

LEWATIT® SP 120 is a strongly acidic, very highly crosslinked, macroporous cation exchange resin of standard bead size distribution. Its high total capacity and outstanding chemical resistance to oxidizing agents together with osmotic stability make it specially suitable for the following applications:

- » condensate polishing
- » softening of water under arduous conditions
- » treatment of electroplating rinse waters
- » extraction of heavy metals in hydrometallurgical processes.

The special properties of this product can only be fully utilized if the technology and process used correspond to the current state-of-the-art. Further advice in this matter can be obtained from Lanxess, Business Unit Ion Exchange Resins.

LEWATIT® SP 120 can be used in conjunction with all conventional ion exchange processes. For other systems there are special grades of this resin with a suitable bead size distribution.

General Description

Ionic form as shipped	Na ⁺
Functional group	sulfonic acid
Matrix	crosslinked polystyrene
Structure	macroporous
Appearance	beige, opaque

Physical and Chemical Properties

		metric units	
Uniformity Coefficient*		max.	1.8
Bead size*	> 94 %	mm	0.315 - 1.25
Effective size*		mm	0.50 (+/- 0.08)
Bulk density	(+/- 5 %)	g/l	800
Density		approx. g/ml	1.20
Water retention		wt. %	50 - 55
Total capacity*		min. eq/l	1.4
Volume change	Na ⁺ --> H ⁺	max. vol. %	5
Stability	at pH-range		0 - 14
Stability	temperature range	°C	-20 - 120
Storability	of the product	max. years	2
Storability	temperature range	°C	-20 - 40

* Specification values subjected to continuous monitoring.

Recommended Operating Conditions*

		metric units		
Operating temperature		max. °C	120	
Operating pH-range			0 - 14	
Bed depth		min. mm	800	
Specific pressure drop	(15 °C)	approx. kPa*h/m ²	1.5	
Pressure drop		max. kPa	250	
Linear velocity	operation	max. m/h	40	
Linear velocity	backwash (20 °C)	approx. m/h	14 - 18	
Bed expansion	(20 °C, per m/h)	approx. vol. %	4.5	
Freeboard	backwash (extern / intern)	vol. %	80 - 100	
Regenerant			HCl	H ₂ SO ₄
Counter current regeneration	level	approx. g/l	HCl H ₂ SO ₄	60 80
Counter current regeneration	concentration	wt. %	HCl H ₂ SO ₄	4 - 6 1.5/3**
Linear velocity	regeneration	approx. m/h	5	
Linear velocity	rinsing	approx. m/h	5	
Rinse water requirement	slow / fast	approx. BV	5	
Co current regeneration	level	approx. g/l	HCl H ₂ SO ₄	100 150
Co current regeneration	concentration	approx. wt. %	HCl H ₂ SO ₄	6 - 10 1.5/3**
Linear velocity	regeneration	approx. m/h	5 - 8	
Linear velocity	conditioning	approx. m/h	5 - 8	
Linear velocity	rinsing	approx. m/h	5 - 8	

* The recommended operating conditions refer to the use of the product under normal operating conditions. It is based on tests in pilot plants and data obtained from industrial applications. However, additional data are needed to calculate the resin volumes required for ion exchange units. These data are to be found in our Technical Information Sheets.

** Regeneration progressive

*** 100m/h for polishing

Additional Information & Regulations

Safety precautions

Strong oxidants, e.g. nitric acid, can cause violent reactions if they come into contact with ion exchange resins.

Toxicity

The safety data sheet must be observed. It contains additional data on product description, transport, storage, handling, safety and ecology.

Disposal

In the European Community ion exchange resins have to be disposed, according to the European waste nomenclature which can be accessed on the internet-site of the European Union.

Storage

It is recommended to store ion exchange resins at temperatures above the freezing point of water under roof in dry conditions without exposure to direct sunlight. If resin should become frozen, it should not be mechanically handled and left to thaw out gradually at ambient temperature. It must be completely thawed before handling or use. No attempt should be made to accelerate the thawing process.

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