

TNHAL

Tri-n-hexylaluminum

TNHAL is a co-catalyst product soluble in aromatic and saturated cycloaliphatic hydrocarbons.

CAS number
1116-73-0

EINECS/ELINCS No.
214-241-6

TSCA status
listed on inventory

Molecular weight
282.47

Composition

(C ₁₂ H ₂₅) ₃ Al	^a ≤ 2.0 wt%
Aluminum	^b ≥ 9.2 wt%
Hexene-1	^a ≤ 1.0 wt%
Hydride, as AlH ₃	^a ≤ 0.6 wt%
Other R ₃ Al	^a -- wt%
Triisobutylaluminum	^a ≤ 1.0 wt%
Tri-n-hexylaluminum	^a ≥ 95.0 wt%

Characteristics

Appearance	Clear, colorless to pale amber liquid
Boiling point, 0.001 mm Hg	105 °C
Density, 30 °C	0.821 g/cm ³
Melting point	-77 °C
Solubility	Soluble in aromatic and saturated aliphatic and cycloaliphatic hydrocarbons
Stability to air	May ignite upon exposure
Stability to water	Reacts violently, may ignite upon contact
Viscosity, 30 °C	12.6 mPa.s

Notes:

^a Calculated from gas chromatographic analysis of hydrocarbons and hydrogen obtained by hydrolysis. ^b Determined by titration of aqueous hydrolyzate.

Applications

TNHAL is used as a cocatalyst in the Ziegler-Natta polymerization of olefins.

Storage

TNHAL and its solutions are stable when stored under a dry, inert atmosphere and away from heat. TNHAL decomposes slowly above ~ 100°C. Decomposition products include hydrogen, hexene-1 and elemental aluminum.

Packaging and transport

TNHAL and its solutions are available worldwide in cylinders and portable tanks. In North America only, TNHALL is also available in tank trailers and rail cars. Containers are fabricated from carbon steel and are equipped with dip tubes for top discharge and all connections are located in the vapor space. Both packaging and transport meet the international regulations.

Safety and handling

TNHAL may ignite upon exposure to air and reacts violently with water. TNHALL and its solutions must be handled under a dry, inert atmosphere, e. g. nitrogen or argon. Water must be scrupulously removed from process equipment prior to putting it into metal alkyls service. Products of complete combustion of TNHALL and its solutions are aluminum oxide, carbon dioxide and water. TNHALL causes burns to the skin and eyes. It is imperative that proper personal protective equipment be worn when handling TNHALL. Please refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for further information on the safe storage, use and handling of TNHALL. This information should be thoroughly reviewed prior to acceptance of this product. The SDS is available at <https://polymerchemistry.nouryon.com>.

Additional information

Availability: TNHALL is a commercial product available as the neat pyrophoric liquid and as pyrophoric and non-pyrophoric solutions in a variety of hydrocarbon solvents. Consult your Nouryon representative for further information.

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