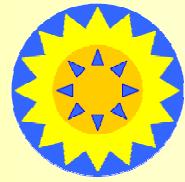


Solvent Recovery using SolSep Nanofiltration Elements

SolSep BV
Solutions for Separations



Solvent Recovery

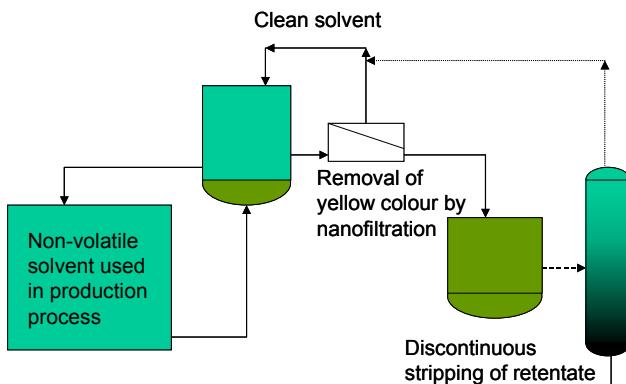


Figure 1. Flow chart of solvent recovery process.
Nanofiltration facilitates re-use of solvent and reduces energy consumption.

Nanofiltration Unit



Figure 2. Filtration unit with 2 SR-1 elements. Capacity is 25 L/h. Filtration performed at 35 °C.

Membrane Performance

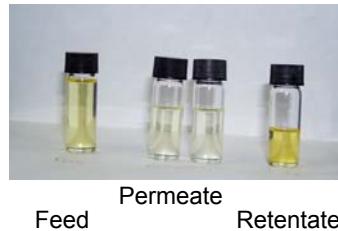


Figure 3. Yellow colour (MW ~250 Da) is retained by the nanofiltration membrane.

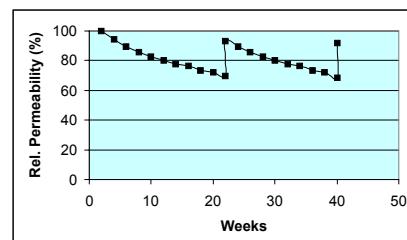


Figure 4. Long term performance of membrane elements.

Conclusion

SolSep nanofiltration membranes and spiral wound elements enable cost effective recovery of solvents. The nanofiltration unit will be upgraded to 400 L/h.

SolSep Membranes & Spiral Wound Elements

| Solvent systems | Ultrafiltration | | | Nanofiltration | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------|--------|----------------|--------|--------|---------|
| | 010104 | 010706 | 010306 | 010206 | 030306 | 030705 | 030306F |
| Alcohols | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Esters | X | X | X | X | X | | |
| Ketones | X | | X | | X | X | X |
| Aromatics | X | | X | | X | X | X |
| Chlorinated | | | X | | X | | X |
| Red. Atmos. | | X | | X | | | |

Increasing retention of small molecules →

Extremely robust membranes (T, P)

| Element | S* (m²) | Size (diameter x length) |
|---------|---------|-------------------------------|
| SR-1 | 1 - 1.8 | 60 mm x 505 mm 2.5" x 20" |
| SR-2 | 1.5 - 3 | 60 mm x 1010 mm 2.5" x 40" |
| SR-5 | 5 - 8 | 102 mm x 1010 mm 4" x 40" |
| SR-20 | 15 - 20 | 195 mm x 1010 mm 8" x 40" |

*Filtration area S depends on spacer thickness