

LifeASSURE™ BA Series

Cartridge Filters for Beverage Stability



Applications

LifeASSURE™ BA Series filters are optimized for Food & Beverage applications requiring reduction of fine particles and spoilage microorganisms.

- Wine
- Beer
- Bottled Water
- Soft Drinks
- Process Water
- Distilled Spirits
- Intermediates & Ingredients
- Syrups
- Dyes & Flavours

Advances in Membrane Technology

LifeASSURE™ BA series cartridge filter membrane technology allows casting of an integral membrane onto a variety of substrates. The result is a microporous membrane with characteristics such as increased flow and reduced pressure drop, tailored to provide ideal performance for the intended application.

Enhanced Cartridge Design

The LifeASSURE BA series membrane is combined with an advanced cartridge construction to provide enhanced mechanical and thermal resistance. This superior construction permits continuous service, even under demanding process conditions.

LifeASSURE BA series cartridge filters can reduce your final filtration costs by up to 50% or more in two ways:

[Longer Life from Repeated Alkaline Regeneration](#)

LifeASSURE™ BA series cartridge filters and LifeASSURE™ BLA series pre filter cartridges are both manufactured to withstand a mild alkaline flush after each day's run (typically 30 minutes of forward recirculation of 2-3% NaOH at 60°C). Throughputs are improved from 3 to 10 times for most beverages depending on when the cleaning cycles start.

[Enhanced Hot Water Stability](#)

Hot water sanitation and warm-water flushing to dissolve accumulated contaminants are common practices in beverage plants. Longer hot water stability means longer filter life. The LifeASSURE BA series cartridge filter is constructed with a nylon membrane optimized to withstand multiple hot water sanitation cycles without compromising filter integrity.

Features & Benefits

High surface area, Nylon 6,6 microporous membrane

- Results in faster flow rates and longer service life than conventional membrane filters

Exceptional spoilage organism retention

- Provides reliable microbiological control

Durable cartridge design

- Withstands repeated hot water sanitation cycles

Individually serialized and integrity tested in manufacturing

- Fully traceable

Meets requirements for food contact

- Complies with requirements of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.



ISO 9001 Registered Quality System

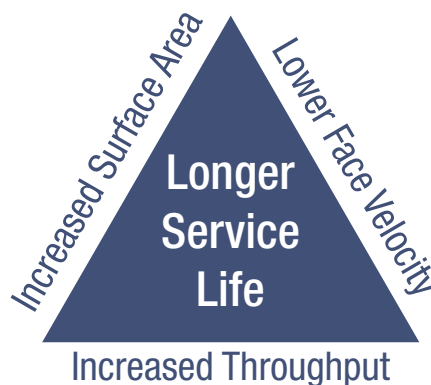
LifeASSURE™ BA Series filter cartridges are manufactured under an ISO 9001 registered quality system. The quality system ensures that appropriate standards are met or exceeded to provide consistent, high quality products.

1 Meier, et al., Proc. 23rd Convention of the Institute of Brewing, Asia Pacific Section, 1994

Saving with LifeASSURE BA Series Cartridge Filters

I. More Surface Area

The LifeASSURE BA series cartridge filter, when compared to a competitive filter at the same flow rate, provides immediate benefits by improving throughput, a direct result of the LifeASSURE BA series cartridge filter's greater surface area (see Graph 1) and lower face velocity (flow per unit area of membrane).



- With 40% more surface area than most competitive products, LifeASSURE BA series filters provide a 40% reduction in face velocity.
- Longer life from increased surface area = 40% or more
- Longer life from lower face velocity = 10% or more
- Total life improvement factor = 50% or more

II. Cleanable

Alkaline flushing for regeneration can improve throughputs by a factor of 3 to 10 times compared to cartridge filter life without regeneration. This benefit is enhanced if LifeASSURE prefiltration is also used because the prefilter can also be cleaned and the throughputs for both filters will be improved.

Assume: 2% NaOH regeneration improves throughput threefold, Lifetime Improvement Factor: = 3 times

Combined Lifetime Improvement

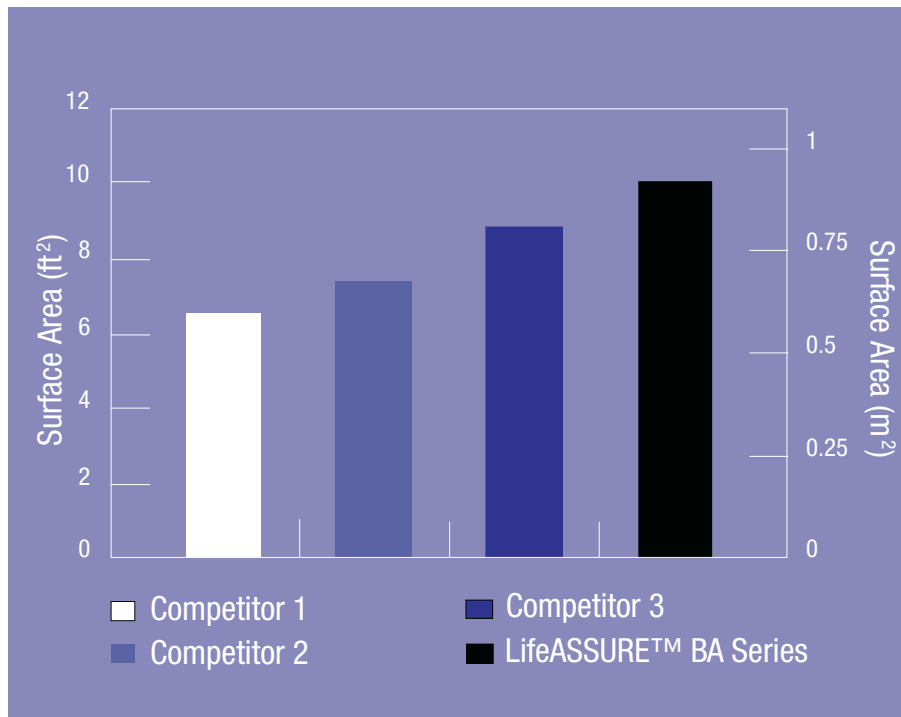
By combining the increased throughput (provided by the greater surface area) with the increased throughput (resulting from filter regeneration), LifeASSURE™ BA series cartridge filters can increase system service life by over 100% to even 300% or more!

Smaller Housings

At a given clean pressure drop the LifeASSURE™ BA series filter can provide a flow rate that is substantially greater than a number of competitive filters. Because the selection of a filter housing size is based on the flow rate of the filter, this means that bottlers choosing the LifeASSURE™ BA series filter can often select a smaller filter housing for their system flow rate. This results in decreased capital cost and a more compact system.

III. Longer Service Life

For very clean beverages, a LifeASSURE™ BA series filter's 50 hot water sanitation cycle specification means that the filter needs to be changed less frequently than competitive cartridges.



Graph 1. - LifeASSURE BA series cartridge filters provide the maximum surface area to reduce initial differential pressure, provide longer filter life and minimize overall filtration cost.



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Quality, Economy and Consistent Performance

Membrane filtration is the premier method of achieving microbiological stability in the container without the use of chemicals or heat. The organoleptic properties are completely preserved until the product is opened, be it weeks, months or years after filling.

The LifeASSURE™ BA series 0.65 μm rated cartridge filter removes contaminating yeast, molds and most spoilage bacteria from liquids. The LifeASSURE BA series 0.45 μm rated cartridge filter removes not only yeast and molds, but even the smallest spoilage bacteria such as *Oenococcus oeni*, *Lactobacillus brevis* and *Pediococcus damnosus*.

Longer Life With Caustic Cleaning

Reports² show that most beverage membranes are fouled and plugged not by accumulated particulates and microorganisms, but by soft colloids of glucans, proteins and tannins that result from processes inherent in beverage manufacture. Removal of these deposits before significant build up results in longer filter life and improved process economies. Cleaning agents such as sodium hydroxide (long used by beverage bottlers) can effectively reduce the impact of colloidal material on filter life.



Large and small bottlers of beer, wine, water and juices have used membrane filtration as a part of their aseptic filling system for decades.

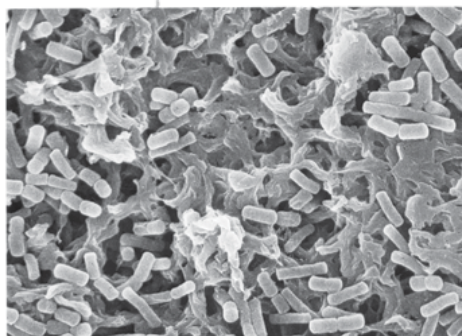


Figure 1. - Scanning electron micrograph of the beer spoilage organism, *Lactobacillus brevis*, trapped on LifeASSURE™ BA Series 0.45 µm membrane.

Advances in LifeASSURE BA series membrane and cartridge construction have resulted in a filter design that is cleanable using a dilute caustic solution. Laboratory studies conducted on plugged membranes showed 3 to 10 times more throughput by regular use of the caustic cleaning regime outlined in the following table after each bottling cycle.

Recommended Cleaning Parameters

NaOH conc.	2-3% by weight
Temperature	140°F (60°C)
Flow rate	≥ 4 LPM/ 10" Filter
Duration	30 minutes

² Meier, et al., Proc. 23rd Convention of the Institute of Brewing, Asia Pacific Section, 1994

Superior Bacteria Retention

In bacteria challenge studies, LifeASSURE BA series 0.45 micron rated membranes consistently provided log reduction values (LRV's) of > 9 for *Lactobacillus brevis*, > 8 *Serratia marcescens*, and > 7 for *Oenococcus oeni* (formerly *Leuconostoc oenos*) at a minimum challenge level of 1×10^7 CFU/cm² of membrane surface area. LifeASSURE BA series 0.65 micron rated membranes provided complete retention of the spoilage yeast *Dekkera intermedia* (formerly *Brettanomyces*) at a concentration of 1×10^5 CFU/cm² of membrane surface area. **These challenge levels are considerably higher than those commonly encountered in actual beverage filtration** (see Figure 1).

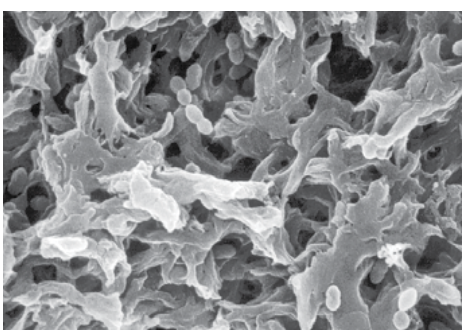


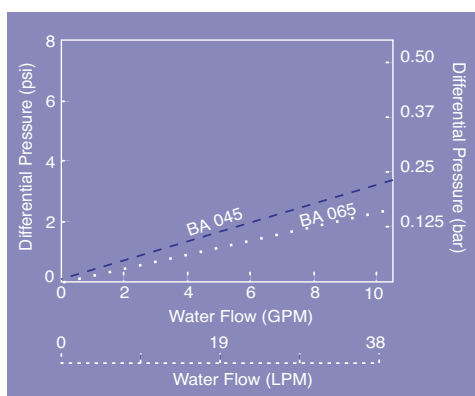
Figure 2. (left) - Scanning electron micrograph of the secondary fermentation organism, *Oenococcus oeni* (formerly *Leuconostoc oenos*), trapped on LifeASSURE™ BA series 0.45 µm membrane.

Integrity Testing

LifeASSURE BA series cartridge filter can be integrity tested in situ by users. Bubble point pressure, diffusion flow or pressure hold procedures can be performed while filters are in the housing, thus providing assurance of the filter's efficiency to remove spoilage microorganisms on-line. A technical brief on integrity testing LifeASSURE BA series cartridge filters is available from 3M Purification

Recommended Operating Parameters

Short Term Maximum Operating Temperature	80°C @ < 35 psid
Maximum Operating Differential Pressure @ 25°C	Forward: 5.5 bar Reverse: 3.4 bar
Recommended Flow Rate per 10" Filter	Water - 11 lpm Wine - 8 lpm Beer - 4 lpm
Recommended Changeout Differential Pressure	2.4 bar
Hot Water Sanitation (50 cycles)	80°C, 30 min.
Steam Sterilization (20 cycles)	121°C, 30 min.
Cartridge Filter Surface Area per 10" Filter	0.93 m ²



Graph 2. Graph 2. - Clean Water Flow Rate vs. Differential Pressure for one 10" equivalent cartridge length at 77°F (25°C).

1 bar = 100 kPa

Integrity Test Parameters

	BA045 Grade	BA065 Grade
Forward Flow Diffusion	≤15 cc/min @ 1.38 bar	≤15 cc/min @ 0.896 bar
Minimum Bubble Point	1.66 bar	1.10 bar

Note: Integrity tests should be performed at ambient temperature with a regulated supply of compressed air or N₂, and a water-wet cartridge

LifeASSURE™ BA Series Cartridge Filter Construction

LifeASSURE BA series cartridge filters are constructed of single-layer reinforced Nylon 66 microporous membrane pleated with polypropylene upstream and downstream support materials. The cage, core and end-cap adapters are made of polypropylene.

Multiple length cartridges with industry standard connection styles are produced to fit the most widely used housing designs and system sizes. No resin or binder compounds are added. All materials used in manufacturing are traceable and CFR 21 listed for direct food contact. Cartridges are manufactured under an ISO 9001 certified quality system using the most advanced thermoplastic welding techniques for filter integrity. LifeASSURE BA series cartridge filters are 100% integrity tested after manufacture to ensure quality.

Prefiltration

Many bottling applications employ a prefilter and final filter in series to achieve maximum performance and economy. Prefilters are used to help protect and extend the life of more expensive final filters. 3M Purification offers two premium prefilter choices: Zeta Plus™ H series depth filter cartridges and LifeASSURE™ BLA series membrane filter cartridges. Zeta Plus H series filters have long been used in clarifying beverages in both cellar operation and in-line to the bottler.

Customers preferring cylindrical prefilters can select from LifeASSURE BLA series prefilter family. Utilizing a dual-zone version of the Nylon 66 membrane, LifeASSURE BLA series filters are designed to deliver excellent throughputs with high flow rates, while providing the ultimate in final membrane protection.

Recommended LifeASSURE™ BLA Series Prefilter Selections

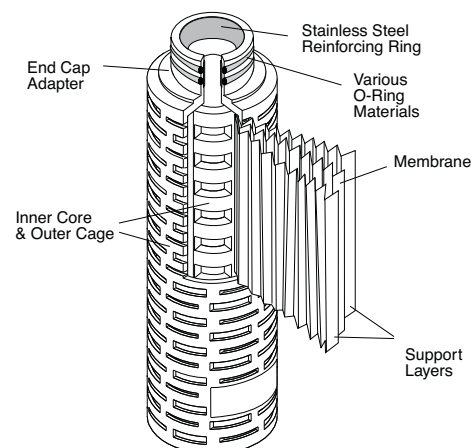
	Regular Service	Greater Protection
Prefilter for LifeASSURE™ BA045	LifeASSURE™ BLA065	LifeASSURE™ BLA045
Prefilter for LifeASSURE™ BA065	LifeASSURE™ BLA080	LifeASSURE™ BLA065

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A World Leader in Fluid Purification

3M Purification has a number of manufacturing facilities with ISO 9001 registered quality systems. Global manufacturing, together with trained stocking distributors and state-of-the-art laboratory support, bring quality solutions to beverage separations.

3M Purification's leadership in fluid purification has expanded by continually providing superior products and services. 3M Purification filtration systems are designed and manufactured to the most stringent industry standards. This assures reliability of 3M Purification systems which beverage manufacturers around the world have come to expect.



(Above) ZV & ZS Series Filter Housings.

3M Purification ZV & ZS series of filter housings are for lower volume beverage filtration applications requiring only a single LifeASSURE™ BA series cartridge filter.



(Above) ZW Series Filter Housings.

3M Purification's ZW series of filter housings are for high volume beverage filtration applications requiring multiple LifeASSURE™ BA series cartridge filters.

Scientific Applications Support Services

The cornerstone of 3M Purification's philosophy is service to customers, not only in product quality and prompt service, but also in problem solving, application support and in the sharing of scientific information. 3M Purification's Scientific Applications Support Services (SASS) group is a market-oriented group of scientists and engineers who work closely with customers to solve difficult separations problems and aid in the selection of the most effective and economical filtration systems. SASS provides a vital link between 3M Purification and users of 3M Purification filter systems.

SASS specialists are skilled in performing on-site accelerated flow decay (AFD) testing (a predictive method for filter throughput) and are able to relate field test results to full manufacturing scale operations. SASS projects can also be performed in 3M Purification's extensive state-of-the-art laboratory facilities. 3M Purification's considerable experience with countless beverage installations provides the knowledge and insight to resolve problems promptly and efficiently in a cost-effective and confidential manner.

Completing the Beverage Filtration System

A specialized range of filter housings are available to meet the needs of the beverage industry. They provide easy access for filter changeout and the greatest assurance that LifeASSURE BA series filter cartridges are sealed securely, thus eliminating the possibility of fluid bypass.

LifeASSURE™ BA Series Cartridge Filters

LifeASSURE™ BA Series Cartridge Filter Ordering Guide

Catalog Number	Rating	Configuration	Length	End Modification	O-Ring Material
BA	045 - 0.45 µm 065 - 0.65 µm	A - Cartridge	01 - 10" 02 - 20" 03 - 30" 04 - 40"	B - 226 Bayonet Locking with O-rings & spear C - 222 O-rings & spear F - 222 O-rings & flat cap	A - Silicone B - Fluorocarbon C - EPDM D - Nitrile

*Sartorius code 28

Example:

The part number for a 30" LifeASSURE BA series cartridge filter, 0.45 micron retention rating, 226 silicone O-ring connector with locating spear, would be: BAO45A03BA.

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