

# Filtration

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Technologies that are widely used for the removal of various impurities and contaminants from the feed water to steamgenerating boilers (or other process equipment). Typical impurities are suspended solids, organics, chlorine and iron which can cause fouling, scaling and oxidation damage.



Source Water

- Boiler Make-up Water Filtration Multimedia Filtration Screen Filtration Activated Carbon Filtration Iron Filtration Microfiltration/Ultrafiltration
- 2 Boiler Make-up Water Softening Sodium Zeolite Softening Lime Softening Nanofiltration
- Boiler Make-up Water Filtration Dissolved Solids Reduction Nanofiltration Reverse Osmosis Demineralization

Boiler Make-up Water – Polishing Demineralization Electro-deionization

#### **D**eaeration

Counterflow Deaeration – Spray/Tray Parallel Downflow Deaeration – Spray/Tray Atomizing Deaeration – Spray Vacuum Deaeration

Condensate Recovery – Condensate Treatment Mix Bed Condensate Polishing Deep Bed Condensate Polishing







Source Water

- Cooling Tower Make-up Water – Filtration Multimedia Filtration Screen Filtration Iron Filtration Microfiltration/Ultrafiltration
- Cooling Tower Make-up Water – Softening Sodium Zeolite Softening Nanofiltration
- Ocooling Tower Make-up Water – Filtration Nanofitration Reverse Osmosis

Cooling Tower Water – Blowdown Recovery and Recycle Multimedia Filtration Screen Filtration Activated Carbon Filtration Microfiltration/Ultrafiltration Reverse Osmosis





#### Construction

Vessels: Carbon steel, stainless steel or FRP (fiber reinforced plastic), ASME coded/stamped options

Design Pressure: As required

Internals: Stainless steel or schedule 80 PVC

Media: Anthracite, sand, garnet, fine gravel, coarse gravel

Face Plumbing: Carbon steel, stainless steel or schedule 80 PVC

Valve Operation: Pneumatic, water, electric or manual actuated

Skid Mounted Option: Carbon steel or stainless steel

Controls: PLC, stager/timer, metered or manual

#### **Advantages**

- Provides effective suspended solids filtration to 10 microns
- Contains several layers of various density media providing finer filtration than traditional sand-only filters
- Inlet/outlet pressure gauges
- Efficient internal designs
- Backwash flow control
- Pressure release valve for pressure fluctuations
- Safety vacuum release valve to prevent collapse
- Stand alone tanks or modular skid mounted (pre-piped & pre-wired) options
- Clear backwash drain line for visual inspection (PVC plumbing only)
- Steam sanitizable tank options (stainless steel vessel only)

## **Principle of Operation**

Feed water enters the vessel through an inlet valve and is sprayed out over the bed of mixed media. The water then flows down through the bed. The coarse media layers trap large particles, and successively smaller particles are trapped in the finer layers of media. The result is a highly efficient filtering system since suspended solids removal takes place throughout the entire bed. The clean water enters the distributor system at the bottom of the vessel and travels upward via the center riser tube where it is then piped out of the vessel. Over time the media will trap additional solids resulting in an increased pressure drop across the vessel. Once the pressure drop reaches a preset level the control system (or manual initiation) will trigger a backwash mode. During backwash the flow is reversed and the feed water enters down through the riser tube, exits out the distributor system and flows upward through the bed of media. This increased velocity up through the bed disturbs the media and releases the trapped particles which are sent to a drain.



#### **Purpose**

- To remove suspended solids (TSS, turbidity, SDI): Dirt, sand, and sediment
- Suspended solids are abrasive and can easily damage plumbing, valves and downstream equipment
- Suspended solids will plug filters and foul RO membranes
- Suspended solids are harmful to boilers and can cause fouling and thermal efficiency loss



# Activated Carbon Filtration

### Construction

Vessels: Carbon steel, stainless steel or FRP (fiber reinforced plastic), ASME coded/stamped options
Design Pressure: As required
Internals: Stainless steel or schedule 80 PVC
Media: Granulated activated carbon (GAC)
Face Plumbing: Carbon steel, stainless steel or schedule 80 PVC
Valve Operation: Pneumatic, water, electric or manual actuated

Skid Mounted Option: Carbon steel or stainless steel

**Controls:** PLC, stager/timer, metered or manual

**Advantages** 

- Provides effective, continuous chlorine removal
- Can be used for organics removal in certain applications
- Contains highly porous granulated activated carbon
- Inlet/outlet pressure gauges
- Efficient internal designs
- Self adjusting backwash flow control
- Safety air release valve for pressure fluctuations
- Minimum energy and maintenance requirements
- Stand alone tanks or modular skid mounted (pre-piped & pre-wired) options
- Clear backwash drain line for visual inspection (PVC plumbing only)
- Steam sanitizable tank options (stainless steel vessel only)

## **Principle of Operation**

Feed water enters the vessel through an inlet valve and is sprayed out over the activated carbon bed. The water then flows down through the carbon. The highly porous granulated carbon fines absorb and adsorb chlorine, organics and impurities. The result is a highly efficient filtering system that removes virtually all chlorine. The dechlorinated water enters the distributor system at the bottom of the vessel and travels upward via the center riser tube where it is then piped out of the vessel.

Over time, the carbon will trap additional solids resulting in an increased pressure drop across the vessel. Once the pressure drop reaches a preset level the control system (or manual initiation) will trigger a backwash mode. During backwash the flow is reversed and the feed water enters down through the riser tube, exits out the distributor system and flows upward through the bed of carbon. This increased velocity up through the bed disturbs the carbon and releases the trapped particles which are sent to a drain. The backwash mode takes approximately ½ hour after which the vessel is then switched back into normal operation.



#### **Purpose**

- To remove chlorine, trace organics, color and odor
- Chlorine can affect taste & odor of water
- Chlorine can degrade certain materials such as plastics and composites
- Chlorine causes unrepairable damage to most RO membranes
- Trace organics can affect taste & odor of water, be toxic and cause organic fouling of resins and membranes



# Iron Removal Filtration

### Construction

Frame: Painted carbon steel or stainless steel
Membranes: Thin film composite
Membrane Housings: FRP
Controls: Customized for the end user
Piping: PVC, Duplex SS or Super Duplex SS
Instrumentation: Customized for the end user
Cleaning System: Integral to the skid or stand alone
Controls: Customized PLC controls

#### **Advantages**

- Provides effective iron removal with little or no chemicals
- Certain media can also remove manganese, hydrogen sulfide and some metals
- Inlet/outlet pressure gauges
- Efficient internal designs
- Self adjusting backwash flow control
- Safety air release valve for pressure fluctuations
- Minimum energy and maintenance requirements
- Stand alone tanks or modular skid mounted (pre-piped & pre-wired) options
- Clear backwash drain line for visual inspection (PVC plumbing only)
- Steam sanitizable tank options (steel vessel only)

## **Principle of Operation**

Feed water enters the vessel through an inlet valve and is sprayed out over the iron removal media. The water then flows down through the media. The media attracts and pulls the iron out of solution. The result is a highly efficient filtering system that removes virtually all iron. The iron free water enters the distributor system at the bottom of the vessel and travels upward via the center riser tube where it is then piped out of the vessel.

Over time, the iron media will trap additional solids resulting in an increased pressure drop across the



#### **Purpose**

- To remove iron, manganese, hydrogen sulfide and/or certain metals
- Iron quickly falls out of solution and sticks to surfaces causing scaling and fouling
- Iron can plug filters, plumbing and foul RO membranes
- Iron will foul boiler tubes inhibiting heat transfer
- Hydrogen sulfide has an objectionable odor and is highly corrosive
- Metals can cause fouling on plumbing and RO membranes

vessel. Once the pressure drop reaches a set level the control system (or manual initiation) will trigger a backwash mode. During backwash the flow is reversed and the feed water enters down through the riser tube, exits out the distributor system and flows upward through the bed. This increased velocity up through the bed disturbs the media and releases the trapped particles which are sent to a drain. The backwash mode takes approximately ½ hour after which the vessel is then switched back into normal operation.



# pH Adjustment Filtration (Calcite)

### Construction

 Vessels: Carbon steel, stainless steel or FRP (fiber reinforced plastic), ASME coded/stamped options
 Internals: Stainless steel or schedule 80 PVC

Media: Calcium carbonate

Face Plumbing: Carbon steel, stainless steel or schedule 80 PVC

Skid Mounted Option: Carbon steel or stainless steel

### **Advantages**

- Provides pH adjustment without the addition of chemicals
- Inlet/outlet pressure gauges
- Safety air release valve for pressure fluctuations
- Stand alone tanks or modular skid mounted (pre-piped & pre-wired) options

#### Purpose

- To increase pH
- An effective alternative in applications requiring little or no chemicals usage

## **Principle of Operation**

Feed water enters the vessel through an inlet valve and is sprayed out over the calcium carbonate media. The water then flows down through the media. The acidic water slowly dissolves the calcium carbonate which increases the pH. The result is an effective way to increase pH without the use of chemicals. The increased pH water enters the distributor system at the bottom of the vessel and travels upward via the center riser tube where it is then piped out of the vessel.

Media	Service Flow Rate (gpm / sq. ft.)	Backwash Flow Rate (gpm / sq. ft.)	pH Range	Max Temp. (°F)	Regeneration Method	Regeneration Chemical	Also Removes	Additonal Notes
SUSPENDED SOLIDS REMOVAL								
Multimedia	3 - 7.5	12-20	Wide Range		None	None		Filters down to 10 microns
Carbon	3-7.5	10-20	Wide Range		None	None	Dissolved Organics	Feed water should be free of iron, oil and turbidity; Not a good choice for organic removal without chlorine present.
IRON REMOVAL								
Greensand	3-5	12-20	6.2 - 8.5	80	Intermittent or Continuous	Potassium Permanganate (Km <sub>N</sub> O <sub>4</sub> )	Manganese; Hydrogen Sulfide	Maximum limit of iron or manganese in feed water is 15 ppm, hydrogen sulfide is 5 ppm; Chlorine tolerable
Greensand Plus	3-5	12-20	6.2 - 8.5	No limit	Continuous	Chlorine	Manganese; Hydrogen Sulfide; Arsenic; Radium	
Birm	5	10-15	6.8 - 9.0		None	None	Manganese; Suspended Solids (excellent filter media)	Feed water must contain no oil or hydrogen sulfide; Organic material not to exceed 4-5 ppm; Chlorination greatly reduces Birm's activity. Free chlorine must be < 0.5 ppm; Dissolved Oxygen (D.0.) content must be equal to at least 15% of the iron (or iron and manganese) content
KDF-85	15	30	6.5 - 8.5	35 - 212	None	None	Hydrogen sulfide; Heavy metals	Removes iron and hydrogen sulfide levels up to 5 ppm
pH ADJUSTMENT								
Calcite	5	10	5.0 - 7.0		None	None		Increases pH; Also will increase hardness



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