





CARBOFIL[™] depth filter media with immobilized activated carbon

MICROFILTRATION FOR VALUABLE LIQUIDS.

Introduction

Powdered activated carbons (PAC) play a critical role in a vast and diverse range of applications. Decolorization, deodorization or the removal of other trace impurities are amongst the most common applications where PAC are widely used in the pharmaceutical as well as in the food & beverage industries. Due to their unique adsorption characteristics, PAC are also used in biotechnological processing and the production of fine chemicals. In order to meet these various demands, there are a large number of activated car-

Activation method Chemical Steam acid wash Coal LWT Material source RW RHC Wood CA PR PC Blend PA PHA PSA

bons available, offering different levels of activation, molecular structure and purity levels. Using activated carbon in an immobilized form (e.g. in a depth filter sheet or lenticular module) offers significant benefits in handling, cleaning and time (cost savings), compared to using PAC. FILTROX CARBOFIL[™] products bring out all the benefits of immobilized activated carbon versus PAC. Furthermore, the adsorption efficiency of immobilized activated carbon is higher than with an equivalent amount of bulk PAC.

Pore size distribution

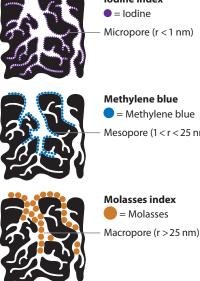
Activated carbon characterization

molasses number.

Activated carbon is a highly porous adsorptive material. Organic contaminants get trapped within the pores. Pore sizes vary between micropores, mesopores and macropores with various pore size distribution patterns amongst different activated carbons, depending on the activation method and the material source involved.

Pore size distribution of a certain activated carbon is responsible for its specific adsorption pattern which is characte-

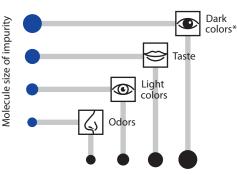
rized by iodine number, methylene blue adsorption and



lodine index = lodine Micropore (r < 1 nm)

Methylene blue = Methylene blue Mesopore (1 < r < 25 nm)

Molasses index = Molasses



Activated carbon selection

Based on these characteristics, it can be determined which types of molecules are adsorbed by a certain activated carbon. The size of the molecules adsorbed is directly related to the pore size distribution of the activated carbon.

* Dark colors, proteins and foaming agents

Activated carbon pore size

Applications

Various industries – diverse applications

CARBOFIL^m products can be used as flat sheets in a plate and frame filter such as in the NOVOX^{\circ} series, or they may be

applied as FILTRODISC[™] lenticular modules in closed housings such as the DISCSTAR[™] series.

	Decolorization	Removal of organic impurities
Biopharmaceutical industry	– Albumin – Vitamins – Antibiotics – Vaccines	 Removal of PKA from human plasma fractions Removal of endotoxins Removal of organic impurities from contrast liquids
Chemical industry	 API Silicon oils Solvents Fine chemicals 	 Catalyst recovery
Cosmetics industry	Plant / herbal extractsFragrances	Deodorization of ethanolRemoval of pesticides from extracts
Food & beverage industry	– Sugar syrup – Spirits – Cider	 Removal of off-tastes from spirits Removal of bitterness from soups

Convenient media grade selection

CARBOFIL[™] products are available with various different grades. To assist in finding the most suitable CARBOFIL[™]

grade for any application, FILTROX offers the easy-to-use CARBOFIL™ Test Kit.



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