

Product Data Sheet

PuriStar® R8-21 S3

Purification of Refinery Off-Gas Streams

PuriStar® R8-21 is a robust nickel catalyst used in sulfided form for the removal of O₂, NO_x and acetylene from refinery off-gas. PuriStar R8-21 is part of a group of products used for the adsorptive treatment of refinery off-gases.

BASF PuriStar R8-21 comes in extrudate form with a nominal diameter of 3 mm (approx. 1/8").

Product Application

Refinery off-gas refers to a gas mixture consisting mostly of hydrogen, methane, ethylene, ethane and a number of different impurities. This type of gas is e.g. generated in catalytic cracking units (FCC, DCC, CPP) and can be of interest for recovery of H_2 and C_2H_4 .

R8-21 is used in sulfided form. The sulfiding is typically done in situ (in the reactor itself). An exsitu sulfiding at a recommended toller is also possible.

A detailed sulfiding procedure specific for R8-21 is provided with the purchased material.

R8-21 removes O_2 , NO_x and acetylene by selective hydrogenation while minimizing olefin losses.

To avoid the formation of Ni carbonyls, R8-21 can only be used in gases with low contents of CO.

The operating temperature of R8-21 is 150 to 245°C (300 to 470°F) depending on the off-gas composition.

The composition and its properties makes R8-21 suitable for regeneration and tolerant to poisons like AsH_3 , chlorine or mercury.

BASF's alternative for gases high in CO is PuriStar R3-81. Please refer to the respective data sheet for more information

Typical Properties	
Chemical	
Main Components	NiO / MoO ₃
Balance Aluminium oxide carrier	
Physical	
Crush Strength	Approx. 5 kg (11 lbs), side wall
Bulk Density	~ 720 kg/m³ (45 lbs/ft³), tapped ~ 660 kg/m³ (41 lbs/ft³), sock loaded

Packaging (Typical)

140 kg net (308.6 lbs) in 210 l steel drums

Shipping Point

De Meern, The Netherlands

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