

## AQUARIUS

# Corrosion Coupon Racks

Corrosion Coupon Racks  
for the determination of  
Corrosivity of Water  
by evaluation of Pitting  
and by Weight Loss on  
Flat Metal Specimens



- ✓ For 80 x 13 x 1.6 mm Flat Specimens
- ✓ Rated to 1000 kPa. @ 50 °C Max. in PVC or
- ✓ Rated to 1000 kPa. @ 100 °C Max. in MS
- ✓ Models for 4 Coupons
- ✓ Models for 2 Coupons
- ✓ Velocities of 0.5 - 2.00 m/s.
- ✓ Similar to ASTM rack
- ✓ PVC Backing Board
- ✓ With or Without Isolation Valves

### CCRACK 2



### TECHNOLOGY FOR WATER QUALITY CONTROL

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The **Aquarius Corrosion coupon exposure racks** are designed to retain the coupons in the laminar flow region and away from the turbulent flow areas around the Tee sections. The velocity across the coupons can be controlled via the isolation valves to represent flow conditions and velocities in heat exchangers.

Properly prepared and pre-weighted coupons or specimens of the metal of interest and approx. 75 - 80 mm in length and 13 mm width, and 1 - 2 mm thick are attached to the coupon holder via plastic screws and retaining nuts and the coupon holder screwed into the pipe rack, the specimen being held in the centre of the flowing stream and free from all but flowing debris.

As the pipe internal diameter is 22.5 mm the velocity across the specimens can be calculated by measuring the litres per minute flow through the rig with the coupons fitted.

## **Flow Rate Lts./min.    Velocity m/sec**

5.92 .....	0.25
11.84 .....	0.50
23.68 .....	1.00
35.52 .....	1.50

or ***Its/min. Flow / 23.68 = Metres/second velocity***

Changes in thickness from the 2 mm thick specimens in the calculations above, to 1.0 mm thick, reduce the velocity by only 2.5% and in most cases can be ignored, or the flow rate readjusted.

System pressure should remain constant to maintain the desired velocity, or if velocity is set similar to the heat exchanger velocity then any variance in pressure and change in velocity is experienced by both and is indicative of corrosion rates under actual operating conditions.

For more information refer to ***ASTM D2688 - Standard Test Methods for Corrosivity of Water in the Absence of Heat Transfer (Weight Loss Methods)***

***Units are supplied WITHOUT the actual metal specimens.***

## **Guidelines for Installation of CCRACKS to comply with the requirements of ASTM D2688**

ASTM D2688 – Standard Test Methods for Corrosivity of Water in the absence of Heat Transfer (Weight Loss Methods) is the recognised standard for corrosion monitoring by exposure of metallic coupons and measuring the weight loss over a period of time.

ASTM D2688 states in paragraph 15.6 as follows:-

**“Adjust the flow of water in the test piping to a rate that gives a flow velocity that corresponds to the normal flow in those parts of the system under prime consideration. Normally the flow velocity will be in the range 0.6 m/sec to 1.8 m/sec (2 – 6 ft/sec). Check and adjust the flow as necessary to maintain the desired rate”**

The Aquarius CCRACK corrosion racks are designed to comply with ASTM D2688 and require flow rates of 14.21 lts/min to provide 0.6 m/sec velocity up to 42.62 lts/min to give 1.8 m/sec flow velocity.

It is strongly recommended that CCRACK's be installed **on an entirely separate 20 mm take off point (with isolation valve) from the condenser water header**, and NOT plumbed in series or in parallel with the Water Treatment Controller manifold, as the ON/OFF operation of bleed solenoids or BCD solenoids are very likely to cause variation in flow rates in CCRACK.

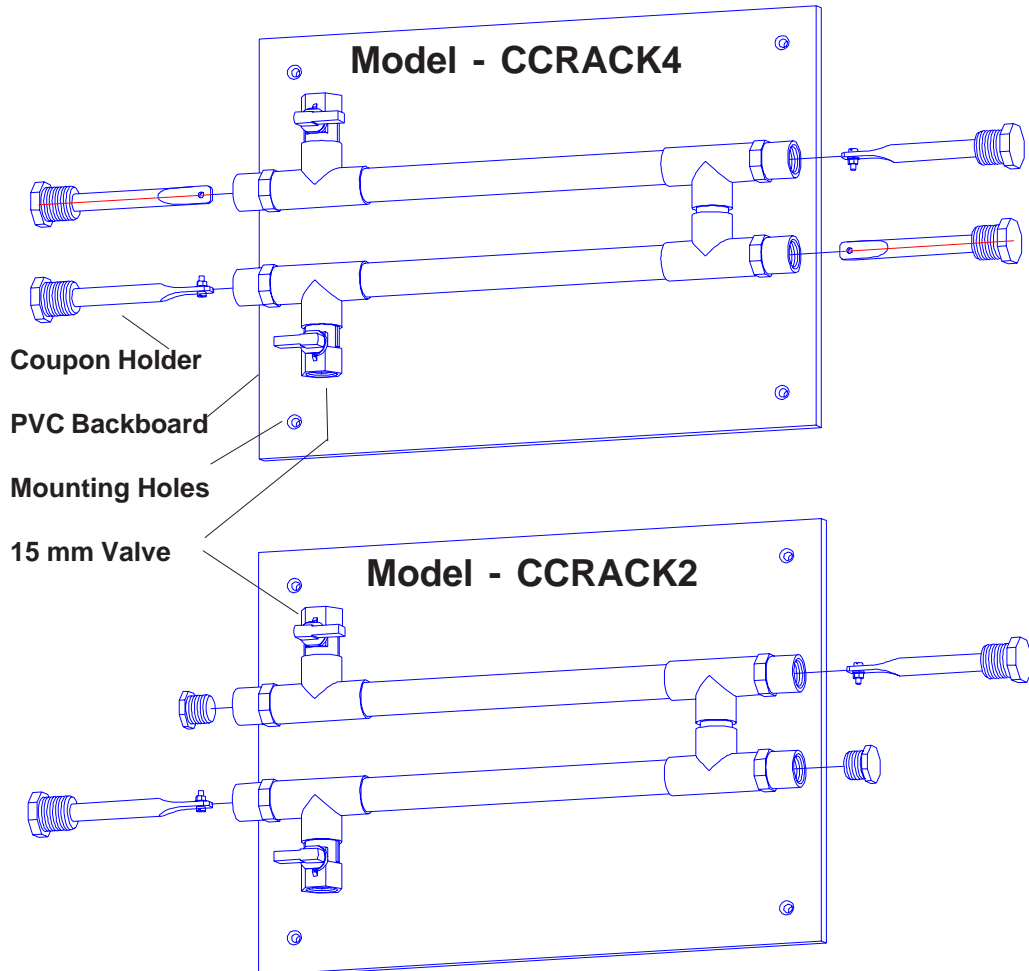
Where high velocities and flow rates are required e.g. 35.52 lts/min at 1.5 m/sec or where low pressure exists in the condenser header it will be necessary to install a booster pump to ensure the required flow and velocity is maintained.

Where a suitable circulation pump is installed and with a pressure regulator – the 25 mm discharge should be Tee'd off at 20 mm each to provide a separate water supply to each of the CCRACK and the Water Treatment controller, and with separate returns back to the cooling system.

The KPI v3 is provided with an automatic control valve to ensure a constant set velocity across the corrosion specimens but again sufficient pressure and flow are required to meet the set flow velocity.

A full copy of ASTM D2688 can be purchased from Standards Australia.

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## MODELS AVAILABLE

**Model - CCRACK2** = With 2 coupon holders and two 15 mm plugs + inlet & outlet valves. Rated to 1000kPa pressure and 50°C. Manufactured using PVC pipe and fittings. Coupon holders constructed from PVC rod.

**Model - CCRACK4** = With Four Coupon Holders + inlet and outlet valves. Rated to 1000kPa pressure and 50°C. Manufactured using PVC pipe and fittings. Coupon holders constructed from PVC rod.

**Model - CCRACK2<sub>HT</sub>** = With 2 coupon holders and two 15 mm plugs + inlet & outlet valves. Rated to 1000kPa pressure and 100°C. Manufactured using Galvanised steel pipe and fittings. Coupon holders constructed from Glass filled Teflon rod.

**Model - CCRACK4<sub>HT</sub>** = With 4 coupon holders and two 15 mm plugs + inlet & outlet valves. Rated to 1000kPa pressure and 100°C. Manufactured using Galvanised steel pipe and fittings. Coupon holders constructed from Glass filled Teflon rod.

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The item for return should be carefully packaged to prevent any damage in transit, contain the Return Authorisation identification number, customer identification, and return delivery details, and the freight prepaid to our factory. If in the opinion of our factory, after examination, the failure was due to materials or workmanship, repair or replacement will be made without charge for parts, labour and return freight. A reasonable service charge will be made for diagnosis and/or repairs due to normal wear, abuse, tampering or damage in transit.

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