

Trigonox 421

1,1,3,3-Tetramethylbutyl peroxy-2-ethylhexanoate

Trigonox 421 is an initiator for (co)polymerization of ethylene, styrene, acrylates, methacrylates and polyols. Sustainable replacement for AIBN.

CAS number EINECS/ELINCS No. 22288-43-3 244-894-2

TSCA status Molecular weight listed on inventory 272.4

Active oxygen content peroxide 5.87%

Specifications

| Active oxygen | ≥ 5.29% % |
|---|----------------------|
| Appearance | Clear liquid |
| Assay | ≥ 90.0 % |
| Color | 50 Pt-Co / APHA max. |
| Hydroperoxides as TMBH | ≤ 0.25 % |
| Inorganic + organic hydrolysable chloride | ≤ 250 mg/kg |

Characteristics

| Density, 0 °C | 0.914 g/cm ³ |
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| Viscosity, 0 °C | 9.3 mPa.s |

Applications

Trigonox 421 can be used to initiate the (co)polymerization of acrylates and methacrylates in the temperature range between 70°C and 120°C. Trigonox 421 can be applied in suspension as well as in solvent and bulk polymerization. Trigonox 421 can also be used for the copolymerization of styrene and acrylonitrile and for vinylacetate based copolymers.

Half-life data

109°C (228°F)

| 1 hr | 88°C (190°F) |
|-----------|------------------------|
| 10 hr | 69°C (156°F) |
| Formula 1 | kd = A·e-Ea/RT |
| Formula 2 | $t^{1/2} = (\ln 2)/kd$ |
| Ea | 123.80 kJ/mole |
| A | 1.62E+14 s-1 |
| R | 8.3142 J/mole·K |
| Т | (273.15+°C) K |

Thermal stability

Organic peroxides are thermally unstable substances, which may undergo self-accelerating decomposition. The lowest temperature at which self-accelerating decomposition of a substance in the original packaging may occur is the Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature (SADT). The SADT is determined on the basis of the Heat Accumulation Storage Test.

| SADT | 30°C (86°F) |
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| Emergency temperature (T _e) | 20°C (68°F) |
| Control temperature (Tc) | 15°C (59°F) |
| Method | The Heat Accumulation Storage Test is a recognized test method for the determination of the SADT of organic peroxides (see Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria - United Nations, New York and Geneva). |

Storage

Due to the relatively unstable nature of organic peroxides a loss of quality can be detected over a period of time. To minimize the loss of quality, Nouryon recommends a maximum storage temperature (Ts max.) for each organic peroxide product.

| Ts Max. | 5°C (41°F) |
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| Ts Min. | -20°C (-4°F) to prevent crystallization |
| Note | When stored according to these recommended storage conditions, Trigonox 421 will remain within the Nouryon specifications for a period of at least three months after delivery. |

Packaging and transport

In North America Trigonox 421 is packed in non-returnable cartons containing 55.1 lb net weight. In other regions the standard packaging is a 30-liter HDPE can (Nourytainer) for 25 kg peroxide. Both packaging and transport meet the international regulations. For the availability of other packed quantities contact your Nouryon representative. Trigonox 421 is classified as Organic peroxide type D; liquid, temperature controlled; Division 5.2; UN 3115.

Safety and handling

Keep containers tightly closed. Store and handle Trigonox 421 in a dry well-ventilated place away from sources of heat or ignition and direct sunlight. Never weigh out in the storage room. Avoid contact with reducing agents (e.g. amines), acids, alkalis and heavy metal compounds (e.g. accelerators, driers and metal soaps). Please refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for further information on the safe storage, use and handling of Trigonox 421. This information should be thoroughly reviewed prior to acceptance of this product. The MSDS is available at https://polymerchemistry.nouryon.com.

Major decomposition products

Carbon dioxide, 2,2-Dimethylpropane, Acetone, Heptane, Heptenes, 2,4,4-Trimethyl-2-pentanol, 2-(1-Ethylpentoxy)-2,4,4-trimethylpentane

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