



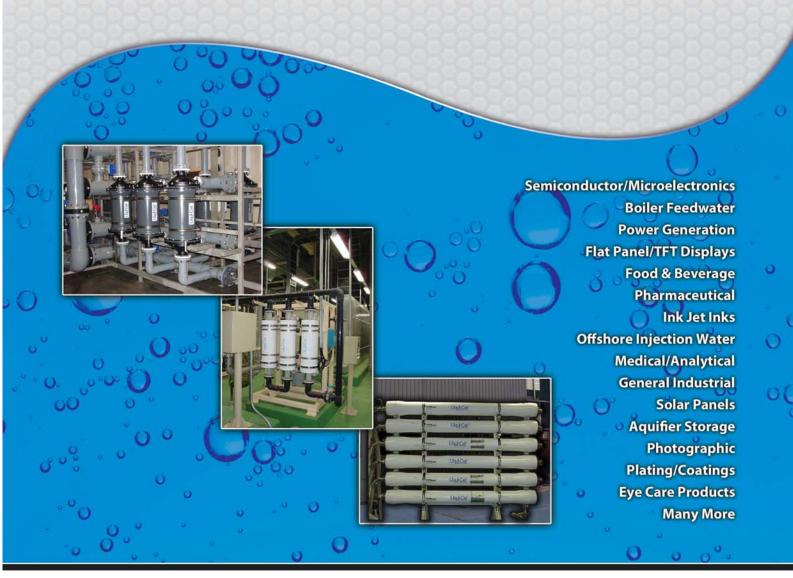
About Our Products

Liqui-Cel® Membrane Contactors are leading gas transfer devices that have been used in many industries around the world for over 20 years. Carbon dioxide removal, deoxygenation, nitrogenation and carbonation are all common applications. There are also many other applications where Liqui-Cel® Contactors can be applied, including ammonia, radon, H₂S, THM and TOC/VOC removal.

Capable of achieving < 1ppm CO_2 and < 1ppb O_2 , Liqui-Cel® Membrane Contactors provide significant benefits to industrial processes by removing or adding gases to liquids. For example, carbon dioxide and oxygen removal can reduce the impact of corrosion on boilers and piping to protect capital investments and reduce operating costs. Removing these gases can also improve process efficiency and prevent negative impacts on production yields related to dissolved gases. Because of their cleanliness and predictability, Liqui-Cel® Membrane Contactors are the standard degassing technology installed in ultrapure water systems for the Semiconductor, Microelectronics and many other industries.

Liqui-Cel® Membrane Contactors are also found in many gasification applications. In the beverage industry these devices are often used for nitrogenation and carbonation because they provide precision in gas control. Membrane Contactors can also remove oxygen and add carbon dioxide in a single step.

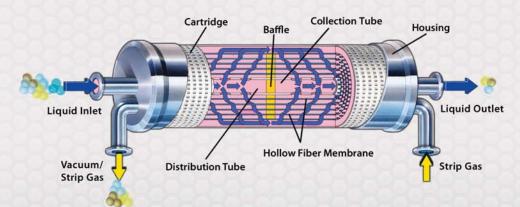
Although other degassing technologies, such as vacuum towers and forced draft deaerators have existed for many years, these technologies may be displaced by Liqui-Cel® Membrane Contactors due to the smaller footprint, lower installation costs and the modular nature of membrane contactor systems. Contactors are easily piped together and can be readily expanded to meet growing capacity even after initial installation.



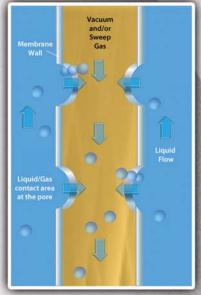
How It Works

Liqui-Cel® Membrane Contactors use a microporous hollow fiber membrane to add gases to and remove gases from liquids. The hollow fiber is knitted into an array and wrapped around a center tube inside of the contactor housing.

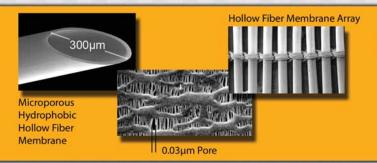
During typical operation, liquid flows over the shellside (outside) of the hollow fibers while a vacuum, strip gas, or both in combination, is applied to the lumenside (inside) of the fibers. Because the membrane is hydrophobic it acts as an inert support that allows direct contact between a gas and liquid phase without dispersion. Applying a higher pressure to the liquid stream relative to the gas stream creates the driving force for dissolved gas in the liquid to pass through the membrane pores. The gas is carried away by the vacuum pump or sweep gas.



Inside of the Hollow Fiber



An animated product tour is available at www.Liqui-Cel.com



Several fiber types have been developed for specific gas transfer applications.

X40 - Oxygen removal from liquids

X50 - Carbon dioxide removal from liquids

XIND - Industrial liquid degassing

Polyolefin - Low surface tension fluid (20-40 dynes/cm)

Benefits:

- Modular design offers flexibility for meeting future capacity or tighter specification requirements
- High inlet pressure and low pressure drop reduces the need for repressurization pumps
- Maximized surface area/volume results in high performance and space efficiency
- ➤ No chemicals required to operate the membrane contactor
- ➤ Fast equilibrium means quick start-ups

- ➤ Different contactor sizes and material options provide tremendous flexibility
- Non-dispersive characteristics allow the contactor to be operated over a wide range of flow rates
- Simple operation could reduce instrumentation and maintenance requirements

Product Variants

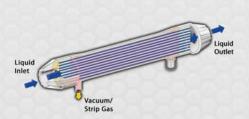
Liqui-Cel® Membrane Contactors come in multiple variants that maximize efficiency and performance while taking into account the flow rate and footprint requirements associated with the many applications.

Extra-Flow



Liquid flows around the outside (shellside) of the hollow fibers. This design incorporates a baffle in the middle of the contactor, which directs liquid radially across the membrane array. A strip gas or vacuum is applied, separately or in combination, on the lumenside (inside) of the hollow fibers.

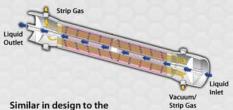




The MiniModule™ Membrane Contactor does not utilize a baffle and the liquid and gas sides are reversed. Liquid flows through the inside of the hollow fiber (lumenside) while a vacuum is applied or a strip gas is used on the outside (shellside) of the hollow fibers.



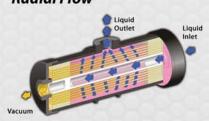
High Pressure



Extra-Flow with a baffle, the liquid is directed radially across the membrane array. However, this product group uses an RO style vessel that has a much higher maximum pressure than other Extra-Flow products.



Radial Flow

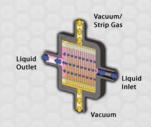


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Contactor	Capacity	X40	X50	XIND	P
MicroModule™	Up to 200 ml/min		1		1
MiniModule™	Up to 3000 ml/min		1		
1 x 3 Radial Flow	15 - 60 ml/min				1
2 x 6 Radial Flow	0.03 - 0.26 gpm 100 ml/min - 1 L/min				1
2.5 x 8 Extra-Flow	0.5 - 3 gpm (0.1 - 0.7 m³/hr)	*	1		1
4 x 13 Extra-Flow	3 - 15 gpm (0.7 - 3.4 m³/hr)	✓	1		1
4 x 28 Extra-Flow	5 - 30 gpm (1.1 - 6.8 m³/hr)	1	1		1
6 x 28 Extra-Flow	5 – 50 gpm (1.1 – 11.4 m³/hr)	1	1		
8 x 20 Extra-Flow	5 - 50 gpm (1.1 - 11.4 m³/hr)			1	
8 x 40 High Pressure	25 - 125 gpm (5.7 - 28.4 m³/hr)	1	1		
8 x 80 High Pressure	50 - 150 gpm (11.4 - 34.1 m³/hr)	1	1		
10 x 28 Extra-Flow High Purity	44 - 250 gpm (10 - 57 m²/hr)	1	1		
10 x 28 Extra-Flow Industrial	44 - 210 gpm (10 - 48 m³/hr)			1	
14 x 28 Extra-Flow	70 - 400 gpm (16 - 90.8 m³/hr)	1	1		
14 x 40 Extra-Flow	70 - 550 gpm (16 - 125 m³/hr)				

This variant utilizes a plugged center tube on one side of the device to force liquid radially over the hollow fibers. The 1 x 3 and 2 x 6 SuperPhobic® Membrane Contactors, which are primarily used for degassing low surface tension fluids, use the radial flow design.



P = Polyolefin



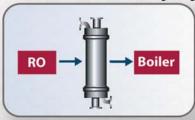
In MicroModule™ Membrane Contactors liquid flows into the liquid inlet, crosses the hollow fibers and then exits through the opposite port. No baffle is used. A vacuum or a strip gas can be applied to either gas port.



Common Installation Scenarios

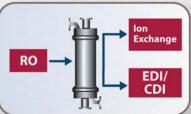
In many high purity and industrial applications, Liqui-Cel® Membrane Contactors have become the standard product for gas transfer to improve yields, reduce corrosion and increase efficiency.

Chemical Free Boiler Feedwater Degassing



Removing CO_2 and O_2 from boiler feedwater protects the boiler and piping from corrosion while lowering operating costs with little or no chemical consumption.

High Purity



Removing CO₂ after the RO and before Ion Exchange or EDI/CDI reduces chemical usage and allows optimization of the EDI/CDI units. Less CO₂ loading improves silica and boron removal as well.

Double Pass RO



Removing CO₂ between a double pass RO system reduces chemical usage and minimizes scaling of the RO membranes.



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