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Introduction

The electrochemical cells of a hydrogen generator system dissociate water molecules (H_2O) into two hydrogen (H_2) gas molecules and one oxygen (O_2) gas molecule when direct electrical current (e^-) is applied. H_2 gas forms at the negative (-) cathode electrode and O_2 gas forms at the positive (+) anode electrode. An ion transport medium between the electrodes, a solid electrolyte membrane or a liquid electrolyte held in a microporous diaphragm, additionally functions to keep product H_2 and O_2 gases separate.

Water electrolysis hydrogen generator systems include the cell(s), electrical conditioning, gas processing, feed water, electrolyte management, cooling, ventilation, and control equipment. Gas compression, feed water conditioning, and other auxiliary equipment can be included. These systems can scale from small self-contained appliances to a group of factory-matched modules comprising large plant size installations.

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