



# Ion exchange membranes for water purification



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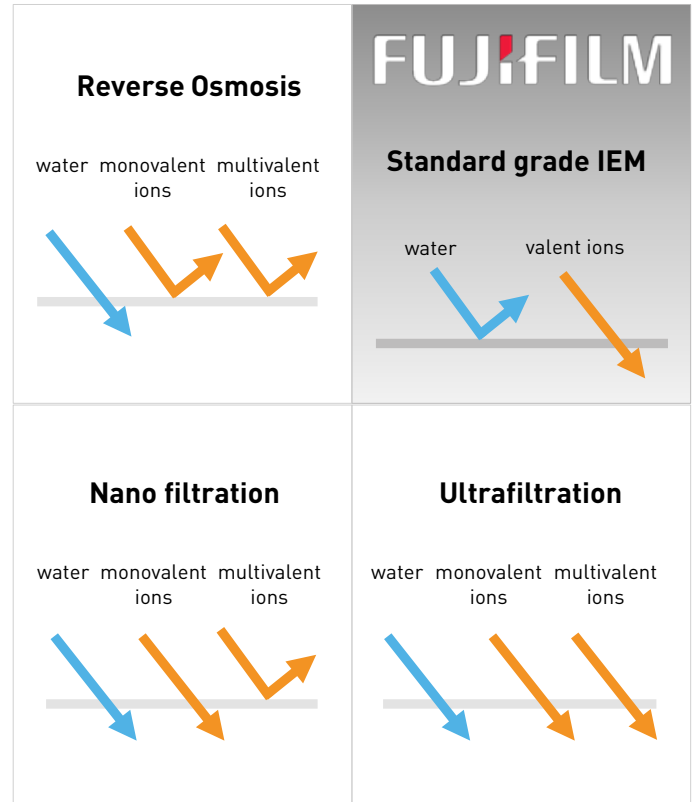
## Introduction

Fujifilm's development of membranes is continuously on the move. We develop and produce top quality ion exchange membranes (IEM) that may suit a variety of applications and industries. We focus on high volume supply of cost effective ion exchange membranes which enable breakthrough membrane processes. For this we work together with related industry partners where needed, to move the industry forward.



Fujifilm membranes can be used in several electro separation technologies. As each technology has its own focus area and requirements (fresh water production, waste water concentration, energy generation or water softening), Fujifilm developed a membrane portfolio to suit its customers needs ranging from low electrical resistance membranes, broad pH range membranes to low water permeating membranes. Our thin homogeneous anion and cation exchange membranes are based on patented new innovative polymer technology.

## Membrane types and purposes



Salt production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salt production from seawater</li> </ul>	Waste solution treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desalination / concentration of leachate from landfill</li> <li>Desalination / concentration of waste solution (from manufacturing process of semiconductors / metals)</li> </ul>
Food / Pharmaceuticals	Desalination of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>soy sauce</li> <li>amino acids</li> <li>plum seasoning and plum vinegar</li> <li>organic acids</li> <li>carbohydrate solution</li> <li>cheese whey</li> <li>intermediate for medicines</li> <li>tartaric salt for wine stabilization</li> </ul>	Acid / Alkali recovery	Acid recovery of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>aluminium plate pickling process</li> <li>aluminium foil pickling process</li> <li>metal pickling process</li> <li>Recovery of alkali waste solution</li> </ul>
Drinking water production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desalination and removal of hardness from underground water</li> <li>Removal of nitrate bromide and fluoride from underground water</li> </ul>	Other applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Production of ultra pure water</li> <li>Membrane for batteries</li> <li>Desalination of deep sea water</li> <li>Recovery of plating solution</li> <li>Recovery of Amine/Glycol</li> </ul>

\* Example table of wide variety of industrial field and applications for use of ion exchange membranes by ED/R, BPED technology



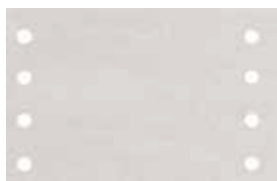
## Fujifilm's ion exchange membrane selection

Fujifilm has a broad range of ion exchange membranes in its commercial portfolio and development track ranging from standard grades to special grades.

### Storage and handling

For optimal performance Fujifilm membranes are delivered in dry state or pre-conditioned, on a roll or in sheets. The membranes must be stored at temperatures between 15°C and 25°C. The membranes must be kept in the closed sealing bag until ready for use. Membranes need preconditioning prior usage.

For detailed information check out the specific article information sheets



Pre-cut sheets



Dry roll

## Standard grades IEM

### TYPE 2

Medium power consumption & low water permeating membranes at 4-10 pH range. Most common applications are for purifying process / waste water concentration / brackish water streams by ElectroDialysis (ED) technology.

### TYPE 10

Low power consumption & medium water permeating membranes at 1-13 pH range. Most common applications are for purifying process / waste water / brackish water / food streams by ElectroDialysis (ED) technology.

### TYPE 12

Medium power consumption & low water permeating membranes at 1-13 pH range. Typical application is for brine concentration processes by ElectroDialysis (ED) technology.

## FUJIFILM MEMBRANES

	TYPE 2		TYPE 10		TYPE 12	
	AEM	CEM	AEM	CEM	AEM	CEM
Homogeneous	Anion permselective	Cation permselective	Anion permselective	Cation permselective	Anion permselective	Cation permselective
Reinforcement	polyolefin		polyolefin		polyolefin	
Thickness dry (µm)	160	160	125	135	110	110
Electrical Resistance (1)	5.0	8.0	1.7	2.0	6.0	6.0
Perm selectivity (2)	95	96	95	99	95	99
IE Capacity (3)	0.9	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.0
Water permeation (4)	3.0	3.5	6.5	6.5	2.0	2.5
Burst strength (5)	5.0	4.7	2.8	2.8	3.8	3.8
pH stability	pH 2-10	pH 4-12	pH 1 -13		pH 1 -13	
Temp stability (6)	40		60		60	
Typical applications	purifying process water concentrating waste water brackish to potable water		purifying process water concentrating waste water sea & brackish to potable water food desalination		purifying process water concentrating waste water	
Typical technology	ElectroDialysis Reversal (EDR) Electro Deionisation (EDI)		ElectroDialysis Reversal (EDR)		ElectroDialysis Reversal (EDR)	

\* The property values are typical values only and no warranty as to such properties is given

(1) Electrical resistance measured (Ω cm<sup>2</sup>) at 0.5M NaCl

(2) Permselectivity measured (%) at 0.05-0.5M KCl

(3) Ion exchange capacity (meq/g)

(4) Water permeation (ml/bar.m<sup>2</sup>.hr) at 0.1-0.7 M NaCl

(5) Burst strength (kg/cm<sup>2</sup>)

(6) Temperature (°Celsius)

## Available membrane dimensions and formats

Our ion exchange membranes can be supplied as dry rolls or wet sheets as follows:

- Dry roll: 125 m length, 0.53 m width [5-6% swelling during pre-conditioning]
- Pre-conditioned wet sheet: in 2 standard sizes, 25 sheets per box

The products are partly available with NSF certification. In case of interest in special customized wet sheet sizes or rolls, or other certification, then this can be discussed with your sales contact.

## E-Separation Technology examples based on Fujifilm's ion exchange membranes

ElectroDialysis (ED) is a DC voltage-driven membrane process. An electrical potential is used to move salts through a membrane, leaving desalinated water behind as product water.

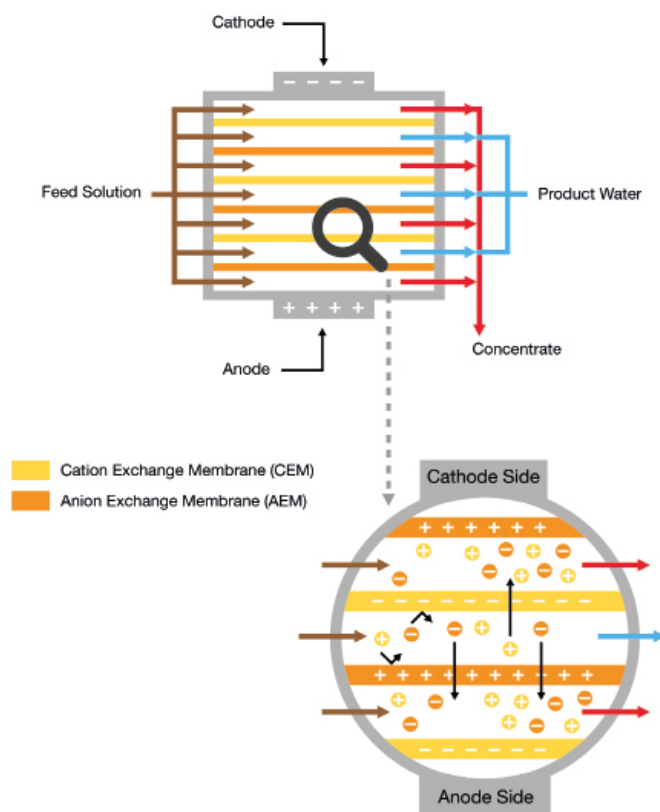
ED depends on the following general principles: Most salts dissolved in water are ions, either positively charged (cations), or negatively charged (anions).

Since like poles repel each other and unlike poles attract, the ions migrate toward the electrodes with an opposite electric charge. Suitable membranes can be constructed to permit selective passage of either anions or cations. In a saline solution, dissolved ions such as sodium (+) and chloride (-) migrate to the opposite electrodes passing through selected membranes that either allow cations or anions to pass through (not both).

Membranes are usually arranged in an alternate pattern, with anion-selective membrane followed by a cation-selective membrane. During the desalination process, the salt content of the water channel is diluted, while concentrated solutions are formed in the adjacent channels.

Concentrated and diluted solutions are created in the spaces between the alternating membranes, and these spaces bound by two membranes are called cells. ED units consist of several hundred cells bound together with electrodes, and is referred to as a stack. Feed water passes through all the cells simultaneously to provide a continuous flow of desalinated water and a steady stream of concentrate (brine) from the stack.

## ElectroDialysis (ED)



Schematic view ED technology

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## Membrane Production

Fujifilm Manufacturing Europe B.V. in Tilburg, The Netherlands produces membranes and modules for water purification and gas separation.

This company site covers 61 hectare and has production plants for:

- Photo Paper
- Offset plates
- Membranes
- Cell culture media

With more than 700 employees this is one of the largest Fujifilm production facilities of photographic and membrane materials.

## R&D Membrane laboratories

Fujifilm has two R&D laboratories related to membranes:

1. Advanced Research Laboratory in Kanagawa, Japan which includes Synthetic Organic Chemistry for high performance polymer technology and Highly Functional Materials Research for innovations in coating technology
2. The Tilburg Research Laboratory is located at the production site of Fujifilm Manufacturing Europe B.V.

Our R&D Centre in Tilburg has an excellent analytical laboratory. This laboratory supports customer and application activities relating to our ion exchange membranes and gas separation membranes.

The laboratory provides fast and secure root cause analysis. For the evaluation of membrane properties and membrane performance, an extensive set of validated test methods is available, such as:

- Perm selectivity
- Electrical resistance
- Ion exchange capacity
- Water permeation
- Burst strength



## Contact

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