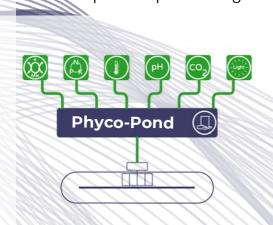


Varicon Aqua is the manufacturer of the Phyco-TM range of photobioreactors with more than 30 years' experience designing, constructing and deploying algal photobioreactors, high rate algal ponds and aquaculture algae production systems worldwide. As a global leader in this sector our close client engagement and supply chain relationships allow us to provide bespoke photobioreactor and cultivation systems for a broad range of applications. To date we have deployed over 270 photobioreactor systems across the globe, ranging in scale from 5 L to 400,000 L. Prominent products in the Phyco-TM line include Phyco-Flow™, Phyco-Pond systems, the Phyco-Lift and Phyco-Bubble.

The Phyco-Pond is a high-rate algal open pond (HRAP). The Pond is manufactured by Varicon Aqua according to optimised geometric considerations which impact rate of mixing, photosynthetic efficiency, power consumption and biomass yield. Smaller systems (0.1-1 m3) are fabricated from a fibreglass mould, whilst larger systems (>1 m3) comprise of a levelled and compacted solid matrix, onto which a steel support structure and impermeable geotextile is overlaid. The process flow is mixed via a motorised paddle wheel with adjustable speed, ensuring homogenous delivery of light, nutrients and carbon dioxide.

Phyco-Pond outline

All Phyco-Pond's has a variable motor speed controlled paddle wheel to ensure the correct mixing of the media and optimal exposure to light.







Specifications and performance

Physical Considerations

Volume 0.1-500 m³ Height 0.3-0.4 m

Shape Optimised raceway (length-width-height)

Mixing Paddle wheel Electricals Motor

Example Performance (details of other species available)

Algae Chlorella sorokiniana (species)

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Density} & 0.1 \text{-} 0.3 \text{ g L}^{\text{-}1} \\ \text{Productivity} & 0.01 \text{-} 0.08 \text{ g L}^{\text{-}1} \text{ d}^{\text{-}1} \\ \text{Max yield} & 0.35 \text{ g L}^{\text{-}1} \\ \text{dO}_2 & \leq 200 \% \end{array}$

Engineering Performance (in house data)

Liquid $0.2-1 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ (max - velocity)}$

Reynolds $\geq 10 \text{ k (number)}$ Maximum $2,000 \mu \text{ E m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ (light)}$

Temperature 10-40 °C

Mass ~0.002 s⁻¹ (max transfer coefficient)

Algae Production

In addition to our photobioreactor systems we also specialise in providing the auxiliary equipment for process monitoring and control, LED solutions and downstream processing. As a one-stop shop for algae production we have a full range of nutrient mixes from our **Cell-Hi All-in-One** line.

Phyco-Pond configuration



MAKING ALGAE EASY

Our guarantee.

As with all Varicon Aqua systems we pride ourselves on the high level of after sales support we provide to our clients whether it's a systems issue or a technical production question. We are highly approachable. Come talk to us about your needs!