

Betafine™ PBG Series

Pleated Polypropylene Graded-Porosity Filter Cartridges

Filters For Food and Beverage Applications

The Betafine™ PBG series filter cartridge represents a major advance in pleated filter technology and performance. Building on 3M Purification Inc.'s history of filter design innovation, this absolute-rated, graded-porosity 100% polypropylene pleated filter 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 dramatically enhances service life.

Features & Benefits

Advanced pleat technology construction for high surface area as compared to competitive filters

- Higher product throughputs for prolonged service life
- Lower total filtration operating costs
- Lower pressure drops for higher flow rates

Absolute-rated filter performance

- Higher product quality and yields

Graded-porosity multi-layer filter media

- Capture of contaminant throughout the filter media to help maximize filter life
- Higher contaminant holding capacity

Backflushable, Polypropylene cartridge components

- Very low extractable levels for optimum filtrate purity
- Broad compatibility with solvents and cleaning solutions



Applications

Betafine™ PBG series filter cartridges are ideal for a wide array of prefiltration and clarification applications where reliability and economy are critical. Suggested applications include:

Food and Beverage Service

- Protection and longevity of expensive membrane final filters
- Final particle control
- Food fermentation feeds, intermediates and fermentation clarification
- Blending water filtration
- Cleaning fluids
- Solvent streams, air and gas prefiltration and final filtration

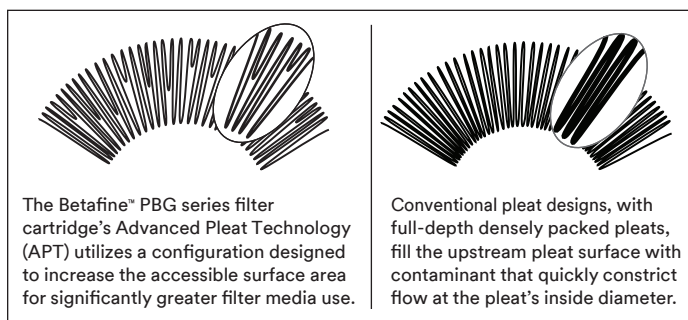
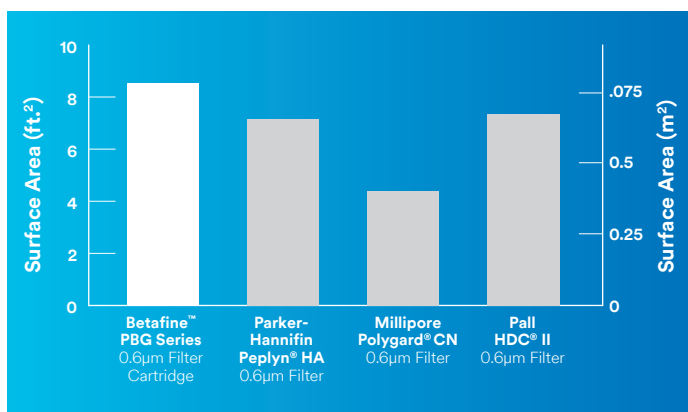


Figure 1. Advanced Pleat Technology vs. Conventional Pleat Design

Advanced Pleat Technology

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 Figure 1) where the pleats are packed most tightly. The Betafine™ PBG 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. 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 filter's outside diameter. The result is a fully used surface area that provides superior service life.



Graph 1. Competitive Comparison: Surface Area

Betafine™ PBG Series Filter Cartridges For Food and Beverage Service

Betafine™ PBG series filter cartridges meet the requirements for today's food and beverage processing needs. All materials of construction 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. The filter cartridge can be autoclaved, steamed-in-place (*in situ*), and sanitized with hot water. The durable polypropylene construction provides excellent performance in all food and beverage filtration applications.

- Backflushable — Betafine PBG series filter cartridge applications can be designed with a variety of methods to extend service life. Combined with hot water sanitation or other in-line cleaning procedures, backflushing Betafine PBG series filter cartridge systems can extend service life significantly.

	Pall HDC® 0.6µm Filter	Betafine™ PBG Series 0.6µm Filter Cartridge
Typical Surface Area	7.0 ft²	8.8 ft²
Flow @ 1 psid	1 gpm	3.3 gpm
Number of Filter Cartridges Needed for a Flow Rate of 50 gpm	12 – 40"	4 – 40"
Housing Size	12-around x 40"	4-around x 40"

Table 1. Competitive Comparison: Flow Rate of 50 gpm

Protection of Final Membranes

Beverage bottlers frequently employ membrane filter cartridges to achieve microstability without heat pasteurization. Typical retention ratings for the final filter are 0.45 µm or 0.65 µm. The Betafine PBG series filter cartridge's absolute retention, graded-porosity structure and large surface area are ideal for prefiltration protection of final sterilizing membranes. By removing contaminants before the final filter, the service life of expensive membrane filter cartridges are extended significantly.

The Betafine™ PBG Series Filter Cartridge Advantage

Today's demanding beverage consumer insists on high quality, turbidity-free juices, teas, and fruit drinks. Blending water needs to be free of microscopic particulate that can cause haze and undesirable cloudiness in the final beverage. With the unique APT design, systems designed with Betafine PBG series 0.6µm absolute rated filter cartridges result in significantly smaller filter housing and fewer installed filters when compared to competitors (Table 1).

For the same initial differential pressure, bottlers using Betafine PBG series filter cartridges require a housing only one fourth the size needed for Pall HDC filters. This results in significantly lower capital investment for filtration equipment and fewer cartridges to purchase. The bottom line — more cost effective filtration.

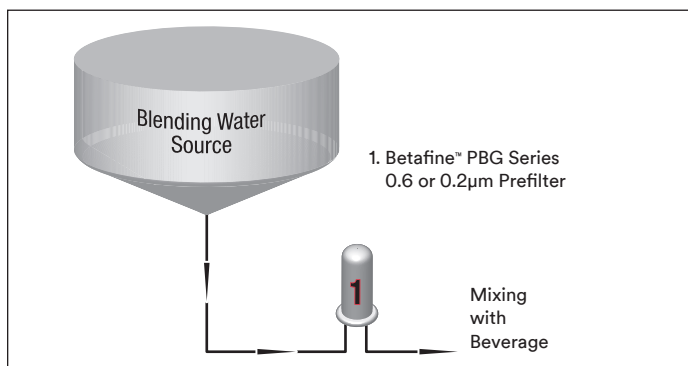


Figure 2. Blending Water with Betafine™ PBG Series Filter Cartridges

Graded-porosity — the Key to Longer Life

The Betafine™ PBG series filter cartridge’s graded-porosity media structure reduces particles sequentially by size — the larger particles by the more open, outer medium and the smaller particles by the tighter, inner medium (see Figure 3). The outer medium acts as a prefilter, while the inner provides the absolute removal specified by the cartridge rating. This construction effectively spreads the contaminant through the depth of the filter media resulting in high contaminant capacity with lower pressure drop for longer service life as compared to competitive filters.

Chemical Compatibility

Polypropylene construction provides chemical compatibility in many demanding process fluid applications. Compatibility is influenced by process operating conditions; in critical applications, cartridges should be tested under actual conditions to determine the correct selection.

Flow Characteristics and Sizing Options

Flow vs. differential pressure for clean water is depicted in Graph 2 for each Betafine PBG series filter cartridge grade. Ideally, filter systems should be sized at an initial differential pressure of 0.5 to 1 psid (0.04 to 0.07 bar). Low flow rates further extend the life of the filter system. In most applications, doubling the filter area (reducing the flow rate per unit area by one-half) results in two and one-half times the throughput.

- Reduced cartridge change-out frequency — for a given process flow rate, the graded-porosity structure and maximum filter area decrease 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 PBG series filter cartridge allow smaller or fewer housings to be specified. Fewer filter cartridges and smaller housings help provide lower capital and consumables costs, year after year.

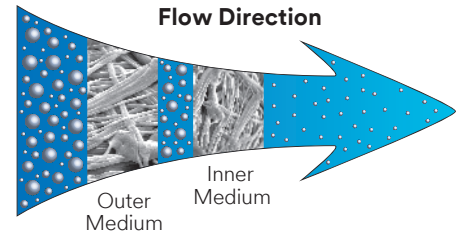
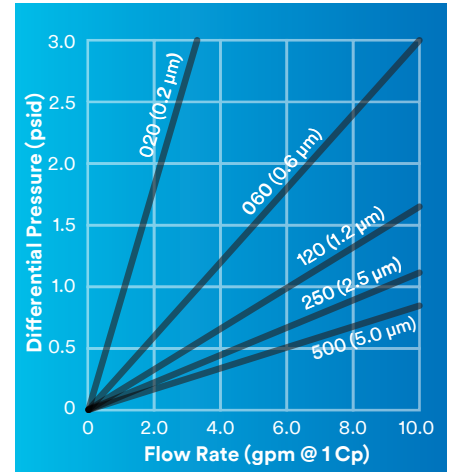


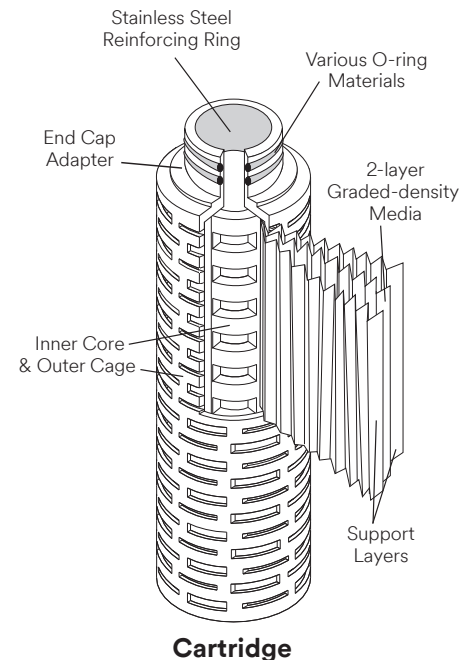
Figure 3. Graded-Porosity Reduces Particles Sequentially by Size



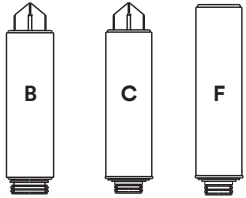
Graph 2: Clean Water Flow per 10" Betafine™ PBG Series Filter Cartridge at Ambient Temperature (20°C)

Operating Parameters & Specifications

Material of Construction		
Filter Media	Graded-Porosity Pleated Polypropylene	
Media Support Layers	Polypropylene	
Inner Core, Outer Cage, End Cap Adapters	Polypropylene	
Gasket and O-ring Options	Silicone, EPR	
Adapter Support Ring	Stainless Steel	
Filter Cartridge Dimensions		
Filtration Surface Area	060, 100, 120, 250	8.8 ft. ² (0.82m ²)
	020	8.1 ft. ² (.75m ²)
	500	8.6 ft. ² (0.80m ²)
Outside Diameter	2.80 in. (7.1cm)	
Nominal Length	10 in. (25.4cm), 20 in. (50.8cm), 30 in. (76.2)	
Operating Parameters		
Specification		
Maximum Operating Temperature	130°F (60°C) continuous, 175°F (80°C) short term	
Maximum Differential Pressure (Forward and Reverse)	60 psid (4 bar) @ 77°F (25°C)	



Betafine™ PBG Series Filter Cartridge Ordering Guide

Cartridge Code	Grade Code/ Absolute Rating ¹ (µm)	Configuration	Length (Inches)	End-modification	Gasket/O-ring Material
PBG	020 – 0.2 060 – 0.6 120 – 1.2 250 – 2.5 500 – 5.0	B – Cartridge	01 – 10 02 – 20 03 – 30	B – 226 O-Ring & Spear C – 222 O-Ring & Spear F – 222 O-ring & Flat Cap 	A – Silicone C – EPR

¹ Retention ratings determined by 3M Purification Inc. test method TP. The 0.2µm rating has been extrapolated. For more information, contact your 3M Purification Inc. representative.

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