Raschig Super-Ring®
Metal and Plastic
Random Dump Packing
Product Bulletin 200

Superior Performance by Design™
Raschig USA Inc.
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In order to establish a new alliance in mass transfer business RASCHIG GmbH and its parent company PMC GLOBAL INC have integrated Raschig USA Inc, formerly known as Raschig Jaeger Technologies, as a wholly owned subsidiary as a major manufacturer of tower packings, column internals, and specialty trays that is very active in the Mass Transfer and Environmental Business. (PMC group purchased both Raschig GmbH and Jaeger Products in 2006.)

Raschig USA is part of the PMC network of highly specialized, internationally operating companies and thus prepared to meet increased globalization and further improved customer orientation. Wherever in the world – on all continents – Raschig USA is on the spot.

Synergies

This strategic move combining Raschig GmbH and Raschig USA into one larger group gives a great advantage to our customers giving them worldwide access to products and technology of both entities. It will create new dimensions in mass transfer technology. The advantages of our process engineering know-how and our technologies benefit even more the planning, modernization, and construction of our clients’ processes. Increasing capacity while not jeopardizing efficiency saves energy, investment and operating cost.

The new alliance offers a diverse array of products to meet the mass transfer needs of the industries. While specializing in high performance products, the comprehensive products line of Raschig USA also includes traditional fractional trays as well as structured and random packing types that best fit your application.

Leading In-House Distributor Test-Facility

The company operates one of the largest in-house distributor test-facilities worldwide. Liquid distributors can be tested up to 12 m in diameter at a maximum liquid load of 2,400 m³/hour.

All products of Raschig USA are the result of consistent development and decades of experience. Comprehensive quality management in all stages of production and the principle of offering complete solutions are the basis of our excellent reputation – worldwide.
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Aspects involved in the Design of Modern Packing Elements
Packing elements are successfully used in the chemical industry and related sectors, as well as in environmental protection installations, i.e. in absorption, desorption, extraction and rectification columns. The manifold process engineering demands on modern packing elements are determined by these thermal separation processes.

High-performance packing elements are intended to bring about effective mass transfer between the phases flowing through the columns. Large interfacial area and uniform distribution of the phases over the column cross-section are desirable. A high loading capacity permits high column throughputs, while low pressure drop results in low operating costs.

Loading Capacity
Counter-current packed columns are preferably operated below, or in the immediate vicinity, of the so-called loading point, this being characterized by the fact that the falling film is backed up by the counter-current gas stream at higher loads. The loading point of a packing element is defined by its fluid dynamic properties. Fluid dynamic studies in the past have repeatedly shown that the droplets forming in a column packing are entrained earlier than down-ward flowing liquid films at high gas loads. In contrast to previous packing element designs, the Raschig Super-Ring meets this demand in that it was purposely designed without any projecting metal tongues which could act as dripping points.

Liquid and Gas Distribution
The most uniform possible distribution of the liquid and gas phase across the packing element itself and the entire column cross-section is one of the fundamental prerequisites for a column packing that works effectively. If, at the same time, a low resistance to fluid flow of the gas phase is to ensure the minimum possible pressure drop, the structure must be largely open. The alternating wave structure of the Raschig Super-Ring has not only created a form which is open on all sides but, at the same time, has also realized a large number of contact points for homogeneous liquid and gas distribution.
Mass Transfer
Effective mass transfer between the phases demands not only a large interfacial area, but also the most turbulent possible flow conditions and frequent renewal of the phase interfaces. With the Raschig Super-Ring®, several thin films of liquid displaying turbulent flow are formed on the sinusoidal webs and are constantly intermixed as the result of the recurrent contact points within the packing element.

Performance Data of the Raschig Super-Ring®
Experimental studies have confirmed the relationships described above. The following Figures show the pressure drop of the Raschig Super-Ring® as a function of the gas capacity factor at various liquid loads. As a result of a very open structure of the Raschig Super-Ring®, the pressure drop of the dry packing is already lower than that of a 50 mm metal Pall ring. The differences increases at higher liquid loads. The Raschig Super-Ring® generates also a substantially lower pressure drop than other high-performance packing elements made of metal with a nominal size of 50 mm.

The loading capacity of the Raschig Super-Ring® can also been seen from the following Figures. The Raschig Super-Ring® not only has a higher loading capacity than the 50 mm metal Pall ring, but also displays a substantially higher loading capacity than previous modern packing element designs.

The Figures show also the results of trials involving the absorption of ammonia from air in water. The separation efficiency of this new packing element is thus up to 14% better than that of a 50 mm metal Pall ring or previous high-performance metal packing elements.

Furthermore, the low specific packing weight of the Raschig Super-Ring® allows the design of low-cost supporting elements in the columns. The Raschig Super-Ring® is also lighter than other packing element designs, but without sacrificing stability. Experimental studies have shown that packing heights of 15 m and more can be realized owing to the alternating wave frequency and amplitude of the metal webs of the Raschig Super-Ring.

The alternating wave structure additionally prevents entanglement of the packing element within the packing, thus guaranteeing problem-free assembly and dismantling in a column. Owing to its open structure, the Raschig Super-Ring® is also suitable for liquids contaminated with solids. Table 1 shows the technical data of the Raschig Super-Ring®.
Raschig Super-Ring®

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Table 1: Technical Data of the Raschig Super-Ring®

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Size</th>
<th>Material</th>
<th>Weight Kg/m³</th>
<th>Number pc./m³</th>
<th>Surface m²/m³</th>
<th>Free Vol. %</th>
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Compensation for the "decrease in volume"
for Dumped Packings

The values indicated in the tables for dumped packings are valid for a diameter ratio of the vessel to the packing size of D/d = 20.

Since the arrangement of the packings is less compact near the vessel wall than in the interior of the bed, the number of packings per cubic meter increases with the diameter ratio.

The above diagram shows by which "allowance" the theoretically calculated vessel volume for diameter ratios of more than 20 must be increased in order to completely fill the space required.

If the plastic or metal packings are, for instance, thrown into the column, this may result in a further decrease in volume due to abnormally compact packing.

D = diameter of the vessel to be filled
d = diameter or nominal size of the packings
Pressure Drop of metal
**RASCHIG SUPER-RING® system:** air / water

**RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 0.3**
Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 1.0 m

**RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 0.5**
Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 1.0 m
Pressure Drop of metal
RASCHIG SUPER-RING®
system: air / water

RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 0.7
Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 2.0 m

RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 1
Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 2.0 m
Pressure Drop of metal
RASCHIG SUPER-RING®,
system: air / water

RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 1.5
Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 2.0 m

RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 2
Column diameter: 0.75 m
Packing height: 3.0 m
Pressure Drop of metal and plastic
RASCHIG SUPER-RING®
system: air / water

RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 3
Column diameter: 0.440 m
Packing height: 2.0 m

RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 2
Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 2.0 m
Transfer Efficiency of metal RASCHIG SUPER-RING® in the desorption of CO₂ from water into an atmospheric air-stream

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<th>Liquid load uₐ [m³/m²h]</th>
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RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 0.5 made of metal

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Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 1.0 m
Transfer Efficiency of metal 
**RASCHIG SUPER-RING®**
in the desorption of CO₂ from water into an 
atmospheric air-stream

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**RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 0.7**

Column diameter: 0.288 m  
Packing height: 2.0 m

Gas capacity factor $F_v = 1.8 \text{ Pa}^{0.5}$

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**RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 1**

Column diameter: 0.288 m  
Packing height: 2.0 m

Gas capacity factor $F_v = 1.6 \text{ Pa}^{0.5}$
Transfer Efficiency of metal RASCHIG SUPER-RING® in the desorption of CO₂ from water into an atmospheric air-stream

**RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 1.5**

Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 2.0 m

**RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 2**

Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 2.0 m
Transfer Efficiency of metal and plastic RASCHIG SUPER-RING® in the desorption of CO₂ from water into an atmospheric air-stream

RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 3
Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 1.0 m

RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 2
Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 2.0 m
Height of a Transfer unit HTU\textsubscript{OV} for metal RASCHIG SUPER-RING®
for the absorption of NH\textsubscript{3} from air in water in the gaseous phase

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textbf{RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 0.3}
    \begin{itemize}
      \item Column diameter: 0.288 m
      \item Packing height: 1.0 m
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    \begin{itemize}
      \item Column diameter: 0.288 m
      \item Packing height: 1.0 m
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Height of a Transfer unit $HTU_{OV}$ for metal RASCHIG SUPER-RING®
for the absorption of $NH_3$ from air in water in the gaseous phase

**RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 0.7**
- Column diameter: 0.288 m
- Packing height: 2.0 m

**RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 1**
- Column diameter: 0.288 m
- Packing height: 2.0 m
Height of a Transfer unit HTU\textsubscript{OV} for metal RASCHIG SUPER-RING\textsuperscript{®}
for the absorption of NH\textsubscript{3} from air in water in the gaseous phase

**RASCHIG SUPER-RING\textsuperscript{®} No. 1.5**
Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 2.0 m

**RASCHIG SUPER-RING\textsuperscript{®} No. 2**
Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 2.0 m
Height of a Transfer unit $HTU_{OV}$ for metal and plastic RASCHIG SUPER-RING®
for the absorption of $NH_3$ from air in water in the gaseous phase

RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 3
Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 2.0 m

RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 2
Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 2.0 m
Liquid Hold-up in Columns with metal
RASCHIG SUPER-RING®

system: air / water

RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 0.3
Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 1.0 m

RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 0.5
Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 1.0 m
Liquid Hold-up in Columns with metal
RASCHIG SUPER-RING®
system: air / water

RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 0.3
Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 1.0 m

RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 0.5
Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 1.0 m
Liquid Hold-up in Columns with metal
RASCHIG SUPER-RING®

system: air / water

**RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 0.7**

Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 2.0 m

**RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 1**

Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 2.0 m
Liquid Hold-up in Columns with metal

RASCHIG SUPER-RING®

System: air / water

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**RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 1.5**

Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 2.0 m

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**RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 2**

Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 2.0 m
Liquid Hold-up in Columns with metal and plastic

RASCHIG SUPER-RING®

system: air / water

RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 3

Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 2.0 m

RASCHIG SUPER-RING® No. 2

Column diameter: 0.288 m
Packing height: 2.0 m
Concluding Remarks

The Raschig Super-Ring® demonstrates that this high-performance packing element meets the numerous demands of process engineering in an outstanding manner. The above description illustrates that a modern packing element design today must fulfil a number of fluid dynamic conditions. This is particularly true because, in most applications, only a fraction of the surface of a filling material is wetted and used for mass transfer between the phases. However, unused surfaces can easily corrode or generate unnecessary pressure drop. The Raschig Super-Ring® offers decisive advantage in this context, as its surface utilization has been optimised in terms of process engineering.

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