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# Activated carbon and cross-flow UF filter Water Plant



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Submerged Aerated Fixed Film Biological Treatment

System

Package Waste Water Plants

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### Activated carbon and UltraFilter water plants from Ashton Industrial

This mains electricity water supply plant has been operating for several years at a residential establishment in Germany. The raw water and clean water tanks are behind the processing cabinet.





This DC electrics water supply plant has been operating since summer 2014 at a building materials recycling charity in short term rented premises in central Scotland. At the end of 2015 when our customer moved to different rented premises this went with them.

The circular raw water and clean water tanks are within the plant framework.

An onboard charging circuit and a battery lets it work with a variety of intermittent electricity sources, such as generators or renewable energy skids. When mains electricity is switched off overnight to stop burglars opening power operated roller shutter doors this plant has no problem.

This type of plant would supply eighty people living in twenty five houses comfortably.







Source water from an external main or collection tank is allowed into tank 1 via an automatic valve, which is triggered by a water level probe with min/max settings. The inlet is positioned above the tank rim to prevent siphoning.

A standard household outlet connects this water to selected points where Ultra Filtered water is unnecessary. An outlet from tank 2 feeds all drinking water, washing and cooking points. A probe signals when water level drops, starting the pump which pulls water from tank 1, through a particle filter, and pushes it through the AQUALOGIX activated carbon and UF filter. Permeate is collected in tank 2 until maximum level is replenished before the pump stops. Concentrate is returned to tank 1, via a pressure gauge and restrictor to provide the necessary back-pressure for the AQUALOGIX.

For occasional disinfecting, a chlorine cup where tablets can be inserted, is provided. Eventual excess from tank 2 overflows back to tank 1. Excess in tank 1 flows to drain. To combat stagnation the controller is programmed to run the pump for a minimum duration of xxxx every xxxx hours. This timer re-sets each time the pump is triggered

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### Evaluation EB 05331 Multimedia UF

The product is a small, compact water treatment system which has been conceived specially for the decentralised treatment in small water works or for personal use. The system (see drawing) is using two different technologies: adsorption and ultrafiltration. With through-flow outputs of approx. 220 I per day the treatment is designed in such a way that now even the smallest water supply units can have a good water quality. The unit treats the water with ultrafiltration membranes. This plastic membrane has pores with an area of 0,01  $\mu$ m, these pores are so fine that neighter bacteria nor viruses can pass the membrane . The water which leaves the unit is therefore absolutely germ free.

The unit needs a regular sanitisation as described in the manual. Chemical cleaning and disinfection using hydrogenperoxide is carried out several times to be on the safe side. The regular cleaning is an important part of the maintenance. The use of Hydrogen peroxide disinfection agent is easily degradable and does not cause any damage in the bordering stream. An integrity test is carried out during maintenance work. This would reveal any possible leaks in the membrane.

The membrane is tested and proved. See NSF certificate OS021-01

The unit was tested in a study on the removal of pharmaceutical residues, heavy metals, steroid hormones and polar pesticides from fortified water samples applying the test unit.

Several polar pesticides frequently used in Agriculture and several pharmaceutically active compounds originated from municipal sewage effluents have recently been recognized as potential ground water contaminants, In this test the reduction and removal efficiency for the different chemicals is documented. The study concerning the removal efficiency was carried out in two parallel experiments. The water was spiked at individual concentrations of 0,1 or 1,0  $\mu$ g/l per compound.

This level was selected with regard to information of drugs residues in typical water coming from the surface.

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The laboratory experiments and the additional experiments under practical conditions show that all of the investigated compounds were removed in a successful rate. During the complete test time (1 week and about 200 I per day) all of the investigated compounds were efficiently removed at healthy concentrations. In almost all of the effluents from the filter none of the fortified contaminants could be detected. Infrequently, a few of the spiked contaminants were detected, but only at a trace level concentration close to the limit of detection (below 1 ng/l). Thus as compiled in the following table, the removal rates of the individual analytes calculated from the spiked concentration and the detection limits of the analytical procedures were between 99 and 99,9 %

Analyte	Removal efficiency	Remarks
carbamazipine	> 99,9 %	polar drugs
clofibric acid	> 99,9 %	
diclofenac	99,1- 99,9 %	
ibuprofen	> 99,9 %	
ketoprofen	> 99,9 %	
propyphenazone	> 99,9 %	
17ß-estradiol	> 99,9 %	steroid hormones
ethinyl estradiol	> 99,9 %	
bentazone	> 99,9 %	polar pesticide residues
2,4-D	> 99,9 %	
dichlorprop	> 99,9 %	
MCPA	> 99,9 %	
mecoprop	> 99,9 %	
p,p'-DDA	99-99,5 %	

Important: the test unit must follow the manual and regular maintenance

Result of the test with fortified water with copper.

No.	flow I in total	Copper mg/l	product water Copper mg/l	% reduction
1	100	3,6	0,04	98,9
2	200	3,4	0,04	98,8
3	300	4,4	0,04	99,1
4	350	4,5	0,05	98,9
5	400	4,5	0,04	99,1
6	470	4,3	0,04	99,1
7	520	4,1	0,04	99.0
8	620	4,2	0,04	99,1



The test gives also good results: the reduction rate is about 90 % over the total test time. It is very important to know that the filter will exhaust over the time. It was not part of this test to find out when this will happen. The exhaustion is a function of the feed concentration.

Reduction of microbiological contaminations.

The water passing the unit was spiked. The product water was evaluated.

day	E-coli (CFU/ml)	Enterococcus	after filter	after filter
		Taecalis (CEU/mi)	E-coll (CEU/ml)	E-faecalis (CEU/ml)
1	5,13 E +05	2,47 E +05	0,00 E +00	0,00 E +00
2	1,44 E +06	1,17 E +05	0,00 E +00	0,00 E +00
3	1,11 E +07	1,79 E +05	0,00 E +00	0,00 E +00
4	2,34 E +05	3,77 E +05	0,00 E +00	0,00 E +00
5	1,46 E +06	4,56 E +05	0,00 E +00	0,00 E +00
6	1,08 E +05	5,23 E +05	0,00 E +00	0,00 E +00
7	1,95 E +05	1,30 E +05	0,00 E +00	0,00 E +00
8	9,63 E +05	2,64 E +05	0,00 E +00	0,00 E +00
9	8,45 E +06	3,17 E +05	0,00 E +00	0,00 E +00
10	6,78 E +06	6,5 E +05	0,00 E +00	0,00 E +00
11	7,23 E +05	2,8 E +05	0,00 E +00	0,00 E +00
12	4,12 E +06	3,63 E +05	0,00 E +00	0,00 E +00

The test shows that the germs will not pass the membrane





#### Summary:

The filter test result show that the designed technology will work. The test results evaluate the expected results.

The unit will exhaust during the use. The user of the system therefore needs a clear manual. The user also must sanitise the system regularly. He has to make a habit of this.

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Aqualogix flow chart

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- 1. Deaeration
- 2. Multimedia filter e.g. silvered carbon plus other elements V= 5 litres H=60cm
- 3. UF membrane capillary filter
- 4. Pump
- 5. Tank to receive source water
- 6. Return concentrate
- 7. Permeate (pure water)