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The treatment test unit used in this study was a prototype 4-stage RBC plant with the media diameter of 0.5 m., media surface 22.5 m^2 , media submergence 35 percent and reactor volume of 0.2 m^3 . The feed wastewater was taken from the final tank of 3-tanks-in-series grease trap of a 700 m^2 messhall of a local university.

The average BOD and COD concentration of feed water to the RBC process were 490 and 606 mg/l , respectively. With the BOD loading of 9.36 to $28.22 \text{ g/m}^2 \cdot \text{d}$ or the equivalence of only 1.57 to 0.52 hours in the RBC unit, the BOD removal efficiency was found to be more than 80 percent. However, at the BOD loading $40.72 \text{ g/m}^2 \cdot \text{d}$ the BOD removal efficiency was only 40.26 %. As a result, optimum BOD loading for RBC treatment of wastewaters from restaurants should range between $9.36\text{--}28.22 \text{ g/m}^2 \cdot \text{d}$.