BASF X3D™ Technology

Sulfuric Acid Catalysts based on 3D printing





The next step change in sulfuric acid production: Higher surface area, lower packing density and significantly lower pressure drop.

Physical property	Star Ring	Quattro	X3D
Packing Density [kg/m ³]	450	450	420
Rel. Geometric Surface Area [%]	100	130	150
Pressure Drop Re=100 [%]	100	105 ±5	35 ±10

66% Lower pressure drop when compared to Star Ring shape.





BASF X3D™ Technology enables a significant contribution for emission reduction & energy cost savings

Example: BASF Sulfonation plant

Measure	Outcome	Savings/Month
Increased conversion by 1.3 %	Decreaesd NaOH consumption due to higher conversion	Min. 20 %
Decreased pressure drop by 77 %	Decreased electricity consumption due to lower pressure drop	6 %



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