



## Product Data Sheet

### AmberLite™ FPC88MB Ion Exchange Resins

Macroporous, Strong Acid Cation Resin for Mixed Bed Sweetener Applications

#### Description

AmberLite™ FPC88MB Ion Exchange Resins are macroporous, strong acid cation resins for use in mixed bed polishing in sweetener applications to produce syrup products with maximum shelf stability. The macroporous matrix provides excellent mechanical strength and good operating capacity.

**AmberLite™ FPC88MB H Ion Exchange Resin** is shipped in the regenerated (H<sup>+</sup>) ionic form.

**AmberLite™ FPC88MB Na Ion Exchange Resin** is shipped in the most stable (Na<sup>+</sup>) ionic form for long-duration shipments or inventory safety stock.

Cationic AmberLite™ FPC88MB H resin can best be used in a mixed bed polisher together with anionic AmberLite™ FPA22 OH Ion Exchange Resin. Or, for a pair of resins, each in their most stable form, AmberLite™ FPC88MB is commonly purchased with AmberLite™ FPA22 Cl Ion Exchange Resin, which is in the Cl<sup>-</sup> form.

#### Applications

- Sweetener mixed bed polishing

#### Typical Properties

Physical Properties		
Copolymer	Styrene-divinylbenzene	
Matrix	Macroporous	
Type	Strong acid cation	
Functional Group	Sulfonic acid	
Physical Form	White to yellow, opaque, spherical beads	
Chemical Properties		
Ionic Form as Shipped	<b>H<sup>+</sup></b>	<b>Na<sup>+</sup></b>
Total Exchange Capacity	≥ 1.7 eq/L	≥ 1.8 eq/L
Water Retention Capacity	46 – 56%	42 – 48%
Particle Size §		
< 500 μm	≤ 5%	≤ 5%
Stability		
Whole Uncracked Beads	≥ 95%	≥ 95%
Swelling	Na <sup>+</sup> → H <sup>+</sup> : 5%	Na <sup>+</sup> → H <sup>+</sup> : 5%
Density		
Particle Density	1.2 g/mL	1.2 g/mL
Shipping Weight	770 g/L	800 g/L

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

## Suggested Operating Conditions

Maximum Operating Temperature (H <sup>+</sup> form)	93°C (200°F)
pH Range	0 – 14
Bed Depth, min.	910 mm (3.0 ft)
Flowrates	
Service	3 – 5 BV*/h
Backwash	See Figure 1
Fast Rinse (if applicable)	2 – 10 BV/h
Contact Time	
Regeneration	≥ 30 – 45 minutes
Displacement Rinse	≥ 30 – 45 minutes
Total Rinse Requirement	3 – 6 BV
Regenerant	
Concentration	HCl 7%
Level, 100% basis ‡	96 – 112 kg/m <sup>3</sup> (6 – 7 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )
Temperature, max.	93°C (200°F)

\* 1 BV (Bed Volume) = 1 m<sup>3</sup> solution per m<sup>3</sup> resin or 7.5 gal per ft<sup>3</sup> resin

‡ Regeneration level may be lower for counter-current regeneration systems.

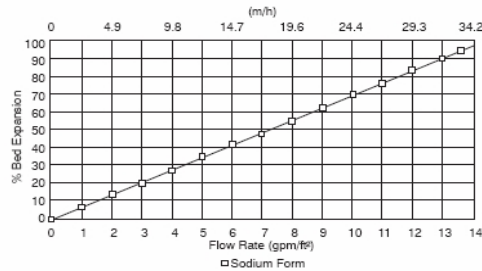
## Hydraulic Characteristics

Bed expansion of AmberLite™ FPC88MB Ion Exchange Resin as a function of backwash flowrate at 25°C (77°F) is shown in Figure 1. The flowrate necessary to achieve a desired bed expansion for other water temperatures can be calculated with the provided equations.

Pressure drop data for AmberLite™ FPC88MB 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.

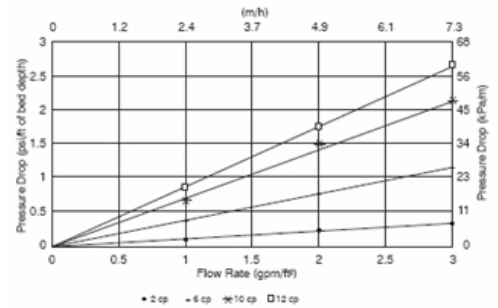
**Figure 1: Backwash Expansion**

Temperature = 25°C (77°F)



**Figure 2: Pressure Drop**

Viscosity = 2 – 12 cP



**For other temperatures use:**

$$F_T = F_{25^\circ\text{C}} [1 + 0.008 (1.8T_C - 45)], \text{ where } F \equiv \text{m/h}$$

$$F_T = F_{77^\circ\text{F}} [1 + 0.008 (T_F - 77)], \text{ where } F \equiv \text{gpm/ft}^2$$

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- **WARNING:** Oxidizing agents such as nitric acid attack organic ion exchange resins under certain conditions. This could lead to anything from slight resin degradation to a violent exothermic reaction (explosion). Before using strong oxidizing agents, consult sources knowledgeable in handling such materials.

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