AMBERLITE™ PWA12 Resin
Drinking Water Grade Anion Exchange Resin

AMBERLITE PWA12 resin is a strong base anion exchange resin with unique chemical and physical properties. It can be used in the chloride form for the removal of multiple contaminants from drinking water, as well as for low waste softening.

Paired with AMBERLITE PWC11 resin, a cation exchange resin, AMBERLITE PWA12 resin is the anion resin to be used in the CARIX™ process, a partial demineralization of water using carbon dioxide as a regenerant.

**PROPERTIES**

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<td>Matrix</td>
<td>Cross-linked copolymer</td>
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<td>Physical form</td>
<td>Transparent white beads</td>
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<td>Total exchange capacity</td>
<td>≥ 1.25 eq/L</td>
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<td>Moisture holding capacity</td>
<td>57 – 64 %</td>
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<td>Shipping weight</td>
<td>720 kg/m³</td>
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<td>Particle size</td>
<td>0.3 – 1.2 mm</td>
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<td>Fines content</td>
<td>&lt; 0.300 mm: 2% max</td>
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**SUGGESTED OPERATING CONDITIONS**

Please contact your Rohm and Haas representative for system design and application testing details.

- **Minimum bed depth**: 600 mm (24 inches)
- **Typical service flow rate**: 4 – 40 BV/h* (0.5 – 5 gpm/ft³)
- **Regenerant (as 100% chemical)**
  - **NaCl** or **CO₂**
  - **Concentration**: 6 – 12 %
  - **Minimum level**: 80 g/L
  - **Minimum contact time**: 20 minutes

1 BV (Bed Volume) = 1 m³ solution per m³ resin

**THE CARIX™ PROCESS**

The CARIX process is an ion exchange technology developed and patented by the Karlsruhe Nuclear Research Centre in Germany. This process is based on the simultaneous application of a weak acid resin (AMBERLITE PWC11 resin) in the hydrogen form and a strong base resin (AMBERLITE PWA12 resin) in the bicarbonate form (HCO₃⁻).

The resin mixture will de-ionise water partially, removing cations (Ca²⁺, Mg²⁺ and heavy metals) and anions (SO₄²⁻, NO₃⁻, Cl⁻) at the same time. Regeneration of both resins is carried out with carbon dioxide under pressure, without resin separation. The process does not create saline waste and the excess of carbon dioxide is recovered.

**COMMISSIONING AND LIMITS OF USE**

AMBERLITE PWA12 resin is suitable for use in potable water applications after an initial commissioning rinse of 20 bed volumes of water at 25 °C. The operating capacity of AMBERLITE PWA12 depends on the operating conditions and the feed water conditions.

**REGULATORY**

AMBERLITE PWA12 resin is certified to ANSI / NSF Standard 61 for drinking water components for applications with minimum flow rates greater than or equal to 2 gpm/ft³. AMBERLITE PWA12 resin is approved in Germany for potable water applications. Please contact your Rohm and Haas representative for additional certification information.

Resin products are manufactured in ISO 9001 certified facilities.
HYDRAULIC CHARACTERISTICS

Figure 1 and Figure 2 show the pressure drop data for AMBERLITE PWA12 resin as a function of flow rate and water temperature. Pressure drop data are valid at the start of the service run with clean water and a correctly classified bed. Figure 3 and Figure 4 show the bed expansion of AMBERLITE PWA12 resin as a function of backwash flow rate and water temperature.

Figure 1 Pressure Drop (metric)  Figure 2 Pressure Drop (US units)

Figure 3 Bed Expansion (metric)  Figure 4 Bed Expansion (US units)

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