



# AMBERLITE® IRC86

Weak Acid Cation Exchanger

## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

AMBERLITE IRC86 is a high capacity weak acid cation exchange resin containing carboxylic acid groups. It is characterized by an outstanding physical and chemical stability. Its principle application is the dealkalization of industrial waters. AMBERLITE IRC86, in the hydrogen cycle, removes hardness associated with alkalinity. Combined with a

strong acid cation exchanger, it allows to reduce acid consumption in deionization. Due to its high swelling between  $H^+$  and  $Na^+$  or  $NH_4^+$  forms, it is recommended not to use AMBERLITE IRC86 between these ionic forms. The presence of chlorine in the water to be treated does not affect the performance of the resin.

## PROPERTIES

Matrix _____	Gel polyacrylic copolymer
Functional Groups _____	Carboxylic Acid
Physical Form _____	Clear yellow beads
Ionic Form as Shipped _____	Hydrogen
Total Exchange Capacity _____	4.1 meq/ml minimum ( $H^+$ form)
Moisture Holding Capacity _____	47 to 53 % ( $H^+$ form)
Shipping Weight _____	49 lbs/ft <sup>3</sup>
Harmonic Mean Size _____	0.58 - 0.78 mm
Uniformity Coefficient _____	1.8 maximum
Screen Grading (wet) _____	16 to 50 mesh (US Std Screens)
Screen Analysis _____	5 % maximum on 16 mesh (US Std Screens) 2 % maximum thru 50 mesh (US Std Screens)
Maximum reversible swelling _____	$H^+ \rightarrow Na^+$ : approximately 100 %

*Test methods are available on request.*

## SUGGESTED OPERATING CONDITIONS

pH Range _____	5 to 10
Maximum Operating Temperature _____	250 °F
Minimum Bed Depth _____	24 inches
Service Flow Rate _____	0.5 to 8 gpm/ft <sup>3</sup>
<b>Regenerants (100 % basis) _____</b>	<b>HCl</b> <b>H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub></b>
Flow Rate (gpm/ft <sup>3</sup> ) _____	0.25 to 1.0              0.25 to 1.0
Concentration (%) _____	2 to 5                      0.5 to 0.7
Level _____	104 to 110 % of the theory
Minimum Contact Time _____	30 minutes
Slow Rinse _____	15 gal/ft <sup>3</sup> at regeneration flow rate
Fast Rinse _____	15 to 90 gal/ft <sup>3</sup> at service flow rate

## PERFORMANCE

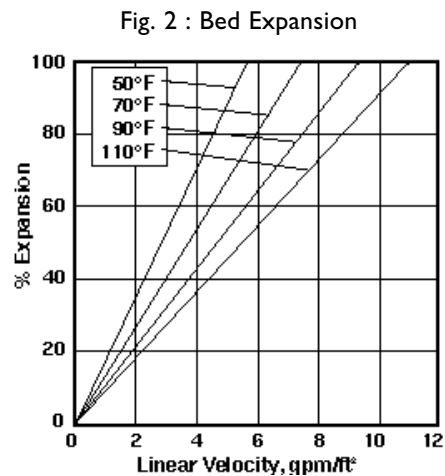
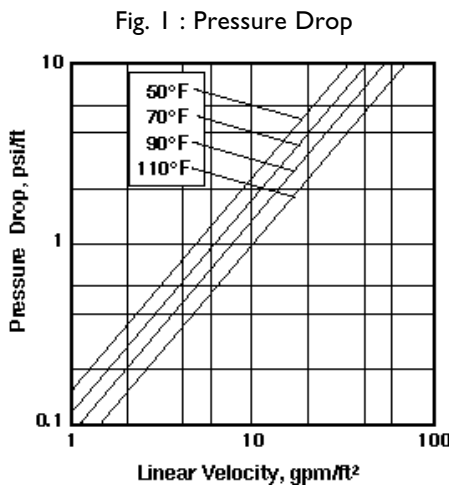
The operating capacity of AMBERLITE IRC86 is a function of water analysis, temperature and service flow rate (consult engineering notes).

## LIMITS OF USE

AMBERLITE IRC86 is suitable for industrial uses. For all other specific applications such as pharmaceutical, food processing for potable water applications, it is recommended that all potential users seek advice from Rohm and Haas in order to determine the best resin choice and optimum operating conditions.

## HYDRAULIC CHARACTERISTICS (Water Treatment)

Figure 1 shows the pressure drop data for AMBERLITE IRC86, as a function of service flow rate and water temperature. Figure 2 shows the bed expansion of AMBERLITE IRC86, as a function of backwash flow rate and water temperature. Pressure drop data are valid at the start of the service run with clear water and a correctly classified bed.



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