



Product Data Sheet

**DOW FILMTEC™ BW60-1812-75 Element**

Next Generation of Residential Reverse Osmosis Elements

**Description**

DOW FILMTEC™ residential elements are the most reliable, consistent and highest quality in the industry just got even better. Our 75 GPD elements offer the best balance of flow and highest rejection available in the market.

New DOW FILMTEC™ Residential Elements Feature:

- New membrane (BW60) chemistry produces industry leading 99% stabilized salt rejection.
- Even longer lifetimes on high hardness water applications
- Even faster start-up to reach stabilized rejection
- High active membrane area and twin leaf design for optimized performance
- NSF58 safety Certification and reduced certification costs / resources with NSF data transfer Certification
- Fully-automated manufacturing that ensures consistent and high quality elements
- Dry shipping for convenient handling and longer shelf-life
- Proven consistency and reliability for longer membrane life

**Product Type**

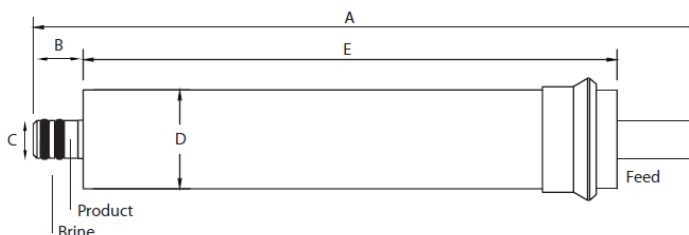
Spiral-wound element with polyamide thin-film composite membrane

**Product Specifications**

| DOW FILMTEC™ Element | Applied Pressure |       | Permeate Flow Rate |       | Typical Stabilized Salt Rejection (%) |
|----------------------|------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|
|                      | (psig)           | (bar) | (GPD)              | (l/h) |                                       |
| BW60-1812-75         | 50               | 3.4   | 75                 | 12    | 99                                    |

1. Permeate flow and salt rejection based on the following test conditions: 250 ppm softened tap water, 77°F (25°C), 15% recovery and the specified applied pressure.
2. Minimum salt rejection is 96.0%.
3. Permeate flows for individual elements may vary ±20%.

**Element Dimensions**



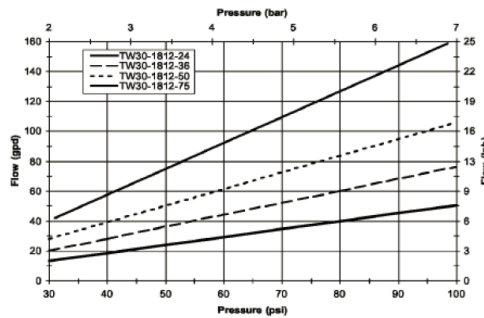
This component is Tested and Certified by NSF International against NSF/ANSI Standard 58 for material requirements only.

| DOW FILMTEC™ Element | A     |       | B     |      | C     |      | D     |      | E     |      |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
|                      | (inc) | (mm.) | (in.) | (mm) | (in.) | (mm) | (in.) | (mm) | (in.) | (mm) |
| BW60-1812-75         | 11.74 | 298   | 1.17  | 30   | 0.68  | 17   | 1.75  | 44.5 | 9.4   | 239  |

1. BW60-1812 Home Drinking Water elements seal at a standard 2.0 inch – 2.05 inch I.D. within pressure vessels

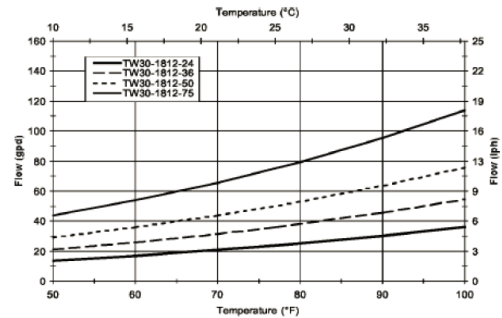
**Figure 2.**

**Impact of Pressure on Permeate Flow  
(constant temperature, recovery)**



**Figure 3**

**Impact of Temperature on Permeate Flow  
(constant temperature, recovery)**



**Operating and  
Cleaning Limits**

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Maximum Operating Temperature <sup>a</sup>  | 113°F (45°C)      |
| Maximum Operating Pressure                  | 150 psig (10 bar) |
| Maximum Feed Flow Rate                      | 2.0 gpm (7.6 lpm) |
| pH Range, Continuous Operation <sup>a</sup> | 2 – 11            |
| Maximum Feed Silt Density Index (SDI)       | SDI 5             |
| Free Chlorine Tolerance <sup>b</sup>        | < 0.1 ppm         |

<sup>a</sup> Maximum temperature for continuous operation above pH 10 is 95°F (35°C).

<sup>b</sup> Under certain conditions, the presence of free chlorine and other oxidizing agents will cause premature membrane failure. Since oxidation damage is not covered under warranty, Dow Water & Process Solutions recommends removing residual free chlorine by pretreatment prior to membrane exposure. Please refer to technical bulletin "[Dechlorinating Feedwater](#)" for more information.

**Additional  
Important  
Information**

- It is recommended that systems using these elements rinse the elements for 24 hours, prior to first use, to meet NSF/ANSI 58 Standard.
- The first full tank of permeate must be discarded. Do not use this initial permeate for drinking water or food preparation.
- To ease installation, it is recommended to use a lubricant safe for indirect water contact on all seals. Potential options include water, glycerin based lubricants, and Dow Corning™ 111.
- Rotate the element about a quarter turn to ease installation and removal of the element. Ensure good interface between the o-rings and brine seal with their connection surfaces.
- Keep elements moist at all times after initial wetting.
- To prevent biological growth during prolonged system shutdowns, it is recommended that membrane elements be immersed in a preservative solution. Rinse out the preservative before use.
- The membrane shows some resistance to short-term attack by chlorine (hypochlorite). Continuous exposure, however, may damage the membrane and should be avoided.
- DOW FILMTEC™ Home Drinking Water Reverse Osmosis Elements may be covered under the DOW FILMTEC™ Reverse Osmosis and Nanofiltration Element Three-Year Prorated Limited Warranty, 609-35010-1006 extended to OEMs. Such Limited Warranty is non-transferable. Contact a Dow representative for more information.

If operating limits and guidelines given in this Product Information Bulletin are not strictly followed, the Limited Warranty will be null and void. The OEM is fully responsible for the effects of incompatible chemicals and lubricants on elements. Use of any such chemicals or lubricants will void the Limited Warranty.

**Regulatory Note**

These membranes may be subject to drinking water application restrictions in some countries; please check the application status before use and sale.

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