

PuriStar® R3-16 T5x3

CuO/ZnO Tablets

BASF PuriStar® R3-16 is a high efficiency CuZn catalyst which is tailor-made for the purification of polymer-grade ethylene.

BASF PuriStar® R3-16 is offered in tablet form with a nominal diameter of 5 mm and a height of 3 mm (approx. 3/16" x 1/8").

Product Applications

R3-16 is typically used for the removal of molecular oxygen (an alternative for this application is PuriStar R3-15) and/or CO from ethylene to very low levels.

The ethylene is used primarily as monomer in the production of polyethylene (PE, with focus on HDPE and LLDPE processes) or as co-monomer in polypropylene (PP) processes.

R3-16 can also remove traces of acetylene, arsine, phosphine or sulfur (H₂S, COS or mercaptans) if present in the ethylene feed.

Depending on the process, PuriStar R3-16 can be used at temperatures of up to 130°C (266°F).

The lifetime of PuriStar R3-16 catalyst depends on the application, the operating conditions, and the level of contaminants such as acetylene, arsine, sulfur, as well as any other poisons present in the feed. Typical lifetimes range from 2 to 10 years or more.

PuriStar R3-16 can be stored for long times in its original containers, provided the drums or bags are kept indoors in a non-corrosive atmosphere.

Before being put into operation, R3-16 needs to be either dried or reduced depending on the application. Please contact BASF for further details.



Typical Properties

Chemical

Main Components CuO and ZnO

Balance Alumina and Promoters

Physical

Crush Strength At least 30 N (6 lbs), side wall

Bulk Density ~ 1190 kg/m³ (74 lbs/ft³), tapped
~ 1100 kg/m³ (69 lbs/ft³) sock loaded

* These indicative properties do not represent process capabilities nor specifications.

Packaging

- 980 kg net (2160 lbs) in 1150 liter super sacks (IBC flexible)
- 196 kg net (432 lbs) in 200-liter steel drums

Shipping Point

- Ludwigshafen, Germany
- Shanghai, P.R. China

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