

INDION[®] 225 Na

Softening Application

Description

INDION 225 is a strongly acidic, unfunctional, cation exchange resin containing sulphonic acid groups. It is based on cross linked polystyrene and has a gel structure. The resin is extremely robust and has excellent physical and chemical characteristics.

It is supplied moist in sodium form.

This literature gives information on the operation of INDION 225 for softening application by conventional co-flow and countercurrent regeneration with sodium chloride and salt recycle.

Characteristics

Appearance	:	Golden yellow beads
Matrix	:	Styrene divinylbenzene copolymer
Functional Group	:	Sulphonic acid
Ionic form as supplied	:	Sodium
Total exchange capacity	:	2.0 meq/ml, minimum
Moisture holding capacity	:	43 - 50 %
Shipping weight *	:	830 kg/m ³ , approximately
Particle size range	:	0.3 to 1.2 mm
> 1.2 mm	:	5.0%, maximum
< 0.3 mm	:	1.0%, maximum
Uniformity co-efficient	:	1.7, maximum
Effective size	:	0.45 to 0.55 mm
Maximum operating temperature	:	140 °C
Operating pH range	:	0 to 14
Resistance to reducing agents	:	Good
Resistance to oxidizing agents	:	Generally good, chlorine should be absent

* Weight of resin, as supplied, occupying 1 m³ in a unit after backwashing and draining.

Operating Capacity

Co-flow regeneration

The operating capacity of INDION 225 in water softening is obtained by multiplying the basic capacity value from Fig. 1/Table 1 by the correction factors A to C from Figs. 2 to 4/Tables 2 to 4.

Countercurrent regeneration (CCR)

The operating capacity of INDION 225 in water softening is obtained by multiplying the basic capacity value from Fig. 5/Table 5 by the correction factors D to F from Fig. 6 to 8/ Tables 6 to 8.

The exchange capacity indicated in the above mentioned figures/tables is for an injection time of 20 minutes. Higher capacity is realised with longer injection periods. A capacity gain of 10% is attained when salt solution is injected for one hour.

Treated Water Quality

The leakage of calcium and magnesium salts from INDION 225 operating as a sodium exchanger is independent of influent hardness upto 1200 mg/l CaCO₃ and influent sodium.

The hardness leakage from INDION 225 is as follows:

Co-flow regeneration < 5 mg/l CaCO₃

Countercurrent regeneration < 1 mg/l CaCO₃

When operating on waters beyond the conditions specified, it is recommended to establish accurate leakage data by practical experiment.

Typical operating data

	Co-Flow Regeneration	Counter Current regeneration
Bed depth	0.75 m, minimum	1.0 m, minimum
Treatment flowrate.....	45m ³ /h m ² , maximum	45m ³ /h m ² , maximum
Pressure loss.....	Refer Figure 9	Refer Figure 9
Bed expansion.....	Refer Figure 10	Refer Figure 10
Backwash.....	9m ³ /h m ² , for 5 minutes or till effluent is clear.	9m ³ /h m ² , till effluent is clear*.
Regenerant.....	Sodium chloride (10 - 15% w/v)	Sodium chloride (10 - 15% w/v)
Regenerant flowrate	2 - 4 bv/h	2 - 4 bv/h
Regenerant injection time.....	20 minutes, minimum	20 minutes, minimum
Slow rinse	1 to 2 bv at regeneration flowrate	1 to 2 bv at regeneration flowrate
Final rinse.....	3 - 4 bv at service flow rate	3 - 4 bv at service flow rate

* After set number of regeneration
1 bv (bed volume) = 1 m³ fluid/m³ of resin

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Determination of Operating Exchange Capacity (Cap)

$$Cap = Cap^0 \times A \times B \times C$$

Table 1 Basic Exchange Capacity (Cap ⁰) at Different Regeneration Levels	
Regeneration Level kg NaCl/m ³	Cap ⁰ kg CaCO ₃ /m ³
80	52.0
100	58.6
130	66.5
160	72.7

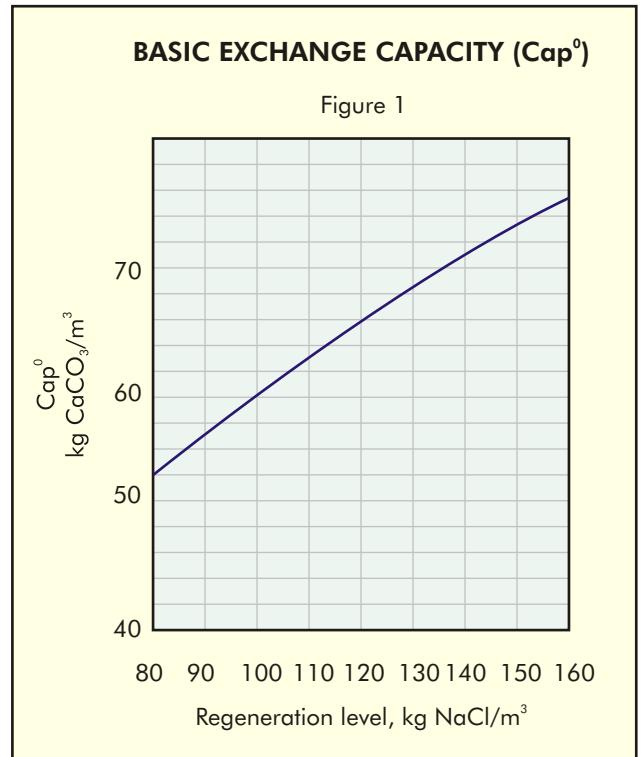
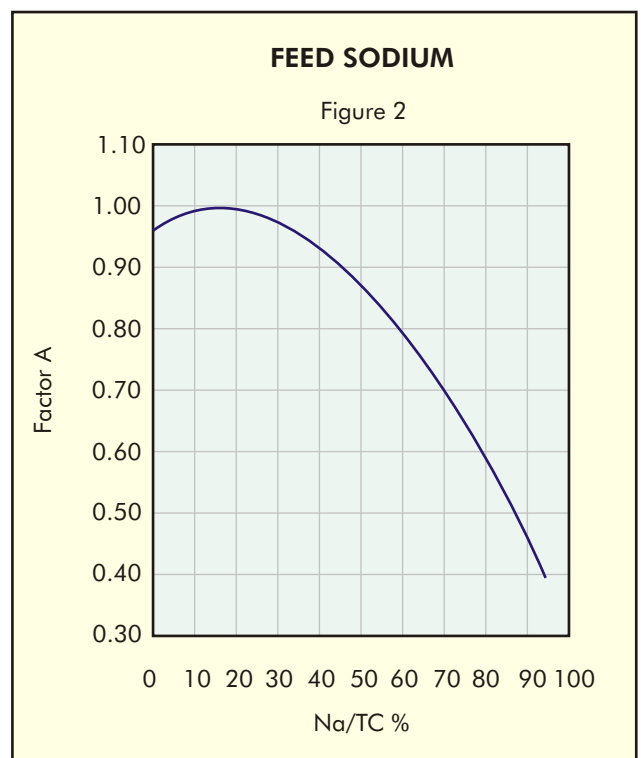


Table 2 Capacity Correction Factor A For Feed Sodium	
Na/TC (%)	Factor A
0	0.96
20	1.00
40	0.92
60	0.80
80	0.61
95	0.39



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Table 3 Capacity Correction Factor B For Feed Total Hardness	
Feed Total Hardness mg/l CaCO ₃	Factor B
500	1.00
800	0.96
1000	0.93
1200	0.89

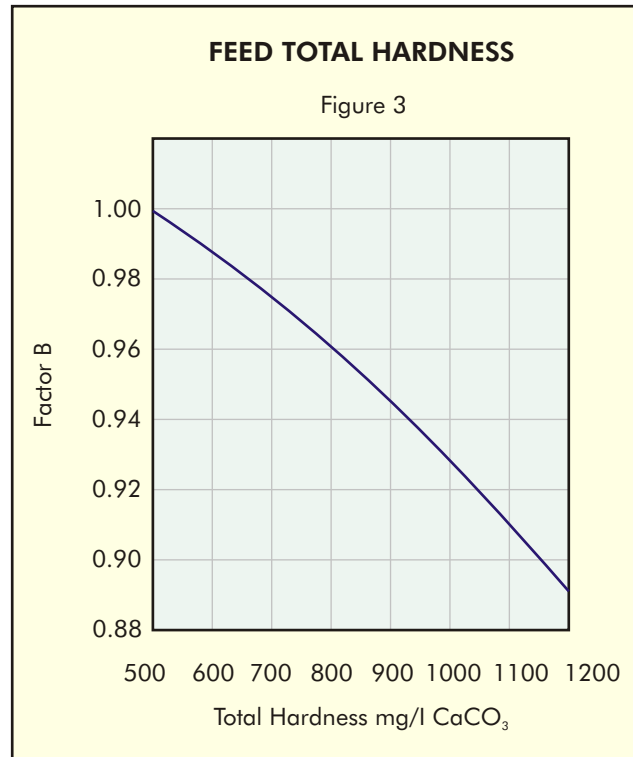
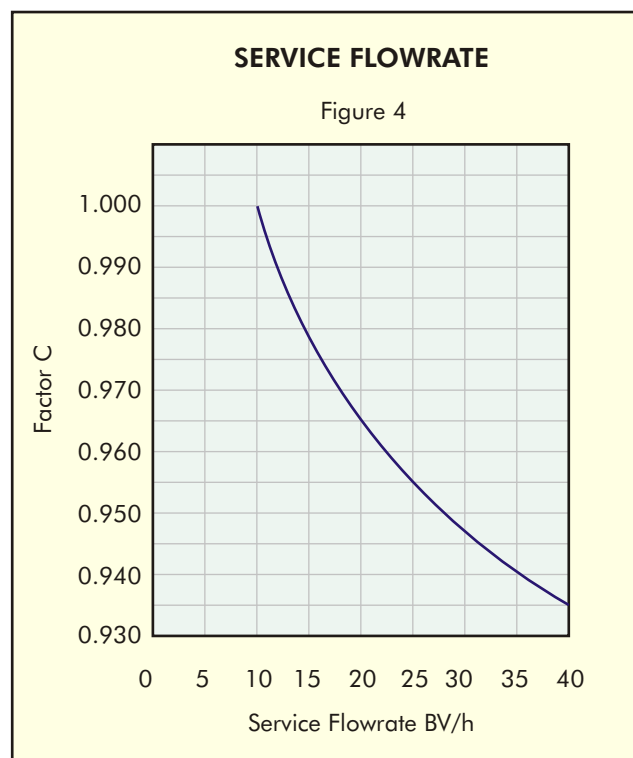


Table 4 Capacity Correction Factor C For Service Flowrate	
Service Flowrate BV/h	Factor C
10	1.000
15	0.980
20	0.965
25	0.955
40	0.935



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Determination of Operating Exchange Capacity (Cap)

$$Cap = Cap^0 \times D \times E \times F$$

Table 5 Basic Exchange Capacity (Cap ⁰) at Different Regeneration Levels	
Regeneration Level kg NaCl/m ³	Cap ⁰ kg CaCO ₃ /m ³
80	56.0
100	63.0
130	68.5
160	75.0

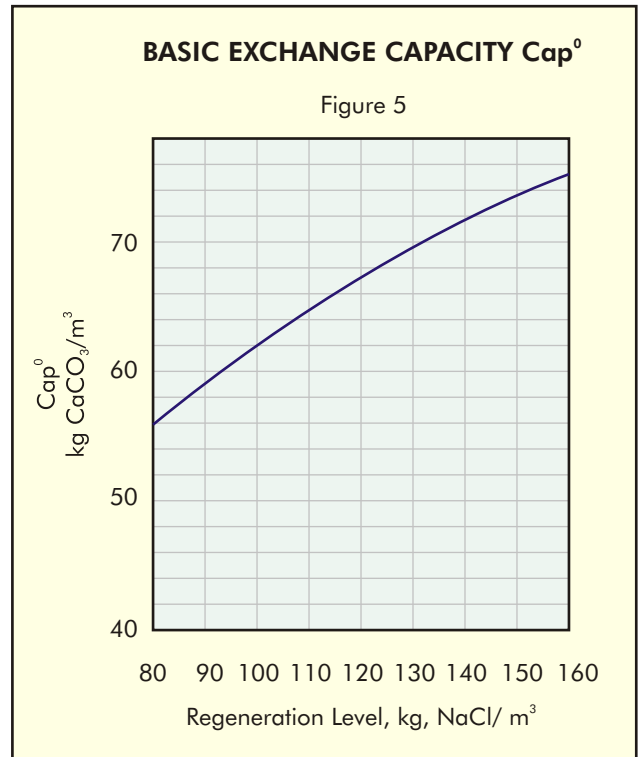
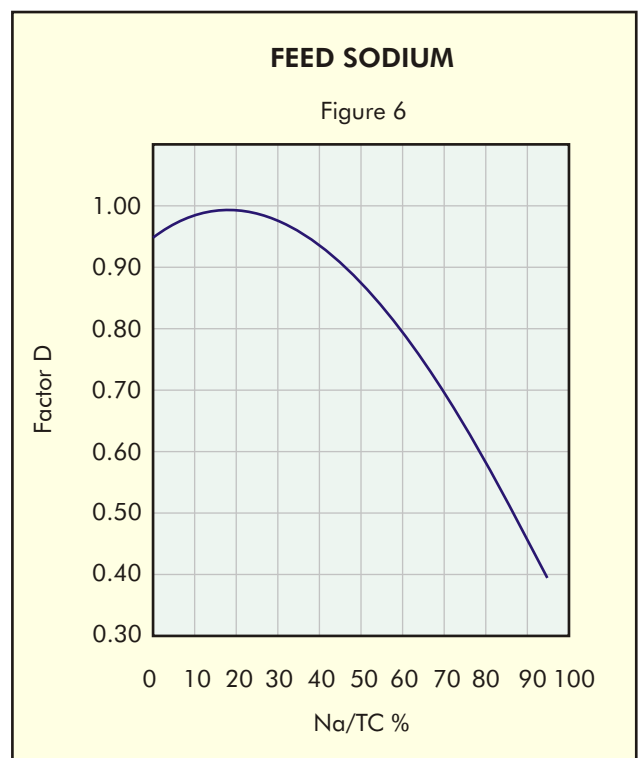


Table 6 Capacity Correction Factor D For Feed Sodium	
Na/TC (%)	Factor D
0	0.96
20	1.00
40	0.92
60	0.80
80	0.61
95	0.39

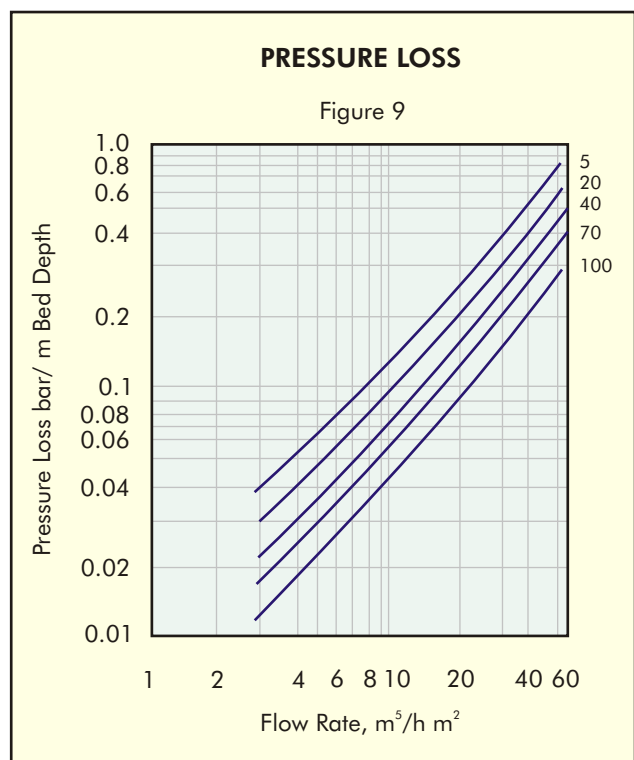
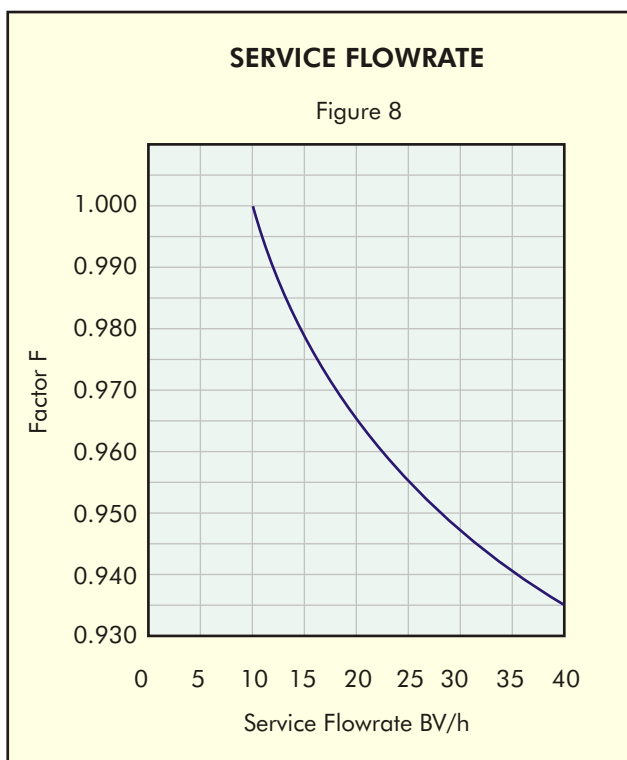
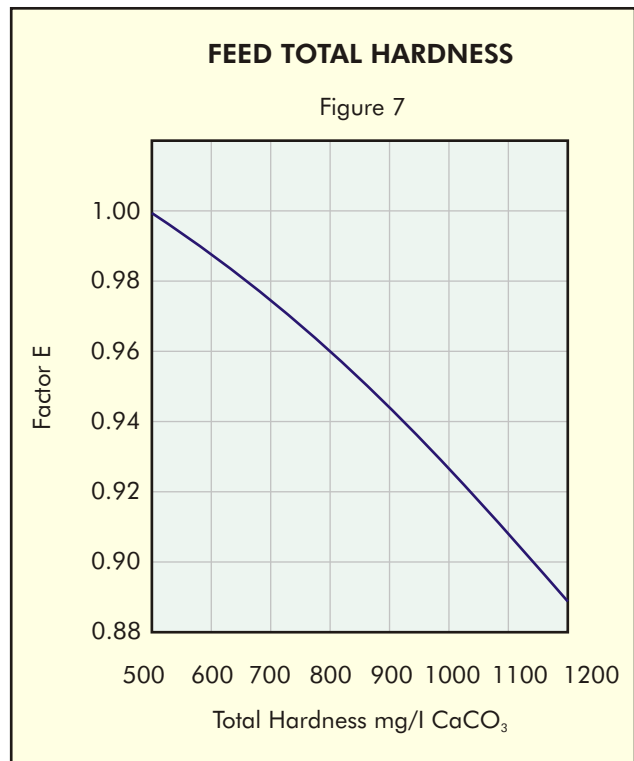


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Table 7 Capacity Correction Factor E For Feed Total Hardness	
Feed Total Hardness mg/l CaCO ₃	Factor E
500	1.00
800	0.96
1000	0.93
1200	0.89

Table 8 Capacity Correction Factor F For Service Flowrate	
Service Flowrate BV/h	Factor F
10	1.000
15	0.980
20	0.965
25	0.955
40	0.935



Salt Recycle

Operating conditions

Table 9 shows the effect of regeneration level on the operating exchange capacity. Table 10 gives the correction factors to be applied for feed sodium. These capacities refer to a hardness breakthrough of 5 mg/l CaCO₃.

Table 9 Regeneration level V/s. Operating Exchange Capacity Initial Regeneration Level 130 Kg NaCl/m ³	
Fresh Regeneration Level kg. NaCl/m ³	Operating Exchange Capacity kg. CaCO ₃ /m ³
60	42.0
77	53.9
90	60.2

Table 10 Capacity Correction Factor for Feed Sodium	
Na/TC (%)	Correction factor
20	1.05
40	1.00
60	0.85
80	0.80

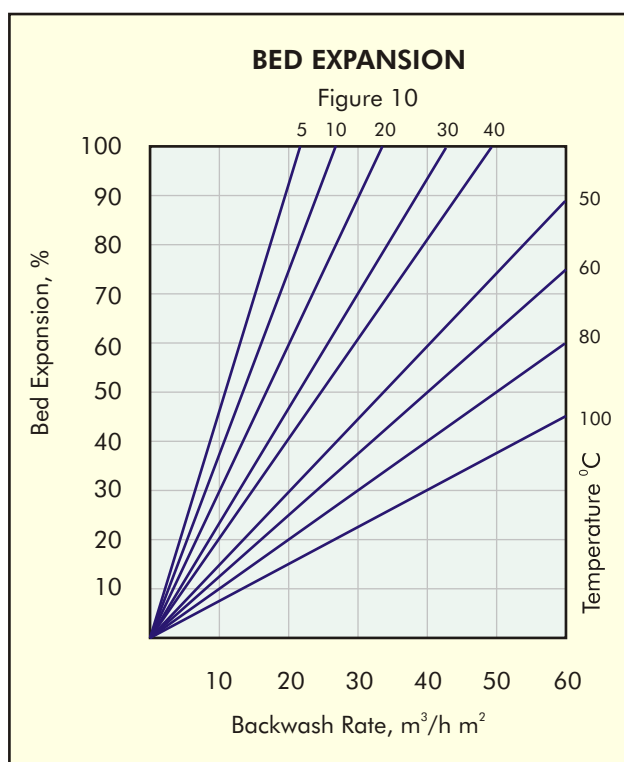
Table 11 give the recommended operating conditions for using INDION 225 in sodium cycle with salt recycle. The technique of salt recycling is employed primarily to improve the regeneration efficiency. Efficiency of upto 80% is easily achieved. The data presented are based on extensive tests using feed water having a total hardness of 275 mg/l CaCO₃ and Na/TC of 40%. The runs were conducted at a flowrate of 12 bv/h.

Table 11 Recommended Operating Conditions	
Bed depth	0.75 m, minimum
Treatment flowrate	45 m ³ /h m ² , maximum
Pressure loss	Refer Figure 9
Bed expansion	Refer Figure 10
Backwash	9 m ³ /h m ² for 5 minutes or till effluent is clear
Regenerant	Sodium Chloride
Regenerant flowrate	2 to 4 bv/h
Rinse	3 bv at service flowrate

Recommended regeneration procedure

In order to obtain optimum results it is suggested that the following steps be followed:-

- On exhaustion, backwash the unit with filtered water as indicated.
- Inject the spent brine (collected during the previous regeneration in the spent brine tank) at a flowrate sufficient to give a minimum contact time of 20 minutes. The entire volume is drained.
- Inject fresh salt sodium (at 10 to 15% w/v NaCl) at a flowrate sufficient to give a minimum contact time of 20 minutes. The initial 0.5 bv containing a low concentration of NaCl and a high concentration of hardness is drained.
- Collect the balance quantity of regenerant effluent in the spent brine tank.
- Rinse the unit with filtered water and collect the initial 0.5 bv of the rinse water in the spent brine tank. Drain the balance portion of rinse.
- The unit is now ready for the next service run.



Use of good quality regenerants

All ion exchange resins are subject to fouling and blockage of active groups by precipitated iron. Hence the iron content in the feed water should be low and the regenerant must be essentially free from iron and heavy metals. All resins are prone to oxidative attack, resulting in problems such as loss of physical strength. Therefore, the regenerant should have as low chlorine content as possible. Good quality regenerant of technically or chemically pure grade should be used to obtain best results.

Packing

HDPE lined bags	25/50 lts	LDPE bags	1 cft/25 lts
Super sack	1000 lts	Super sack	35 cft
MS drums		Fiber drums	
with liner bags	180 lts	with liner bags	7 cft

Storage

Ion exchange resins require proper care at all times. The resin must never be allowed to become dry.

Regularly open the plastic bags and check the condition of the resin when in storage. If not moist, add enough clean demineralised water and keep it in completely moist condition. Always keep the resin drum in the shade. Recommended storage temperature is between 20° C and 40° C.

Safety

Acid and alkali solutions are corrosive and should be handled in a manner that will prevent eye and skin contact. If any oxidising agents are used, necessary safety precautions should be observed to avoid accidents and damage to the resin.

INDION range of Ion Exchange resins are produced in a state-of-the-art ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified manufacturing facilities at Ankleshwar, in the state of Gujarat in India.

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