UOP Adsorbents

COMPREHENSIVE PORTFOLIO TO REMOVE CONTAMINANTS FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES

UOP Adsorbent Solutions

A Honeywell Company
When you invest in UOP Adsorbents, you gain more than simply a contaminant removal product. You gain a comprehensive team of experts dedicated to designing and producing a custom solution for you. You gain years of industry experience and operating knowledge. You gain unparalleled technical service and, most importantly, the confidence that your valuable operation will run more smoothly and with fewer problems.

First-to-Market Adsorbents Technology

UOP pioneered the Adsorbents industry with the invention of the first synthetic zeolites for use as molecular sieves in 1949. This important discovery revealed that the zeolite’s crystalline structure adsorbs molecules readily, slowly or not at all, and has the ability to selectively adsorb by size and polarity, making them efficient agents for drying and purifying liquids and gases.

By tailoring the chemistry and structure of the materials used to create synthetic zeolites and our comprehensive alumina product line, UOP provides custom solutions to meet a wide range of needs, including:

- Low reactivity adsorbents to reduce side reactions
- High capacity for water even at temperatures above 200°F (93°C)
- Regenerative and non-regenerative adsorbent solutions
- Purification and dehydration in one operation
- Dehydration without adsorbing valuable product or altering the feed composition
- High product recovery
- Infrequent recharges through numerous purification and dehydration cycles due to the reversible adsorption process of zeolites
- High cyclic capacity with sufficient thermal or pressure swing purging
- Protect catalyst beds from deactivation/poisoning

For more than 60 years, we have continued to be a reliable product and service supplier. Over that time, UOP’s offering has continually improved to address the changing needs and growth of our customers’ operations.
Today, we offer the broadest portfolio of adsorbent products in the widest variety of packages. Our longevity in the industry and understanding of product application can help you achieve the highest performance to meet your business objectives.

**Manufacturing Capabilities**

With production facilities in the United States, Italy, Japan and China, UOP is committed to providing the right product at the right time. We are the worldwide leader in the development and manufacturing of adsorbents, and we offer a variety of formulations and packages, including: pellets, beads, granules and powders.

UOP MOLSIV™, TRISIV™, OXYSIV™ and other adsorbents products are chosen by more customers around the world than any other adsorbent products.

**Our Commitment to Continual Innovation**

Since the invention of the first molecular sieve in the 1940’s, research and development has been the cornerstone for UOP adsorbents. Our success, and the success of your business, rests on our commitment to continually develop innovative, reliable, high-performing products to meet your current and future needs.

Used successfully in hundreds of commercial systems for drying and purifying liquids and gases, UOP molecular sieves and aluminas are the most universally applicable adsorbents in the process industries.

Multiple bed adsorption for H₂O and CO₂ removal from natural gas before methane liquefication.
## UOP Adsorbents for a Variety of Industries and Applications

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| Air dryers                                       | • Dehydration of plastic pellets before they are molded  
• Dehydration for instrument air  
• Dehydration of room air with adsorbent impregnated dessicant wheels  
• Adsorption of nitrogen from air using a pressure or vacuum swing system to obtain oxygen purity up to 95%  
| Oxygen concentrators for respiratory patients    | • Dehydration of compressed air on brake systems of heavy- and medium-duty trucks, buses and trains  
• Pressure swing dryers are used to reduce the dew point of air in the brake reservoir below ambient temperature to prevent freeze up and corrosion  
| Insulated glass (dual-pane windows)              | • Removal of initial trapped moisture inside the dual pane window and the moisture that will permeate during the life of the unit to prevent fogging  
• Removal of vapors from organic sealing materials, paint and cleaning solvents introduced during window manufacture  
| Polymer formulations                             | • Dehydration of moisture sensitive formulations — added to poly coatings, epoxies and urethanes to control the curing process and coatings, adhesives, sealants, elastomers, metal rich paints and vinyl foams to eliminate unwanted water reactions  
| Refrigeration and air-conditioning (A/C) systems | • Removal of radioactive nucleotides by ion exchange — cesium and strontium are exchanged preferentially into the zeolite molecular sieves to greatly reduce the volume of radioactive waste  
| Deodorization                                    | • Removal of odor or taste from personal care products and plastics with high silica (hydrophobic) zeolite molecular sieves. Odors are adsorbed, not masked  
| Package dehydration                              | • Removal of water and carbon dioxide from air before liquefaction and cryogenic separation of nitrogen, oxygen and other atmospheric gases  
• Separation of oxygen and nitrogen with pressure swing or vacuum swing adsorption systems  
• Sulfur removal for high purity food grade CO₂  
| Air separation                                    | • Dehydration before cryogenic recovery of natural gas liquids and helium  
• Dehydration of high acid gas content (CO₂ and H₂S) natural gas and natural gas condensate streams  
• Removal of sulfur compounds from ethane, propane and butane  
• Removal of water and CO₂ before methane liquefaction  
• Removal of water and sulfur compounds to protect gas transmission pipelines  
• Dehydration of natural gas liquids  
• Desulfurization of feed streams for ammonia and other chemical plants  
| Natural gas                                       | • Dehydration of alkylation feed, refinery gas streams prior to cryogenic separation, naphtha and diesel oil  
• Purification of feedstocks to protect isomerization catalysts  
• Removal of water, HCl and H₂S from reformer streams  
• Removal of oxygenates from etherification raffinate streams and alkylation feed  
• Removal of HF and organic fluorides  
• Removal of H₂S to meet copper strip test for pipeline transportation  
• Removal of nitriles from etherification feed  
• Dehydration of ethanol  
• Dehydration and desulfurization of LPG streams  
• Separation of normal paraffins from branched chain and cyclic compounds  
• Purification by pressure swing adsorption for upgrading hydrocarbon streams  
| Petroleum refining                                | • Dehydration and purification of NGL/ethylene/propane feed  
• Dehydration of cracked gas, C₂ and C₃ splitter feed and hydrogen  
• Low reactivity adsorbents for polymer streams  
• Dehydration and purification of salt-dome-stored ethylene, propylene and various other feedstocks  
• Removal of water, carbon dioxide, methyl alcohol and other oxygenates, hydrogen sulfide and sulfur compounds, ammonia and mercury from ethylene, propylene, butylenes, amylene and various solvents and co-monomers  
• Removal of Hg, O₂, CO₂, H₂S and/or COS  
| Petrochemicals                                    | • Removal of trace volatile organic compounds from air streams  
• Removal of volatile organic compounds from moisture-laden process streams  
| Volatile organic compound removal                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
UOP Adsorbent Milestones

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- **1960**
  - Work begins on zeolite catalysts for the petroleum refining industry.
  - Normal and iso-paraffin separation achieved with shape selective MOLSIV adsorbents.

- **1970**
  - MOLSIV adsorbents used to keep refrigerant dry in automotive air conditioners.
  - Zeolitic catalysts used in gasoline production.

- **1980**
  - MOLSIV detergent builders replace phosphates in detergents.

- **1990**
  - UOP introduces dozens of new MOLSIV adsorbents, including products for the refrigeration industry to meet the Montreal Protocol requirements for non-CFC replacement refrigeration systems.

- **2000**
  - Continuing evolution of medical oxygen and air separation products.
  - Development of HgSIV adsorbent for regenerative mercury removal.
  - MOLSIV adsorbents used to help clean up nuclear waste at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania, USA.

- **2000 onwards**
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Put UOP’s experience and technology to work for you

Global Service and Support for your Adsorbents Needs
We offer unparalleled service and support to help ensure you maximize the use and life of your UOP adsorbents.

Our highly trained and experienced staff is positioned around the world, and dedicated to quickly and efficiently meeting your business needs. Some of the services you can expect, include:

- Process design to determine optimal operating conditions for your application
- Start-up assistance to ensure on-time and effective product implementation
- Performance evaluations to facilitate preventative action
- Troubleshooting to diagnose problems
- Operations analysis to help improve your productivity and profitability utilizing world-class UOP laboratory, pilot plant and simulator resources

Find out more
If you are interested in learning more about UOP adsorbents please contact your UOP representative or visit us online at www.uop.com.

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