

# DD-431

## Activated alumina spheres

BASF DD-431 is a high surface area activated alumina sphere with tailored pore size distribution to enhance Claus reaction activity through increased diffusion rates and surface activity.

### Product Applications

DD-431 is an excellent Claus catalyst for common Sulfur Recovery Units (SRU) including oxygen enriched Claus units. It is designed for use in all beds for high activity conversions of H<sub>2</sub>S/SO<sub>2</sub> and for conversion of COS and CS<sub>2</sub> in the first converter. It is available in nominal sizes of 3/16" and 1/4" spheres.

The custom-tailored pore structure includes optimum levels of micro, meso and macropores, thereby providing maximum access to active sites while minimizing sulfur deposition (condensation) during normal operations. DD-431 meso and macropores aid in the diffusion of the reactants into, and the large sulfur molecules away from, active sites. DD-431 has ideal pore distribution for use in sub-dewpoint tail gas processes such as CBA, MCRC and Sulfreen.

DD-431 is particularly well suited for use in sulfur recovery processes operated near or below the sulfur dewpoint. The third reactor of a Claus unit can be operated closer to the sulfur dewpoint to enhance sulfur recovery.

Physical Properties	3/16" (4.8 mm)	1/4" (6.4 mm)
Surface Area, m <sup>2</sup> /g	375	360
Total Pore Volume, cc/g	0.55	0.55
Macroporosity > 750 Å, cc/g	0.18	0.15
Crush Strength (5 mesh), lbs (kg)	30 (14)	50 (23)
Abrasion Loss, wt %	0.4	0.4
Bulk Density, lbs/ft <sup>3</sup> (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	40 (641)	40 (641)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (volatile free), wt %	>99 %	>99 %

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

### Packaging

- 2000 lb (907 kg) super sacks
- 300 lb (136 kg) drums

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