

Filtration: A process for separating suspended and colloidal impurities from water by passage through a porous medium, usually a bed of sand. Most particles removed in filtration are much smaller than the pore size between the sand grains, and therefore, adequate particle dose (coagulation) is extremely important.

The influent turbidity ranges from 1 - 10 NTU (nephelometric turbidity units) with a typical value of 3 NTU. Effluent turbidity is about 0.1 NTU.

Medium	SG
sand	2.65
anthracite	1.45 - 1.73
garnet	3.6 - 4.2

History:

Shallow sand filters were introduced in 1804:

sand diameter	0.2 mm
depth	1 m
loading rate	3 - 8 m ³ /d·m ²

Reynolds sand filters were introduced about 1890:

effective size	0.35 - 0.55 mm
uniformity coef.	1.3 - 1.7
depth	0.3 - 0.75 m
loading rate	120 - 240 m ³ /d·m ²

Deep bed filters introduced about 1940:

Depth:	
anthracite (coal)	0.45 m
sand	0.3 m
loading rate	300 m ³ /d·m ²

Modern (deep bed) filters in 1980's:

effective size	1.0 - 1.5 mm
anthracite depth	1.5 - 2.5 m
loading rate	800 m ³ /d·m ²

