

*“INSPIRATION ACTS AS A CATALYST FOR SUCCESS.” - Sam Veda*

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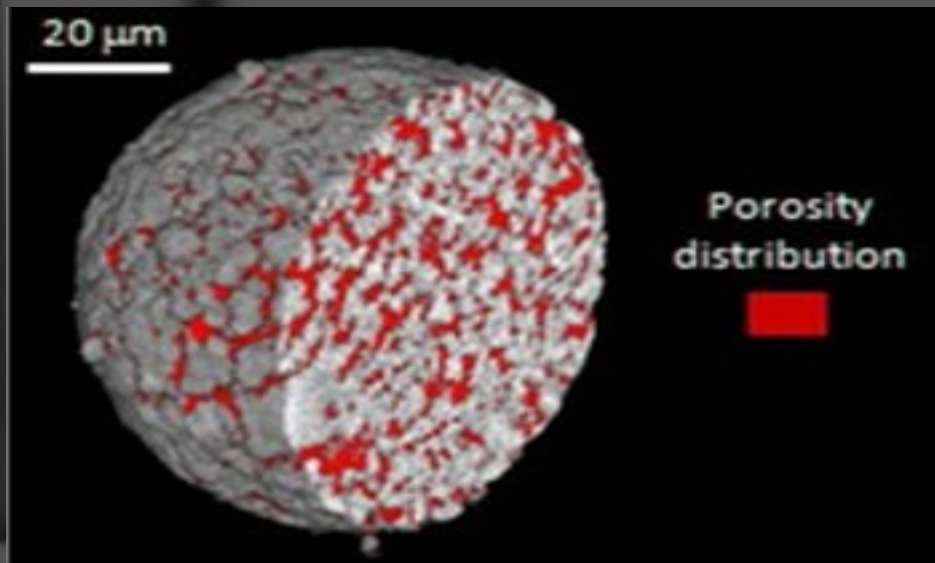
An Overview on  
Activated Alloy Catalyst KALCAT®

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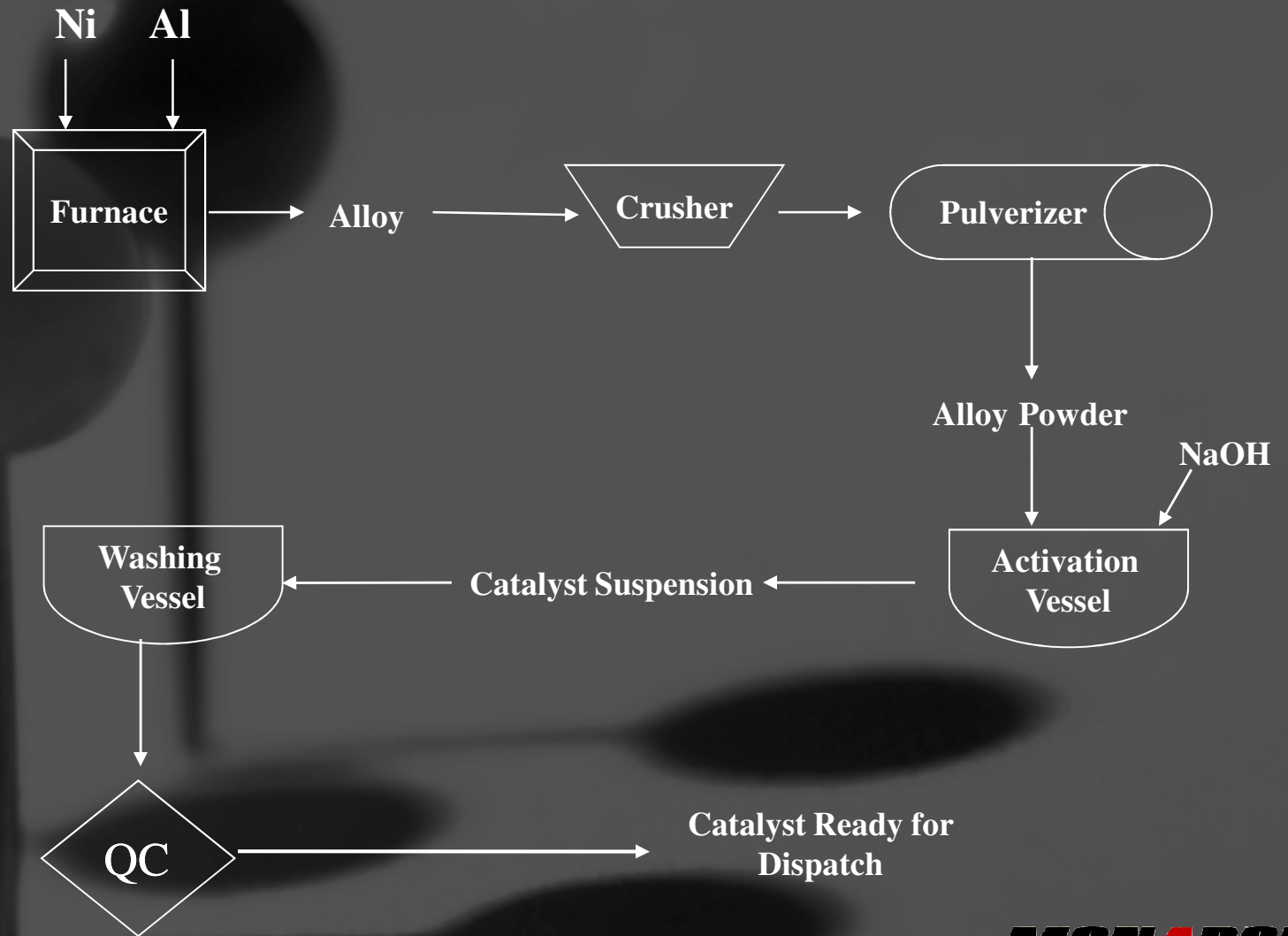
## Activated Alloy Catalyst

- Raney Nickel catalyst was discovered in 1924 by Dr. Murray Raney (1885-1966)
- Activated Alloy Catalyst are fine particles of Nickel seated on Aluminum, suspended in water.
- This catalyst is porous with occluded hydrogen in its pores, which imparts activity.



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# Manufacturing Process



# Activation & Structure

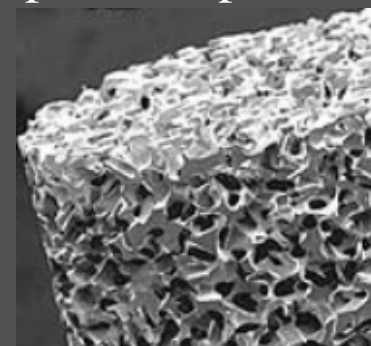
## Activation Reaction



- ❑ Leaching of Aluminium by Alkali, makes alloy particles porous and imparts activity to the catalyst.

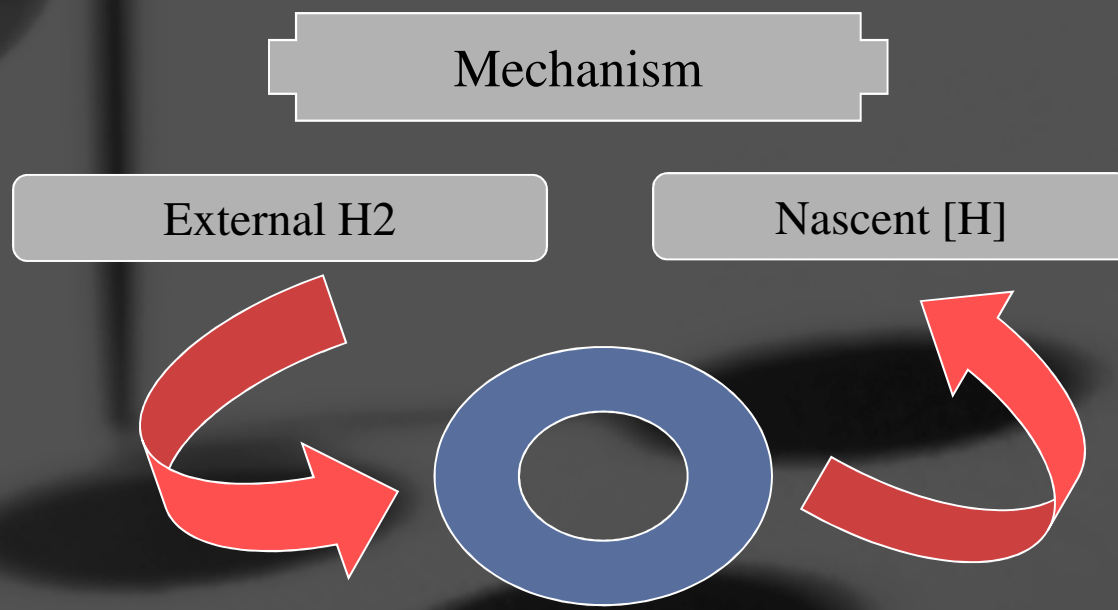
## Structure of the Catalyst

- ❑ Catalyst particle consists of Ni seated on Al.
- ❑ Al works as support & preserves pore structure of the catalyst.
- ❑ Particle is porous & H<sub>2</sub> is occluded in it.
- ❑ Average particle size is 20 - 25 microns.



# Mechanism of reaction

- Replacement of occluded  $H_2$  by External  $H_2$  (this is very important to keep the catalyst active).
- Diffusion of reactants to the Catalyst Surface.
- Adsorption, reaction with elemental H & de-sorption of product.



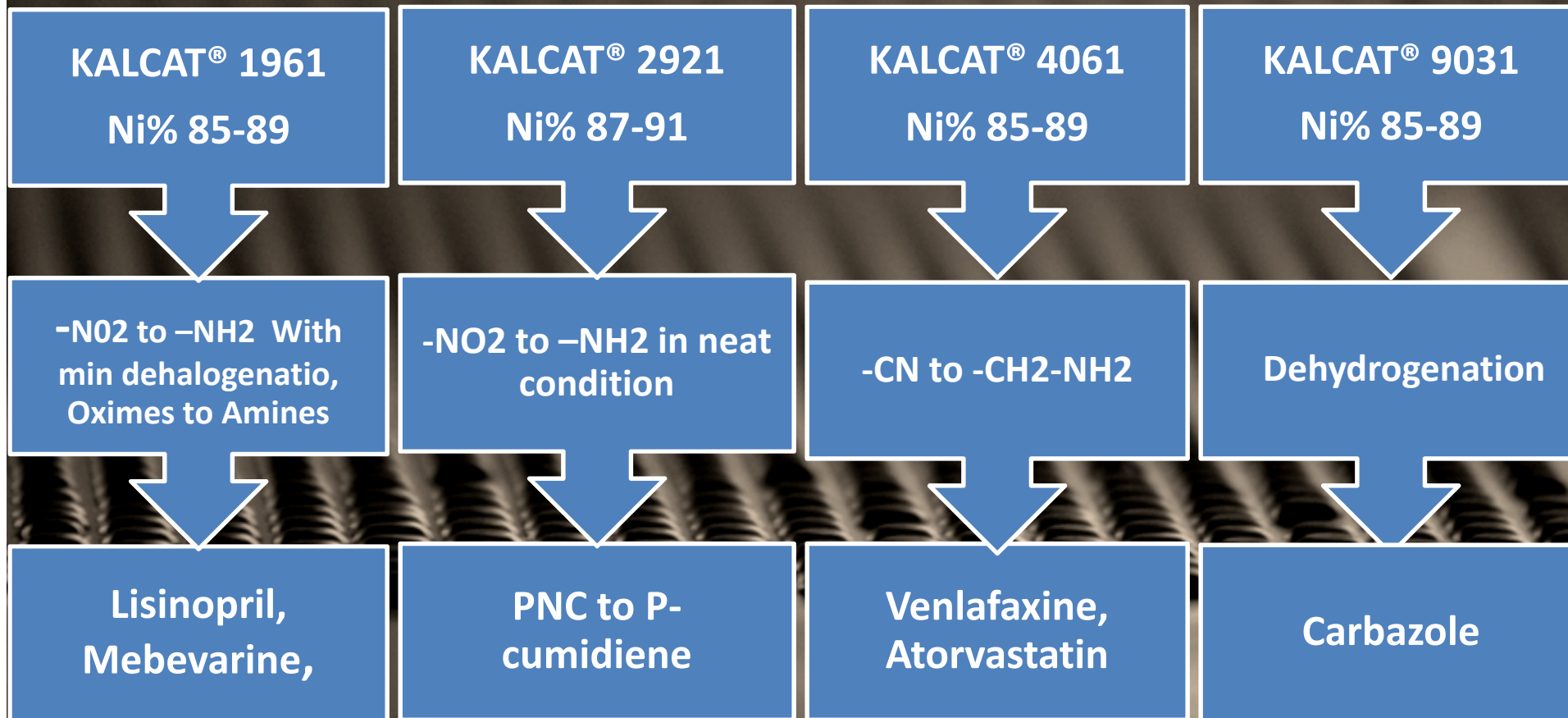


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## Essential Catalyst Properties

- Activity: Rate at which the catalyst hydrogenates the feedstock to product. E.g Percentage change in reactant (conversion)
- Selectivity: Ability of the catalyst to give the desired product, out of all possible products, e.g. product as percentage of reactant (yield)
- Shelf Life: Time for which the catalyst keeps a sufficient level of activity and/or selectivity.

# Applications





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**KALCAT<sup>®</sup> 3801**

Ring Hydrogenation,  
Debenzylation

Pyridine to Piperidine

**KALCAT<sup>®</sup> 3063**

-NO<sub>2</sub> to -NH<sub>2</sub>,  
>C=O to >CH-OH

Styrene Oxide

**KALCAT<sup>®</sup> 6104**

-CN to -NH<sub>2</sub>,  
>C=O to >CH-OH

Sorbitol

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## Testing Methods

- **Weighing of Catalyst**
- **Hydrogen Absorption Test**
- **Hydrogenation test**

# Weighing of catalyst

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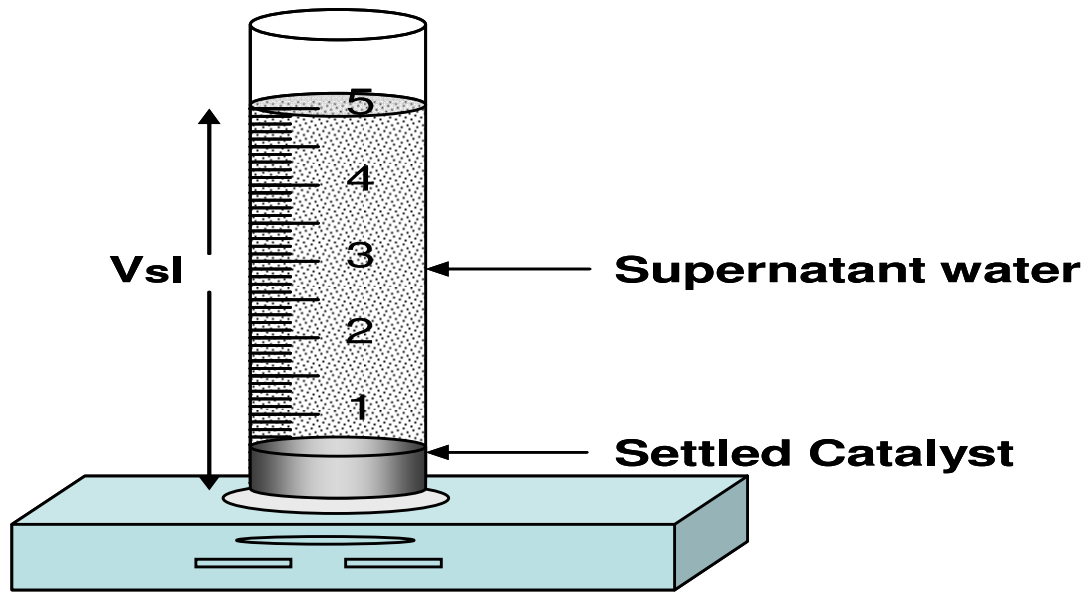
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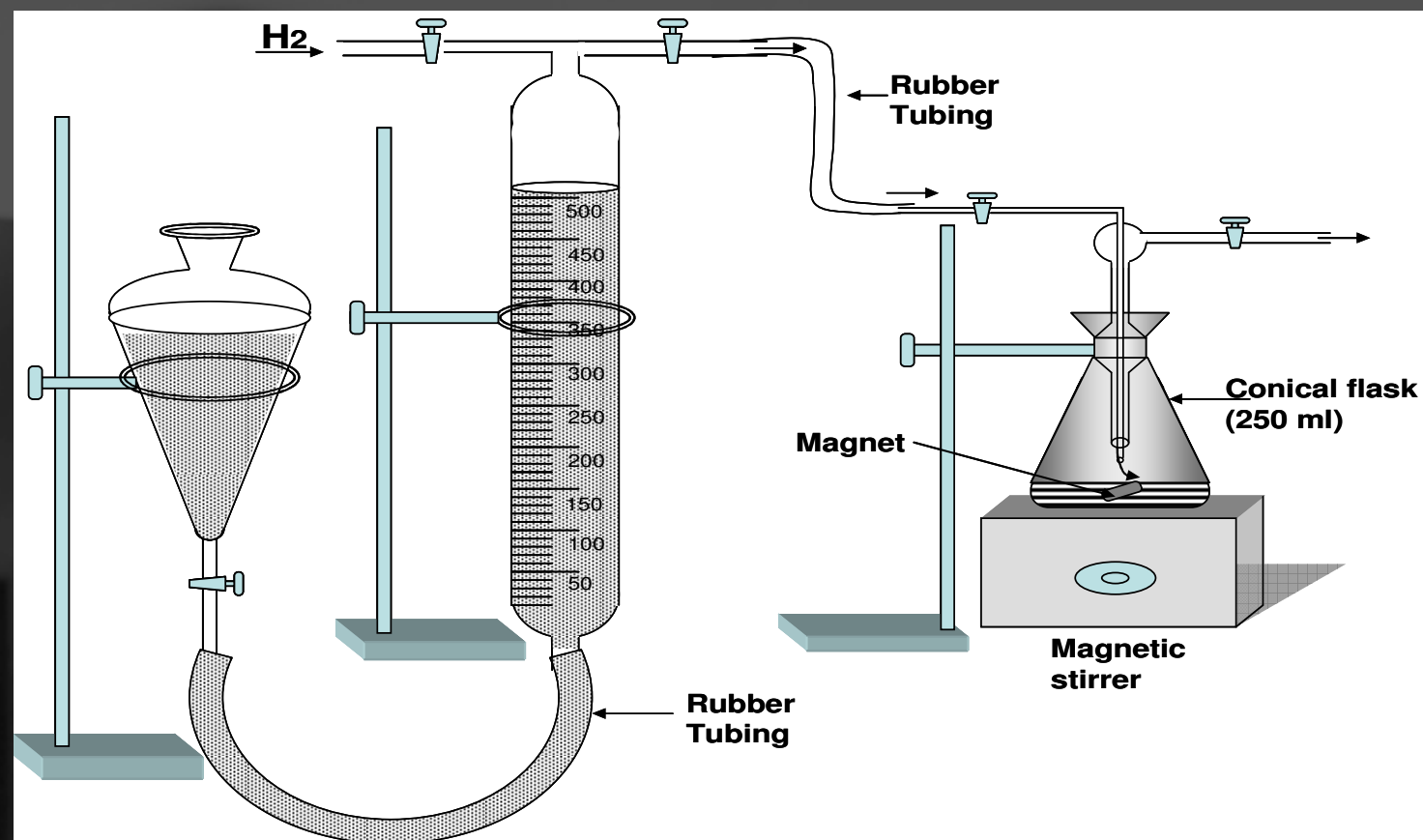
$$W_{\text{cat}} = 1.22 (W_{\text{sl}} - V_{\text{sl}})$$



$W_{\text{sl}}$  (weight of catalyst + weight of water)

- ❖ Very important step: to measure accurate dosage of catalyst.
- ❖ Derived from densities to metals and Archimedes principle.
- ❖ [Videos for AAC presentation\Lab weighment.mpg](#)
- ❖ [Videos for AAC presentation\RNC weighment.mpg](#)

# Hydrogen Absorption Test



- ❖ Gives primary idea about the catalyst activity.
- ❖ This test confirms the desired levels of catalyst activity.
- ❖ Useful in establishing recycles with the catalyst.
- ❖ [Videos for AAC presentation\NB Activity.mpg](#)

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## Hydrogenation (Autoclave) Test

- This test confirms the quality of catalyst as well as the raw material
- Each grade is tested at MCPL different molecules for different grades.
- Always maintain Std Catalyst & Std RM.
- Highly recommended to perform this test at customers end on their own molecule – ‘USER TEST’.

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## Handling Tips

- Weigh the Catalyst by “DRY basis formula”.
- Restrict excessive washings to avoid loss of activity.
- Gentle handling to avoid catalyst attrition
- Charge catalyst by Gravity (not by suction) & retain the catalyst activity.
- Keep stirrer ‘OFF’ till you start reduction.
- Maintain Specific temp (e.g. 40<sup>0</sup>C) of reaction mass during catalyst charging.
- Always make sure that the “*solution for hydrogenation is homogeneous*”

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## Factors affecting catalyst performance

- **Poisoning:**

- Gelatinous  $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$  present in catalyst,

- free ions of Sulphate, Nitrates, Carbonates, Acids & high concentrations of Alkali,

- oxidation & removal of occluded  $\text{H}_2$  during the handling & dosing of catalyst.

- **Technical Errors**

- Poor gas distribution.

- Poor mixing of reactants.

- Leakage in gas supply

- **Breakage or Erosion of catalyst particles (Attrition)**

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## Safety Tips

- Do not allow catalyst to dry.
- Always store under water.
- Always use safety Apparels.
- Avoid skin contact.
- Keep drums upright & store in good air ventilation.
- **Spent catalyst** should **ALSO** be carefully stored under water.



“Commit your blunders on a small scale and make your profits on large scale”



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## Reprocessing – *A Myth*

- ✦ Catalyst is an Alloy Particle
- ✦ During reaction “ATTRITION” occurs
- ✦ Oxidation of Catalyst.
- ✦ Coating of Organic Material.
- ✦ Catalyst Particle can not be reconstructed to its original state.
- ✦ *Technically AAC cannot be reprocessed*

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## Spent Ni catalyst

- We offer **BUY BACK** at very attractive price
- Nickel extracted from the Spent in salt form
- Assurance on total re-cycle of the nickel
- Environmentally sound processes
- *Approved & Certified by **CPCB & MPCB** for Processing and recycling of Hazardous Waste.*

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## KALCAT<sup>®</sup> - Advantages

- Product adhering to “*International quality standards*”.
- Specific Grades designed based on application.
- We use Virgin Nickel metal - the secret of “consistent quality”
- Value added services –
  - Catalysts Screening Service
  - Process Optimization
  - Process Trouble Shooting
  - Tailored Catalysts
  - Technical Training Seminars
  - Ni recovery from spent catalysts
- We offer complete Cycle

*“We sell & We buy back”*

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## Technical Services

- At *MONARCH*, we always work with our customers as strategic partners, right from R&D to scaling up.
- We have a well equipped laboratory with all the essential elements related to hydrogenation. Bank of application studies, 5 autoclaves with efficient filtration systems, Gas Chromatography, HPLC, TLC and wet lab.
- We accept projects of hydrogenation where selection of catalyst, optimization studies for better cost economics are carried out.

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## Our Offer

- We are confident that we can offer you an improved solution to your catalyst needs.....
  - Be at par with Global standards and maintain consistency in quality.
  - Efficient deliveries
  - Derive the best results with our Excellent technical support.
  - Catalyst development at our research centre for new and emerging applications

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Lets' work Towards...



...A Symbiotic Future

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