



# DOWEX MONOSPHERE 550A (OH)

**A Uniform Particle Size Strong Base Anion Exchange Resin for Mixed Bed Demineralization & Condensate Polishing Applications**

Product	Type	Matrix	Functional group
DOWEX* MONOSPHERE* 550A (OH)	Type 1 strong base anion	Styrene-DVB, gel	Quaternary amine

Guaranteed Sales Specifications	OH <sup>-</sup> form			
Total exchange capacity, min.	eq/l kg/ft <sup>3</sup> as CaCO <sub>3</sub>		1.1 24.0	
Water content	%		55 - 65	
Bead size distribution <sup>†</sup>				
Mean particle size	μm		590 ± 50	
Uniformity coefficient, max.			1.1	
>850μ, max.	%		5	
<300μ, max	%		0.5	
Whole uncracked beads, min.	%		95	
Crush strength				
Average, min.	g/bead		350	
>200 g/bead, min.	%		95	
Ionic conversion	OH <sup>-</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	
	93% min.	0.5% max.	7% max.	
Trace metals, ppm dry resin, max.				
Na	Fe	Cu	Al	Heavy Metals (as Pb)
50	80	40	40	20

Typical Physical and Chemical Properties		
Particle density	g/ml	1.08
Shipping weight	g/l lbs/ft <sup>3</sup>	640 40
Total swelling (Cl <sup>-</sup> → OH <sup>-</sup> )	%	25

Recommended Operating Conditions	
Maximum operating temperature:	
OH <sup>-</sup> form	60°C (140°F)
Cl <sup>-</sup> form	100°C (212°F)
pH range	0-14
Bed depth, min.	450 mm (1.5 ft)
Flow rates:	
Service/fast rinse	5-60 m/h (2-24 gpm/ft <sup>2</sup> )
Service/condensate polishing	40-150 m/h (16-60 gpm/ft <sup>2</sup> )
Backwash	See figure 1
Co-current regeneration/displacement rinse	1-10 m/h (0.4-4 gpm/ft <sup>2</sup> )
Total rinse requirement	2-5 Bed volumes
Regenerant:	
Type	4-8% NaOH
Temperature	Ambient or up to 60°C (140°F) for silica removal

<sup>†</sup>For additional particle size information, please refer to the Particle Size Distribution Cross Reference Chart (Form No. 177-01775/CH 171-476-E).

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## Ion Exchange Resins

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### Typical properties and applications:

DOWEX\* MONOSPHERE\* 550A (OH) anion resin is a premium quality resin with high total exchange capacity, exceptional bead integrity, and a distinguishable light color. It is ideally suited to the high flow rate demands commonly encountered in power plant

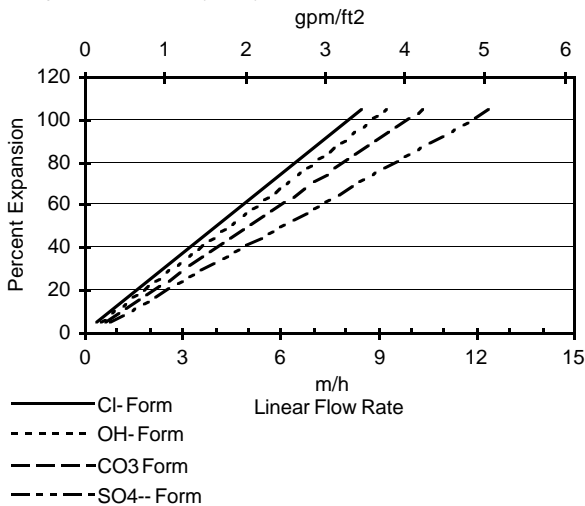
condensate polishing systems. The bead size uniformity of this anion resin and its smaller average particle size results in rapid exchange kinetics and helps provide excellent separability when used with DOWEX MONOSPHERE 650C (H) cation resin.

### Packaging

25 liter bags or 5 cubic feet fiber drums.

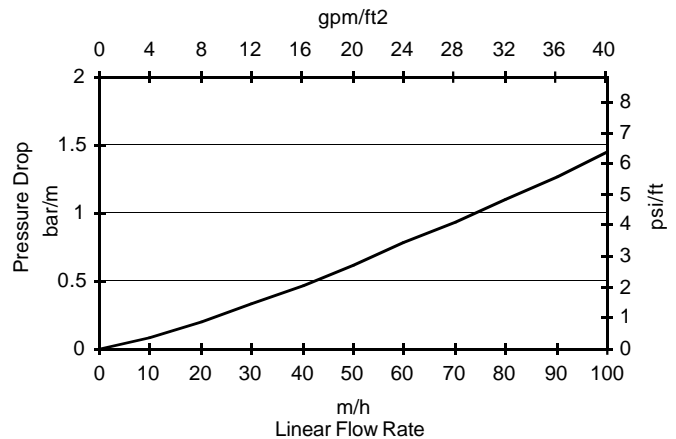
**Figure 1. Backwash Expansion Data**

Temperature = 25° C (77° F)



**Figure 2. Pressure Drop Data**

Temperature = 20° C (68° F)



### For other temperatures use:

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

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

### For other temperatures use:

$$P_T = P_{20°C} / (0.026 T_C + 0.48), \text{ where } P \equiv \text{bar/m}$$

$$P_T = P_{68°F} / (0.014 T_F + 0.05), \text{ where } P \equiv \text{psi/ft}$$

**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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