

Aquivion® E87-12S

Perfluorosulfonic Acid

Solvay Specialty Polymers

Message:

Aquivion® E87-12S is a chemically-stabilized (denoted by the S-suffix) perfluorosulfonic acid (PFSA) ionomer membrane that exhibits an Equivalent Weight (EW) of 870 g/eq. Nominal thickness is 120 microns.

Aquivion® PFSA ionomer membranes are melt-extruded products based on the unique Short Side Chain copolymer of Tetrafluoroethylene (TFE) and Sulfonyl Fluoride Vinyl Ether (SFVE) $F_2C=CF-O-CF_2CF_2-SO_2F$ produced by Solvay. They are available in the acid form and feature a lower Equivalent Weight (EW) than most commercial proton exchange membranes. The unique Short Side Chain copolymer allows higher crystallinity, improved mechanical properties and better proton conductivity.

Typical applications include PEM fuel cells, water electrolyzers, separators for hydrogen or redox flow batteries, and pervaporation or gas humidification systems.

| General Information | | | |
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| Physical | Nominal Value | Unit | Test Method |
| Equivalent (EW) ¹ | 870 | g/eq | Internal method |
| Density-23°C, 50%R.H. ² | 1.930 | g/cm ³ | Internal method |
| Membrane ³ | | | |
| Thickness | 120.0 | µm | |
| Weight | 232 | g/m ² | |
| Total acid content | > 1.12 | sec/100cc | Internal method |
| Tensile Stress ⁴ | | | ASTM D882 |
| MD: fracture | 40.0 | MPa | ASTM D882 |
| TD: fracture | 30.0 | MPa | ASTM D882 |
| Tensile Elongation ⁵ | | | ASTM D882 |
| MD: fracture | 140 | MPa | ASTM D882 |
| TD: fracture | 175 | MPa | ASTM D882 |
| Tensile Modulus | 250 | MPa | |
| Conductivity ⁶ | > 228 | mS/cm | Internal method |
| Water absorption characteristics (liquid) ⁷ | | | Internal method |
| By weight | | % | Internal method |
| Elongation at break (MD) | | % | Internal method |
| Elongation at break (TD) | | % | Internal method |
| Additional Information | Nominal Value | Unit | Test Method |

HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT

Aquivion® PFSA membranes are not harmful if used and handled according to standard processing procedures (see for example the "Guide to the Safe Handling of Fluoropolymer Resins" issued by the Society of the Plastics Industry). If handled inappropriately, membranes may release harmful toxic chemicals. Please refer to the Material Safety Data Sheets for more information on handling and safety.

PACKAGING, SHIPMENT AND STORAGE

The membranes are usually available in sheets of customized formats or rolls in various lengths (dimensions are based on dry product conditioned at 23 °C and 50 % Relative Humidity). They are sealed in an inert environment with a multilayer protection film before packaging inside a shock-protected cardboard box. It is recommended to store the product in a clean, controlled humidity environment and protected from direct sun light or other sources of heat.

NOTE

1. eq = mol SO₃H

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| 2. | Inferred water absorption 0% |
| 3. | 23°C, 50% R.H. |
| 4. | -Measure E87-05S mechanical properties-23°C,50% R.H. |
| 5. | -Measure E87-05S mechanical properties-23°C,50% R.H. |
| 6. | When R.H. 100%, it is set to four Probe In-Plane Measurement. Steps: Tcell = 80°C, Tgas = 90°C humidity 100%, flow rate 800sccm. |
| 7. | Immersed in liquid for 4 hours at 100°C |

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