

Technical Information

DURAION® Membrane 101
**Free-standing anion exchange membrane
for alkaline water electrolysis.**

Associated documents:

- User manual DURAION® Membrane

GENERAL INFORMATION

DURAION® anion exchange membranes and ionomer are specifically engineered for use in water electrolyzers operating under alkaline conditions. They exhibit exceptionally high ionic conductivity, superior mechanical integrity and outstanding chemical stability throughout the lifetime of the electrolyzer. Evonik's polymer expertise has been key to achieving the well-balanced properties of **DURAION®** membranes, fulfilling the quality triangle required for membrane-based water electrolysis.

SPECIFICATIONS

Please note that workplace environmental conditions and membrane conditioning can affect the dimensions and mechanical properties of the membranes.

PROPERTY	UNIT	DURAION® FREE STANDING
Typical thickness ^a	μm	65 ^g
Ionic conductivity ^b	mS/cm	> 95
Swelling degree ^c (linear)	%	< 6
Mechanical strength (dry) ^d (Young's modulus)	MPa	> 900
Mechanical strength (wet) ^e (Young's modulus)	MPa	> 500
Hydrogen permeation ^f	mol/ (s cm ² bar) 10 ⁻⁹	< 3.0

a) Dry membrane after conditioning at 25 °C and 40 % relative humidity (RH).

b) Intrinsic ion conductivity of DURAION® polymer in OH⁻ form at 60 °C.

c) Swelling of dry^a membrane equilibrate in deionized (DI) water.

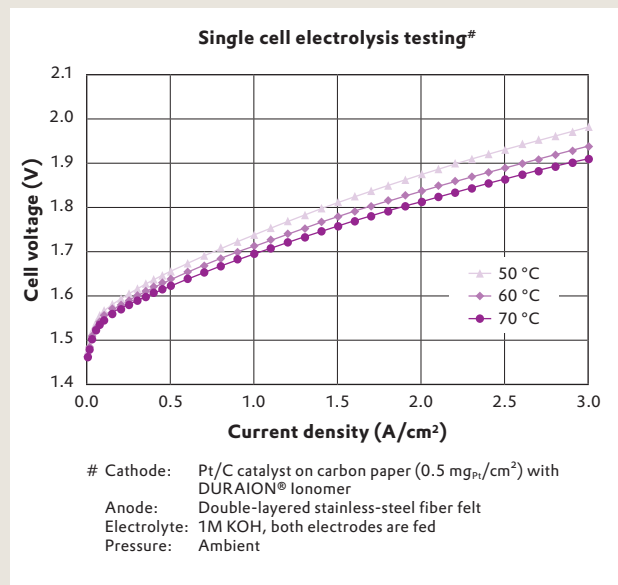
d) Dry^a membrane (according to DIN EN ISO 527-3).

e) Wetted membrane (DI water, according to DIN EN ISO 527-3).

f) Ex-situ electrochemical measurement at 60 °C
(internal testing conditions; results intended for reference purposes only).

g) Tolerances: -5 μm (lower limit), +10 μm (upper limit).

CHARACTERISTIC PERFORMANCE DATA



APPLICATION RECOMMENDATION

PROPERTY	UNIT	RECOMMENDATION ^a
Temperature	°C	50–70
Current density	A/cm²	0.5–1.5
Electrolyte concentration ^a	Molar	0.5–1.0
Differential pressure	bar	0–35

a) In case of KOH. When using a different electrolyte, membrane performance may vary.
 b) All parameters are interdependent and should be selected carefully.

ORDER INFORMATION

DURAION® anion exchange membranes (amber-colored) are laminated onto a transparent PET carrier foil. Supplied membranes are delivered in chloride form and contain residual DMSO. Each membrane roll is wound around a paper core.

STANDARD DIMENSIONS

Active membrane widths:

- 24, 36, 50, and 75 cm.
- Widths of up to 100 cm are available upon request.

Minimum order volume:

- 5 m²

Non-standard membrane roll widths and lengths are available upon request. Sample membrane sheets (25×30 cm) can also be provided upon request.

SAFETY, HANDLING AND STORAGE

We recommend handling the **DURAION®** membranes wearing gloves to prevent contamination.

Please note that the membrane's water content and conditioning protocols can influence membrane dimensions. After opening the packaging, the membrane will equilibrate to ambient workplace conditions. Therefore, **DURAION®** membranes should be pre-conditioned to the local environment before further processing.

Store the membrane in a sealed bag, out of direct sunlight, in a climate-controlled environment.

For detailed instructions on the proper use of **DURAION®** membranes, please refer to the accompanying user manual.

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