

Q-SEP[®]

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About QUA®

QUA® is a manufacturer of advanced membrane products for water, wastewater and water reuse applications. For over a decade, extensive research and development activities have resulted in a range of cutting edge membrane products such as hollow fiber ultrafiltration modules (**Q-SEP®**) and fractional electrodeionization stacks (**FEDI®**).

The **Q-SEP®** ultrafiltration fibers and modules are manufactured in a state-of-the-art, environmentally-controlled manufacturing facility with continuous online monitoring to maintain consistent quality.



About Ultrafiltration

Ultrafiltration (UF) is a membrane process used to remove suspended solids, colloidal matter, high molecular-weight substances, and bacteria and viruses from various feed water sources. UF membranes can achieve a low and consistent silt density index (SDI) and are often used as pre-treatment for reverse osmosis using surface water, seawater and biologically treated wastewater as feed source. The **Q-SEP®** UF membranes incorporate high-strength, hollow fibers that deliver superior performance without the risk of fiber breaks. The **Q-SEP®** UF membranes are made from a hydrophilic polyether sulfone (PES) material with excellent low fouling characteristics. These hollow fiber membranes operate under a pressurized inside-out flow configuration for superior performance.

The **Q-SEP®** hollow fiber UF membranes offer reliable removal of turbidity, microorganisms, and viruses. Turbidity can be reduced to less than 0.05 NTU. Typically, a 6-log removal for bacteria, giardia and cryptosporidium, while a 4-log removal for viruses, can be achieved.



The **Q-SEP[®]** modules contain an advanced UF fiber, prepared by an innovative patented cloud point precipitation method. This method ensures a very uniform pore size distribution and high pore density in the membrane. As a result, the product water quality from the **Q-SEP[®]** modules is significantly better than the quality from conventional UF modules at a very low operating pressure.

The fibers in the **Q-SEP[®]** module are held firmly in place, which reduces the stress on the fibers even at high flow velocities. Uniform fiber packing limits the pressure drop variation within the module and prevents localized high fouling conditions. The unique end cap sealing design allows for high pressure operation and ease of assembly.

The **Q-SEP[®]** UF modules can be used as dead-end filtration or in cross flow mode. The membranes are available with 0.8 mm ID fibers, suitable for feed water with low turbidity and 1.2 mm ID fibers, suitable to treat water with higher turbidity.

The Q-SEP[®] UF Features

- Superior module design
- Consistent pore sizes
- Uniform membrane fibers
- High porosity along the entire length of fiber
- Quality checks to ensure integrity of individual fibers prior to module assembly

Advantages of the Q-SEP[®] UF over Conventional Media Filtration

- Improved filtrate quality
- SDI typically less than 1
- Removal of virus and bacteria
- Removal of microbiological matter
- Removal of colloidal matter
- No need to add coagulant chemicals for most applications
- Improvement of downstream RO performance
- Consistently treated water quality irrespective of changes in feedwater quality

Applications of the Q-SEP[®] UF technology

- Pre-treatment to reverse osmosis system (brackish and seawater applications)
- Purification of surface and well water for potable applications
- Filtration of industrial water
- Wastewater recycle and reuse

Certifications

- NSF ANSI 61
- NSF PDWEP (EPA LT2ESWTR)



Module Specifications

Module Details

Parameter	Description / Information
Configuration	Self encapsulated hollow fiber ultrafiltration membrane module (inside-out)
Operating Mode	Dead-end or Cross flow, Backwashable
Module mounting	Vertical
Nominal Membrane pore size	0.02 micron

Q-SEP® Modules - 0.8 mm bore size

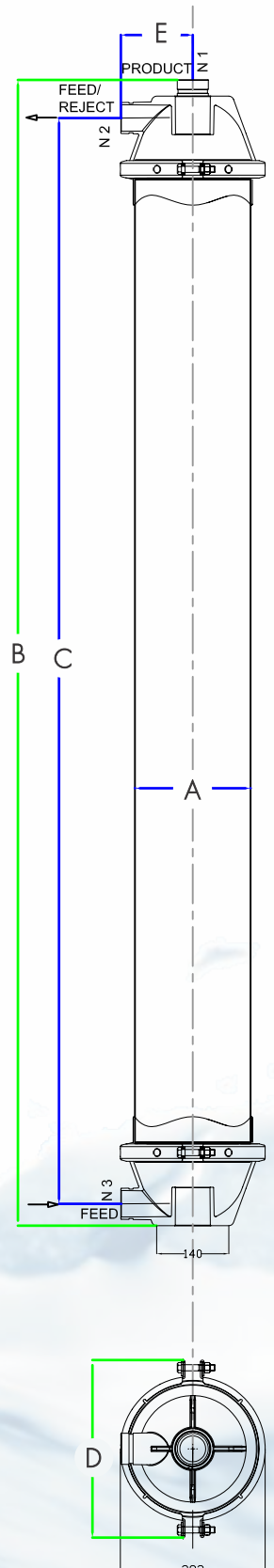
Product Data		Q-SEP® 2008*	Q-SEP® 4508*	Q-SEP® 6008*
Membrane area	m ² / ft ²	20 / 215	45 / 484	60 / 645
Filtrate flow rate (minimum)	m ³ / hr / gpm	1.00 / 4.4	2.25 / 9.9	3.0 / 13.2
Filtrate flow rate (maximum)	m ³ / hr / gpm	3.00 / 13.2	6.75 / 29.7	9.00 / 39.6
Fiber inside diameter	mm / inch	0.8 / 0.03	0.8 / 0.03	0.8 / 0.03
Fiber outside diameter	mm / inch	1.2 / 0.05	1.2 / 0.05	1.2 / 0.05
Module Dimensions				
Diameter (A)	mm / inch	225 / 8.85	225 / 8.85	225 / 8.85
Length - with end cap (B)	mm / inch	1015 / 39.95	1780 / 70.07	2233 / 87.91
Length - feed connection (C)	mm / inch	900 / 35.4	1666 / 65.59	2116 / 83.31
Distance - width (D)	mm / inch	355 / 13.98	355 / 13.98	355 / 13.98
Distance - feed to center (E)	mm / inch	140 / 5.51	140 / 5.51	140 / 5.51
Module weight	kg / lbs	28 / 61.39	47.2 / 103.5	53 / 116.2

* Also available as NSF certified modules 4508-N, 6008-N, 2008-N

Q-SEP® Modules - 1.2 mm bore size

Product Data		Q-SEP® 3412*	Q-SEP® 4512*
Membrane area	m ² / ft ²	34 / 365	45 / 484
Filtrate flow rate (minimum)	m ³ / hr / gpm	1.7 / 7.48	2.25 / 9.9
Filtrate flow rate (maximum)	m ³ / hr / gpm	5.1 / 22.45	6.75 / 29.7
Fiber inside diameter	mm / inch	1.2 / 0.047	1.2 / 0.047
Fiber outside diameter	mm / inch	1.9 / 0.08	1.9 / 0.08
Module Dimensions			
Diameter (A)	mm / inch	225 / 8.85	225 / 8.85
Length - with end cap (B)	mm / inch	1780 / 70.07	2233 / 87.91
Length - feed connection (C)	mm / inch	1666 / 65.59	2116 / 83.31
Distance - width (D)	mm / inch	355 / 13.98	355 / 13.98
Distance - feed to center (E)	mm / inch	140 / 5.51	140 / 5.51
Module weight	kg / lbs	52 / 114	58.4 / 128

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Technical Information

Operational Instructions

Filtrate flux range	50 to 150 l/m ² h (30 to 90 gfd)
Maximum feed pressure	5.0 bar (70 psi)
Trans-membrane pressure	0.3 to 1.4 bar (5 to 20 psi)
pH range	2 to 12
Maximum instantaneous chlorine tolerance	200 ppm
Maximum operating temperature	45°C (113°F)
Maximum feed turbidity	0.8 mm ID: 25 NTU 1.2 mm ID: 50 NTU
Backwash flux range	150 to 300 l/m ² h (90 to 180 gfd)
Backwash feed pressure	0.7 to 2.1 bar (10 to 30 psi)
Backwash frequency & duration	Every 15 - 45 minutes for 30 - 60 seconds

Chemically Enhanced Backwash

Estimated frequency	Every 1 to 10 days of operation (depending upon feedwater conditions)
Duration	10 to 20 minutes
CEB chemicals	NaOCl (100 - 200 ppm), NaOH (pH: 11-12), HCl (pH: 2-3), H ₂ O ₂ , Citric acid.

Module Characteristics

Membrane material	Hydrophilic PES
Housing material	UPVC
End cap material	GRP
Nozzles size	2" Victaulic





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