

## Nature of Invention: Process design

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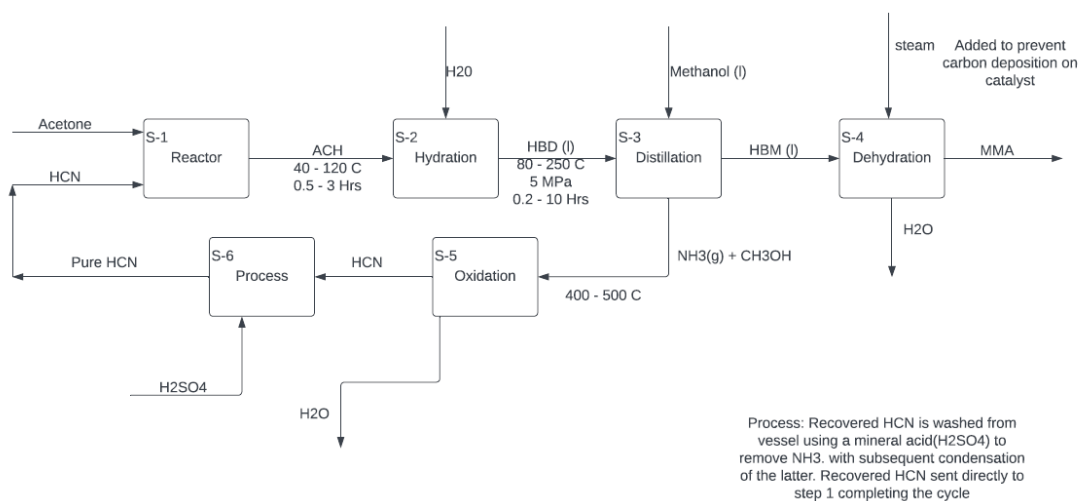
**Chemical Formula:**  $C_5H_8O_2$

**Chemical Name:** Methyl methacrylate (IUPAC: methyl 2-methylpropenoate)

**Process Title:** Continuous Synthesis of Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) from Acetone and Hydrogen Cyanide via Cyanohydrin Intermediate

## Process Description:

- a. Give the block diagram for the feasible process (as determined in market analysis report). List all unit operations and process conditions.



Steps	Catalyst
1	Alkali/Amine
2	MgO <sub>2</sub> , Acetone/Methanol Solvent
3	Titanium Tetraisopropoxide
4	Silica/Silica Alumina/ H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>
5	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> /MoO <sub>3</sub> / Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /Cu <sub>2</sub> O/SnO <sub>2</sub> /CrO <sub>3</sub>

Notation	Formula	Name
HCN	HCN	Hydrogen Cyanide
ACH	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO	Acetone Cyanohydrin
HBD	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	Alpha-Hydroxyisobutyramide
HBM	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Methyl Alpha-Hydroxyisobutyrate
MMA	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Methyl Methacrylate

- b. Give the material balance for a scaled-up process plant with capacity of 1000 kg/day.  
(If needed, simplify the calculations by stating assumptions)

Material Balance

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Example referred –

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- c. List the capacity of reactors needed and evaluate the cost. Use Glass lined Carbon steel (GS lined CS) as the material of construction (MOC). Use the pressure according to reaction conditions. You will use only 70% of the total volume. If you design a 1000 L reactor, you can only fill 700 L reaction mixture.

Capital cost (only for the reactor):

Example:

Equipment	Design Capacity (L)	No. of units	Cost/unit (\$ for year 2014)	Total Cost (\$ for year 2014)
Reactor 1 (Jacketed reactor, agitated, Carbon steel, atm. pressure)	2730	1	38,100	38,100

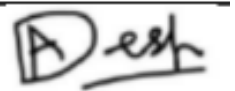
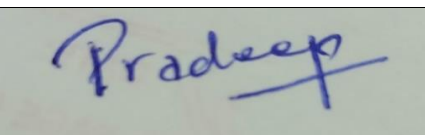
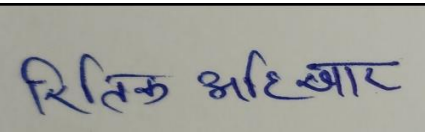
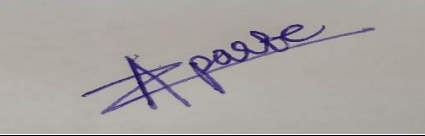
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**List the contributions of each author:**

- Pradeep Kumar Bagri (Author 1) and Abhishek Kumar Parte (Author 3) carried out the literature search and found the reaction steps.
- Ritik Ahirwar (Author 2) and Ajitesh Shree (Author 4) did the material balance & designed Block diagram.
- Ritik Ahirwar (Author 2) and Abhishek Kumar Parte (Author 3) found necessary separation steps.
- Pradeep Kumar Bagri (Author 1) evaluated the reactor cost.

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