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# Filament Wound Filter Housing - Key for Rational Purification Process of Highly Corrosive Solutions

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Practical and realistic approach for a successful use of filament wound filter housing based on bisphenol A polyester resin for purification of highly corrosive contaminated solutions is presented in this paper.

Filament winding technology and basic terms about polyester and polymeric composite materials are described. Data about modes of producing neat (no reinforced) bisphenol A polyester resin specimens and composite material specimen, based on mentioned resin and glass fiber, are presented. Neat resin specimens were exposed to the single influence of aqueous solution of calcium hypochlorite, of sodium hydroxide, of sulphuric acid, of citric acid and liquid detergent for a period of 360 hours each, separately, and to the cumulative influence of all mentioned aqueous solutions for in overall period of 1440 hours. Tested properties of these specimens (mass change, hardness and impact resistance) showed that there is no negative influence on neat bisphenol A polyester resin quality. Filament wound composite reinforced glass fiber/bisphenol A polyester resin-based rings and cylinders were exposed to the influence of calcium hypochlorite aqueous solution for 1128 hours. Results of testing mass change, tensile breaking force and tensile strength of composite reinforced rings and hydraulic burst pressure of composite reinforced cylinders indicated that these specimens have high resistance to mentioned purification agent. It is concluded that the filter housing for purification of highly corrosive contaminated solutions can be produced by filament winding technology using bisphenol A polyester resin and glass fiber.

*Key words*: filament winding technology, purification of corrosive solutions, filter housing, polyester bisphenol A resin, mechanical characteristics, physical properties.

#### Introduction

**P**URIFICATION of solutions, which has corrosive action, is very important activity from several points of view.

Calcium hypochlorite, which is often used as an agent for purification of particular solutions, is an oxidizing agent and can have corrosive action to some metals, being responsible of corrosion problems in metallic pipes [1].

Corrosion processes consist of a series of electrochemical reactions occurring at the metal surface in contact with water and its constituents. Corrosivity of particular water solutions depends on its chemical properties and physical characteristics, as well as the nature of the pipe, *i.e.* housing material [2, 3].

In order to realize a purification of particular water solutions in satisfactory way, several problems had to be solved.

One of the most important problems was manufacturing of filter housing for purification of this kind of solutions and at one time it was solved by using very expensive alloyed and highly protected steel. This steel housing had a limited using period because of highly aggressive corrosive action of solution that was purified.

Polymeric based composite materials are characterized by a set of unique properties so they replaced classical construction materials and very often are the only choice for numerous purposes. These newer materials are produced by the various technologies. Unsaturated polyester resins pieces are much favoured over their metallic counterparts. With the current fuel and processing costs, the increasing prices of steel and aluminium are pushing more fabricators to use unsaturated polyester resin composites instead of mentioned metals.

Another major advantage is the increased productivity potential. While metals involve the use of specific smelters, expensive tooling and processing requirements, unsaturated polyester resins are far cheaper and afford the use of low cost tooling. An unsaturated polyester resin can be moulded at ambient temperature whereas metals need to be heated to well over 2000°C before they are melted and poured into mould cavities.

Although the perception is that metals are generally structurally superior, there has been much advancement in the development of technologies for producing higher strength composites made from unsaturated polyesters resins.

Maybe the most potential advantage of unsaturated polyesters composite over their metallic counterparts is global focus on greener processes and technologies. Production of metals continues to deplete our natural resources and consumes most of our fossil fuels. Unsaturated polyesters, although previously synthesized from fossil fuels, can now be manufactured from biological resources instead (starches, plant oils and other naturally derived materials) [4].

The corrosion resistance of fiber reinforced polymers is a function of both the production technology and the specific

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resin used in the composite material. Today, various resin systems are available which can provide long-resistance to almost every chemical.

Composite pipes are light weight (1/4 the weight of mostly metallic pipes), smooth internal surface, (lower friction means lower pumped costs or better flow in gravity systems), fabricated fittings are more economical than almost all other pipe materials and speed of installation is very rational [5].

Fiber-reinforced polymeric composite pipes are used in many diverse applications and are subjected to various rough service conditions during their service life. The investigation of mechanical and physical properties and chemical resistance of these pipes is essential to estimate their long-term performance in specific applications.

Using of very expensive housing, made of especially protected steel materials, in filter for purification of highly corrosive solutions were possible in very short period of time.

This investigation represents an attempt to establish important elements, which will be a base for production of filter housing by filament winding technology of glass fiber impregnated with bisphenol A polyester resin. It was planned that investigation provided specific, original data about resistance of this plastic composite housing toward substances used in purification process of highly corrosive solutions, and real indicators of mechanical and physical characteristics of mentioned housing.

In available literature, except general statements of advantages of plastic composite pipes over metallic pipes in systems for purification and transport various liquids, there are only few specific data about chemical resistance of plastic parts toward substances and mechanical and physical loading, which occurs in these processes.

Starting considerations have taken into account low price of domestic glass fiber, relatively high corrosion and hydrolytical resistance of domestic non-expensive bisphenol A polyester resin (based on its structure), simple chosen technology of production of plastic composite housing and estimation that filament wound housing, which is significantly cheaper than very expensive steel housing, can be used for purification of highly corrosive solutions for longer period of time.

It is stated that multilayer pipe, consisting of three parts (first, external is glass fiber-reinforced epoxy composite, second, middle is high-strength stainless steel and third, internal is glass fiber-reinforced epoxy composite, again), can withstand extremely high pressure in environments exposed to corrosion. In addition to its good mechanical properties, this product is, also, claimed to be cheaper to manufacture than stainless steel pipes, with a service life of at least 30 years compared with an estimated six months to three years for stainless steel pipes in similar corrosion conditions [6].

Al-Hadhrami et al. presented the results of an investigation of preconditioned and fresh glass fiber–reinforced plastic pipe specimens. Chemical resistance (toward HCl, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, mixture of NaOH and KMnO<sub>4</sub>, fresh and oily water at higher temperature and pressure for long period of time), mechanical properties (axial and hoop tensile strength) and water absorption of pipes are tested. The experimental results did not exhibit major change in the properties of evaluated pipes after exposing to clean and oily water at high temperature and pressure. There was minimal loss in the axial and hoop strength of the preconditioned pipes. The absorption did not increase significantly due to mentioned conditions. The results indicate that glass fiber–reinforced plastic pipes are suitable for application in the oil and gas industry [7].

Hale J.M. and others characterized the strength reduction

of two composite materials in the form of filament wound pipes as a function of temperature and testing environment. The used materials were composites based on glass fiber as reinforcement and two epoxy resin systems as matrices. The testing environments were sea water and sea water with dissolved  $CO_2$  and  $H_2S$  gases. The temperature range tested was ambient to 150°C. The tests were performed on filament wound pipe specimens in pure axial tension. Results are presented for the strength of both materials as a function of temperature and the test environments. It is shown that the axial strength of these pipes is significantly reduced at elevated temperatures, that the degree of this reduction is dependent on the matrix material and is magnified by sea water absorption and that dissolved  $CO_2$  and  $H_2S$  have little effect [8].

Correia, J. R et al present the results of experimental research on the physical, chemical, mechanical and aesthetical changes of glass fiber reinforced polyester profiles after exposure to four different environments: (i) immersion in water at 20°C, (ii) condensation of water at 60°C (iii) accelerated weathering in UV equipment and (iv) accelerated weathering in Xenon-arc equipment. Results include the weight change, tensile and flexural properties, the chromatic changes were observed, especially due to UV radiation. Regarding structural safety, although some reduction in the mechanical properties was observed, especially in the immersion and condensation chambers, the durability tests proved the generally good behavior of this material under those aggressive conditions [9].

Wang J. and others investigated the durability of glass fiber-reinforced polymer composites under sustained loads and simultaneously exposed to either saltwater or tap water. The tensile properties of the specimens before and after conditioning were evaluated along with their mass up growth under combined effects. The mass change in saltwater was greater than that in tap water. It was observed that the tensile strength and modulus were increasing initially upon immersion, but after prolonged immersion, the tensile properties decreased as the sustained loading increased. However, the tap water immersion had less detrimental effect on tensile properties of glass fiber-reinforced polymer than saltwater [10].

# Polyester materials

The term polyester covers a very large chemical family and there are two major groups:

- thermoplastic polyesters (often called saturated polyester) can be reversibly heated and
- thermoreactive polyesters (called unsaturated polyester) are irreversible formed from low molecular weight precursor of low viscosity which enables good fiber wet-out and filler dispersion [11].

Crosslinking chemical reactions of unsaturated polyesters is caused by the action of heat and pressure, oxidation, radiation and/or other means often in the presence of curing agent and catalyst. Under the influence of mentioned factors thermoreactive materials flow, solidify and, owing to formed three-dimensional structure, become infusible and insoluble [12].

Unsaturated polyesters are usually manufactured by chemical reaction of dihydroxylated alcohols (diols) and dibasic organic acids, either one or both of which contain a double bonded carbon atoms. The properties of the crosslinked unsaturated polyester resins depend on the types of dicarboxylic acids and diols used and their relative proportions.

Unsaturated polyesters, of general formulae -[O-R1-O-CO-CH=CH-CO]<sub>n</sub>-, are reaction product of maleic acid anhydride and diols, where R<sub>1</sub> denotes alkyl part of alcohol. Part of maleic acid anhydride may be replaced by other dibasic organic acid such are orthophthalic acid (anhydride), isophthalic acid, terephthalic acid or hexahloroendomethylene

tetrahydrophthalic acid (HET acid). Dihydroxylated alcohols may be ethylene glycols, 1,2 propylene glycols, neopentyl glycols or etoxylated or propoxylated bisphenols [13].

A general reaction scheme for producing an unsaturated polyesters resin is presented in Fig.1 [11]:

$$a HO-R_1-OH + b HO-CR_2C-OH + c HO-CR_3C-OH \longrightarrow X + O-CR_2C-O-R_1-A-C-R_1-A-C-R_1-A-C-R_1-A-C-R_1-A-C-R_1-A-C-R_1-A-C-R_1-A-C-R_$$

#### Figure 1. General reaction scheme for producing an unsaturated polyesters resin [11]

For example, general purpose unsaturated polyester resins are made using ethylene glycol as diol, either orthophthalic or isophthalic acid as saturated diacid and fumaric acid-usually generated in situ from maleic anhydride-as unsaturated acid.

The number of terminal groups, X and Y, depends of mole ratio a/(b+c) of dihydroxylated alcohols and dibasic acids used in polymerization. The degree of polymerization, n, is

small and usually varies between 3 and 15 [11].

An example of producing of bisphenol A based unsaturated polyester resin is presented in Fig.2. Bisphenol A based unsaturated polyester resin is produced using reaction product between bisphenol A and propylene oxide (*i.e.* propoxylated bisphenol A) and maleic acid anhydride (which converts to unsaturated fumaric acid) [11].



Figure 2. Reaction scheme for producing a bisphenol A based unsaturated polyesters resins [11]

Thermoreactive unsaturated polyesters resins are named according to their properties (general purpose, flexible and semi-rigid, flame resistant, light stable and weather resistant, chemical resistant, flame resistant, high-heat distortion, electrical resistant...) and according to processing procedures (hot strength, i.e. "hot" moulding easily removed from die, low exothermic, extended pot life, air dry, thixotropic...) [12].

Bisphenol A propoxylated-based thermoreactive polyester resins show improved chemical and corrosion resistance over orthophthalic and isophthalic polyester resins. Both properties are generally improved by increasing resin aromatic character, the crosslinking density and the steric hindrance of the ester bond. These factors tend to reduce the absorption of water and other polar molecules. This is important because interaction of water and chemicals at the fiber-resin interface can affect the composite materials properties (fatigue resistance and nature of crack propagation) [13].

Formulae of orthophthalic, isophthalic and bisphenol A polyester resins are presented in Fig.3.



(a)





(c)

Figure 3. Formulae of orthophthalic (a), isophthalic (b) and bisphenol A (c) polyester resins

Ester group may be susceptible to hydrolysis especially under the influence of external factors (mainly water, chemicals, etc.). Bisphenol A polyester resin has only two ester groups in structural unit in contrast to orthophthalic and isophthalic polyester resins, which have four ester groups. Two ester groups at bisphenol A polyester resin are in the vicinity of double bond of carbon atoms (C\*), where a polymerization takes place, which in addition contribute to the stability of this resin class. This statement is valid only for two of four ester groups at orthophthalic and isophthalic polyester resins, and two other ester groups of mentioned resins remain weak places and are exposed to the negative influence of water (mainly).

The resulting unsaturated polyester moiety is dissolved in polymerizable solvent, usually in styrene (rarely in methyl methacrylate and diallyl phthalate).

The styrene performs the important function of enabling the resin to transforms from a liquid to a solid by 'crosslinking' the molecular chains of the polyester. The molecular chains of the polyester are presented in Fig.4, where 'B' indicates the reactive sites in the molecule.

$$-\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}$$

Figure 4. Molecular chains of unsaturated non-cured polyester resin

In the presence of a catalyst (which simply activates the process) and accelerator (which enable the reaction to proceed at workshop temperature and/or at a greater rate), the styrene 'S' cross-links the polymer chains at each of the reactive sites of a resin to form a highly complex three-dimensional network as is presented in Fig.5:



Figure 5. Chemically cross-linked molecular chains of polyester resin

The thermoreactive unsaturated polyesters including orthophthalic, isophthalic, bisphenolic, vinyl esters and blends form the largest single group of fiber reinforced thermoset composite products [12].

#### Polymeric composite materials

A polymeric matrix composite (PMC) materials belong to basic engineering materials and consist of polymer impregnating phase in which a reinforcing phase, such as fibers and powders, is embedded.



Figure 6. Classification of manufacturing processes for fiber-reinforced polymer composites [14]

The technological and economical importance of manufacturing processes of composites derives from the growing use of this class of materials, especially fiber reinforced polymers (FRP).

Classification of manufacturing processes, by which the polymer matrix composites are shaped into useful components and products, is presented in Fig.6 [14].

Of all thirteen presented single manufacturing processes for fiber reinforced polymer composites, only an increasingly used filament winding technology will be described, shortly.

Filament winding process, in brief, consists of winding of continuous fibers, just impregnated by liquid resin, on rotating mandrel that has a shape as is the internal shape of desired fiber reinforced polymer product. The resin is subsequently cured and the mandrel is removed. In this way, hollow axisymmetric components (usually circular in cross section) are produced, as well as no symmetrical shapes. Filamentwound composite materials have a unique set of specific properties so, very often, they represent an only choice for numerous purposes [15].

# **Experimental part**

Experimental part comprises the activities concerning neat, non-reinforced bisphenol A polyester resin and composite material obtained by impregnation of glass fiber with bisphenol A polyester system.

## Neat resin experimental part

Casting of bisphenol A polyester system was done in a way that neat resin specimen dimensions 120 mm x 15 mm x 10 mm were obtained. Bisphenol A polyester system was consisting of bisphenol A polyester resin mark DUGAPOL BS PIU, hardener mark N (the 50 % solution of methyl ethyl ketone peroxide in toluene) and an accelerator N (the 6 % solution of cobalt naphtenate in dimethyl phthalate) produced by the DUGA polyester resin manufacturer, Serbia. Curing of casted specimen was done according to resin system manufacturer instructions.

Aqueous solution of calcium hypochlorite, aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide, aqueous solution of sulphuric acid, aqueous solution of citric acid with liquid detergent were used [16, 17, 18].

Immersion of cured neat resin specimen of mentioned dimensions compromises an influence of following agents:

- aqueous solution of calcium hypochlorite [in further text: Ca(OCl)<sub>2</sub>] concentration 3.5 w/v %.
- aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide [in further text NaOH] concentration 2.5w/v %,
- aqueous solution of sulphuric acid [in further text: H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>] concentration 2.5 w/v %,
- aqueous solution of citric acid [in further text: citr.ac.] concentration 2.5 w/v % and liquid detergent [hereinafter: liq. det.] concentration 3.5 w/v %.

Influence of aqueous solution of calcium hypochlorite in laboratory conditions imitates an influence of water purification, *i.e.* disinfection agent.

Influence of aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide and aqueous solution of sulphuric acid imitate an influence of agents which are used for removing the contaminants from active decontamination substance and regeneration of the same.

Influence of aqueous solution of citric acid and liquid detergent imitate an influence of medium which is used for washing and cleaning the filter for decontamination.

Neat resin specimen were exposed to the influence of every single above mentioned aqueous solution for determined time and to cumulative influence of all reported aqueous solutions, also, in a certain period of time.

Determination of mass change of neat resin specimen with elapsed time was done in single influence experiment and in cumulative influence experiment.

Testing of physical and mechanical characteristics of neat resin specimen before and after single influence of every chemical agent and cumulative influence of all chemical agents embrace determination of hardness and impact resistance [19, 20].

Analyses of concentration of reported chemical compounds aqueous solutions were done before and after immersion of neat resin specimen.

#### Polymeric composite material experimental part

Manufacturing of reinforced tubes was done by filament winding technology of glass roving trade mark R 2117 (made by the ETEX glass fibre manufacturer, Baljevac/Ibar) impregnated with bisphenol A polyester system trade mark DUGAPOL BS PIU (made by the DUGA polyester resin manufacturer, Serbia). Polymeric composite tubes were wound on a cylindrical mandrel about 60 mm in diameter using the PLASTEX type PLA 500 machine (made by the PLASTEX-MANUHRINE machine manufacturer, France).

Machining of cured glass fiber/bisphenol A polyester system tubes was done in a standard manner and ring specimen 10 mm wide and cylinder specimen 400 mm long were produced.

Immersion of glass fiber/bisphenol A polyester system ring and cylinder specimen encompassed exposing of rings and cylinders to the influence of calcium hypochlorite aqueous solution, only.

Determination of a mass change of above reported ring specimen with elapsed time means that mass of reported rings were measured before and after the influence of calcium hypochlorite aqueous solution.

Determination of mechanical characteristic of ring specimen before and after an immersion in aqueous solution of specific chemical compounds involved the testing of tensile breaking force and tensile strength of reported rings [21].

Determination of hydraulic burst pressure of glass fiber/bisphenol A polyester system cylinder specimen before and after an immersion in aqueous solution of calcium hypochlorite consists of testing of a burst pressure in a short period of time. The burst pressure is determined under the influence of internal hydraulic pressure of water and the air was around a cylinder specimen (version water-air) [22].

Analyses of concentration of calcium hypochlorite aqueous solution were done before and after immersion of glass fiber/bisphenol A polyester system ring specimen and cylinder specimen [23].

# **Results and discussion**

### Neat resin investigation results and discussion

The results of mass change of one neat resin specimen with elapsed time in experiment with single influence of aqueous solution of  $Ca(OCl)_2$ , aqueous solution of NaOH, aqueous solution of  $H_2SO_4$  and aqueous solution of citr.ac. and liq. det. are presented in Table 1 [24].

Considering, purely numerically, data related to single influence of four mentioned aqueous solutions to mass change, presented in Table 2, it can be seen that  $Ca(OCl)_2$  induced the highest and NaOH the lowest change. But the fact that  $Ca(OCl)_2$  induced the mass change of only 0.2096 % for period of even 360 h, pointed out that this change is negligible.

 Table 1. Mass change and mass up growth of neat resin specimen during single influence of aqueous solution of specific chemical agents

Chamical	Specimen mass (g)						
agenses	Mass up growth (%)						
agenses	0 h	3 h	6 h	24 h	48 h	240 h	360 h
Ca(OCl) <sub>2</sub>	19.5065	19.5108	19.5113	19.5147	19.5191	19.5395	19.5459
		0.0220	0.0246	0.0420	0.0646	0.1692	0.2020
NaOH	18.1657	18.1689	18.1698	<u>18.1719</u>	18.1743	18.1869	18.1930
		0.0176	0.0226	0.0341	0.0473	0.1176	0.1503
$H_2SO_4$	19.1994	19.2010	19.2024	19.2066	19.2114	19.2320	19.2357
		0.0083	0.0156	0.0375	0.0625	0.1698	0.1891
citr.ac. +	10 6922	19.6837	19.6838	19.6899	19.6947	19.7102	19.7182
liq.det.	19.0822	0.0076	0.0081	0.0391	0.0635	0.1514	0.1824

Testing of mass change with elapsed time in experiment with single influence of aqueous solutions were done using seven neat resin specimens. Arithmetic mean value and standard deviations of mass changes of mentioned seven specimens ( $\overline{X} \pm \sigma$ ), as well as concentrations of used chemicals, are presented in Table 2 [24]. Arithmetic mean value and standard deviations of mass changes of neat resin specimens after cumulative influence of all mentioned specific chemicals ( $\overline{X} \pm \sigma$ ) of reported concentrations in overall time duration of 1440 hours [360 hours in water solution of Ca(OCl)<sub>2</sub>, 360 hours in water solution of NaOH, 360 hours in water solution of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and 360 hours in water solution of citr.ac. and liq. det.] are, also, presented in Table 2 [24].

**Table 2.** Arithmetic mean value and standard deviations of mass changes of neat resin specimens after single influence and after cumulative influence of specific chemicals

Chemical agents	Mass change ( $\overline{X} \pm \sigma$ ), (%)	
Ca(OCl) <sub>2</sub> (3.5 w/v %)	$0.2096 \pm 0.0167$	
NaOH (2.5 w/v %)	$0.1572 \pm 0.0138$	
H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (2.5 w/v %)	$0.1874 \pm 0.0034$	
Citr.ac. $(2.5 \text{ w/v} \%)$ + liq.det. $(3.5 \text{ w/v} \%)$	$0.1858 \pm 0.0075$	
Ca(OCl) <sub>2</sub> , NaOH, H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , citr.ac. and liq. det.	0.3015 ± 0.0360	
(cumulative influence)		

Based on all data presented in Tables 1 and 2 it can be observed that mentioned specific chemicals, either single and cumulative, have inconsiderable influence on mass change of neat bisphenol A polyester system specimens.

Testing of physical and mechanical properties of neat resin specimen before and after single influence of every chemical agent and cumulative influence of all chemical agents include determination of hardness and impact resistance.

Testing of hardness and impact resistance of neat resin specimens before and after single influences of reported chemicals were done using seven mentioned specimens.

It is considered, generally, that polyester resin based product is well fabricated and well cured if Barcol hardness reading is 30 [11].

Results of investigation of hardness and arithmetic mean value and standard deviations of impact resistance ( $\overline{X} \pm \sigma$ ) of mentioned seven specimens before and after single influences of reported chemicals are presented in Table 3 [24]. In this table are, also, presented results of hardness testing and arithmetic mean value and standard deviations of impact resistance ( $\overline{X} \pm \sigma$ ) of neat resin specimens after cumulative influence of all mentioned specific chemicals (concentrations as in Table 2) [24].

Characteristics		Hardness (Barcol)	Impact resistance ( $\overline{X} \pm \sigma$ ) (kJ/m <sup>2</sup> )	
Before influence of chemicals		From 34 to 36	$5.1 \pm 1.8$	
After single influence of chemicals	Ca(OCl) <sub>2</sub>	From 33 to 37	$4.3\pm0.9$	
	NaOH	From 33 to35	$5.7 \pm 1.0$	
	$H_2SO_4$	From 33 to36	$5.4 \pm 1.1$	
	citr.ac + liq.det.	From 34 to36	$5.5 \pm 1.5$	
After cumulative influence of Ca(OCl) <sub>2</sub> , NaOH, H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> ,citr.ac. and liq. det.		From 34 to 36	$4.2 \pm 0.6$	

**Table 3.** Results of investigation of hardness and arithmetic mean value and standard deviations of impact resistance of neat resin specimens after single influences and after cumulative influence of specific chemicals

Detailed data analysis, presented in Table 3 pointed out that used specific chemicals (either single or cumulative) almost have no influence on hardness and impact resistance of neat bisphenol polyester resin specimens. By analyzing results of investigation in Table 3, at the first view, it seems that there was some change of impact resistance after cumulative influence of all specific chemicals, which is  $(4.2 \pm 0.6) \text{ kJ/m}^2$ , i.e. from 3.6 kJ/m<sup>2</sup> to 4.8 kJ/m<sup>2</sup>. Considering that impact resistance before the influence of all specific chemicals is  $(5.1 \pm 1.8) \text{ kJ/m}^2$ , i.e. from 3.7 kJ/m<sup>2</sup> to 6.9 kJ/m<sup>2</sup>, it is obvious that value of reported characteristic (tested after influence of all specific chemicals) is inside the interval of starting quality.

Analysis of concentration of reported chemical compounds aqueous solutions were done before and after immersion of neat resin specimen.

Parallel testing pointed out that there are no differences in concentrations changes of aqueous solutions of mentioned specific chemicals, in which neat resin specimens were immersed, and concentrations changes of "blind samples" (without neat resin specimens) of reported solutions of the same chemicals.

All investigations of neat resin specimens were done at ambient temperature.

# *Reinforced polymeric composite material investigation results and discussion*

Investigation results of polymeric composite material embrace results of investigation of reinforced rings and cylinder specimen.

Based on results of investigation of mass change neat resin specimens with elapsed time (presented in Table 1) and results of investigation of hardness and of impact resistance of neat resin specimens (presented in Table 3) in experiments with single influence of aqueous solution of Ca(OCl)<sub>2</sub>, aqueous solution of NaOH, aqueous solution of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and aqueous solution of citric acid and liquid detergent, it was decided that reinforced rings and cylinder specimen would be exposed to the influence of aqueous solution of Ca(OCl)<sub>2</sub>, only.

Reinforced rings and cylinder specimen were immersed in aqueous solution of Ca(OCl)<sub>2</sub> for 1128 hours (47 days).

Arithmetic mean value and standard deviations ( $X \pm \sigma$ ) mass changes of reinforced rings after the influence of aqueous solution of Ca(OCl)<sub>2</sub> (concentration as in Table 2) are presented in Table 4 [24].

**Table 4.** Arithmetic mean value and standard deviations mass changes of reinforced rings after the influence of aqueous solution of  $Ca(OCl)_2$ 

After the influence of aqueous so-	Mass change ( $\overline{X} \pm \sigma$ ), (%)	
lution of Ca(OCl)2	$0.2101 \pm 0.0140$	

Investigation of the mechanical characteristics of reinforced rings consists of determining the resistance of ring

to internal tensile stress in radial direction (so called tensile breaking ring force) and tensile strength of mentioned rings.

An arithmetic mean values and standard deviations of tensile breaking ring force ( $\overline{X} \pm \sigma$ ) and tensile strength ( $\overline{X} \pm \sigma$ ) of seven reinforced rings before and seven reinforced rings after the influence of aqueous solution of Ca(OCl)<sub>2</sub> (concentration as in Table 2) are presented in Table 5.

**Table 5.** Arithmetic mean values and standard deviations of tensile breaking ring force and tensile strength of reinforced rings before and after the influence of aqueous solution of  $Ca(OCl)_2$ 

Characteristics	Before the influence of aqueous solution of Ca(OCl)2	After the influence of aqueous solution of Ca(OCl)2
Tensile breaking ring force $(\overline{X} \pm \sigma), (N)$	8501 ± 537.3	8344 ± 357.6
Tensile strength ( $\overline{X} \pm \sigma$ ), (MPa)	250.0 ± 15.8	245.5 ± 15.8

Based on results, presented in Tables 4 and 5, it is visible that water solution of  $Ca(OCl)_2$ , as the most aggressive of all used specific chemicals, causes negligible changes of mass, tensile breaking force and tensile strength of reinforced rings.

Arithmetic mean values and standard deviations ( $\overline{X} \pm \sigma$ ) of hydraulic burst pressure of three reinforced cylinder specimens before and three reinforced cylinder specimens after the influence of aqueous solution of Ca(OCl)<sub>2</sub> (concentration as in Table 2) are presented in Table 6.

**Table 6.** Arithmetic mean values and standard deviations of hydraulic burst pressure of reinforced cylinder specimens before and after the influence of aqueous solution of Ca(OCl)<sub>2</sub>

Characteristics	Before the influence of aqueous solution of Ca(OCl) <sub>2</sub>	After the influence of aqueous solution of Ca(OCl) <sub>2</sub>
Hydraulic burst pres- sure( $\overline{X} \pm \sigma$ ), (MPa)	31,0 ± 1.0	$30.2 \pm 1.2$

Data from Table 6 pointed out that water solution of Ca(OCl)<sub>2</sub>, practically, does not cause the change of hydraulic burst pressure of reinforced cylinder specimens.

Calcium hypochlorite is a chemical agent that spontaneously decomposes.

Concentration changes of aqueous solution of Ca(OCl)<sub>2</sub>, in which reinforced rings and tube specimens were immersed, and concentration change of "blind samples" of reported solutions of the same chemical (without reinforced rings and cylinder specimens), are presented in Table 7 [24].

Table 7. Concentration changes of aqueous solutions of  $Ca(OCl)_2$  with and without reinforced rings and cylinder specimens after 1128 hours

Concentration change of aqueous solutions of Ca(OCl)2 (w/v %)		
With reinforced rings and tube	Without reinforced rings and cylinder	
specimens	specimens	
75	69	

It is important to point out that reinforced rings and cylinder specimens have no influence to aqueous solution of Ca(OCl)<sub>2</sub>.

All investigations of reinforced rings and reinforced cylinder specimens were done at the ambient temperature.

#### Conclusions

Based on the abovementioned, it can be stated:

 Polymeric composite material, which consists of bisphenol A polyester resin and glass fiber, can be used for manufacturing of filter housing for purification of highly corrosive water solutions.

- 2. Circular shape housing of filter for purification of corrosive water can be manufactured by filament winding of glass fiber impregnated with bisphenol A polyester system.
- Medium for purification of water, medium for regeneration of active substance and medium for washing and cleaning of filter for purification of corrosive water, have no influence neither to no reinforced bisphenol A polyester resin system nor to composite reinforced glass fiber/bisphenol A polyester resin material.
- No reinforced bisphenol A polyester resin system and composite reinforced glass fiber/bisphenol A polyester resin material have no influence on concentration changes of water solution of calcium hypochlorite.

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# Mokro namotano kućište filtera - ključ za racionalno prečišćavanje jako korozivnih rastvora

U ovom radu prikazan je praktičan i realističan pristup uspešnom korišćenju mokro namotanog kućišta filtera (na bazi bisfenolne A poliestarske smole) za prečišćavanje jako korozivnih kontaminiranih rastvora.

Opisani su tehnologija mokrog namotavanja, kao i osnovni pojmovi o poliestarskim i polimernim kompozitnim materijalima. Prikazani su, takođe, podaci o načinima izrade epruveta čiste (neojačane) bisfenolne A poliestarske smole i epruveta kompozitnih materijala na bazi navedene smole i staklenog vlakna. Epruvete čiste smole bile su izložene pojedinačnim uticajima vodenog rastvora kalcijum hipohlorita, vodenog rastvora natrijum hidroksida, vodenog rastvora sumporne kiseline i vodenog rastvora limunske kiseline i tečnog deterdženta za periode od 360 časova, odvojeno, kao i kumulativnom uticaju svih pomenutih vodenih rastvora u ukupnom trajanju od 1440 časova. Ispitane osobine ovih epruveta (porast mase, tvrdoća i udarna žilavost) ukazuju da nema negativnog uticaja na kvalitet čiste bisfenolne A poliestarske smole. Mokro namotani kompozitni ojačani prstenovi i cevi, na bazi bisfenolne A polestarske smole i staklenog vlakna, bili su izloženi dejstvu vodenog rastvora kalcijum hipohlorita za period od 1128 časova. Rezultati ispitivanja promene mase, zatezne prekidne sile i zatezne čvrstoće kompozitnih ojačanih prstenova i hidrauličkog pritiska prskanja kompozitnih ojačanih cevi ukazuju da ovi uzorci imaju veliku otpornost prema pomenutom sredstvu za prečišćavanje.

Zaključeno je da kućište filtera za prečišćavanje jako korozivnih kontaminiranih rastvora može da se proizvede tehnologijom mokrog namotavanja korišćenjem bisfenolne A poliestarske smole i staklenog vlakna.

*Ključne reči:* tehnologija mokrog namotavanja, prečišćavanje korozivnih rastvora, kućište filtera, poliestarska bisfenolna A smola, mehaničke karakteristike, fizičke osobine.