## STRUCTURED PACKING




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## Overview

The structured packing is made up of metallic wires and corrugated metallic sheets. The material selection depends on the vapour-liquid mixture to be transferred, their corrosive properties, acid-alkali nature, working temperature, etc.
Structured packing materials are: SS 304 - SS 304L - SS 316 - SS 316L, Monel 400 - Monel 600 Monel 800, acti.

|  | Type of Packing | Application | Diameter \& Operating range | Characteristics |
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|  | MELLAPAK | $\checkmark$ In refining and in Petrochemicals $\checkmark C_{3}$ and $C_{4}$ splitter, absorption <br> $\checkmark$ Desorption columns <br> $\checkmark$ Drying of natural gas | $\checkmark$ Minimum diameter 200 mm <br> $\checkmark$ Vacuum to high pressure <br> $\checkmark$ Liquid load 0.2 to more than $300 \mathrm{~m} 3 / \mathrm{m} 2 \mathrm{~h}$ | $\checkmark$ Universal packing type, suitable for a wide range of applications $\checkmark$ Usable for liquid loads ranging from low to very high |
|  | MELLAGRID | $\checkmark$ Crude oil distillation <br> $\checkmark$ Quench column <br> $\checkmark$ Refineries and petrochemical industry | ```\(\checkmark\) Minimum diameter 900 mm \(\checkmark\) Vacuum to high pressure``` | $\checkmark$ Smooth surface <br> $\checkmark$ Mechanically robust <br> $\checkmark$ Not prone to blockage <br> $\checkmark$ Not sensitive to fouling |
|  | Gauze packing | $\checkmark$ Fine chemicals <br> $\checkmark$ Isomers <br> $\checkmark$ Perfumes <br> $\checkmark$ Flavours | $\checkmark$ Diameter approx. 40 mm to 6 m <br> $\checkmark$ Pressure 1 mbar to normal pressure <br> $\checkmark$ Optimum : 1-100 mbar | $\checkmark$ High separation efficiency, even at small liquid loads <br> $\checkmark$ Minimum pressure drop <br> $\checkmark$ Small hold-up |
|  | Flexipac | $\checkmark$ In refining and in Petrochemicals <br> $\checkmark$ Desorption columns Drying of natural gas | $\checkmark$ Minimum diameter 200 mm <br> $\checkmark$ Vacuum to high pressure Liquid load 0.2 to more than $400 \mathrm{~m} 3 / \mathrm{m} 2 \mathrm{~h}$ | $\checkmark$ Lower pressure drop <br> $\checkmark$ Reduced liquid holdup <br> $\checkmark$ Increased heat transfer <br> $\checkmark$ Reduced reflux ratio |
|  | Intalox | $\checkmark$ In refining and in Petrochemicals <br> $\checkmark$ Crude oil distillation | $\checkmark$ High liquid rate <br> $\checkmark$ High pressure systems | $\checkmark$ Lower pressure drop <br> $\checkmark$ High capacity |

## STRUCTURED PACKING

Mellapak has grooved and perforated surfaces. Adjacent elements are rotated $90^{\circ}$. The crimp angle is $45^{\circ}$, and the crimp apex is sharp. Mellapak is available in several types. The Mellapak number denotes the nominal surface area of the packing per unit volume ( $\mathrm{m} 2 / \mathrm{m} 3$ ). The suffix denotes the angle of orientation to the vertical axis; Y signifies $45^{\circ}$, X signifies $60^{\circ}$. For instance, Mellapak 250 . Y has a surface area of $250 \mathrm{~m} 2 / \mathrm{m} 3$, and a $45^{\circ}$ angle of orientation to the vertical axis. Mellapak is available in metals and plastics from AzarEnergy Co. in Iran.

In its metal and plastic versions, Mellapak has a characteristic surface structure which results in a high separation performance at liquid loads ranging from small to high. The alternating arrangement of the individual corrugated sheets forms intersecting open channels. These effects an optimum intermixing of gas flows.

| Packing Type | $125 \mathrm{X} / 125 \mathrm{Y}$ | $170 \mathrm{X} / 170 \mathrm{Y}$ | $250 \mathrm{X} / 250 \mathrm{Y}$ | $350 \mathrm{X} / 350 \mathrm{Y}$ | $500 \mathrm{X} / 500 \mathrm{Y}$ | $750 \mathrm{X} / 750 \mathrm{Y}$ |
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| Specific surface <br> area (m2/m3) | 125 | 170 | 250 | 350 | 500 | 750 |









## Gauze Packing

With the new development of Mellagrid, efficiency of structured packing is combined with the mechanical resistance of grid. Mellagrid is used in every area where the mechanical strength of structured packing could result in some concern or where coking is likely to occur. Mellagrid is not sensitive to coking and fouling due to its geometrical structure and smooth surface. Its structure and element height allow for easy cleaning and can be removed, unscrewed and cleaned with a water jet.

Technical Data

| Mellagrid | MG 90.X | MG 64.X | MG 64.Y | MG 40.Y |
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| Specific surface area | $90 \mathrm{~m}^{2} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ | $64 \mathrm{~m}^{2} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ | $64 \mathrm{~m}^{2} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ | $40 \mathrm{~m}^{2} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ |
| Element height | 140 mm | 220 mm | 130 mm | 200 mm |
| Material thickness |  |  |  |  |




Gauze structured packing is recognized in distillation service for deep vacuum and low liquid rate applications. For processing specialty chemicals, pharmaceuticals and temperature sensitive materials, the very high efficiency and low pressure drop characteristics of this packing are unsurpassed. Used in thousands of diverse applications around the world, BX wire gauze structured packing is the most widely used. For even greater efficiency requirements, CY wire gauze structured packing is also available. Wire gauze structured packing is generally used in medium to small diameter columns for separations where the requirement is to achieve the maximum number of theoretical stages in the minimum column height. Because of capillary effect the wire gauze material provides an extremely wettable surface, resulting in excellent mass transfer efficiency, particularly at very low liquid rates.


Gauze Packing

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As the industry standard, FLEXIPAC structured packing has been used in thousands of columns worldwide. FLEXIPAC packing provides a lower pressure drop per theoretical stage and increased capacity compared to trays and conventional random packings. Columns packed with FLEXIPAC packing have resulted in:

* Improved product yields
* Improved product purities
* Reduced reflux ratio
* Increased throughput
* Lower pressure drop
* Reduced liquid holdup
* Increased heat transfer

FLEXIPAC structured packing is available in a variety of corrugation crimp sizes, each at two inclination angles. The Y designated packing have a nominal inclination angle of $45^{\circ}$ from the horizontal, and are the most widely used. The X packing have a nominal inclination angle of $60^{\circ}$ from the horizontal, and are used where high capacity and low pressure drop are the overwhelming requirements for a specific application. The benefit of the X packings is that they provide a lower pressure drop per theoretical stage for the same surface area.

| FLEXIPAC <br> surface area | $\mathrm{m} 2 / \mathrm{m} 3$ | 55 | 80 | 110 | 155 | 225 | 250 | 295 | 350 | 420 | 500 | 725 |
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| Inclination <br> Angle | $45^{\circ}$ | 4 Y | 3.5 Y | 3 Y | 2.5 Y | 2 Y | 250 Y | 1.6 Y | $1.4 \mathrm{Y} / 350 \mathrm{Y}$ | 1 Y | 500 Y | 700 Y |
|  | $60^{\circ}$ | 4 X | 3.5 X | 3 X | 2.5 X | 2 X | 250 X | 1.6 X | $1.4 \mathrm{X} / 350 \mathrm{X}$ | 1 X | 500 X | 700 X |






INTALOX. Structured packing was shown to have greater efficient capacity than other structured packings. A patented, aggressively textured surface, combined with patented corrugation reversals in each packing layer, along with other subtle proprietary geometric features, give Intalox structured packing a higher capacity.

| INTALOX | $5 T$ | $4 T$ | $3 T$ | $2 T$ | $1.5 T$ | $1 T$ |
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| Specific surface area | $90 \mathrm{~m}^{2} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ | $135 \mathrm{~m}^{2} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ | $170 \mathrm{~m}^{2} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ | $215 \mathrm{~m}^{2} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ | $250 \mathrm{~m}^{2} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ | $310 \mathrm{~m}^{2} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ |
| Approximate HETP | 762 mm | 610 mm | 457 mm | 406 mm | 356 mm | 279 mm |

