

Separation and Purification Sciences Division Data Sheet

Betafine<sup>™</sup> XL Series Absolute Rated Pleated Polypropylene Filter Cartridges

#### Providing Reduced Total Filtration Costs & Consistent Filtration Performance

Betafine<sup>™</sup> XL series filter cartridges represent a major advance in pleated filter technology. Building on 3M's history of filter design innovation, this absolute-rated, 100% polypropylene, pleated cartridge features Advanced Pleat Technology (APT) that increases the usable filtration surface area while maintaining standard industrial cartridge dimensions. The result is a filter cartridge that has dramatically enhanced service life.

# Advanced Pleat Technology (APT)

The service life of a pleated cartridge is often dictated by the accessible surface area. Conventional pleated filters may offer a large gross surface area, but when the media is packed too tightly into the cartridge, only part of the surface area is usable resulting in both flow restrictions and limited contaminant holding capacity. The "blind" or unusable area commonly occurs near the inside diameter (see figures below) where the pleats are packed most tightly. The Betafine XL series filter cartridge is manufactured using a staggered pleat configuration that, when combined with a novel support material, provides more open space between the pleats.

Conventional pleat designs, with full-depth densely packed pleats, fill the up-stream pleat surface with contaminant that quickly constrict flow at the pleat's inside diameter.

The Betafine™ XL series filter cartridge's Advanced Pleat Technology utilizes a configuration designed to increase the accessible surface area for significantly greater filter media use.





# **Features & Benefits**

#### **Reduced Total Filtration Costs**

• Helps reduce cartridges used, change-out frequency, reduced downtime, product waste and labor and disposal costs

#### **Consistent Filtration Performance**

• Helps reduce quality checks, product rejects and rework, thereby helping to add productivity and plant capacity



# **Applications**

Betafine<sup>™</sup> XL series filter cartridges are ideal for a wide array of applications. Contact 3M or your local distributor for assistance with your specific applications.

Paint & Coatings	Film and paper coatings, photographic film, lens coatings and magnetic media, can coatings, high quality paints and ink.
Industrial Process	Machine tool lubrication, detergents, process and waste water, plating baths and chemicals, pulp, paper and textiles.
Electronics	CD and DVD media, printed circuit boards, video displays, DI water.
Food & Beverage	Bottled water particulate and turbidity reduction, reverse osmosis membrane and spray nozzle protection, diatoma- ceous earth or carbon fines trap, beverage blending, rinsing, or wash water.
Petrochemical & Chemical Processing	Clarification of high purity chemicals, organic and inorganic chemical interme- diates, and various acids and bases, production of petro- chemicals from feed-stocks and intermediates, solvents, polymer solutions, process water for quench and flushing.

The APT staggered pleats with increased open area allow for greater contaminant loading between pleats at the inside diameter, while the reduced length pleats take advantage of existing open space closer to the cartridge's outside diameter. The result is a fully used surface area that provides superior service life.

### **Superior Service Life**

Extensive testing has demonstrated that the Betafine<sup>™</sup> XL series filter cartridge provides service life superior to competitive pleated filters of equivalent reduction ratings when subjected to the same contaminant load. The result of using filters with significantly longer service life is substantially reduced filtration costs. Betafine XL series filter cartridges provide a service life improvement of up to 4.4 times greater than competitive products. See Graph 1 below.

Superior on-line service life provides significant total filtration cost reductions.

From fewer filter cartridges used to a reduction in labor costs by decreasing filter change-out frequency, Betafine XL series filter cartridges provide the ultimate in cost effective pleated filter technology.

#### The Impact of Service Life on Total Filtration Costs

The service life of a filter has a direct impact on total annual filtration costs. To illustrate how great an impact can occur, see Table 1 below.

Table 1 –	Total Filtration Costs Model Based On a System with a Flow Rate of 250 gpm
	Using 18 (30" long) Filter Cartridges with a Change-out Frequency of One Week

Process Requirements*	Betafine <sup>™</sup> XI	ith 50% of Series Filter Service Life	Betafine™ XL Series Filter Cartridge		
	Units	Estimated Cost	Units	Estimated Cost	
Estimated Filter Usage (annual, based on €80 per cartridge)	936	€74,880	468	€37,440	
Required Labor (1 hour per filter change-out at €50/hr)	52 hours	€2,600	26 hours	€1,300	
Estimated Disposal (56 cartridges per drum at €60/drum)	17 drums	€1,020	9 drums	€540	
Process Downtime	52 hours	?	26 hours	?	
Total Annual Filtration Cost	€78,500		€39	,280	

\*NOTE – These estimates are based on industry interviews and conditions as noted. Your savings may vary depending on your actual costs.





#### **Absolute Ratings**

The consistency of reproducible contaminant reduction can best be provided by the use of absolute-rated filters. Betafine<sup>™</sup> XL series filter cartridges are absolute rated to 1000 (99.9% efficiency at its rating) and are available in nine distinct ratings from 0.2 to 40 micron.

This provides a complete choice of ratings to meet the exacting filtration requirements for the most critical applications. See Table 2 below.

Table 2 - Betafine™ XL Series Filter Cartridge Absolute Ratings

Grade	Rating
002	0.2 µm
005	0.5 µm
010	1 µm
025	2.5 µm
050	5 µm
100	10 µm
200	20 µm
400	40 µm

\* At maximum recommended flow rate

#### Flow Characteristics & Sizing Options

Flow vs. differential pressure for water is depicted in Graphs 2 and 3 for each Betafine XL series filter cartridge grade. A typical filter system is often sized for an initial differential pressure of 0.5 to 1 psi (0.04 to 0.07 bar). Low flow rates further extend the life of the filter.



### Reduced Cartridge Change-out Frequency

For a given process flow rate, the increased accessible surface area decreases filter cartridge change-out frequency by 30 to 50 percent or more depending on the application.

### **Reduced Filter Housing Costs**

For new applications, the low pressure drops of the Betafine XL series filter cartridge allow smaller or fewer housings to be required. Fewer filter cartridges and smaller housings help provide lower capital and operating costs, year after year.







### **Filter Cartridge Construction**

Betafine<sup>™</sup> XL series filter cartridges are constructed of 100% polypropylene and help provide excellent chemical and thermal compatibility. The filter media is constructed from continuous micro-fibers that are precisely controlled to provide a uniform matrix and consistent effluent quality. Betafine XL series filter cartridges incorporate a polypropylene support upstream and downstream of the media to provide optimum flow characteristics and long service life. The all-polypropylene cartridge components are thermally bonded – no resin or binder compounds are used.

All materials used in the manufacture of Betafine XL series filter cartridges comply with the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 21 parts 170-199 for contact with food and EU food contact statement (EC1935/2004). Available in nine distinct micron ratings and integral lengths from 9.75" to 40" with a wide selection of end treatments to fit common filter housing designs, Betafine XL series filter cartridges are ideal for a wide variety of applications.

# **Chemical Compatibility**

The 100% polypropylene construction helps provide excellent chemical compatibility in many demanding process fluid applications. Listed in Table 3 below are commonly requested compatibilities. Compatibility for specific fluids may vary and is influenced by operating conditions.

Consult 3M or your local distributor for more information.

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	Chemical	Temperature			
	Acetic Acid 20%	175 °F (80 °C)			
	Ammonia 10%	140 °F (60 °C)			
	Bleach 5.5%	70 °F (21 °C)			
	Ethylene Glycol	140 °F (60 °C)			
	Alkanolamines	140 °F (60 °C)			
	Hydrogen Peroxide	100 °F (38 °C)			
	Methyl Ethyl Ketone	70 °F (21 °C)			
	Mineral Oil	70 °F (21 °C)			
	Nitric Acid 20%	100 °F (38 °C)			
	Potassium Hydroxide	140 °F (60 °C)			
	Sodium Carbonate	100 °F (38 °C)			
S	odium Hydroxide 70%	140 °F (60 °C)			
	Sulfuric Acid 20%	140 °F (60 °C)			
	Sulfuric Acid 70%	100 °F (38 °C)			
	Urea	140 °F (60 °C)			

Table 3 – Chemical Compatibility of Betafine™ XL Series Filter Cartridges



Cartridge









3M manufactures a broad variety of filter housings. Housings are available in a selection of materials and sizes that range from holding a single filter cartridge to hundreds. This breadth of design choice allows a match to your application requirements.



# **Application Engineering**

3M has a global team of market-focused scientists and engineers who excel in supporting and collaborating with end-users. Our technical teams are skilled in either performing on-site bench-scale or in-house tests and relating results to full scale manufacturing operations and optimizing cost of purification.

When unique processing problems are encountered, our product and application specialists are equipped to identify solutions using either 3M's broad array of existing products or potentially develop a custom solution for your application.



#### Betafine<sup>™</sup> XL Series Absolute Rated Pleated Polypropylene Filter Cartridges

	Operating Parameters and Specifications							
	Cartridges							
Filter Rating		0.2 – 40 µm						
				Dimer	nsions			
Nominal Length (see ordering guide)	9.75"	10"	19.5"	20"	29.25"	30"	39"	40"
Diameter, Outer (nominal)				2.6	62"			
		Materials of Construction						
Filter Media								
Support Layers		Polypropylene						
Inner Core & Outer Cage								
End Cap Adapters								
Flat Gasket & O-ring Options	Silicone, Fluor	Silicone, Fluorocarbon, Ethylene Propylene (EPR), FEP/PFA-encapsulated Fluorocarbon, Polyethyl-ene & Nitrile						
	Operating Conditions							
Maximum Forward Differential Pressure	60 psid @ 77 °F (4 bar at 25 °C)							
Maximum Reverse Differential Pressure	40 psid @ 77 °F (2.6 bar at 25 °C)							
Maximum Operating Temperature	175 °F (80 °C)							
Cleaning Considerations	Can be autoclaved, steamed in place or hot water sanitized (for cartridges with 222 or 226 O-ring end modifications, order option with reinforcing ring).							
	Regulatory Status							
CFR 21 Compliant	Filter components are constructed from materials that comply with the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 21 parts 170-199 for contact with food and EU food contact statement (EC1935/2004).							



This Betafine™ XL Series filter cartridge is tested and certified by WQA against NSF/ANSI Standard 61 for material requirements only\*.

 $\star$  For gasket/O-rings G, H, K & L, please consult factory.

**Cold Water Only** Install this product in accordance with the instructions provided by the housing manufacturer.

### Betafine<sup>™</sup> XL Series Filters Ordering Guide

#### Cartridges

Cartridge Code	Nominal Length Code	Filter Media Code	Grade Code & Rating	End Modification Code	Gasket/O-ring Material Code
	<b>09</b> <sup>1</sup> 9.75"		<b>002</b> (0.2 μm)	BO – 226 O-ring & Spear, No Reinforcing Ring	A – Silicone
XL	<b>10</b> 10"	PP Polypropylene	<b>005</b> (0.5 μm)	B1 – 226 O-ring & Spear, Polysulfone Ring	<b>B</b> – Fluorocarbon
	<b>19</b> <sup>1</sup> 19.5"		<b>010</b> (1 µm)	B2 – 226 O-ring & Spear, Stainless Steel Ring	C – EPR
	<b>20</b> 20"		<b>025</b> (2.5 μm)	C1 – 222 O-ring & Spear, Polysulfone Ring	D – Nitrile
	<b>29</b> ¹ 29.25"		<b>050</b> (5 µm)	C2 – 222 O-ring & Spear, Stainless Steel Ring	<b>G</b> <sup>2</sup> – Polyethylene
	<b>30</b> 30"		<b>100</b> (10 µm)	<b>D</b> – Double Open End (DOE)	K <sup>2</sup> – FEP/PFA-
	<b>39</b> 1 39"		<b>200</b> (20 µm)	FO – 222 O-ring & Flat Cap, No Reinforcing Ring	encapsulated
	<b>40</b> 40		<b>400</b> (40 μm)	F1 – 222 O-ring & Flat Cap, Polysulfone Ring	Fluorocarbon
				F2 – 222 O-ring & Flat Cap, Stainless Steel Ring	
				<b>R</b> – SOE w / Stainless Steel Spring	

<sup>1</sup> Not available in B, C, F, Q, R and U end modifications.

<sup>2</sup> Available in end modifications D, P, Q & R only.

<sup>3</sup>O-rings only.

PLEASE NOTE: The Order Guide above is for reference only. Not all combinations are available. Please consult with your 3M representative to determine the appropriate part number for your application.



#### **Product Selection and Use**

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