



## DOW FILMTEC Membranes

RO Elements for Sanitary Applications

### Features

DOW FILMTEC™ RO reverse osmosis membrane elements deliver high flux and outstanding quality water for applications requiring sanitary grade membrane elements. The full-fit configuration minimizes stagnant areas and is optimal for applications requiring a sanitary design. All components comply with FDA standards.

### Product Specifications

Product	Part Number	Active Surface Area ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )	Stabilized Permeate Flow Rate gpd (m <sup>3</sup> /d)	Typical Stabilized Salt Rejection (%)
RO-4040-FF	84286		2,400 (9.1)	99.5
RO-390-FF	116314 / 100608	390 (36)	10,800 (40.9)	99.5

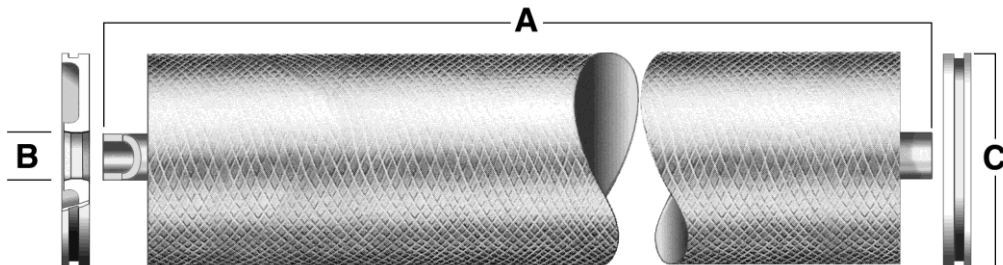
1. RO-4040-FF was previously named BW30-4040-LW.

2. RO-390-FF replaces BW30-380-LW and BW30-8040-LW.

3. Permeate flow and salt rejection based on standard conditions: 2,000 ppm NaCl, 225 psi (16 bar), 77°F (25°C), pH 8 and 15% recovery.

4. Minimum stabilized salt rejection is 98.0%.

**Figure 1**



Product	Dimensions – Inches (mm)		
	A	B	C
RO-4040-FF	40.0 (1,016)	0.75 OD (19)	3.9 (99)
RO-390-FF	40.0 (1,016)	1.125 ID (28.58)	7.9 (200)

1 inch = 25.4 mm

### Operating Limits

• Membrane Type	Thin-Film Composite
• Maximum Operating Temperature	113°F (45°C)
• Maximum Operating Pressure	600 psi (41 bar)
• Maximum Differential Pressure	15 psi (1.0 bar)
• Maximum Feed Turbidity	1 NTU
• Free Chlorine Tolerance	Below Detectable Limits
• pH Range, Continuous Operation	3 – 10
• pH Range, Short-Term Cleaning (30 min.)*	1 – 12
• Maximum Feed Silt Density Index (SDI)	5

\* Refer to Cleaning Guidelines in specification sheet 609-23010.

## 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. 609-00298) 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.
- Permeate obtained from first hour of operation should be discarded.

## General Information

- Keep elements moist at all times after initial wetting.
- If operating limits and guidelines given in this bulletin are not strictly followed, the limited warranty will be null and void.
- 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 60 psi (4.1 bar).
- Avoid permeate-side backpressure at all times.

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