

LifeASSURE™ BDA020 Series

Sterilising grade 0.2 µm membrane filters

Cartridge filters for bottled water and beverage microbiological stability

3M Purification's LifeASSURE™ BDA020 Series filter, formerly known as CUNO BevASSURE BDA 020, combines two asymmetrical polyethersulfone (PES) membrane layers together with an Advanced Pleat Technology (APT) construction. This design results in a robust filter that is optimised for both long service life and fast flowing applications, while providing 0.2 µm absolute-rated filtration for sterilising grade performance.

The LifeASSURE BDA020 filter helps bottled water and other beverage processors meet the highest standards for micro-organism control. Combined with 3M Purification's range of particle control and prefiltration cartridges, LifeASSURE BDA020 final filters offer bottlers a complete solution for rigorous contaminant control while maintaining long service life and low operating costs.

Durable design

The LifeASSURE BDA020 filter membrane and cartridge design result in a highly durable filter cartridge, capable of secure operation through numerous cycles of hot water sanitation, steam sterilisation and chemical based cleaning and sanitation.



Advanced technologies

Highly asymmetric PES membrane

LifeASSURE BDA020 filters incorporate a dual-layer PES membrane with a high degree of symmetry (see figure 1). When viewed in cross-section, the membrane contains larger pores on the upstream surface that gradually taper to smaller pores towards the downstream surface.

Compared to conventional membranes with a symmetric pore structure, this structure provides greater contaminant capacity, since it presents greater open spaces (void volume) in which to retain these contaminants. This increase in capacity leads directly to longer service life. In addition, the asymmetric structure provides less resistance to flow, resulting in a lower pressure drop when compared at a constant flow rate to competitive filters, allowing a user to employ fewer LifeASSURE BDA020 filters for any given flow rate.

Features and benefits

Validated 0.2 µm absolute-rated membrane

- Reliable sterilising filtration

Asymmetric dual-layer polyethersulfone (PES) membrane

- Exceptionally high capacity and service life resulting in maximum economy

Advanced Pleat Technology construction

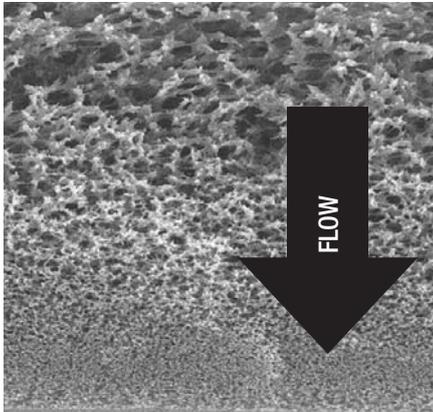
- Allows superior fluid and contaminant access to filter surface area for greatest service life and flow rates

Approved for food contact use

-  Complies with European and US regulations

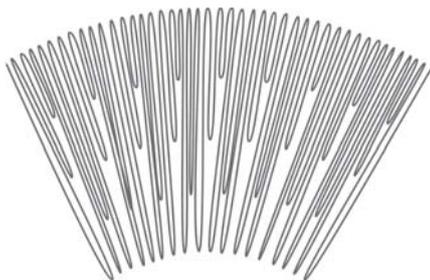


Figure 1: SEM photograph showing LifeASSURE™ BDA020 membrane cross-section



LifeASSURE™ BDA	Micro-organism	Retention level
BDA 020	<i>Brevundimonas diminuta</i>	Complete
BDA 020	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Complete

Figure 2: Advanced Pleat Technology design



Advanced performance

Extended service life

In the majority of beverage applications, the final membrane filter is used in a continuous (as opposed to a batch) operation. Its service life is measured either by the volume filtered or the number of days in service, before becoming permanently blocked. Filters that provide longer service life not only reduce direct operational costs, but also reduce indirect filter costs as well (filter change-out/installation labour, downtime between change-outs, filter flushing, etc.). The LifeASSURE™ BDA020 filter's combination of a highly asymmetric PES membrane, an Advanced Pleat Technology design and upstream/downstream supports all work together to maximise the volume of beverage that can be processed.

Complete microbiological control

The primary purpose of a membrane filter cartridge in bottled water and beverage processing is to effectively control even the smallest micro-organisms. LifeASSURE BDA020 0.2 micron rated filters provide superior retention of common spoilage micro-organisms, even at challenge concentrations that far exceed those experienced by most beverage producers. The LifeASSURE BDA020 membrane has been validated for complete retention of *Brevundimonas diminuta* (ATCC 19146) at a concentration of 10^7 CFU/cm² or greater.

Advanced Pleat Technology design

LifeASSURE BDA020 filters feature an Advanced Pleat Technology (APT) design for extended service life. This design technology maximises the useful surface area of the filter while maintaining open flow paths between the media pleats (refer to figure 2). By employing the APT design, the LifeASSURE BDA020 filter provides lower pressure drops, longer service life and lower overall operational costs.

Media support design

LifeASSURE BDA020 filters employ a design that results in higher beverage flow versus pressure drop compared to competitive filters. This 3M Purification development combines the high flowing PES membrane with special support layers upstream and downstream of the membrane. When combined with the previously mentioned Advanced Pleat Technology, this feature greatly increases flow per cartridge and results in lower overall operational costs.

Fast flow rates at low pressure drops

3M Purification has combined three key technological advances to provide the fastest flow rate per unit of pressure drop. These three technologies, an Advanced Pleat Technology (APT) design, an upstream and downstream support design and a highly asymmetric microporous membrane, afford users with faster process flow rates using fewer filters as compared to alternative filters.

When installed in an existing system with a fixed flow rate, LifeASSURE BDA020 filters exhibit a lower pressure drop compared to alternative filters.

Since filter change-out is usually tied to a terminal differential pressure drop (typically between 1.4 and 2.4 bar), employing filters that exhibit a lower initial pressure drop can result in longer filter service life.

Alternatively, in a new system when determining the number of filters needed to provide a desired flow rate at a given pressure drop, faster flowing filters will result in smaller, more economical systems.

Materials of construction	
Membrane	Dual layer polyethersulfone (PES)
Support layers	Polypropylene
Core, cage, end caps, adapters	Polypropylene
Adapter reinforcing ring	Polysulfone
O-rings	Various polymers available
Nominal filter dimensions	
Effective filtration area (EFA)	0.67 m ²
Filter diameter	2.75" (70 mm)
Filter lengths	10" (254 mm), 20" (508 mm), 30" (762 mm) and 40" (1016 mm)
Operating parameters	
Typical water flow rate at 25°C	11 lpm/100 mbar
Maximum differential pressure (forward)	5.5 bar at 25 °C - 1.7 bar at 80 °C
Maximum differential pressure (reverse)	0.689 bar at 25 °C
Maximum forward flow diffusion at 25 °C per 10" filter	33 cc/min at 2.75 bar
Maximum hot water sanitation temperature	85 °C
Maximum steam temperature	126 °C
Maximum peracetic acid exposure	1% (10,000 ppm)
Regulatory compliance	
LifeASSURE™ BDA020 Series cartridges comply with the requirements of Regulation (EC) 1935/2004 for their intended food contact applications. 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 filters meet the requirements of USP for the Biological Test for Plastics, Class VI. Contact 3M Purification for further information.	

3M Purification filtration products for bottled water



LifeASSURE BDA020 cartridge construction - Prefiltration selections

Many bottling applications employ a prefilter and final filter in series to achieve maximum performance and economy. Prefilters are used to protect and extend the life of more expensive final filters. 3M Purification offers a number of premium prefilter choices: Betafine™ XL pleated filter cartridges, Betapure™ NT depth filter cartridges and LifeASSURE™ BLA membrane filter cartridges. Betafine™ XL filter cartridges feature 3M Purification's Advanced Pleat Technology maximising the accessible filter area and supplying exceptionally high flow rates. Those preferring depth-style filters can select from 3M Purification's Betapure™ NT prefilter family which employs an advanced media design that enhances flow while extending service life. For additional bioburden control, 3M Purification's LifeASSURE™ BLA filter cartridges, featuring dual-zone membrane, are designed to deliver the ultimate in final membrane protection and bioburden reduction.

Filter housings

A specialised range of filter housings is available to meet the needs of the food and beverage industry. They provide easy access for filter change-out and afford a secure seal between filter and housing to help prevent fluid bypass. All housings are constructed using 316L stainless steel to maximise corrosion resistance. Internal surfaces of the housings are polished to 20 micro-inch Ra to limit microbial adhesion and provide easy cleaning. 3M Purification also offers custom-design, fully automated filtration skids and mobile units. These units can incorporate membrane housings, prefilter housings, SIP and CIP systems along with all necessary piping, valves, monitoring devices and computer controls for reliable, hands-free operation.

LifeASSURE™ BDA020 Series filter cartridges - Ordering guide

Cartridge Grade	Configuration	Length Inches	End-modification	O-ring Material
BDA020 LifeASSURE™ BDA020 0.2 µm	F - APT pleat	01 - 10" 02 - 20" 03 - 30" 04 - 40"	B - 226 O-ring and spear (Code 7) C - 222 O-ring and spear (Code 8) F - 222 O-ring and flat cap (Code 3) J - 226 O-ring and flat cap	A – Silicone B – Fluorocarbon C – EPR D - Nitrile

Example: The part number for a 30" LifeASSURE BDA020 Filter, 0.2 micron retention rating, 226 silicone O-ring connector with locating spear, would be: BDA020F03BA.

Note: LifeASSURE BDA020 new name for CUNO BevASSURE BDA 020.

LifeASSURE™ BDA020 Series filter discs - Ordering guide

Part Number	Size / Packaging
NM04708 BDA020	47 mm disc / 40 box

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