

Beet Sugar Decalcification Using Tulsion® Ion Exchange Resins

Objective

Demand for sugar is increasing day by day due to higher consumption worldwide which is a major ingredient in food & beverage industry. To meet the potential demand of sugar variety, different manufacturing processes are developed to extract it from different sources. Sugar is obtained from various sources like sugar cane, beet, cassava roots etc. wherein beet is the second largest source of sugar after cane. During carbonation process, juice contains a higher amount of calcium which causes problems like high turbidity, loss of sugar, larger mass of molasses, and scale formation in evaporators. To prevent these



issues, Tulsion[®] resin is employed which can effectively remove calcium & other alkaline earth metals from the juice.





Resin Mechanism

Divalent (Ca or Mg) ions having high affinity than monovalent ions towards Tulsion decalcification resin consist of sulphonic acid group. Calcium ion replaces with sodium ion in sulphonic group. This reaction is reversible on increasing monovalent ion concentration.

$$\int SO_3^{-}Na^+ + CaCl_2 \longrightarrow \int SO_3^{-}Ca^{1/2+} + 2 NaCl$$

Customer Plant Details

| Particulars | Unit | Softener | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--|
| Resin name | | Tulsion®T-4213 MP Na FG | |
| Resin volume | lit | 9000 | |
| Resin bed depth | mm | 1463 | |
| Vessel diameter | m | 2.8 | |
| Operating temperature | °C | 90 | |
| Syrup flow rate | M³/hr | 100 | |
| Throughput/output | M ³ | 1000 | |
| Regenerant | | NaOH+ Soft juice | |
| Regeneration level | g/l | 50 | |
| Regenerant quantity | Kg (100%) | 450 | |
| Regenerant concentration | % | 4 | |
| Regeneration time | minutes | 30 | |
| Regeneration temperature | °C | <40 | |
| Slow rinse | | With soft juice | |
| Slow rinse volume | BV | 2 | |

Parameters

| Particulars | Unit | Feed Analysis | Resin Outlet Analysis |
|--------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Calcium | mg as Ca/L | 200 - 340 | <u><</u> 50 |
| Brix | % | 16 | 16 |
| Polarization | % | 9.4 | 9.38 |
| Color | ICUMSA | 215 | 210 |
| рН | | 8 | 8 |

Thermax Solution

Thermax Tulsion®T-4213 MP Na FG is the most suitable product for softening process specific to the beet sugar syrup offering many advantages as per customers' requirements. One of our customers from Europe is highly satisfied with our service and has been buying this particular product for past 15 years continuously.

Advantages

- Syrup turbidity reduction
- High sugar yield
- Less evaporator scaling
- Reduced maintenance & operation cost
- Easy filtration
- Lower water consumption

