

UF15

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Application Range

Microfiltration (MF)	Ultrafiltration (UF)
up to 30 L/min	up to 30 L/min

Electrical Power Supply	Connections	
380 or 415 Volts	Inlet to feed pump: 2" OD hose	
3-phase (5 pins)	HE in/out cooling water: 3/4" OD hose connector	
50 Hz. 100 Amp	Permeate outlet: 1 1/2" OD hose tail	
Motor rating: 37 KW	Shroud outlet: 3/4" spigots and drained via a 1 1/2" manifold	
	Concentrate outlet UF: 1 1/2" OD hose tail	
	Pump seal flush water: 1/2" BSP female connector	

Size & Weight

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Dimension		Unit 9 Dooksoo	Unit Only		
Length	Height	Width	Unit & Package	Offit Offiy	
3.9 m	2.4 m	1.2 m	1650 kg	1500 kg	

Framework

Welded stainless-steel frame fabricated from a high-grade 304 SS for corrosion resistance, high rigidity and temperature resistance.

Module

6 x 12 ft (3.6 m) B1 Module (3 modules per stage)

Each Module has the following major components: A "Shroud", a "Tube-Nest", which is made up of 18 perforated stainless-steel tubes and "End Caps". Each of the 18 tubes are fitted with membranes. The modules on the UF15 plant are designed with a twin entry end caps; providing 2 parallel channels, each of 9 tubes in series. The modules are fed in parallel. There are 2 stages of 3 modules fed in parallel.

Specification per module

- Membrane area: 2.6 m²
- Module weight: 33.7 kg
- Hold-up volume: Tube-side 8.4 L, Shroud-side 20 L
- Membrane tube ID: 12.7 mm
- Total membrane area for all modules: 15.6 m2

Heat Exchanger (HE)

2 X 12 Ft (3.6m) Shell & Tube Type Heat Exchanger

Process fluid is piped from the outlet of the pump and passes through the module in 2 pathways within the heat exchanger while cooling water passes at low pressure (1-3 bar) through the shroud (shell) side. Cooling media flow could be up to 25 L/min/stage.

Plant mechanical operating limit

- Max operating pressure: up to 15 bar
- Max pressure drop: 5 bar per module
- Max operating temperature: up to 70°C





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Pumps, IEC Motors & VSD

- Feed Pump: Alfa Laval model LKH-114 with VSD controller (2 speed: 6 m³/hr @ 10.4 bar & 3 KW, 12 m³/hr @ 1.3 bar & 15 KW).
- Recirculation Pump per stage: Amena centrifugal pump with VSD controller. 14.4 m³/hr max flow, 11 KW motor, 6.2 bar max pressure.
- Pump Seal water: 3 off. Seal/cooling water through a 50 µm strainer @ 1 L/min, 0.5 bar max to all three pumps.
- All flows can be adjusted via the HMI screen.

Flowmeter

- 6 independent Foxboro 8000 series model flowmeters are installed on the unit: one on the feed and retentate line, two installed on the recirculation loop and the other two on the permeate line from both stages.
- All flows are transmitted from individual sensors and display on each flow meters.

Pressure & Temperature Sensor

- Feed pump outlet pressure, modules inlet pressure to both stages are constantly monitor via independent IFM pressure transmitter and display on the HMI screen.
- Outlet temperature from both stages are monitor via IFM thermometer sensor and display on the HMI screen.

Pressure Control Valve

 Two hand operated diaphragm valves are installed on the retentate line (back pressure loop) to create the back pressure and control flow.

Safety

 The unit is designed to the principles of Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 1992 and are safe if operated in accordance with the procedures in the operating manual.

