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Precious Metals and Chemistry Silver crystals and silver gauzes



Your Partner for Precious Metals

For over a century, Agosi has specialised in the recovery of precious metals and in manufacturing precious metal products. Especially for its customers in the chemical industries, Agosi can offer high-quality silver crystals and silver gauzes.

Silver catalysts for formaldehyde production

Consequent material and process improvement in the field of silver catalyst (purity ≥ 99.99%) have resulted in a high quality standard with an outstanding economic efficiency. Best test results regarding purity, surface structure, bulk density and durability attest to the customised process improvements for formaldehyde production that Agosi has achieved.

With its own refining facilities, Agosi can offer the entire precious metal cycle and thus make used silver catalyst directly available for the customer again. Agosi is certified according to DIN EN ISO 9001, 14001, and as a specialist reprocessing company.

Your benefits:

- \rightarrow spherical shape \rightarrow high mechanical strength, hence longer lifetime of the catalyst
- \rightarrow light bulk density \rightarrow longer bed life (up to 12 months), low pressure drop
- >> large surface area ($\geq 80 \text{ mm}^2/\text{g}$) \rightarrow high methanol conversion into formaldehyde, few side products, better yield
- >> high purity (silver catalyst \geq 99.99%)



Hightech products

Silver crystals and silver gauzes are used as catalysts in the chemical reactions of methanol to formaldehyde. By continuously optimizing the physical properties of silver catalysts we supply our customers with innovative products whose technological development guarantees a high level of efficiency. Silver crystals with low bulk density and different grain sizes as well as silver gauzes with various mesh widths and wire diameters complete our range of products and ensure that we meet the specific needs of each individual application.

Both partners, Agosi and its Austrian subsidiary Ögussa, are specialised in the production of catalysts: while Ögussa produces silver gauzes corresponding to customer requirements, Agosi supplies silver crystals in various grain sizes and structures.



Precious Metal Refining

At the end of the silver catalyst's life, the precious metal bearing material enters Agosi's refining facilities. Refining and regeneration into high-quality products are a full service package. Thus Agosi completes the closed loop of precious metals and ensures their efficient use and economical re-use for their application in the chemical industries. Our clients are offered reliability, quality and competent technical application services in all the questions on precious metal products and recycling, as well as on logistics and technological and innovative support.



chem. specification			standard grain s	standard grain sizes		
max. impurities			DIN ISO 3310 mm	mesh ASTM E11	bulk density g/l	
Ag ≥ 99	.99	0%				
	≤1	100 ppm	0.35 - 0.15	-45 + 100	≤ 2900	
Au	≤	10 ppm	0.50 - 0.35	-35 + 45	≤ 2500	
Pd	≤	10 ppm	1.00 - 0.50	-18 + 35	≤ 1800	
Pt	≤	10 ppm	2.00 - 1.00	-10 + 18	≤ 1600	
Cu	≤	25 ppm	2.00 - 0.50	-10 + 35	≤ 2000	
Ni	≤	5 ppm				
Pb	≤	5 ppm				
Cr	≤	5 ppm				
Fe	≤	5 ppm				
Mn	≤	5 ppm				
Al	≤	5 ppm				
S	≤	10 ppm				
Cd	≤	5 ppm				

specification		product	
mesh/cm² wire-ø weight	64 0.35mm ca. 1650g/m² 99.99%	further mesh widths and wire diameters as well as allo compositions on request	
fine silver		rectangular:	breadth and length according to customer specification
		round:	diameter according to customer specification

