



DuPont™ AmberLite™ SD-2 Polymeric Adsorbent

Food-grade, Macroporous, Adsorbent Resin for Sweetener Applications

Description

DuPont™ AmberLite™ SD-2 Polymeric Adsorbent has a high specific surface area and high porosity and exceptional mechanical, thermal, and chemical stability. It is specially designed for decolorization as well as taste and odor removal in sweetener applications. AmberLite™ SD-2 complies with the U.S. Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act as amended under Food Additive Regulation 21 CFR 173.25.

This adsorbent has similar pore size distribution and adsorption properties to activated carbon so that it can be used as a direct replacement for carbon in many sweetener applications. AmberLite™ SD-2 has the additional advantage of containing macropores which improve the bulk movement of solutions in and out of the bead. The resulting improvement in kinetics leads to faster production flowrates and smaller beds.

The adsorbent is lightly functionalized with weak base groups to provide a hydrophilic character that gives the adsorbent good wettability and compatibility with acid and base regenerants. Regeneration requires only dilute caustic, dilute acid, and hot water.

More detailed information on the use of AmberLite™ SD-2 adsorbent for a particular application can be obtained from your DuPont technical contact or sales representative.

Key Application

- Sweetener decolorization
- Taste and odor removal

Typical Properties

Physical Properties	
Copolymer	Styrene-divinylbenzene
Matrix	Macroporous
Type	Adsorbent
Functional Group	Tertiary amine
Physical Form	Tan to reddish brown, opaque, spherical beads

Nitrogen BET	
Surface Area	~800 m ² /g
Average Pore Diameter	~50 Å

Chemical Properties	
Ionic Form as Shipped	Free base (FB)
Dry Weight Capacity	0.8 eq/kg
Water Retention Capacity	50 – 62%

Particle Size ⁵	
< 105 µm	≤ 0.05%
< 210 µm	≤ 0.3%
< 300 µm	≤ 1%
> 1180	≤ 2%

Stability	
Swelling	FB → HCl ≤ 5%

Density	
Particle Density	1.04 g/mL
Shipping Weight	670 g/L (42 lb/ft ³)

⁵ For additional particle size information, please refer to the [Particle Size Distribution Cross Reference Chart](#) (Form No. 45-D00954-en).

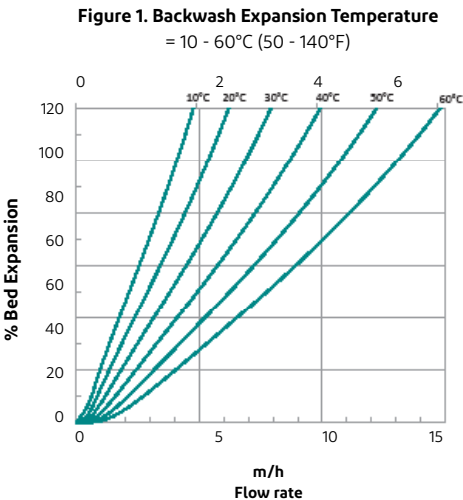
Suggested Operating Conditions

Operating Temperature Range	50 – 85°C (122 – 185°F)
pH Range	3 – 8.5
Flowrates	
Service	2 – 6 BV*/h
Regeneration	2 – 6 BV*/h
Regenerants	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• NaOH• HCl• H₂SO₄</div>

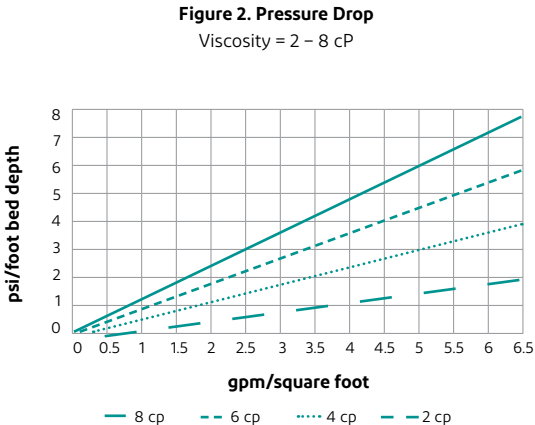
* 1 BV (Bed Volume) = 1 m³ solution per m³ resin or 7.5 gal per ft³ resin

Hydraulic Characteristics

Estimated bed expansion of AmberLite™ SD-2 Polymeric Adsorbent as a function of backwash flowrate and temperature is shown in Figure 1.



Estimated pressure drop for DuPont™ AmberLite™ SD-2 Polymeric Adsorbent as a function of service flowrate and viscosity is shown in Figure 2. These pressure drop expectations are valid at the start of the service run with clean feed and a well classified bed.



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