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Ashby & Karstedt Catalysts

Catalyst	Pt Concentration	Pt Range	Dilutant	CAS Number	Product Number
Karstedt	20%	19 – 21.5%	DVTMS	68478-92-2	PMC3219
Karstedt	10%	9.7 – 10.3%	DVTMS	68478-92-2	PMC3218
Karstedt	2%	1.8 – 2.2%	1,000 cSt	68478-92-2	PMC3209
Karstedt	2%	1.8 – 2.2%	Xylene	68478-92-2	PMC3221
Ashby	2%	1.8 – 2.2%	TVTMS	68585-32-0	PMC3211

Silicone rubber is an elastomer composed of silicone — itself a polymer — containing silicon together with carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen and was first described in 1901 by the British chemist Frederic S. Kipping. They are a common feature in many industries like adhesives, automotive, aerospace, cookware, dental, electronics, and many more.

One of the various curing methods for silicones is hydrosilylation, utilizing vinyl containing silicones, hydrosilane materials, and platinum-based compounds as catalysts. A typical system for liquid silicone rubbers (LSR) requires the mixing of two separate components, often in combination with fillers, colorants, and further additives. The formulated, viscous but pumpable components can be used in extrusion or injection molding.

Curing can be completed in as little as a few seconds at temperatures between 120 and 200 °C. The most common curing agents for hydrosilylation are finely dispersed Pt(0), either as Karstedt's catalyst in a linear or as Ashby's catalyst in a circular siloxane matrix. Those catalysts are usually mixed into the final rubber components in a concentration range from 5 – 200 ppm depending on the desired curing rate and process speed.

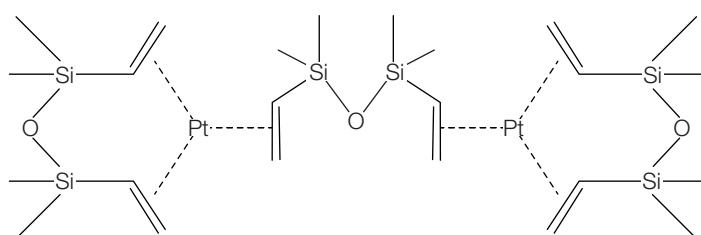
BASF offers both Karstedt and Ashby catalysts in various concentrations and dilutants (e.g. various vinyl-terminated siloxanes, xylene, IPA), which can be optimized for your system. We consider it important to offer catalysts with an adjustable curing rate and minimal turbidity of the catalyst solutions to ensure that the customer can realize complete curing and the often-desired high transparency of their product. To achieve those qualities BASF builds on its expertise in precious metal chemistry, a unified global product supply, and customer-oriented bottling and dispensing.

Benefits

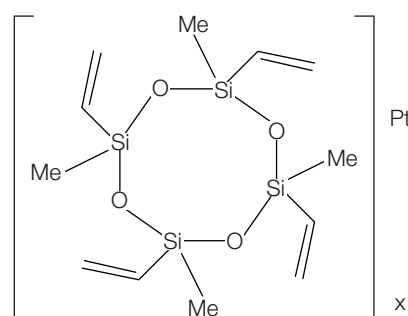
- Available in various concentrations and dilutants
- Adjustable curing rate
- Minimal turbidity of the catalyst solutions



2% Pt Clear and cloudy



Karstedt's Catalyst



Ashby's Catalyst

Precious Metal Chemicals

Catalysts drive performance. Whether you specialize in industrial or fine chemicals, pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals or fuel cells, our compounds and solutions consistently provide high performance standards you can rely on. Our global network of production sites has you covered, no matter where you operate. With laboratories around the world, we guarantee a smooth development process.

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