TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

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# PHTHALIC ANHYDRIDE

#### **Anhydride of Phthalic acid**

**Description:** It is white crystal substance in the form of long needle-like crystals with silky

gloss.

CAS № 85-44-9

It is obtained after a vapour-phase oxidation of ortho-xylene with the air on

Divanadium-5-oxide catalyst.

**Use:** It is used as a raw material in the production of Alkyd resins, Polyester resins,

plasticizers, for synthetic antraquinone and its derivatives, in the production of Rodamine Phthalocyanic colorants, for insecticide preparations, in the

pharmaceutical industry.

**Classification:** Meets the requirements of the Bulgarian legislation.

# **CHARACTERISTICS**

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**Appearance:** Flakes, melt

(visually)

**Colour:** White

(visually)

Phthalic Anhydride content: min 99,80 %

(gas-chromatographic analysis)

**Melting interval** 

- **Beginning of the melting:** min 130,8 °C
- **End of the melting:** max 133,0 °C

(with apparatus HWS-SG-2000)

**Free-acids content:** max 0,1 %

(titrimetrically)

Colour of the melt from Phthalic Anhydride after Platinum-Cobalt scale: (ASTM D 3366-80)

max 20

Thermostability at (250±2)°C/90 min after the Platinum-Cobalt scale: (ASTM D 3366-80)

Odour:

Severe, irritating

max 40

**Boiling point:** 285 °C (sublimates)

**Ignition temperature:** 152 °C

**Explosion limits:** 1,7 - 10,5 volume %

Solubility:

• It slightly dissolves in cold

• It slightly dissolves in cold water, easier in hot water, as it turns into Phthalic acid;

• It dissolves in ethanol and ester.

• Ensure full hermetic conditions of the equipment, when working with Phthalic Anhydride, and in the places, where dust may occur – provide local aspiration;

 Wear gas-masks in the working places, where dust, as well as vapours of Phthalic Anhydride may form:

 Change immediately the contaminated clothes or shoes, in order to avoid corrosion, caused by Phthalic acid;

- Don't eat or drink on the working place;
- Follow the fire safety precautions, don't smoke;
- Don't pollute the environment.

• Packages of polypropylene of net weight of 25 kg;

• Polypropylene containers of net weight of 500 kg, 1000 kg.

Package:

**Handling the product:** 



### **Storage:**

Storage temperature – up to  $65^{\circ}$ C.

Store in sheltered, dry and fireproof warehouses, protected from direct sunlight and heating appliances! Keep out of the reach of children and other unauthorized persons!

Don't store together with foodstuff or fodder! Shelf life: unlimited, if the storage conditions are observed.

#### **Protection of the environment:**

- Protect from pollution the soil, water resources, reservoirs, drains and purifying equipment;
- Any residues of the product, residues of its application and the respective packages, in which it has been kept, should be disposed according to the local regulations for processing of special and dangerous waste.

# Hygiene and safety work:

- The product is harmful. It irritates eyes, respiratory system and skin;
- More prolonged contact of a moist tissue with solid Phthalic Anhydride may cause burning;
- In case of a repeated touch inflammation of the skin and chronic disorder of the eyes may raise;
- The irritating activity, caused by inhalation of vapours, may lead to bronchial asthma, especially in people, susceptible to it or who have previously had asthmatic complaints.

Admissible concentration limit: 6 mg/m<sup>3</sup>;

- Avoid direct contact with the product!
- Dust, as well as vapours of Phthalic Anhydride, together with the air form explosive mixtures. The danger of auto-ignition may be avoided, using inert gas and wetting the dust;

If necessary – refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet.

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