ATD socket

[1] For specific measurements of Alfa Laval housings please see the product specification

Standard sizes

Size[1]	Outer diameter (OD)		Housing diameter (HD)		Spiral length (L1)[2]		ATD socket diameter (ID)		ATD socket depth (L2)	
	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches
2517	64.0– 65.0	2.52– 2.56	66.0	2.60	432	17.01	21.10	0.83	50.0	1.97
2538	64.0– 65.0	2.52– 2.56	66.0	2.60	965	37.99	21.10	0.83	50.0	1.97
3838	95.0– 96.5	3.74– 3.80	97.55	3.84	965	37.99	21.10	0.83	50.0	1.97
6338	160.0–162.0	6.30–6.38	163.10	6.42	965	37.99	28.90	1.14	76.0	2.99
8038	198.5–201.5	7.82– 7.93	204.14	8.04	965	37.99	28.90	1.14	76.0	2.99
8338	208.5–210.5	8.21–8.29	213.10	8.34	965	37.99	28.90	1.14	76.0	2.99

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[2] Without ATD system

Cross-flow and pressure drop

Typical cross-flow (m^3/h) and max. pressure drop (bar) at cP 1:

Outer diameter:	2.5”		3.8”		6.3”		8.0”		8.3”	
Spacer thickness:	m^3/h	bar	m^3/h	bar	m^3/h	bar	m^3/h	bar	m^3/h	bar
48 mil	1.3	0.6	8	1.1	23	1.1	25	1.0	30	1.0
80 mil	—	—	11	1.1	30	1.1	35	1.1	35	1.1

Note: Calculated at tight fit of spiral membrane and housing by use of standard ATD system

Maximum pressure drop across the entire housing not to exceed 4.1 bar

Recommended operating limits

Production	MFG1 / MFG2	MFP2 / MFP5
pH range (reference temperature 25°C)	1.5 — 12	1 — 11
Typical operating pressure, bar	0.3 — 2.5	0.3 — 2.5
Temperature, °C	5 — 75	5 — 60

Cleaning[1] (3 hours per day)	MFG1 / MFG2	MFP2 / MFP5
pH range (reference temperature 25°C)	1 — 13	1 — 11.5
Typical pressure, bar	0.3 — 1.5	1 — 5
Temperature, °C	5 — 75	5 — 65

[1] Please consult the Alfa Laval cleaning instructions and water quality specifications

Note:

- Washing procedure indicated on the cover of each spiral membrane package must be strictly followed. Please consult the Alfa Laval cleaning instructions and water quality specifications.
- The use of oxidation agents and similar chemicals might influence the membrane performance over time.

Important information

- New spiral membranes must be cleaned prior to first use. Please see detailed instructions on the packaging of the product.
- The customer is fully responsible for the effects that any incompatible chemicals may have on the spiral membranes.
- After initial wetting, the spiral membranes must be kept moist at all times.
- If the operating specifications provided in this product description are not strictly followed, the limited warranty will be null and void.
- To prevent biological growth during system shutdowns, Alfa Laval recommends that spiral membranes should be immersed in a protective solution.
- Avoid permeate-side back pressure at all times.
- Alfa Laval recommends using a rigid stainless steel ATD end device at the housing outlet end.
- Alfa Laval recommends that the inner diameter of the housing should be approx. 2 mm (0.08”) bigger than the outer diameter of the spiral membrane.
- For storage conditions, please see Shelf Life and Storage document.
- For warranties, please see spiral membrane warranty document.

Operating guidelines

Alfa Laval recommends the following start-up procedure from standstill to operating condition:

- The unpressurized plant should be refilled with water.
- Feed pressure should be gradually increased over a 30–60 second time scale.
- Before initiating cross-flow at high permeate flux condition (start-up with high-temperature water) the set feed pressure should be maintained for 5–10 minutes.
- Cross-flow velocity at the set operating point should be gradually achieved over a period of 15–20 seconds.
- Temperature variations should be implemented gradually over a period of 3–5 minutes.
- Avoid any abrupt pressure or cross-flow variations on the membranes during start-up, shutdown, cleaning or other sequences in order to prevent possible damage.

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