

Boroflex®

Fluid Catalytic Cracking Catalyst for bottoms upgrading of highly contaminated residue feeds

Based on BASF's novel Boron Based Technology (BBT), Boroflex® delivers 30% higher bottoms conversion for a 1.30 \$/bbl profitability improvement.

Goal

A residue FCC unit wanted improved bottoms upgrading, lower dry gas, improved olefinicity and higher gasoline yield. Refinery feed: CCR 2-3 wt%, Ecat Nickel 2,500-3,000 ppm, Ecat Vanadium 1,000-1,500 ppm, and no olefins additives.

Results

Boroflex outperformed another catalyst supplier's premium bottoms upgrading technology. In the commercial trial,

Boroflex bottoms upgrading and yield selectivity combined with high metals tolerance gave clear superior performance:

- Decreased bottoms by 30%
- Lowered dry gas by 0.3 wt%
- Increased light olefins (propylene + butylenes increased by 1.8 wt% or 15%) within their wet gas compressor limit
- Increased gasoline by 0.6 wt%

Total unit profitability improvement of **0.97-1.30\$/bbl** (seasonal) was observed.

Boroflex vs. Supplier A			
Operating Yield (wt%)	Supplier A	Boroflex	Delta
Dry Gas	2.8	2.5	-0.3
Propane	2.1	1.6	-0.5
Propylene	7.7	8.2	0.5
n-Butane	1.2	1.3	0.1
Iso-Butane	4.4	4.2	-0.2
Total Butylenes	4.2	5.5	1.3
LPG	19.6	20.8	1.2
Gasoline	39.3	39.9	0.6
LCO	19	21.2	2.2
Bottoms	13.6	9.5	-4.1
LCO/BOT	1.4	2.2	0.8
Coke	5.8	6	0.2

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