CHE261A Patent Application

Nature of Invention: Process design

Applicant: ChemiEvolve Industries

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Chemical Formula: (C₆H₆O.CH₂O)_n

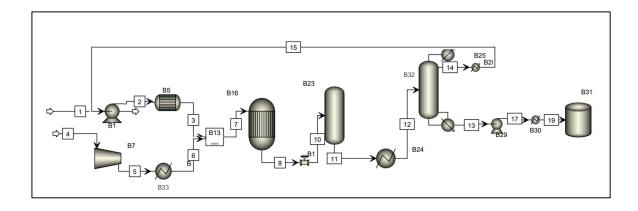
Chemical Name: Polyoxybenzylmethyleneglycolanhydride(Phenol-Formaldehyde Resin)

Process Title: Phenol Formaldehyde Resin Formation

Process Description:

Formaldehyde Formation:

Block Diagram:



Equipment Labelling

Pump: B₁, B₂₉

Mixer: B_{13}

Compressor: B_{17}

Heat Exchangers & Boilers: B_{24} , B_{30} , B_{28} , B_{25} , B_{30} , B_{33}

Reactors: B₅,B₁₆

Distillation Column: B₂₃,B₃₂

Storage: B_{31}

Process Conditions

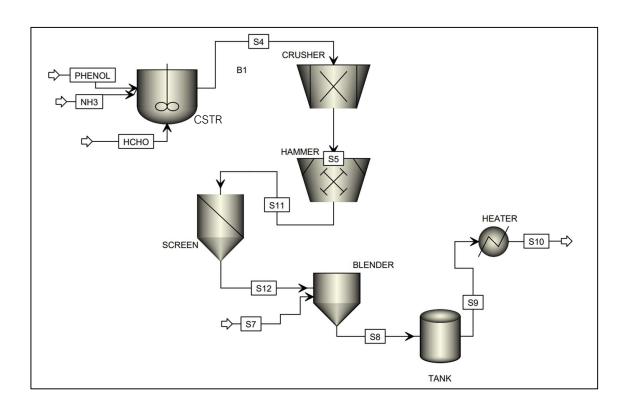
Overall Temperature range should be between 250-400°C.

Mass Balance & Stream Labelling

Stream No.	Component(s) (C)	<u>Flow Rate</u> (R)
1	Methanol	412 kg/day
15	Recycled Methanol	45.68 kg/day
2,3	Methanol	457.68 kg/day
4,5,6	Air	889.33 kg/day
7,8,10,11,12	Methanol + Air	1347.01 kg/day
13,17,19	Formaldehyde	386.88 kg/day
14	Methanol	46.1 kg/day

Bakelite Formation:

Block Diagram:



Process Conditions

Temperature: 60-100 °C and use reduced pressure conditions.

Mass Balance & Stream Labelling

Stream No.	Component(s) (C)	<u>Flow Rate</u> (R)
Phenol stream	Phenol	606.66 kg/day
NH3 stream	NH3	219.23 kg/day
HCHO stream	НСНО	386.88 kg/day
S4,S5,S11,S12	Phenol+NH3+HCHO	1212.77 kg/day
S7	Water	170.87-893.6 kg/day
S8,S9	S7+S12(blended)	1383.64-2106.37 kg/day
S10	Phenol Formaldehyde Resin	1000 kg/day

Capital cost (only for the reactor):

Reactors	<u>Capacity</u> (<u>litre)</u>	<u>Cost</u> (\$)
For Formaldehyde	B5 Reactor of 578.32L and B16 of 1347L	26,200
For Bakelite Formation	1300 L	21,300
		Total cost = \$47,500

References:

1. http://www.matche.com/equipcost/Reactor.html

List the contributions of each author:

- AKASH KUMAR GUPTA and ADARSH PAL calculated the respective flow rates in the streams of the diagram and computed the capital cost of the reactors.
- MANAS DHAKAD and RAJ PATEL converted the lab scale design of the process flow into an industrial design design and performed the scale up process.

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