

Product Information

Carbonsorb[®] THM

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Main Information about the Filtration Media

1. General

CARBONSORB[®] THM is a filtering material for water purification made of broken and sifted pyrolysed coal. Abrasive-resistant grains are characterized by their porous structure, rough surface and high adsorption capacity. After integration is completed the material exhibits mostly inert behaviour and no matter is released to the water that may lead it to exceed the values limited by the regulations on drinking water. CARBONSORB[®] THM guarantees safe operation requiring only little maintenance due to its stable structure.

CARBONSORB[®] THM is used mainly as an upper layer of materials in dual media filters for the engineering basis of multi layer filtration. In order to solve special purification problems (removal of Tri-Halogene-Methane and Chlor-Amines) it can also be used in single layer filters. CARBONSORB[®] THM has adsorptive characteristics and will remove.

2. Areas of application

CARBONSORB[®] THM is used as an adsorption and filtering material in both open and closed fixed bed filters.

Main application:

- Removal of organic compounds mainly chlorinated organic substances (Tri-Halogene-Methane, Chlor-Amines) from ground-, well-, and surface water by adsorption

Also suitable for:

- Filtration of turbid well, spring and surface water
- Filtration of chemical and/or biological and/or catalytic deferrisation and demanganisation of contaminated raw water

- Flocking or flocculation filtration of raw water treated with flocking and/or flocculator agents
- Filtration of de-carbonised water after the de-carbonising reactor
- Filtration of cooling and service water in industry
- Filtration of recycling of water for swimming pools and baths
- Coating of chemically reacting filter materials for pollution protection of active surfaces
- Filtration of mechanically/biologically treated waste water and sewage

3. Setting of tasks

Use of CARBONSORB[®] THM in multi layer filters leads to:

3.1 Improvements of filtration yield by

- removal of organic compounds and chlorinated organic substances by adsorption
- increase in capture capacity of pollutants by the filter bed using in-depth filtration
- combine with fine grain materials as a lower material layer to cause improved and stable filtrate quality
- increase in protection against breakthrough since the filter run up to breakthrough will last longer than the filter run until the maximum design head loss has been reached.

3.2 Increase in efficiency by

- extension of filter runs
- reduction of backwashing water consumption
- reduction of filter resistance without the need to extend the filtering installation

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4. Chemical and physical data

4.1 Chemical composition:

Carbon	approx.	87 %
Ash, water-free	approx.	9 %
Volatile components	approx.	3.5 %
Water	approx.	1 %

Values represent the average of regular examinations carried out over several years.

4.2 Grain sizes

Grain size I: 0.6 – 1.6 mm (12x25 US mesh)
Grain size II: 1.4 – 2.5 mm (7x14 US mesh)

4.3 Bulk density, density, porosity

Bulk density grain size I: approx. 500 kg/m³
(31.22 lb/ft³)
Bulk density grain size II: approx. 480 kg/m³
(30.00 lb/ft³)

Apparent density: approx. 0.95 g/cm³ (59.38 lb/ft³)
Grain porosity: approx. 50 %

4.4 Consumption

Dependent on the frequency of washing and time of operation of filters, about 2 % p.a.

5. Technical data

5.1 Material layer for multi-layer filter

	grain [mm] / US mesh	height layer [mm] / inch
Grain combination I		
CARBONSORB® THM	0,6 – 1,6 / 12x25	600 – 800 / 24 -32
Filter sand	0,4 – 0,8 / 20x40	≥ 600 / ≥ 24
Grain combination II		
CARBONSORB® THM	1,4 – 2,5 / 7x14	600 – 1.200 / 24 - 48
Filter sand	0,71 – 1,25 / 16x22	≥ 600 / ≥ 24

5.2 Filtration rate

According to task set and observing hydraulic conditions
with open filters: up to 15 m/h / 36.7 gpm/ft²
with closed filters: up to 30 m/h / 73.4 gpm/ft²

Higher filtration rates are possible in special cases

5.3 Head loss

See data sheet CARBONSORB® THM No 2

5.4 Single layer filter

Possible use of CARBONSORB® THM in single layer filters to solve particular problems in purification with respect to grain filtration rate and mode of backwashing should be co-ordinated with our engineering department.

5.5 Starting-up and insertion

see work sheet CARBONSORB® THM No 2

5.6 Backwashing of multi-layer filters (recommendation)

5.6.1 Backwashing with air and water (separately)

1. Water backwash
at grain combination I: approx. 30 m/h / 73.4 gpm/ft²
at grain combination II: approx. 50 m/h / 122.3 gpm/ft²
time: approx. 3 - 5 min
2. Lowering of water level to short above filter layer
3. Air scour : approx. 60 m/h / 146.7 gpm/ft²
time: approx. 3 – 5 min
4. Holding time gas evolution of rinsing air
Duration: 2 – 5 min
5. Clear washing with water
at grain combination I: approx. 30 m/h / 73.4 gpm/ft²
at grain combination II: approx. 50 m/h / 122.3 gpm/ft²
time: about 2 – 5 min in dependence on degree of contamination

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6. Pre-run

Depending on design of installation agreed upon, steps 1 and 6 may not be necessary.

5.6.2 Backwashing with water

with grain combination I: approx. 30 m/h / 73.4 gpm/ft²

with grain combination II: approx. 50 m/h / 122.3 gpm/ft²

5.6.3 Backwashing with air and water (combined)

We do not recommend combined air/water washing for backwashing in multi-layer filters. With filter systems allowing for combined backwashing with air and water due to their special design and hydraulic conditions, the respective instructions given by the manufacturer of the plant have to be strictly observed.

5.7 Calculation of freeboard height

In order to avoid backwash losses, a freeboard of 25% of height of filter layer (without supporting layer) plus a 200 – 300 mm (7.9 – 11.8 inch) safety margin have to be planned.

6. Delivery

Ex works

- a) CARBONSORB[®] THM in poly-bags containing 50 l (1.77 lb) each
- b) CARBONSORB[®] THM in Big Bags (quantity by agreement)

7. Individual advice

Due to the specific nature of each individual case, advice and recommendations can only be given on a case by case basis. Information, notes and advice, contained in this work sheet are therefore, not legally binding. We shall be liable only when written details have been given by us on receipt of written details on any particular case in question. Individual proposals can be given on request.