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Abstract
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Dear Dr. Sean Holleran and Professor Bruce Vrana,

The enclosed report contains a process design for converting isobutylene, sourced from biomass, into para-xylene. The process is fed 500,000 tons of isobutylene per year and creates 557 MM pounds of isobutylene per year in a product stream containing 89 wt% para-xylene. The design uses conditions from the GEVO patent titled \textit{Integrated Process to Selectively Convert Renewable Isobutanol to p-Xylene}, as suggested in the project statement by Dr. Richard Bockrath. The design steps include an oligomerization reaction, a separation to remove byproducts, a dehydrocyclization reaction, a separation to obtain a pure product stream, a separation to remove hydrogen, and a recycle loop. This is competitive to the current process, which creates para-xylene through cracking, because of the high demand for a green process and the high purity in the final product stream.

From an economic standpoint, this process is currently unprofitable with a negative IRR. If marketing could negotiate a price premium for the product’s sustainable benefits, they should seek a 79% premium to be competitive in the para-xylene market. This premium will ensure a 15% IRR and an NPV of $40,300. Though we do not recommend proceeding with the design with a standalone business case, we recommend incorporating the design into a marketable business plan that includes details on lowering the premium or research justifying the premium from a consumer-perspective, if possible. The report details the designs, analyses, and recommendations at each step of the process.

Thank you for your guidance throughout this project.

Sincerely,

Grace Memmo

John Calhoun Newlon

Xiaoxin Tang
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Projected submitted to Dr. Sean Holleran and Prof. Bruce Vrana

Project proposed by Dr. Richard Bockrath
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Section 1 Abstract

Demand for para-xylene, a feedstock used to produce polyethylene terephthalate (PET) plastics like those found in water bottles or textile fibers, has risen steadily. In the PET market, there is a new sustainable focus, pushing producers to use environmentally-friendly processes to create plastic consumer products. The current process to create para-xylene relies on fossil fuel cracking and reforming - a decidedly non-green process. This project follows a patent by GEVO, titled Integrated Process to Selectively Convert Renewable Isobutanol to p-Xylene, that explores a green process to convert isobutanol, created from biomass, to para-xylene. The raw material for this project is 500,000 tons of isobutylene per year, which is sourced from biomass and has already been converted from isobutanol. The design first feeds the fresh isobutylene, as well as the diluent isooctane, into the process. Isobutylene then oligomerizes over a zeolite catalyst, with a separation following to remove the undesired byproducts. While they are undesired in the process, these byproducts are trimers which can be a valuable coproduct, similar to GEVO’s alcohol-to-jet fuel (ATJ). The desired intermediate, 2,4,4-trimethylpentene, proceeds to another reactor and dehydrocyclizes over a chromium oxide doped alumina catalyst. Another separation occurs to isolate para-xylene and remove hydrogen. The final product stream is 89 wt% para-xylene. According to a financial analysis over a 10-year period, the process is currently unprofitable with a negative IRR. To be competitive in para-xylene markets and reach a 15% IRR, a 79% premium is necessary. This is unattractive for a standalone production facility, leading us to recommend that this plant should not be built. However, in the future as the push toward sustainable projects increase, this design may serve as a feasible and economic process for green para-xylene.
Section 2
Introduction and Objective Time Chart
Section 2.1 Introduction

para-Xylene (p-xylene) is an aromatic hydrocarbon, distinguished from the meta-xylene (m-xylene) and ortho-xylene (o-xylene) isomers of ethylbenzene by the substituent positions of its methyl groups. Normally produced through the catalytic reforming of petroleum naphtha, the p-, m-, and o-xlenes are all significant feedstocks in industry. However, their use and value are limited by their individual purity in any given stream, and their low relative volatilities make separation difficult.

With that in mind, research has been done on finding efficient methods to increase the selectivity for p-xylene. p-Xylene is the most valuable of the xylene isomers for commercial processes creating PET, while o-Xylene is used in the production of phthalic anhydride, and m-Xylene is used in the production of isophthalic anhydride. Recent research has proposed several improvements to existing processes and has identified new catalysts that promote conversion to p-xylene over its isomers. Several of these pathways source from biomass, offering sustainable p-xylene in competitive yields. The increasing growth of demand for products built primarily from p-xylene’s derivatives, the competitive pressures to reduce production costs, and the consumer push to develop sustainable products are all promising for further innovation. Our green process incorporates innovation where it has been sufficiently tested, but the production of p-xylene remains expensive and energy-intensive.

Our goal is to design a 30-year plant that creates p-xylene. The design closely follows GEVO’s patent, Integrated Process to Selectively Convert Renewable Isobutanol to p-Xylene, which proposes several catalytic mechanisms that convert green isobutanol to p-xylene. Our process is fed 500,000 tons of isobutylene per year, sourced from biomass. Because isobutylene is already the raw material, examples in the patent discussing the conversion of isobutanol to
isobutylene were ignored. We specifically used Examples 7, 13, and 16 for their relatively high purities and optimal operating conditions. The process includes two reactions. First, an oligomerization reaction converts isobutylene into 2,4,4-trimethylpentene (TMP) over an HZSM-5 catalyst. Second, a dehydrocyclization reaction converts TMP into xylene isomers over a chromium oxide doped alumina catalyst (Cr/Al₂O₃), which enhances selectivity to p-xylene.

The xylene separation process is intensive, often requiring over 200 stages, because of the isomers’ strong affinity to produce eutectic mixtures and close relative volatilities. Due to the difficulty and scale of this separation, independent xylene purification plants were created. Our product stream of 89 wt% p-xylene is sent to these plants to be processed in order to obtain pure p-xylene.

p-Xylene is principally used to synthesize terephthalic acid, which is esterified with ethylene glycol to produce polyethylene terephthalate (PET). This thermoplastic resin is widely used for plastic bottles, liquid and food containers, and fibers. Because the bottles take a long time to biodegrade and are often not properly recycled, they compose large proportions of landfills and marine garbage gyres. These bottles are primarily composed of PET, so any premium levied on the green p-xylene would comprise a significant premium on the plastic bottles as well, which makes penetrating that market difficult. However, over 60% of PET made is spun into fibers for clothing. Because PET makes up less of the total material used in clothing, and clothing markets are more sensitive to consumer needs, we believe customers would more readily accept the premium.

The plant will produce 557 MM lb/yr of p-xylene in an 89 wt% p-xylene stream. A coproduct stream, rich in longer hydrocarbons commonly used for jet fuels and diesels, will also be sold. Other byproducts will be recycled or consumed internally to increase efficiencies. The
plant will be located in Iowa, in close proximity to our company’s isobutylene plant, the xylene purification centers, and green raw material.
Section 2.2 Objective Time Chart

Name of Project: Process for Sustainably Sourced p-Xylene

Project Author: Dr. Richard Bockrath

Project Advisors: Dr. Sean Holleran and Professor Bruce Vrana

Project Leaders: Grace Memmo, John Calhoun Newlon, and Xiaoxin Tang

Specific Goals:
- Design a plant to convert 500,000 tons of sustainably sourced isobutylene to higher value products
- Create a crude xylene product that is 90 wt% para-xylene

Project Scope:

In Scope
- Convert 500,000 tons of isobutylene into para-xylene
- Product a 90 wt% para-xylene crude product
- Design process, including all equipment and process conditions
- Size and cost all equipment
- Include catalyst regeneration process
- Analyze profitability and economics of project by calculating cost of plant and required pricing premium of product

Out of Scope
- Creation of isobutylene
- Separation of xylene product to obtain pure para-xylene
- Testing of patent and assumptions
- Design of process control system
- Kinetic data of catalysts

Deliverables
- Flowsheet of process and simulation results
- Mass and energy balances
- Equipment design
- Cost of plant
- Economic and profitability analysis to understand feasibility of project
- Written report and presentation describing project

Timeline
- Mid-semester presentation on February 27, 2018
- Final report due on April 17, 2018
- Final presentation on April 24, 2018
**Section 3 Innovation Map**

- **Customer-Value Proposition**
  - Environmentally-friendly product
  - No dependence on cracking
  - 90 wt% para-xylene in product
  - Steady supply sold as “green” jet fuel

- **Product**
  - Xylene (main product)
  - Hydrogen (byproduct)
  - Trimers (byproduct)

- **Technical Differentiation**
  - Oligomerization reaction, no cracking
  - Maintain high reaction temperature

- **Materials**
  - Isobutylene produced from Biomass
  - 2,4,4-trimethylpentene

- **Process Technology**
  - Oligomerization and dehydrocyclization catalysts
  - Heating system of dehydrocyclization reactor
Section 4
Market and Competitive Analysis
The market for p-xylene has consistently grown for decades as consumers demand more goods made of PET. Efforts to improve production efficiency have focused on the process, rather than the product, so the existing market is largely shaped by purity and quantity requirements.

The p-xylene market is principally supplied by the major oil producers. These companies produce a large amount of BTX (mixtures made of benzene, toluene, and the xylene isomers) from naphtha hydrotreating. This excess BTX justifies in-house reforming of BTX crudes into either xylene crude streams or commercial grade p-xylene. Because p-xylene is such a chemically-stable feedstock, it has historically supported a market in contango, where short-term supply exceeds short-term demand. Producers are currently responding to increased demand from the PET market, largely led by plastic fibers, by increasing supply and storage capabilities. While the established oil producers are well-posed to increase production of p-xylene from petroleum feedstocks, they are ill-suited to capture any growth in green markets. Additionally, Research on the economic value of sustainability as a product offering has shown that customers are reluctant to buy products marketed as eco-friendly from companies entrenched in other ventures that are decidedly unsustainable.

The high purity of our product is also notable. p-Xylene is more valuable when it can be more readily converted to its end-products, but it is currently sold in large quantities at significantly lower purities. Designs that improve conversion and selectivity not only increase the value of the product stream, but also reduce the cost of post-production processing and storage. While this does require more capital investment for reactor technology and catalysts to exploit more selective reaction mechanisms, the 30-year lifespan of the isobutylene feed justifies these expenses so as to improve long-term returns.
To sell green products in an already competitive market, a premium will be added to the cost of the products. Many studies have evaluated how high of a premium consumers are willing to pay for a green product. In 2012, McKinsey & Company surveyed 1,000 consumers in Europe and the United States. More than 70% of those surveyed would be willing to pay a 5% premium on products, as shown in Figure 4.1. As expected, the willingness to pay decreases as the premium increases. However, in the category of packaging, 10% of consumers said they would be willing to pay a 25% premium on these products. p-Xylene’s uses are in packaging, so this is significant to note for this process.

![Figure 4.1 Graph of a green premium percentage versus the percent of customers surveyed willing to pay the premium.](image)

Other sources have shown that the number of consumers willing to pay a premium has increased throughout the years. A 2015 Nielsen survey of 30,000 people around the world shows that 66% of those surveyed are willing to pay more for sustainable goods, an increase from 55% in 2014 and 50% in 2013. This steady increase is promising for our product. Furthermore, the survey states that 73% of millennials are willing to pay for sustainable offerings. Nestlé chairman, Peter Brabeck-Letmathe, told CNBC in 2016 that “If you look at the millennials, they are the first...
generation now who are willing consciously to spend more for better quality, for sustainability, for traceability.” Because we will need to sell our product with a premium, these studies confirm that there is a market available for green products and that there is a push for sustainability from the customer.

While the sustainable nature of the isobutylene as a biomass product significantly increases the value of this p-xylene, the production process remains inefficient. To reach a customer as a tangible product, p-xylene requires further processing and other feedstocks that will be difficult to source sustainably, which could weaken the value proposition of the product as “sustainable.” Even internally, the design requires very large annual energy consumption, which would be difficult to supply to a plant in the Midwestern United States from renewable sources such as wind or solar power. Though there potentially is a huge value for a new entrant to meet growing demand for customer goods with sustainable production, further work is necessary to determine which simultaneous processes integral to PET fibers can be designed sustainably. As the future of environmental policy and green markets unfold, a watchful eye will know if and when the demand exists for sustainably sourced p-xylene and how to meet it.
Section 5
Customer Requirements
As a stable chemical feedstock, p-xylene’s fitness-to-standard is largely determined by production rate and purity. This design can annually produce about 279,000 tons of p-xylene from 500,000 tons of isobutylene. While there are no universal standards or gradations for xylene stream purity, product value is diminished by impurities depending on their relative ease of separation in later processing. This design aims to create a stream of 90 wt% p-xylene, decreasing separation costs and increasing the amount of valuable p-xylene.

New-unique-difficult variables are largely shaped by the green nature of our product and the complexities associated with sustainably-sourced goods. End-user goods often seek official external certification to bolster claims of sustainability, and stricter certifications are more valuable to customers. There are no widely-used certifications for sustainably-sourced clothing, so the biomass nature of the isobutylene might be sufficient for green marketing downstream, but more stringent qualifications would require review of the process design as well. While the emissions and purification processes are designed to meet or exceed safety and environmental regulations, they are not designed to use sustainably-sourced energy or intermediates.
Section 6
Critical-to-Quality Variables

N/A
Section 7
Product Concepts

N/A
Section 8
Superior Product Concepts

N/A
Section 9
Competitive Patent Analysis
As suggested in the problem statement, a patent filed by GEVO was used for the process design. GEVO patent US2011/0087000A1, titled *Integrated Process to Selectively Convert Renewable Isobutanol to p-Xylene*, describes a green process in detail to create p-xylene. Because of the growth in bio-based fuels and the high value of p-xylene, other companies in addition to GEVO have created pilot plants to produce bio-based p-xylene. While we explored other patents, the GEVO patent stated above was used because its raw material, isobutanol sourced from biomass, is converted to isobutylene, the raw material for our process. Another patent focusing on a green process and using a similar feedstock is *Renewable Para-Xylene From Acetic Acid* US2014/0121430A1 from Archer Daniels Midland Company in 2014. This patent has fewer details, and the examples and information are the same as the GEVO patent.

There are also patents that explore a higher purity product stream but are not green. For example, a Honeywell patent, US2008/0287719A1 titled *Process of Para-xylene Production from Light Aliphatics*, describes a similar process to the GEVO patent to make p-xylene from butane; however, butane is not sourced sustainably. Like the GEVO patent, butene first dimerizes, with a side reaction producing trimers. Then, the desired dimers are aromatized to create a p-xylene mixture. This patent explores several different reactor conditions and catalysts with corresponding p-xylene purity and TMP conversion. Like the GEVO patent, one trial yields a 90.4 wt% purity p-xylene stream; however, the conversion of TMP is only 25.6%. While this patent shows a process to create a higher purity product stream than the traditional cracking processes, the fact that the raw material is not sustainably sourced removes it from being a competitor in our project’s market.

Another patent by Honeywell, US2010/0331568A1 titled *Carbohydrate Route to Para-Xylene and Terephthalic acid*, discusses creating p-xylene from 2,5-dimethyl furan (DMF). DMF is sourced from synthesizing carbohydrates, ensuring renewable feedstocks for the process. Unlike
the GEVO patent, this method creates product streams with very low fractions of p-xylene. While the GEVO patent is better suited for our project due to the starting material and higher product purity, the process described in this Honeywell patent is competitive to ours due to the sustainably-sourced raw material.

The main competitors of this project product-wise are the companies creating p-xylene by cracking conventional petroleum-based feedstocks. While these pathways are not green because their feedstocks contribute to environmental degradation, the patents on these processes were explored for purity comparisons. Two patents from ExxonMobil, US2002/0082462A1 titled *Process For Production of Paraxylene* and US2010/0040517A1 titled *Process of Manufacturing Para-Xylene* were studied. The first patent does not state the exact purity, conversion, or selectivity, but it does mention a process flaw where a significant amount of p-xylene is lost in the isomerization step. The latter describes a process that manufactures p-xylene from a pygas feedstock. It states that common processes for creating p-xylene from petroleum feedstock only has a maximum product stream purity of only 50%, far lower than our goal. From these patents, it is clear that high purity p-xylene is scarce when sourced from petroleum feed.
Section 10
Preliminary Process Synthesis
Section 10.1 Reactions

The goal of the project is to convert 500,000 tons of isobutylene, sustainably sourced from biomass, into a crude product with at least 90 wt% p-xylene. The other 10% can include the isomers of p-xylene: m-xylene and o-xylene. The process requires two reactions:

\[ 2\text{C}_4\text{H}_8 \rightarrow \text{C}_8\text{H}_{16} \quad (1) \]
\[ \text{C}_8\text{H}_{16} \rightarrow \text{C}_8\text{H}_{10} + 3\text{H}_2 \quad (2) \]

Figure 10.1. Isobutylene, sourced from biomass, undergoes an oligomerization reaction to create 2,4,4-trimethylpentene (TMP). TMP then undergoes a dehydrocyclization reaction to create p-xylene.

The first reaction is an oligomerization reaction converting liquid isobutylene, the main raw material, into liquid TMP, an intermediate. The reaction is exothermic with a heat of reaction of -13,350 BTU/lbmol. The conversion of isobutylene to TMP is 60%. There is a side reaction that converts 30% of the isobutylene into trimers and tetramers.\(^{20}\) It will be important to separate out these large compounds immediately after the first reaction, so they do not contaminate the final product. In the patent, only 2% of the isobutylene was converted into tetramers, so for simplicity, the tetramers have been ignored. The other 10% of isobutylene is unreacted. This reaction requires a diluent for kinetic reasons to suppress the trimer and tetramer reactions by reducing the
probability of the dimer (TMP) bonding to the monomer (isobutylene) and to increase the selectivity of TMP.\textsuperscript{20} While the patent suggested many diluents, isooctane was chosen because it is inert, acts as a modifier to prevent further polymerization, and can be used as a diluent in the second reaction (stated below). Lastly, the first reaction requires a catalyst; HZSM-5 was chosen due to example trials stated in the patent.

The second reaction, a dehydrocyclization reaction, converts the intermediate TMP into the desired product, p-xylene. The reaction is endothermic with a heat of reaction of 55,215 BTU/lbmol. Only about 42% of the overall TMP is converted; 38% is converted to p-xylene and 4% is converted to m-xylene and o-xylene, the undesirable isomers of p-xylene, evenly.\textsuperscript{20} Hydrogen is produced as a side product, which must be removed from the system because hydrogen buildup slows reaction rates. Isooctane is used as a diluent to reduce coking of the catalyst. Lastly, a chromium oxide doped alumina catalyst (Cr/Al\textsubscript{2}O\textsubscript{3}) was chosen due to example trials from the patent. The catalyst cokes easily, so the coke will need to be burned off frequently (see Section 13.4.2.).

Table 10.1: Reactions in the Oligomerization (1) and Dehydrocyclization (2) Reactors. This table shows which reactor each reaction occurs in, the reaction, the products made, and the fractional conversion obtained from the patent. The heat of reaction shows that the reactions are exothermic in the first reactor and endothermic in the second reactor.

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Section 10.2 Patent Information

Most information about the specific process conditions were obtained from the patent. The first step of the patent converts isobutanol to isobutylene; however, the process design in this report has a feed of isobutylene, so this step was ignored. To decide which pilot plant trials to follow in the patent, process conditions and final purity were taken into account. As far as process conditions, most examples showed running the second reactor under vacuum, which is very capital-intensive and difficult. Example 13 documents a trial running the reactor at atmospheric pressure, so these conditions were chosen. Example 13 follows Example 7, which states conditions for the first reactor. Example 7 follows Example 3, which was ignored because it discusses converting isobutanol into isobutylene.

Example 7 states that liquid isobutylene entered a fixed-bed oligomerization reactor packed with a ZSM-5 catalyst. While many catalysts can be used, ZSM-5 was chosen for this project based on this example. Additionally, the reactor conditions were 347°F and 750 psig. The WHSV was 15 hr⁻¹, which was used later to find the amount of catalyst needed. Lastly, the conversions stated in the section above were found in the example.

Example 13 states the reactor conditions for the dehydrocyclization reactor. It first explains that trimers and tetramers were removed from the reactor effluent. The example then states that nitrogen diluent gas was fed to the second reactor. This is ignored in our design because we are using isooctane as the diluent, as explained above. The fixed bed reactor used a Cr/Al₂O₃ catalyst. The reactor conditions were 1022°F and atmospheric pressure. The WHSV was 1.1 hr⁻¹, which was used later to find the amount of catalyst needed. Lastly, this example did not state conversions for the reactions, so Example 16 was utilized because it had the complete integrated system.
There were many options about the locations of separations and recycling to obtain a high purity product and to decrease the flow rate into subsequent equipment. The patent suggested to remove trimers after the first reactor. This was followed to decrease the flow rate in the second reactor and remove an undesired byproduct that could then be sold as a valuable product. The patent also includes a recycle loop to recover any unreacted reactant and recover diluent. It suggests having two recycle streams: one sending isobutylene to the feed of the first reactor and one sending isoctene to the feed of the second reactor. These separations were considered as explained below. Separation of the final stream to obtain 100% purity of p-xylene is out of scope of the project. The final stream will be sent to another plant to separate for a fixed cost.

Section 10.3 Initial Considerations and Alternative Designs

The flow rate of isobutylene was calculated to be 126,820 lb/hr, due to the manufacturing plant’s need to convert 500,000 tons per year (from the problem statement) and the industry standard that plant uptime is 90% of the year. Due to this large flow rate, it was realized that this plant would be very large-scale with high flow rates. Therefore, the plant needs very large equipment and will be capital-intensive. The equipment diameter should be no larger than 18 feet to be transported on the highway. If equipment will be transported by barge, it can be 20 feet in diameter and 60 feet in length. Any larger equipment will need to be assembled on site. The plant will be situated along the Mississippi River in Iowa. We decided on this location because the company’s plant already exists there to make isobutylene from biomass, due to the large production of corn in the Midwest. Additionally, the xylene separation plant will be close by.

Alternatives designs stated below were eliminated based on financials and product purity. First, different separation locations were considered. It was determined that a separation should occur after the first reactor to remove trimers, as opposed to after the second reactor. There are
many reasons for this: the flow rate into the second reactor will decrease, reducing the size of the reactor; future separation can occur more easily because there will be fewer components; and a pure trimer stream can be sold. Another separation should occur after the second reactor to separate out the product and remove hydrogen from the system. Separations are fairly difficult due to the similar boiling points of TMP (210°F), isoctane (212°F), and xylene (280°F) at atmospheric pressure, so it was realized that a large distillation column would be required. Thirdly, there was a discussion about separating out the hydrogen stream even further because reactants and diluents were being removed from the system through the hydrogen stream, and hydrogen can slow reaction rates. The cost of a compressor, condenser, and flash drum for this additional separation equates to $3.85 MM, a price largely influenced by the cost of the compressor. Without this flash, 72.9 MM pounds of isoctane are lost per year, so an additional $12.4 MM per year would be spent on fresh isoctane to add to the system. There are also intangible losses of isobutylene, TMP, and p-xylene. We decided that recovering the extra hydrogen would be worth it based on this cost benefit analysis. This additional separation was included in the final design.

There was a focus on the design of the second reactor due to the fast coking nature of the Cr/Al₂O₃ catalyst and the fact that the reactor is run at 1022°F, a high temperature. First, it was suggested that the reactors be shell-in-tube reactors. This posed an issue because heating the tubes, filling the tubes with over 1.5 MM pounds of catalyst, and cleaning out the coke from the tubes would be extremely difficult. This type of reactor would also be very expensive. Instead, a packed bed reactor was designed. A heat exchanger placed before the reactor will heat the fresh stream, and a fired heater placed in the recirculation loop around the reactor will heat the reactor effluent. This recirculation is explained later. Instead of a fired heater, the use of molten salt to heat the reactor was also considered. This was dismissed because of the difficulty of handling molten salts.
Furthermore, the size of the reactor needed to be evaluated. Because of the large size of the stream entering the reactor and the large amount of catalyst, there would need to be multiple reactors in order to keep the L/D ratio reasonable. Originally, the reactors were going to be in series; however, the design was switched to parallel to remove the need of fired heaters between each reactor. For the catalyst regeneration process, consultants suggested using a swing reactor that would undergo decoking, allowing continuous regeneration of the catalyst and preventing a shutdown every time decoking needed to occur. A swing reactor is very valuable due to the fast coking time of the catalyst. This reactor set-up is further discussed in Section 13.4 and 15.4.

After first running the process, it was realized that the low conversion in the second reactor, along with the adiabatic temperature drops and rises, would pose issues for a high purity product and stable process conditions. Therefore, recirculation loops were added to both reactors to improve conversion and achieve the conditions of an isothermal reactor. The first reaction is exothermic, so heat needs to be removed from the stream. The second reaction is endothermic, so heat needs to be added to the stream. The adiabatic temperature rise and drop of the first and second reactor, respectively, were calculated and found to be reasonable and avoid process safety issues. Additionally, the main reason for the recirculation loop in the second reactor is to improve conversion. The TMP in the second reactor only has a single-pass conversion of 42%. By sending the stream through multiple times, the overall conversion is improved. Because the patent does not state any information about the reaction being reversible, it is assumed that the reactions are not equilibrium-limited and will not be affected by product entering the reactor. A recirculation loop requires a larger reactor to handle the total amount of material that is recycled back into the reactor with the fresh feed. This disadvantage increases the cost of the reactor and the amount of catalyst needed greatly. We optimized the reactor size by correlating the amount recycled with the final
product purity. While a smaller reactor decreases the equipment cost, a less pure product increases the downstream separation cost. We were able to decrease the split for both reactors from the original amount used and still obtain a high purity to a certain extent. These optimized values were used in the final flowsheet.

It was also debated where the recycle loop should enter the process. A recycle loop is required to recover unreacted reactant and diluent. At first, it was thought that a recycle loop would reconnect at the beginning of each reactor. Then, after recirculation loops were included for each reactor, it was decided that the recycle loop would simply connect back to the beginning of the process and mix with the fresh isobutylene and isoctane feeds.

As far as diluents, isoctane is used in the final design. The patent states that a diluent should be used in the first reactor to provide selective dimerization of isobutylene, the C₄ alkene. After assessing different diluents suggested by the patent based on their cost and how they would affect the process, it was decided that isoctane would be the diluent for the first reactor. The patent stated that 20-90% of the feed to the oligomerization reactor should be diluent; this design specification was followed in the simulation. For the second reactor, isobutylene was initially chosen because it is the main raw material, so it would be a cost-savings opportunity. However, consultants suggested that isobutylene is too reactive, and an inert component should be used in the second reactor. Because the patent also suggested isoctane and it was being used for the first reactor, isoctane was chosen. A diluent is used in the second reactor to improve selectivity of p-xylene and to suppress cracking.

The addition of a turbine was considered in the stream exiting the first reactor to try to recover work from the large decrease in pressure from the reactor outlet at 750 psig to the distillation column inlet at 65 psig. After adding a turbine, ASPEN calculated that only 91 hp
would be recovered. This value is small due to the fact that the stream is liquid. The cost of a turbine would not outweigh the work recovered; therefore, a simple valve will be installed to decrease the pressure.

The patent states that trimers will be formed in the first reaction but does not specify which trimers. Because isobutylene is the raw material, we decided to use a trimer that had a similar chemical formula with only carbons and hydrogens. Therefore, we picked 1-dodecene as a proxy compound to model all trimers.

Section 10.4 Cr/Al₂O₃ Catalyst Regeneration

The regeneration process of decoking the Cr/Al₂O₃ catalyst requires a combustion reaction. Research suggests that a stream made of 1% oxygen should be introduced to the reactor. To create this stream, 95 parts of nitrogen should be mixed with 5 parts of air. If fresh streams were constantly fed to the reactor, 810 MM pounds of nitrogen would be required. This would cost $8 MM per year. Industrial consultants suggested installing a recycle loop to decrease the amount of fresh nitrogen needed and to cut costs. This recycle loop works because the gases exiting the decoking process are mostly nitrogen and a small amount of carbon dioxide. A purge should be installed to remove the carbon dioxide. If 10% is purged and the rest is recycled back, the new stream entering the reactor will be 85% recycled gas with 5% pure air and 10% fresh nitrogen. Instead of fresh nitrogen making up 95% of the stream, it now only makes up 10%, reducing the fresh nitrogen feed by 85%. A blower will need to be added in to recycle the exit gas back to the front of the reactor. Compared to the alternative of spending $8 MM on nitrogen per year, this will be more economical and followed for this project.
Section 11
Assembly of Database
Section 11.1 Cost of Chemicals

The two main raw materials are isobutylene and isoctane. The project statement says that the isobutylene will be purchased from another process in our company for 90% of the nominal market price at $0.75/lb. Isooctane will be purchased for $0.17/lb from Chevron Phillips. The cost of utilities – cooling water, chilled water, steam, electricity, and refrigeration – were taken from standard guidelines (see Tables 19.2 for costs). The already existing on-site cooling tower will be used. Nitrogen will be purchased at $0.01/lb to purge the system with nitrogen for flammability concerns and to decoke the reactor. The cost of air for the decoking process is negligible, and we will use the air system on site. Lastly, methane, used as fuel for the fired heater, will be purchased for $5.00/1000 SCF from Airgas.

The two products are p-xylene and trimers. According to the project statement, a 2016 report by Grand View Research states that the cost of p-xylene in 2015 was $0.79/lb and will rise to $0.86/lb by 2024. Because this is the market price on delivery, the selling price we used was less than this amount due to the fact that our stream requires downstream processing and freight. Therefore, the selling price used for this project was $0.75/lb. Trimers will also have a selling price as green jet fuel of $0.15/lb. This value was obtained from correspondence with Honeywell about their prices of biodiesels and green jet fuels.

Section 11.2 ASPEN Simulation

The chemical process modeling was done in ASPEN, which supplied relevant thermodynamic and kinetic data using the NRTL method, which was selected to best model the eutectic nature of xylene crudes. The reaction mechanisms were sourced from GEVO’s patent but were limited in their description of relevant thermodynamic and kinetic data, constraining the
reactor model to RSTOIC. Further research on these processes, as well as additional scale-up to pilot plants, would allow for more precise estimates of energy demands and catalyst regeneration, which could ultimately influence project economics. The columns were modeled by DSTWU, the flash drum was modeled by FLASH, and all but one of the heat exchangers were modeled by HEATER for simplicity. One heat exchanger used HEATX because it had two process streams entering and exiting it. Operating conditions for the reactor were taken from the patent, and the heat exchangers and compressors changed the temperatures and pressures of the streams to those conditions. The conditions for the distillation columns were determined based on design specifications on purity and bottoms temperature by changing the bottoms rate and the reflux ratio. The conditions for the flash drum were based on the boiling points. To achieve successful operation of the flash drum, hydrogen was changed to a Henry’s component. Lastly, storage tanks were added separately from the simulation due to their need in a real manufacturing plant.

Section 11.3 Chemical Properties

The MSDS sheets for all of the chemicals used in the process can be found in Appendix 25.4. Any considerations taken based on safety were determined based on the chemical properties in the MSDS sheets. Tables 11.1 and 11.2 show property data of all major chemicals and utilities.

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Table 11.2 Properties of Utilities in the Process

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Section 11.4 Catalyst Properties

Several catalysts were suggested by the patent to help the oligomerization and dehydrocyclization reactions achieve higher conversions and higher selectivity of the desired product. HZSM-5 was selected for the first reaction while Cr/Al₂O₃ was selected for the second reaction for reasons explained in Section 10.2. Table 11.3 shows properties of the catalysts and their weight hourly space velocity (WHSV) obtained from the patent. WHSV is defined as the mass flow feeding the reactor per catalyst mass, and it indicates how many reactor volumes of feed can be catalyzed in a period of time. Due to the lack of data, the bulk density of Cr/Al₂O₃ was approximated by assuming the mass is mainly attributed to alumina. These properties are then later used to calculate the mass of catalyst in reactors and, subsequently, the volume of the reactors.

Table 11.3 Properties of Catalysts (WHSV = Weight Hourly Space Velocity)

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<th>WHSV (hr⁻¹)</th>
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Section 12
Process Flow Diagram and Material Balances
Overall Flowsheet
Section 100 - Feed

Diagram showing the process flow involving T-101 and T-102 with various pumps and valves.
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Section 13
Process Description
Section 13.1 Storage Tanks

There will be storage tanks for isobutylene, isoctane, trimers, and xylene. See Section 15 for the design specification of these storage tanks. The raw material storage tanks are discussed here, while the product storage tanks are discussed in Sections 13.3 and 13.5.

Liquid isobutylene is directly pipelined into storage tanks T-101A/B from another plant at our company’s site. Isobutylene will enter the process at a flow rate of 126,820 lb/hr. Isobutylene requires two storage tanks due to the large flow rate. This flow rate was calculated by the data given in the problem statement that our company sends our plant 500,000 tons of isobutylene per year and by the industry standard of a 10% downtime. The isobutylene storage tank is designed to contain two-days’ worth of isobutylene at 10°F and 5 psig to prevent a halt in upstream isobutylene production from becoming a bottleneck for this facility. In order to remain liquid at atmospheric pressure, isobutylene must be refrigerated. The refrigeration system on site will be used.

Liquid isoctane, the diluent chosen for this process, is bought from a third-party vendor and stored in the storage tank T-102 at 80°F and 0.3 psig. To ensure a sufficient amount of diluent is available when starting up the plant initially and that the process will not be halted if the isoctane production is down, a three-week time capacity is chosen. Isooctane exits through the product streams, so 445 lb/hr of isoctane is continuously added to the plant from T-102 to make up for the loss. For start-up, 100,000 lb/hr of isoctane will be added to the system; the tank can manage this amount.

Isobutylene (Stream 1) and isoctane (Stream 2) are pumped out of the storage tanks and mix together with Stream 31, the recycle stream. The resulting flow is at 31°F and 5.3 psig. While this is the pressure in ASPEN, the mixture should be at higher pressure to avoid flashing. Pump P-103 and heat exchanger E-101 are used to pressurize and heat the stream to 750 psig and 347°F,
the conditions of the oligomerization reactor, R-201. E-101 is a countercurrent heat exchanger that utilizes medium-pressure steam at 150 psig and 366°F to heat Stream 4.

Section 13.2 Oligomerization Reactor – Section 200

According to the patent, the liquid oligomerization reactions should run at isothermal and isobaric conditions at 347°F and 750 psig. These conditions are achieved using a recirculation stream. Apart from stabilizing reaction conditions, the recirculation stream is also installed for achieving higher overall conversion. Since the reaction is irreversible, sending a portion of the product back to the reactor does not cause equilibrium issues. In combination with the overall recycle stream, this increases the overall conversion of isobutylene in this reactor from 90% to 98%. The portion that proceeds to the rest of the process, Stream 11, is sent to a distillation column to remove trimers before proceeding to R-401, as explained in Section 13.3. The following exothermic reactions are occurring in the reactor to produce both TMP and trimers:

\[ 2\text{C}_4\text{H}_8 \rightarrow \text{C}_8\text{H}_{16} \]
\[ 3\text{C}_4\text{H}_8 \rightarrow \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{24} \]

Selectivity of dimers is increased by including isoctane as a diluent, as explained in Section 10.1. The ideal composition of the diluent in the reactor feedstock is 20-90%, and in our design, the diluent is about 24% of Stream 6, the inlet to R-201. If further research shows that the percentage of diluent should be higher, this plant can accommodate that change.

Section 13.2.1: Oligomerization Catalyst and Regeneration

The patent gives suggestions on catalyst selection but does not include kinetic data. An HZSM-5 catalyst is used in the fixed bed reactor to selectively produce dimers over trimers. With
a WHSV of 15 hr\(^{-1}\), as specified by the patent, the mass of HZSM-5 is 71,809 pounds (see Section 11.4 for catalyst details and the Appendix Section 25.3.3 for catalyst calculations). Decoking will need to occur once every year, and the regeneration time is considered to be 6 hours.\(^{31}\) Because decoking this reactor would shut down the entire process, decoking can occur during the annual shutdown, so the production rate is not affected. Coke will be burned off by introducing a source of 1% oxygen into the system by the process explained in Section 10.4.\(^{21}\) After burning, the entire system is flushed with nitrogen to ensure no oxygen remains due to flammability concerns. It is assumed that the catalyst will be fully regenerated by this process, and it will need to be replaced every few years, depending on process data.

**Section 13.2.2 R-201 Recirculation Stream**

A recirculation loop returns 895,140 lb/hr of the reactor effluent back into the reactor. It is used to improve conversion and mimic isothermal conditions. As stated above, in combination with the overall recycle stream, the recirculation stream improves conversion from 90% to 98%. Before returning to the reactor, Stream 8 is pumped using P-201 and then cooled using the counter-current heat exchanger, E-201, until it reaches 770 psig and 300ºF. E-201 uses cooling water supplied at 86ºF. The formation of both dimers and trimers are exothermic, resulting in an adiabatic temperature rise across the reactor. To mitigate this, Stream 10, the portion recycled back, acts as a heat sink to reduce the adiabatic temperature rise to only 65ºF, a reasonable amount that avoids a runaway reaction. The inlet to the reactor is 40ºF below the reactor condition while the outlet is 25ºF above reactor condition, approximating an isothermal reactor.
Section 13.3 Trimer Separation Column – Section 300

The distillation column, S-301, used to separate the trimers contains 9 theoretical stages, a total condenser, and a kettle reboiler. The feed enters at stage 6, and the condenser pressure is 55 psig. Using ASPEN design specifications, the ideal reflux ratio and bottoms rates to maximize the trimer separation are 0.17 and 41,851 lb/hr, respectively. While the reflux ratio may seem small, some industry processes do have this small ratio. To accommodate the condenser pressure, Stream 11 leaving R-201 is reduced from 750 psig to 65 psig using the valve, V-301. A valve was used instead of a turbine because the stream is liquid, as explained in Section 10.3.

Approximately 98% of the trimers exit as the liquid bottoms product, Stream 13, at 543°F. About 837 lb/hr of trimers are left in the system. This amount is fairly negligible due to the large size of the other streams; the weight percent of trimers in Stream 15 is only 0.6%. The trimer-rich exit stream can be sold for a financial gain because its composition is similar to kerosene. One disadvantage of operating at these column conditions is that about 800 lb/hr of diluent and TMP is lost through this stream. As mentioned before, the diluent loss is made up by adding isooctane, but the TMP unfortunately cannot be made up. This loss is reasonable because a high trimer separation is achieved. The conditions of this column could be optimized more to reduce the amount of TMP lost and increase the amount of trimers in the exit stream. While we performed as much optimization as possible to achieve an acceptable amount, further analysis could be done. The trimer-rich bottoms will be stored in a storage tank, T-301, which has a time capacity of 2 days.

The remaining TMP in the column comes out as the liquid overhead, Stream 15, at 240°F and 55 psig and proceeds to the second reactor. To reach the reaction condition of the dehydrocyclization reactor, the liquid overhead is heated by an economizer, E-401, that
simultaneously cools the reactor outlet stream. Because each stream has a large temperature
difference and one needs to be heated while the other needs to be cooled, pairing the streams
reduces the amount of energy needed.

For utilities, the condenser will be using cooling water supplied at 86°F, and the reboiler
will be using high-pressure steam of 1250 psig supplied at 574°F.

Section 13.4 Dehydrocyclization Reactor – Section 400

Like R-201, the vapor dehydrocyclization reaction should run at isothermal and isobaric
condition at 1022°F and atmospheric pressure as specified by the patent. Industry experts on
catalysts say the reactor should not be operated above 30 psig. Again, a recirculation stream is
installed to achieve a higher overall conversion and to mimic isothermal conditions. Before the
distillate overhead enters the reactor, it mixes with the R-401 recirculation stream to achieve
conditions of 1034°F and 30 psig. This mixed stream, Stream 6, then enters in R-401. Also, as
stated previously, the reaction is irreversible so the recycle loop does not cause equilibrium
issues. In combination with the overall recycle stream, this increases the 42% conversion of TMP
to the three xylene isomers, which was specified by the patent, to 89%. The type of catalyst and
diluent can increase the conversion and selectivity of p-xylene, in particular. The same diluent,
isoctane, is chosen for this function. The following endothermic reaction is occurring in the
reactor to produce the xylene isomers:

\[ C_8H_{16} \rightarrow C_8H_{10} + 3H_2 \]

The patent specified a weight hourly space velocity of 1.1 hr\(^{-1}\). Following this condition,
along with a mass flow rate into the reactor of 536,716 lb/hr, 487,923 pounds of the Cr/Al\(_2\)O\(_3\)
catalyst is used (see Section 11.4 and 13.4.2 for catalyst details and the Appendix Section 25.3.3
for catalyst calculations). Ideally, a reactor diameter should be no larger than 18 feet for easy transportation and delivery. Due to the size limitation and the massive amount of catalyst required, three reactors are used. They will be set up in parallel because their adiabatic temperature drop of 33°F is reasonable. This will avoid unnecessary equipment on cooling. The inlet stream will split into three equal streams, each entering a different reactor. It is assumed that the conversion will be split evenly among the three reactors.

A fourth swing reactor will also be in parallel with these reactors. While only three reactors are operating at once, this fourth reactor will undergo the decoking process explained below in Section 13.4.2. This set-up was designed to ease the decoking process and prevent downtime because Cr/Al₂O₃ cokes after five days, so regeneration will need to occur frequently.

**Section 13.4.1 R-401 Recirculation Stream**

A recirculation loop returns 1.47 MM lb/hr of the reactor effluent back into the reactor. Along with improving the conversion from 42% to 89%, the recirculation loop creates a reasonable adiabatic temperature drop of 33°F, which is due to the endothermic reactions. The inlet and outlet temperatures are 12°F above and 21°F below the specified reaction temperature, approximating an isothermal condition. The outlet of the reactor is still at a very high temperature of 1016°F, requiring a high-temperature centrifugal blower, C-401, to transport it.

After going through C-401, 1.47 MM lb/hr of the stream is returned to R-401 while the remaining portion continues to the xylene separation column, S-501. To make up for the adiabatic temperature drop, the recycle stream is heated by a fired heater, E-402, to 1050°F and then mixed with the TMP-rich stream, reaching a temperature and pressure of 1034°F and 30 psig, respectively.
Section 13.4.2 Decoking of Chromium Oxide Doped Alumina

Regeneration of Cr/Al₂O₃ follows the same procedure as the HZSM-5 catalyst by simply burning off the coke. However, the plant will not stop during the decoking process. Instead, the reactor will be pulled from the process. This is possible because only three reactors need to be operating at one time, and fourth swing reactor will be installed. A valve is controlled to prevent flow into the reactor undergoing the decoking process, while diverting the flow to the recently regenerated reactor. Once another reactor needs to be decoked, the valve to the newly cleaned reactor will open. Once offline, the target reactor will be flushed with a stream that is 1% oxygen to burn off the coke. The entire process will take eight hours, due to the size of the reactors. Reactors can run for five days before they need to be decoked. The total mass of catalyst in each reactor is 487,923 pounds. Assuming 7% of the catalyst will be covered with carbon, the mass of coke is 34,155 pounds. A stream of 1% oxygen will be burned to decoke the catalyst, which will be initially created from mixing 5 parts of air with 95 parts of nitrogen. For one day of operation with a WHSV of 1.1 hr⁻¹, the coking loss is about 0.3% of reactants fed, which is reasonable. To decrease the amount of nitrogen required, air will be mixed with the gases exiting the decoking process. Approximately 10% of the stream will be purged to get rid of CO₂, and the rest will be recycled back using a blower, as explained in Section 10.4. It is assumed that the catalyst will be fully regenerated by this process, and it will need to be fully replaced every five years. Calculations for catalyst regeneration are in the Appendix, Section 25.3.7.

Section 13.5 p-Xylene Separation – Section 500

A distillation column with 16 theoretical stages, a partial vapor-liquid condenser, and a kettle reboiler are used to separate and purify p-xylene. The feed enters on stage 5, and the
condenser pressure is 24 psig. The ASPEN simulation with design specifications on the reflux ratio and bottoms rate yields 1.42 and 79,417 lb/hr, respectively. These are the theoretical ideal conditions for the column to maximize p-xylene purity.

The liquid bottoms product recovers 99% of the inlet p-xylene. The stream is at 367°F and 30 psig. According to industry consultants, the bottoms temperature should be no higher than 450°F, so this column is within range. Other xylene isomers, as well as trace amounts of trimers, isobutylene, and isoctane, also leave through this stream, resulting in an 89 wt% p-xylene. This stream is then cooled using a heat exchanger, E-503, before being transported to a third party for further purification.

The condenser produces both a vapor and liquid overhead at 100°F and 24 psig. Roughly 99.9% of the inlet hydrogen leaves in the condensed vapor product, however, a significant portion of diluent and TMP leaves with hydrogen. The vapor overhead, Stream 27, is pressurized, cooled, and sent to a flash drum. Alternatively, the liquid overhead from the column, Stream 26, is recycled back to the initial feed. The liquid overhead contains 78% of the diluent and 80% of the TMP sent to the column. It is mixed with Stream 31, the liquid bottoms product from the flash, explained in Section 13.6, and recycled as Stream 32. The p-xylene-rich bottom stream from the column will be stored in T-501, which has a time capacity of two days, before being pipelined to the next facility for further purification.

Cooling water supplied at 86°F is used in the condenser and high-pressure steam of 1250 psig and 574°F is used in the reboiler to produce the overhead and bottoms products, respectively.
Section 13.6 Diluent Recovery

The vapor overhead from S-501 is fed to a flash to remove hydrogen and recover isooctane. Stream 27 is first fed through a compressor to reach the desired pressure of 285 psig before entering the flash, S-502. The temperature also increases in the compressor to 454ºF. The stream then enters a condenser to decrease the temperature to 50ºF, ensuring a stream of both liquid and vapor enters the flash. The flash, S-502, operates at 40ºF and 285 psig, and it separates the inlet into vapor, Stream 30, and liquid, Stream 31, products. The vapor product contains 99.9% of the inlet hydrogen and 2.2% of the inlet diluent. This vapor product is sent to the fired heater and burned. The remaining 97.8% of the diluent in the liquid bottoms mixes with Stream 26, becoming stream 32, and recycles back to the beginning of the process to mix with the isobutylene feed.

Section 13.7 Surge Tanks

When production halts for decoking or other technical reasons, the material within the system are stored into surge tanks. Two surge tanks are designed for this plant. The first, T-302, is located after S-301 and holds the liquid overhead. The second, T-502, holds the recycle stream. The placement of the first tank serves to decouple the first reactor from the second, so if anything happens upstream, the second reactor can still run using the content of T-302. The second provides the same function but stores the recycle.
Section 14.1 Heat Exchanger Network

To minimize the energy input into the plant, as well as decrease the utilities, a heat exchanger network was designed to reuse the energy from the hot streams to heat the cold streams. The network is economically efficient because the design contains several streams that must be heated and several streams that must be cooled. Another reason why this approach works is the range of operating temperatures of the plant.

Specifically, the very high temperature that R-402 operates at requires an inlet stream of 865°F. In order to do this, very high-pressure steam or a furnace would be required. Handling high-pressure gas in the plant can cause complications and safety hazards. To avoid this, using the outlet of the reactor to heat the inlet was proposed. Therefore, the most notable economizer in this network is E-401, which heats a portion of the reactor feed, Stream 15, with the reactor outlet, Stream 22. The heat duty for this heat-exchanger is 70.9 MM BTU/hr, effectively saving 70.9 MM BTU/hr worth of cooling water and high-pressure steam, shown below in Figure 14.1.

![Figure 14.1: Heat Exchanger network for E-401. Stream 15 is heated with Stream 22, and the heat duty is 70.9 MM BTU/hr.](image)

Figure 14.2 shown below illustrates a similar setup for Stream 4 that enters R-201. Because the isobutylene is refrigerated, the feed into R-201 must be heated. Therefore, coupling this with the reactor effluent heat exchanger, which must be cooled due to the adiabatic temperature rise, is possible. Stream 4 can first be heated with Stream 9, resulting in a heat exchanger with 45.9 MM
BTU/hr. After this step of heating, Stream 4 only reaches 324°F, but it must be at 347°F to enter the reactor. Therefore, the additional heat can come from cooling the hot xylene stream, Stream 24. This second heat exchanger has a heat duty of 2.30 MM BTU/hr, and it cools the xylene stream to 347°F. To achieve the 90°F target temperature for the p-xylene stream, an additional auxiliary heat exchanger is added afterwards utilizing cooling water at 86°F, resulting in a heat duty of 8.99 MM BTU/hr.

Figure 14.2: Proposed Heat Exchanger Design for Stream 4. Stream 4 would first be heated using Stream 9, resulting in a heat exchanger with a heat duty of 45.9 MM BTU/hr. Then it is heated with the xylene product stream in HX1 to reach the desired 347°F. An additional auxiliary heat exchanger, HX3, is added to cool the xylene product stream to 90°F.

Section 14.2 Steam Generation

The numerous hot streams within the network open up the possibility of steam generation. Specifically, the trimer and xylene products, the reboilers for the distillation columns, and the R-201 recirculation loop provide enough energy to convert boiling feed water into steam. The steam generation would decrease the utility cost by removing the need to buy cooling water to cool these streams and removing the need to buy steam to heat other streams. The boiling feed water will enter the heat exchanger at 90 °F, and the outlet temperature and pressure can be obtained through
ASPEN simulation. The steam can then be sold off for a financial gain or be used in a different section of the plant to heat streams. To optimize costs, steam generation should be utilized.

**Section 14.3 Reactor Duty**

Reactors are modeled adiabatically in ASPEN; therefore, the corresponding heat duties are zero. In this case, the unreacted reactant, inert species, and product act as a heat source or sink to create an adiabatic temperature rise or drop. The exothermic reactions in R-201 release 15.4 MM BTU/hr. Absorbing this energy causes an adiabatic temperature rise of 65ºF. The endothermic reactions in R-401 require 40.8 MM BTU/hr. Having three reactors allows the needed energy to be shared by all three reactors, causing an adiabatic temperature drop of 33ºF. Both the overall recycle stream and the recirculation streams of each reactor played a part to minimize the temperature change that occurred to mimic isothermal reactors and ensure process safety.

**Section 14.4 Fired Heater for R-401 Recirculation Loop**

Within the R-401 recirculation loop, the reactor effluent recycles back into the reactor. To make up the temperature loss due to the adiabatic temperature drop, the recycle loop employs a fired heater to increase the temperature from 1022ºF to 1050ºF. A heat exchanger network could not be utilized here due to this being the hottest stream in the process. Additionally, high-pressure steam would not be hot enough. Therefore, a fired heater would need to be used, burning fuel oil to heat the process stream. The fired heater requires 33.3 MM BTU/hr. The trimers have a similar composition to jet fuel, so it was considered to burn the trimers to fuel the fired heater, removing the need to buy fuel from an external source. However, a cost-benefit analysis showed that we would make more money from selling the trimers than we would save from not buying utilities.
As explained in Section 13.6, the hydrogen obtained from the flash drum will be used to fuel the fired heater. This stream is used because it is not pure enough to sell. The hydrogen will only supply 451,000 BTU/hr, which is not enough for the whole fired heater. Looking into other fuel sources, it was found that methane and propane are the most common. Methane is less expensive than propane, so it will be used. To meet the required 33.3 MM BTU/hr of E-401, 1,407 lb/hr of methane gas will be burned in the fired heater.

Section 14.5 Process requirements

Tables 14.1, 14.2, and 14.3 show the hourly and annual utility and electricity requirements for the plant. Pumps and compressors are the main pieces of equipment that consume electricity. Heat exchangers, condensers, and reboilers are the main pieces of equipment that require utilities, such as cooling water, chilled water, and steam. We will use the onsite cooling water tower to treat the circulating cooling water in the process to minimize fouling. Additional utilities include methane, which is burned in the fired heater; nitrogen, which is used to purge the system and during the decoking process; and air, which is also used for the decoking process. For costs, annual usage and costs see Section 19.
Table 14.1 Overall utilities for heat exchangers (Note: B = billion)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Equipment</th>
<th>Utilities Requirement (BTU/hr)</th>
<th>Quantity (lb/hr)</th>
<th>Quantity (B lb/yr)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>E-201</td>
<td>45,923,300</td>
<td>1,836,975</td>
<td>14.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>E-302</td>
<td>27,027,281</td>
<td>1,081,117</td>
<td>8.52</td>
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<td>E-303</td>
<td>12,291,800</td>
<td>483,548</td>
<td>3.81</td>
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<tr>
<td>E-503</td>
<td>11,291,500</td>
<td>451,564</td>
<td>3.56</td>
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<td>E-504A</td>
<td>1,601,657</td>
<td>80,085</td>
<td>0.631</td>
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<td>E-504B</td>
<td>3,140,502</td>
<td>140,000</td>
<td>1.10</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>101,276,040</strong></td>
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<td><strong>32.1</strong></td>
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<tr>
<th>Equipment</th>
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<td>E-502</td>
<td>52,041,577</td>
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150 psig Steam

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<th>Quantity (lb/hr)</th>
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<tr>
<td>E-101</td>
<td>48,224,368</td>
<td>70,332</td>
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<td>E-501</td>
<td>80,409,000</td>
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1250 psig Steam

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<tr>
<td>E-301</td>
<td>19,167,500</td>
<td>33,219</td>
<td>0.190</td>
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Table 14.2 Overall electricity usage for all pumps and compressors

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Equipment</th>
<th>hp</th>
<th>kW</th>
<th>Annual kWh</th>
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<tr>
<td>P-101</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>8.2</td>
<td>64,648</td>
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<tr>
<td>P-102</td>
<td>0.05</td>
<td>0.03</td>
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<tr>
<td>P-103</td>
<td>378</td>
<td>282</td>
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<td>P-201</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>P-301</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>70,549</td>
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<td>64,670</td>
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<td>P-501</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>C-401</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>5,879</td>
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<td>C-501</td>
<td>3,108</td>
<td>2,318</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,592</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,678</strong></td>
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Table 14.3 Overall usage of air, nitrogen, and methane

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Flowrate (lb/hr)</th>
<th>Flowrate (MM lb/yr)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Air</td>
<td>56,924</td>
<td>449</td>
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<tr>
<td>Purging and Decoking</td>
<td>11,809</td>
<td>93</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fuel for Fired Heater</td>
<td>1,407</td>
<td>11</td>
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Section 15

Equipment List and Unit Description
Section 15.1 Startup

There will be two main differences to acknowledge during startup. First, the flow rates will be larger, so the pumps will need to be able to handle this extra flow. Second, because there are many flammable chemicals in the process, there should be no oxygen present in the process. Therefore, during startup, the system will need to be purged with nitrogen three times. The reactors must also be purged with nitrogen after decoking.

Note: For all costing, earthquakes and wind were not taken into account due to the climate in Iowa.

Section 15.2 Pumps and Compressors

*Isobutylene Pump: P-101*

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<th>Unit ID: P-101</th>
<th>Temperature: 10°F</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type: Pump</td>
<td>Pressure Change: 5 psig</td>
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<tr>
<td>Material: Carbon Steel</td>
<td>Work: 10.8 hp</td>
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<tr>
<td>Specification Sheet: Section 16, pg. 93</td>
<td>Head: 73 ft</td>
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<td>Design Calculation: Section 25.3.1</td>
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P-101 is a centrifugal pump that pumps isobutylene from the isobutylene storage tanks (T-101A/B) to the process. Because the isobutylene is stored at atmospheric pressure, the pump will need to increase the pressure about 20 psig to send it into the process. Isobutylene needs to enter the process at 126,820 lb/hr. The pump head will be 73 feet, calculated from equations shown in the Appendix, Section 25.3.1. Additionally, the pump will require about 10.8 hp, according to the ASPEN simulation. According to standard guidelines, it will be in VSC orientation with 1 stage, a shaft rpm of 3600, and a maximum motor horsepower of 75. The pump efficiency is about 50%, and the calculated power consumption is 10.8 hp. P-101 will be made of carbon steel because
isobutylene is not corrosive and will be at ambient temperature. The specification sheet is on page 93. The purchase cost of the pump is $32,000. Because this is a liquid pump, it will have a spare in case of leakage.

*Isooctane Pump: P-102*

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<th>Unit ID: P-102</th>
<th>Temperature: 80 °F</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type: Pump</td>
<td>Pressure Change: 20 psig</td>
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<tr>
<td>Material: Carbon Steel</td>
<td>Work: 0.05 hp</td>
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<tr>
<td>Specification Sheet: Section 16, pg. 94</td>
<td>Head: 69 ft</td>
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<td>Costing Data: Section 17</td>
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P-102 is a centrifugal pump that pumps isooctane from the isooctane storage tank (T-102) to the process. Because the isooctane is stored at atmospheric pressure, the pump will need to increase the pressure about 20 psig to send it into the process. Isooctane needs to enter the process at 445 lb/hr to make up for the amount leaving the process through the three exit streams. The pump head will be 69 feet, calculated from equations shown in the Appendix, Section 25.3. Additionally, the pump will only require about 0.05 hp, according to the ASPEN simulation. The horsepower is small due to the low flow rate. According to standard guidelines, it will be in VSC orientation with 1 stage, a shaft rpm of 3600, and a maximum motor horsepower of 75. The pump efficiency is about 50%, and the calculated power consumption is 0.05 hp. P-102 will be made of carbon steel because isooctane is not corrosive and will be at ambient temperature. The specification sheet is on page 94. The purchase cost of the pump is $32,000. Because this is a liquid pump, it will have a spare in case of leakage. For startup, 100,000 pounds of isooctane will need to be added to inventory the process. P-201 can handle this amount.
**R-201 Feed Pump: P-103**

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<tr>
<td>Type: Pump</td>
<td>Pressure Change: 745 psig</td>
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<td>Material: Carbon Steel</td>
<td>Work: 337 hp</td>
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<td>Specification Sheet: Section 16, pg. 95</td>
<td>Head: 2,750 ft</td>
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P-103 is a centrifugal pump that increases the pressure of the mixture of pure isobutylene, pure isoctane, and the recycle loop to match the pressure of R-201. The mixture is at about atmospheric pressure and needs to increase to slightly above 750 psig. 181,998 lb/hr of the mixture is flowing through the pump. Therefore, the pump head will be 2,750 feet, calculated from equations shown in the Appendix, Section 25.3.1. Additionally, the pump will require about 337 hp of work, according to the ASPEN simulation. According to standard guidelines, it will be in HSC orientation with 2, or possibly more, stages, a shaft rpm of 3600, and a maximum motor horsepower of 1450. The pump efficiency is about 73%, and the calculated power consumption is 378 hp. These calculations are also shown in the Appendix, Section 25.3.1. P-103 will be made of carbon steel because the chemicals are not corrosive and the temperature is fairly low. The specification sheet is on page 95. The purchase cost of the pump is $189,900. Because this is a liquid pump, it will have a spare in case of leakage.
**R-201 Recirculation Pump: P-201**

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<th><strong>Unit ID:</strong> P-201</th>
<th><strong>Temperature:</strong> 373 ºF</th>
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<td><strong>Type:</strong> Pump</td>
<td><strong>Pressure Change:</strong> 20 psig</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Material:</strong> Carbon Steel</td>
<td><strong>Work:</strong> 47 hp</td>
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<td><strong>Specification Sheet:</strong> Section 16, pg. 96</td>
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P-201 is a centrifugal pump that pumps 895,140 lb/hr of the process fluid through the R-201 recirculation loop. The pump head will be 84 feet, calculated from equations shown in the Appendix, Section 25.3.1. Additionally, the pump will require about 47 hp, according to the ASPEN simulation. According to standard guidelines, it will be in HSC orientation with 1 stage, a shaft rpm of 1800, and a maximum motor horsepower of 250. The pump efficiency is about 84%, and the calculated power consumption is 50 hp. P-201 will be made of carbon steel because the chemicals are not corrosive and the temperature is reasonable. The specification sheet is on page 96. The purchase cost of the pump is $41,800. Because this is a liquid pump, it will have a spare in case of leakage.

**T-302 Pump: P-302**

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<tr>
<td><strong>Type:</strong> Pump</td>
<td><strong>Pressure Change:</strong> 55 psig</td>
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<td><strong>Material:</strong> Carbon Steel</td>
<td><strong>Work:</strong> 11 hp</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Specification Sheet:</strong> Section 16, pg. 117</td>
<td><strong>Head:</strong> 96 ft</td>
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P-302 is a centrifugal pump that increases the pressure of the process stream after it has been stored in the surge tank. The mixture is at atmospheric pressure and needs to increase to 55 psig. 140,148 lb/hr of the mixture is flowing through the pump. Therefore, the pump head will be 96 feet, calculated from equations shown in Appendix, Section 25.3.1. Additionally, the pump will require about 11 hp, according to the ASPEN simulation. According to standard guidelines, it will be in VSC orientation with 1 stage, a shaft rpm of 3600, and a maximum motor horsepower of 75. The pump efficiency is about 70%, and the calculated power consumption is 11 hp. P-302 will be made of carbon steel because the chemicals are not corrosive and the temperature is fairly low. The specification sheet is on page 117. The purchase cost of the pump is $6,800. Because this is a liquid pump, it will have a spare in case of leakage.

**T-502 Pump: P-502**

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<td>Type: Pump</td>
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P-502 is a centrifugal pump that increases the pressure of the recycle stream after it has been stored in the surge tank. The mixture is at atmospheric pressure and needs to increase to about 24 psig to enter the process again. 54,733 lb/hr of the mixture is flowing through the pump. Therefore, the pump head will be 80 feet, calculated from equations shown in Appendix, Section 25.3.1. Additionally, the pump will require about 4 hp, according to the ASPEN simulation. According to standard guidelines, it will be in VSC orientation with 1 stage, a shaft rpm of 3600,
and a maximum motor horsepower of 75. The pump efficiency is about 59%, and the calculated power consumption is 4 hp. P-502 will be made of carbon steel because the chemicals are not corrosive and the temperature is fairly low. The specification sheet is on page 119. The purchase cost of the pump is $8,600. Because this is a liquid pump, it will have a spare in case of leakage.

**R-401 Recirculation Blower: C-401**

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<th>Unit ID: C-401</th>
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<tr>
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<td>Work: 11,009 hp</td>
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C-401 is a centrifugal blower used in the R-401 recirculation loop. Due to the very high temperature of the process vapor going through the compressor of 1,000 °F, the compressor will need to be made of Stainless Steel, which can withstand 1,300°F. The pressure of the vapor entering the compressor is low at 22 psig, and the flow rate is 1,610,150 lb/hr. To increase the pressure to 30 psig, the blower will require 11,009 hp. A low pressure change means a low compression ratio, so multiple stages are not needed. The purchase cost of the blower is $5,498,000. This high cost was expected due to the large flow rate and expensive material of construction. The specification sheet is on page 97.
**S-502 Compressor: C-501 (E-503A/B)**

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C-501 is a centrifugal compressor used to increase the pressure of the vapor stream out of S-501 to 285 psig to match the conditions needed for S-502 to recover hydrogen. The vapor stream is 17,903 lb/hr and 100°F. The compressor is isentropic with an efficiency of 85%. If one compressor were to be used, the compression ratio would be about 12. According to common practice, each stage can only handle a compression ratio of about 3. Because of the large increase in pressure, the temperature increases as well. To avoid damaging the compressor, there will need to be multiple stages with intercoolers (using cooling water) in between. The first stage will increase the pressure from 24 psig to 70 psig, requiring 1038 hp and increasing the temperature 124°F. The intercooler will mostly maintain the pressure, except for an assumed 5 psig pressure drop, and decrease the temperature to 150°F. The second stage will increase the pressure to 200 psig, requiring 1526 hp. This will cause an increase in temperature of 190°F, so the next intercooler will decrease the temperature to 200°F. The third and final stage will increase the pressure to the desired amount of 285 psig, requiring 643 hp. It will be an electric compressor made of carbon steel because there is no corrosion and the temperature is within the specifications. The three stages will require a total of 3,207 hp. The specification sheet is on page 98. The purchase cost of the compressor is $1,961,000.
The first intercooler will have an area of 170 ft\(^2\). It will be used to cool the process stream from 224°F to 150°F. This will require 1041 hp, and 80,085 lb/hr of cooling water will be used. The second intercooler will have an area of 170 ft\(^2\). It will be used to cool the process stream from 340°F to 200°F. This will require 1234 hp, and 140,000 lb/hr of cooling water will be used. The costs of the intercoolers are $12,100 and $12,500. Calculations are shown in the Appendix, Section 25.3.2.

Section 15.3 Heat Exchangers

It is assumed that there will be a 10 psig pressure drop across all heat exchangers. In this list, heat exchangers use cooling water and steam to cool and heat the process streams, respectively; however, some of the utilities can be removed by building the heat exchanger network that was described in Section 14.1.

R-201 Feed Heat Exchanger: E-101

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<tr>
<th>Unit ID: E-101</th>
<th>Temperature Change: 308 °F</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type: Counter-Current Heat Exchanger</td>
<td>Pressure: 750 psig</td>
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<tr>
<td>Material: Carbon Steel</td>
<td>Area: 2,977 ft(^2)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Specification Sheet: Section 16, pg. 101</td>
<td>Heat Duty: 48,224,400 BTU/hr</td>
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<tr>
<td>Costing Data: Section 17</td>
<td>Design Calculation: Section 25.3.2</td>
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E-101 is used to heat the mixture of pure isobutylene, pure isoctane, and the recycle loop to the temperature of R-201. The temperature is initially at 39 °F and needs to be increased to 347°F, so medium-pressure steam of 150 psig will be used. The process fluid enters the tube at 181,998 lb/hr. According to ASPEN, the heat exchanger has a heat duty of 48.2 MM BTU/hr.
Using the heat of vaporization and the heat duty, 40,321 lb/hr of steam will be used. The heat transfer coefficient is 150 BTU/(°F*ft²*hr), obtained from standard guidelines. Rigorous calculations using these variables are shown in Appendix, Section 25.3.2 according to standard equations. The log-mean-temperature-difference (LMTD) is 108°F, making the area of the heat exchanger 2,977 ft². Assuming a tube velocity of 3 ft/s and an inner tube diameter of 1 inch, there will need to be 78 tubes of length 24 ft. The number of passes per tube will need to be 6. The shell diameter is 37 inches. Both the shell and tube will be made of carbon steel because the fluid is non-corrosive and the temperature is within the range for carbon steel. The specification sheet is on page 101. The purchase cost of the heat exchanger is $42,900.

**R-201 Recirculation Heat Exchanger: E-201**

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<tr>
<th>Unit ID: E-201</th>
<th>Temperature Change: 72 °F</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type: Counter-Current Heat Exchanger</td>
<td>Pressure: 785 psig</td>
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<tr>
<td>Material: Carbon Steel</td>
<td>Area: 1,892 ft²</td>
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<tr>
<td>Specification Sheet: Section 16, pg. 102</td>
<td>Heat Duty: 45,923,300 BTU/hr</td>
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<td>Costing Data: Section 17</td>
<td>Design Calculation: Section 25.3.2</td>
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</table>

E-201 is used to cool the process fluid in the recirculation loop around R-201 due to the adiabatic temperature rise in the reactor from the exothermic reaction. The temperature of the fluid enters E-201 at 372 °F and is cooled to 300 °F using cooling water. The process fluid enters the shell at 895,140 lb/hr. According to ASPEN, the heat exchanger has a heat duty of 45.9 MM BTU/hr. Assuming that the cooling water will enter the tube at 86°F and increase 25°F, the mass flow rate of the cooling water was calculated to be 1,836,975 lb/hr. The heat transfer coefficient is 100 BTU/(°F*ft²*hr), obtained from standard guidelines. Rigorous calculations using these
variables are shown in the Appendix, Section 25.3.2 according standard equations.24 The LMTD is 243°F, making the area of the heat exchanger 1,892 ft². Assuming a tube velocity of 8 ft/s and an inner tube diameter of 1 inch, there will need to be 189 tubes of length 24 ft. The number of passes per tube will need to be 2. Therefore, using standard data and assuming a square pitch, the shell inner diameter is 31 inches.24 Both the shell and tube will be made of carbon steel because the fluid is non-corrosive and the temperature is within the range for carbon steel. The specification sheet is on page 102. The purchase cost of the heat exchanger is $33,200.

**Trimer Stream Heat Exchanger: E-303**

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<tr>
<th>Unit ID: E-303</th>
<th>Temperature Change: 453 °F</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type: Counter-Current Heat Exchanger</td>
<td>Pressure: 55 psig</td>
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<tr>
<td>Material: Carbon Steel</td>
<td>Area: 1,085 ft²</td>
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<tr>
<td>Specification Sheet: Section 16, pg. 103</td>
<td>Heat Duty: 12,291,800 BTU/hr</td>
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<td>Design Calculation: Section 25.3.2</td>
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E-303 is used to cool the bottom stream exiting S-301, which is mainly trimers. Trimers can be stored at ambient temperature, so the heat duty from the heat exchanger can be used somewhere else in the process. The temperature of the fluid enters E-303 at 543°F and is cooled to 90°F using cooling water. The process fluid enters the shell at 41,852 lb/hr. According to ASPEN, the heat exchanger has a heat duty of 12.3 MM BTU/hr. Assuming that the cooling water will enter the tube at 86°F and increase 25°F, the mass flow rate of the cooling water was calculated to be 483,548 lb/hr. The heat transfer coefficient is 100 BTU/(°F*ft²*hr). Rigorous calculations using these variables are shown in the Appendix, Section 25.3.2 according to standard equations.24 The LMTD is 113°F, making the area of the heat exchanger 1,085 ft². Assuming a tube velocity of 5
ft/s and an inner tube diameter of 1 inch, there will need to be 80 tubes of length 24 ft. The number of passes per tube will need to be 2. Therefore, using standard guidelines and assuming a square pitch, the shell inner diameter is 21¼ inches. Both the shell and tube will be made of carbon steel because the fluid is non-corrosive and the temperature is within the range for carbon steel. The specification sheet is on page 103. The purchase cost of the heat exchanger is $22,100.

**R-401 Feed Heat Exchanger: E-401**

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<tr>
<th>Unit ID: E-401</th>
<th>Temperature Change: 641 ºF (tube), 756 ºF (shell)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type: Counter-Current Heat Exchanger</td>
<td>Pressure: 43 psig</td>
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<tr>
<td>Material: Stainless Steel</td>
<td>Area: 16,350 ft²</td>
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<tr>
<td>Specification Sheet: Section 16, pg. 104</td>
<td>Heat Duty: 70,869,600 BTU/hr</td>
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<td>Costing Data: Section 17</td>
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E-401 is a counter-current heat exchanger using process fluids in both the tubes and shell. The fluid coming from S-301 and going to R-401 will need to be heated to meet the high temperature condition of R-401. The stream leaving R-401 and going to S-501 will be cooled from its high temperature to the conditions of S-501. An economizer is used here so that the hot stream heats the cold stream, without the need of other utilities. The 140,148 lb/hr cold stream, coming from the separation column, enters the heat exchanger at 240ºF and leaves at 881ºF. The 140,148 lb/hr hot stream, coming from the reactor, enters the heat exchanger at 1,046ºF and exits at 290ºF. According to ASPEN, the heat exchanger has a heat duty of 70.9 MM BTU/hr. The heat transfer coefficient is 45 BTU/(ºF*ft²*hr), according to standard guidelines. Rigorous calculations using these variables are shown in the Appendix, Section 25.3.2 according to standard equations. The LMTD is 96ºF, making the area of the heat exchanger 16,350 ft². Assuming a tube velocity of 2
ft/s and an inner tube diameter of 1 inch, there will need to be 92 tubes of length 30 ft. The number of passes per tube will need to be 23. This is too large, so other configurations should be considered, such as 2 heat exchangers. To decrease the number of tubes per pass, the LMTD must be greater. Both the shell and tube will be made of stainless steel because although the fluid is non-corrosive, the high temperature requires a stronger material. The specification sheet is on page 104. The purchase cost of the heat exchanger is $586,300.

**Xylene Stream Heat Exchanger: E-503**

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<tr>
<td>Type: Counter-Current Heat Exchanger</td>
<td>Pressure: 30 psig</td>
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<tr>
<td>Material: Carbon Steel</td>
<td>Area: 1,467 ft²</td>
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<tr>
<td>Specification Sheet: Section 16, pg. 105</td>
<td>Heat Duty: 11,291,500 BTU/hr</td>
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E-503 is used to cool the bottom stream exiting S-501, which is mainly the desired product, xylene. Xylene can be stored at ambient temperature, so the heat duty from the heat exchanger can be used somewhere else in the process. The temperature of the fluid enters E-503 at 366ºF and is cooled to 90ºF using cooling water. The process fluid enters the shell at 79,418 lb/hr. According to ASPEN, the heat exchanger has a heat duty of 11.3 MM BTU/hr. Assuming that the cooling water will enter the tube at 86ºF and increase 25ºF, the mass flow rate of the cooling water was calculated to be 451,564 lb/hr. The heat transfer coefficient is 100 BTU/(ºF*ft²*hr). Rigorous calculations using these variables are shown in the Appendix, Section 25.3.2 according to standard equations. The LMTD is 77ºF, making the area of the heat exchanger 1,467 ft². Assuming a tube velocity of 5 ft/s and an inner tube diameter of 1 inch, there will need to be 75 tubes of length 24
ft. The number of passes per tube will need to be 4. Therefore, using standard guidelines and assuming a square pitch, the shell inner diameter is 31 inches. Both the shell and tube will be made of carbon steel because the fluid is non-corrosive and the temperature is within the range for carbon steel. The specification sheet is on page 105. The purchase cost of the heat exchanger is $26,200.

\[ \text{R-401 Recirculation Fired heater: E-402} \]

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<tr>
<th>Unit ID: E-402</th>
<th>Temperature Change: 28 (^\circ\text{F})</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type: Fired heater</td>
<td>Pressure: 30 psig</td>
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<tr>
<td>Material: Cr-Mo Alloy Steel</td>
<td>Heat Duty: 33,355,300 BTU/hr</td>
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<td>Specification Sheet: Section 16, pg. 106</td>
<td>Costing Data: Section 17</td>
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E-402 is used to heat the process fluid in the recirculation loop around R-401 due to the adiabatic temperature drop in the reactor from the endothermic reaction. The process vapor enters the heat exchanger at 1022\(^\circ\text{F}\) and is heated to 1050\(^\circ\text{F}\). It has a flow rate of 1,470,000 lb/hr. According to ASPEN, the heat exchanger has a heat duty of 13,109 hp. The fired heater is made out of Cr-Mo Alloy Steel because the fluid is non-corrosive and this option was the cheapest. The specification sheet is on page 106. The purchase cost of the heat exchanger is $1,084,000.
Section 15.4 Reactors

**Oligomerization Reactor: R-201**

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<th><strong>Unit ID: R-201</strong></th>
<th><strong>Temperature: 240 ºF</strong></th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Type: Reactor</strong></td>
<td><strong>Pressure: 750 psig</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Material: Carbon Steel</strong></td>
<td><strong>Volume: 1,745 ft³</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Specification Sheet: Section 16, pg. 107</strong></td>
<td><strong>Heat Duty: 0 BTU/hr (adiabatic)</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Costing Data: Section 17</strong></td>
<td><strong>Diameter: 8 ft</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Design Calculation: Section 25.3.3</strong></td>
<td><strong>Height: 33 ft</strong></td>
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R-201 is a packed bed reactor. The desired reaction in R-201 converts liquid isobutylene into liquid TMP. The undesired reaction creates liquid trimers. The reactor conditions are 340ºF and 750 psig. Due to a large recirculation loop, 1,077,140 lb/hr enter the reactor. The reaction is exothermic with a reasonable adiabatic temperature rise of 65ºF. The patent gives a weight hourly space velocity (WHSV) of 15 hr⁻¹. Using the WHSV, the volumetric flowrate, and the bulk density of the HZSM-5 catalyst, which is 45 lb/ft³, the mass of the catalyst was calculated to be 71,809 lbs, with a volume of 1,587 ft³. Assuming the volume of the catalyst is equal to the volume of the reactor, and adding in a 10% safety factor, the volume of the reactor is 1,745 ft³. This gives a residence time of 3.44 min. Assuming an L/D ratio of 4, the diameter is 8 ft and the height is 33 ft. The superficial fluid velocity is 0.16 ft/s, which is similar to other liquid reactions. These calculations are also shown in the Appendix, Section 25.3.3. The reactor will be made of carbon steel because the fluid is non-corrosive and the temperature is within the range for carbon steel. The specification sheet is on page 107. The purchase cost of the reactor is $384,400.
Dehydrocyclization Reactors: R-401, R-402, R-403, and R-404

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<th>Unit ID: R-401,2,3,4</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type: Reactor</td>
<td>Pressure: 22 psig</td>
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<tr>
<td>Material: Stainless Steel</td>
<td>Volume/Reactor: 13,411 ft³</td>
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<tr>
<td>Specification Sheet: Section 16, pg. 108</td>
<td>Heat Duty: 0 BTU/hr (adiabatic)</td>
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<td>Costing Data: Section 17</td>
<td>Diameter/Reactor: 16 ft</td>
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<tr>
<td>Design Calculation: Section 25.3.3</td>
<td>Height/Reactor: 65 ft</td>
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R-401 is a packed bed reactor. The desired reaction in R-401 converts vapor TMP into vapor p-xylene. The undesired reactions create vapor m- and o-xylene. The reactor conditions are 1028ºF and 22 psig. Due to a large recirculation loop, 1,610,148 lb/hr enter the reactor. Because of the large flow rate, which would also mean a large volume of catalyst, there will actually be three reactors instead of one. This also allows the L/D ratio to remain at 4. This means that 536,716 lb/hr will enter each of the reactors. It is assumed that each reactor will do one third of the total overall conversion, so each reactor will be identical. The reaction is endothermic with a reasonable adiabatic temperature drop of 33ºF. The reactors will be in parallel, so only the feed into the reactor needs to be heated, and heating does not have to occur between each reactor. The patent gives a WHSV or 1.1 hr⁻¹. Using the WHSV, the volumetric flowrate, and the bulk density of the chromium oxide doped alumina catalyst, which is 40 lb/ft³, the mass of the catalyst per reactor was calculated to be 487,924 lbs, with a volume of 12,192 ft³. Assuming the volume of the catalyst is equal to the volume of the reactor, and adding in a 10% safety factor, the volume of the reactor is 13,411 ft³. This gives a residence time of 0.16 min per reactor. Assuming an L/D ratio of 4, the diameter is 16 ft and the height is 65 ft. The superficial fluid velocity is 6.92 ft/s, which is similar to other vapor reactions. Because the catalyst cokes and must be regenerated every fifth day, there will be a swing reactor, meaning there will be four reactors in parallel. Three reactors will always
be operating, then when one needs to be regenerated, it will be taken offline and the one that was just regenerated will be placed into the process (by opening and closing valves). The swinging design allows for less downtime. It is assumed that the catalyst will need to be replaced every 5 years. These calculations are also shown in the Appendix, Section 25.3.3. The reactor will be made of stainless steel because even though the fluid is non-corrosive, the operating temperature is very high. The specification sheet is on page 108. The purchase cost of each reactor is $384,400.

**Section 15.5 Distillation Columns and Flash Drum**

*Trimer Separation Distillation Column: S-301 (D-301, E-301, E-302, P-301)*

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<tr>
<td>Type: Distillation Column</td>
<td>Pressure: 65 psig</td>
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<tr>
<td>Material: Carbon Steel</td>
<td>Diameter: 9 ft</td>
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<td>Specification Sheet: Section 16, pg. 109</td>
<td>Height: 44 ft</td>
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<td>Design Calculation: Section 25.3.4</td>
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The function of S-301 is to remove the undesirable trimers from the process. A liquid stream, mostly containing TMP, isooctane, and trimers, enters the column at 182,000 lb/hr, and the two exit streams leave the column as liquids. In the ASPEN simulation, this separation requires 9 stages, a feed at stage 6, a condenser pressure of 84 psig, a condenser pressure drop of 0.2 psig, a stage pressure drop of 0.12 psig, a reflux ratio of 0.17, and a bottoms flow rate of 41,852 lb/hr. ASPEN was used to obtain the height and diameter measurements of the column. With only one pass over the trays, the diameter is 9 feet, which is very reasonable. This number of trays was used to calculate the height. It is industry standard to have 2 feet of spacing between each tray. Additionally, a sump space of 4 feet was added, a headspace of 10 feet, a disengaging space of 3
feet, and a feed location spacing of 3 feet, were factored in. While ASPEN gives the theoretical number of stages, the actual number of trays was calculated through the O’Connell Correlation, which takes the efficiencies of the trays into account. This correlation indicates that there should be 17 trays, with a feed on tray 11, and a tray efficiency of 0.44. Therefore, the height of the column is 44 feet. This creates an L/D ratio of about 5. The total pressure drop over the column, calculated from ASPEN, is 0.7 psig. These calculations are also shown in the Appendix, Section 25.3.4. All parts of the column will be made out of carbon steel, again because the process fluid is non-corrosive and the temperature is within range of the material. The specification sheet is on page 109. The purchase cost of the column is $150,015.

The reflux accumulator, D-301, was designed as a horizontal pressure vessel. It was assumed that it would have a residence time of 5 min and an L/D ratio of 2. Using a flow of 163,277 lb/hr, the reflux accumulator will have a diameter of 8 ft and a height of 15 ft. The purchase cost of the reflux accumulator is $36,269.

The reflux pump, P-301, has a head of 93 ft, an isentropic efficiency of 0.718, and requires 12 hp. This was calculated by assuming a pressure drop of 20 psig and using equations in the Appendix, Section 25.3.1. The purchase cost of the reflux pump is $8,969, which will have a spare.

The total condenser will be maintained at 240°F by using 1,081,117 lb/hr of cooling water. According to ASPEN, the condenser has a heat duty of 27.0 MM BTU/hr. The heat transfer coefficient is 100 BTU/(°F*ft²*hr). Using the calculations in the Appendix, Section 25.3.2, the area of the condenser is 1,837 ft². Assuming a tube velocity of 5 ft/sec, there will be 178 tubes with 2 passes per tube, 20 ft long tubes, and an inner shell diameter of 37 inches. The purchase cost of the condenser is $26,771.
The reboiler will be maintained at 543°F by using very high-pressure steam of 1250 psig. According to ASPEN, the reboiler has a heat duty of 19,167,500 BTU/hr. The heat transfer coefficient is 150 BTU/(°F*ft²*hr). Using the calculations in the Appendix, Section 25.3.2, the area of the reboiler is 42,594 ft². Assuming a tube velocity of 2 ft/sec, there will be 33 tubes with 164 passes per tube, and 30 ft long tubes. This amount of tube passes is impossible. To decrease the tube passes, a higher-pressure steam should be used. This would increase the LMTD and reduce the reboiler size. The purchase cost of the reboiler is $402,500.


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<tr>
<td>Type: Distillation Column</td>
<td>Pressure: 30 psig</td>
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<tr>
<td>Material: Carbon Steel</td>
<td>Diameter: 16 ft</td>
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<td>Specification Sheet: Section 16, pg. 110</td>
<td>Height: 64 ft</td>
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The function of S-501 is to recover the desired xylene product and remove the undesirable hydrogen. A vapor stream, mostly containing xylene and isooctane, enters the column at 140,148 lb/hr, and three exit streams leave the column: liquid xylene, a liquid recycle stream, and a hydrogen-heavy vapor overhead. In the ASPEN simulation, this separation requires 16 stages, a feed at stage 5, a condenser pressure of 39 psig, a condenser pressure drop of 4 psig, a stage pressure drop of 0.12 psig, a reflux ratio of 5.7, and a bottoms flow rate of 79,418 lb/hr. ASPEN was used to obtain the height and diameter measurements of the column. With only one pass over the trays, the diameter is 16.3 feet, which can fit on a highway. This number of trays was used to calculate the height. It is industry standard to have 2 feet of spacing between each tray.
Additionally, a sump space of 4 feet was added, a headspace of 10 feet, a disengaging space of 3 feet, and a feed location spacing of 3 feet, were factored in. While ASPEN gives the theoretical number of stages, the actual number of trays was calculated through the O’Connell Correlation, which takes the efficiencies of the trays into account. This correlation indicates that there should be 23 trays, with a feed on tray 8, and a tray efficiency of 0.62. Therefore, the height of the column is 64 feet. This creates an L/D ratio of about 4. The total pressure drop over the column, calculated from ASPEN, is 1.2 psig. These calculations are also shown in the Appendix, Section 25.3.4. All parts of the column will be made out of carbon steel, again because the process fluid is non-corrosive and the temperature is within range of the material. The specification sheet is on page 110. The purchase cost of the column is $299,900.

The reflux accumulator, D-501, was designed as a horizontal pressure vessel. It was assumed that it would have a residence time of 5 min and an L/D ratio of 2. Using a flow of 483,527 lb/hr, the reflux accumulator will have a diameter of 11 ft and a height of 21 ft. The purchase cost of the reflux accumulator is $59,400.

The reflux pump, P-301, has a head of 84 ft, an isentropic efficiency of 0.747, and requires 16 hp. This was calculated by assuming a pressure drop of 20 psig and using equations in the Appendix, Section 25.3.1. The purchase cost of the reflux pump is $9,900, which will have a spare.

The partial condenser will be maintained at 100°F by using 2,081,713 lb/hr of chilled water. According to ASPEN, the condenser has a heat duty of 101,916,000 BTU/hr. The heat transfer coefficient is 100 BTU/(°F*ft²*hr). Using the calculations in the Appendix, Section 25.3.2, the area of the condenser is 58,638 ft². Because of the large area, there should be two identical condensers in parallel. Assuming a tube velocity of 2 ft/sec, there will be 856 tubes with 8 passes per tube and 30 ft long tubes. The purchase cost of the condenser is $108,000.
The reboiler will be maintained at 367°F by using very high-pressure steam of 1250 psig. According to ASPEN, the reboiler has a heat duty of 80,409,000 BTU/hr. The heat transfer coefficient is 150 BTU/(°F*ft²*hr). Using the calculations in the Appendix, Section 25.3.2, the area of the reboiler is 2,589 ft². Assuming a tube velocity of 2 ft/sec, there will be 46 tubes with 8 passes per tube, and 30 ft long tubes. The shell diameter will only be 15 inches. The purchase cost of the reboiler is $101,100.

*Hydrogen Separation Flash Drum: S-502*

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<td>Type: Flash Drum</td>
<td>Pressure: 285 psig</td>
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<td>Material: Carbon Steel</td>
<td>Diameter: 18 ft</td>
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<td>Specification Sheet: Section 16, pg. 111</td>
<td>Height: 53 ft</td>
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The function of S-502 is to remove hydrogen from the process while minimizing loss of isobutylene, TMP, and isooctane. A mixed stream enters the flash at 17,902 lb/hr. Two streams exit: one as a liquid to get recycled, and one as a vapor mostly containing hydrogen to be burned. The drum runs at 40°F and 285 psig. The flash drum was sized using the equations in the Appendix, Section 25.3.5. With a hold-up time of 5 minutes to allow separation, the volume of gas in the drum was calculated to be 6,418 ft³. It was assumed that the drum would be 50% full. Using these assumptions and an L/D ratio of 3, the diameter of the drum is 18 ft, and the height is 53 ft. The flash drum will be made of carbon steel because the fluid is non-corrosive and the temperature is within the range for carbon steel. The specification sheet is on page 111. The purchase cost of the reactor is $954,300.
The function of T-101 is to store isobutylene. Isobutylene will be obtained via pipeline from the plant already on site. 126,820 lb/hr of isobutylene will enter the process. It will be refrigerated at 10ºF and stored at 5 psig. The fixed-roof tank will have a vent system to prevent pressure changes during filling and emptying. The storage tank should allow two days’ worth of volume, so delivery is not too frequent. It was assumed that the tank should allow a capacity of 1.5 times the amount needed. Using the time capacity of one month and the safety factor of 1.5, the volume of the tank will be 1.75 MM gal. Each storage tank should not exceed 1 MM gal, so there will be two storage tanks. Assuming an L/D ratio of 3, the diameter will be 23 ft and the height of the tank will be about 70 ft. Due to the large volume of the tank, it will be built on site, which is industry standard for storage tanks. Sections of the tank’s wall will be delivered to the site by barge. Because isobutylene is non-corrosive and at ambient temperature, the storage tank will be made of carbon steel. The specification sheet is on page 112. The purchase cost of the tank is $296,200. Additionally, the tank will use the already existing refrigeration, but utilities will need to maintain the low temperature. The use of a nitrogen blanket or a floating head tank should be explored due to flammability concerns.
Isooctane Storage Tank: T-102

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<tr>
<th>Unit ID: T-102</th>
<th>Temperature: 80°F</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type: Storage Tank</td>
<td>Pressure: 1 psig</td>
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<td>Material: Carbon Steel</td>
<td>Diameter: 15 ft</td>
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<td>Specification Sheet: Section 16, pg. 113</td>
<td>Height: 45 ft</td>
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The function of T-102 is to store isooctane. A vendor will deliver isooctane to the process area. For startup, 100,000 lb/hr of isooctane will need to enter the process. After that time, only the amount lost in the process through the three exit streams will need to be added to the process. This is about 445 lb/hr of isooctane. It can be stored at ambient conditions due to its very low boiling point of 210°F. However, according to isooctane’s MSDS sheet, it should be stored in a tightly sealed container due to flammability. The fixed-roof tank will have a vent system to prevent pressure changes during filling and emptying. The storage tank should allow three-weeks’ worth of volume, so delivery is not too frequent. It was assumed that the tank should allow a capacity of 1.5 times the amount needed. Using the time capacity of three weeks and the safety factor of 1.5, the volume of the tank will be 76,571 ft³. Assuming an L/D ratio of 3, the diameter will be 15 ft and the height of the tank will be about 45 ft. Due to the large volume of the tank, it will be built on site, which is industry standard for storage tanks. Sections of the tank’s wall will be delivered to the site by barge. Because isooctane is non-corrosive and at ambient temperature, the storage tank will be made of carbon steel. The specification sheet is on page 113. The purchase cost of the tank is $124,900. The use of a nitrogen blanket should be explored due to flammability concerns.
Trimer Storage Tanks: T-301A/B

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The function of T-301 is to store trimers once they are taken out of the process. The storage tank should allow two days’ worth of volume in case quality needs to be tested or the trimers cannot be transferred out of the plant immediately for some reason. It was assumed that the tank should allow a capacity of 1.5 times the amount needed. Using the time capacity of two days and the safety factor of 1.5, the volume of the tank will be 91,956 ft³ (697,023 gal). Assuming an L/D ratio of 3, the diameter will be 34 ft and the height of the tank will be about 102 ft. Because this is too tall, there will be two identical tanks, each with a diameter of 34 ft and a height of 51 ft. Due to the large volume of the tank, it will be built on site, which is industry standard for storage tanks. Sections of the tank’s wall will be delivered to the site by barge. The tank will be made of carbon steel because the trimers are non-corrosive. The specification sheet is on page 114. The purchase cost of the tank is $131,800. The use of a nitrogen blanket should be explored due to flammability concerns.
Xylene Storage Tanks: T-501A/B

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The function of T-501 is to store the xylene product once it has been created. The storage tank should allow two days’ worth of volume in case quality needs to be tested or the xylene cannot be transferred out of the plant immediately for some reason. It was assumed that the tank should allow a capacity of 1.5 times the amount needed. Using the time capacity of two days and the safety factor of 1.5, the volume of the tank will be 106,728 ft³ (809,002 gal). Assuming an L/D ratio of 3, the diameter will be 36 ft and the height of the tank will be about 107 ft. Because this is too tall, there will be two identical tanks, each with a diameter of 36 ft and a height of 53 ft. Due to the large volume of the tank, it will be built on site, which is industry standard for storage tanks. Sections of the tank’s wall will be delivered to the site by barge. The tank will be made of carbon steel because xylene is non-corrosive. The specification sheet is on page 115. The purchase cost of the tank is $142,150. The use of a nitrogen blanket should be explored due to flammability concerns.
Section 15.7 Surge Tanks

Surge Tanks After S-301: T-302A/B

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<td>Material: Carbon Steel</td>
<td>Diameter: 38 ft</td>
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<td>Specification Sheet: Section 16, pg. 116</td>
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The function of T-302 is to provide intermediate storage after the first half of the process has been completed; therefore, the second half of the process can continue if the first half is down. The surge tank should allow one-day worth of volume. It was assumed that the tank should allow a capacity of 1.5 times the amount needed. Using the time capacity of one day and the safety factor of 1.5, the volume of the tank will be 130,680 ft³ (990,554 gal). Assuming an L/D ratio of 3, the diameter will be 38 ft and the height of the tank will be about 114 ft. Because this is too tall, there will be two identical tanks, each with a diameter of 38 ft and a height of 57 ft. Due to the large volume of the tank, it will be built on site, which is industry standard for storage tanks. Sections of the tank’s wall will be delivered to the site by barge. The tank will be made of carbon steel because the fluids are non-corrosive. The specification sheet is on page 116. The purchase cost of the tank is $449,000. The use of a nitrogen blanket should be explored due to flammability concerns.
**Recycle Surge Tanks: T-502A/B**

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The function of T-502 is to provide intermediate storage of the recycle stream. The surge tank should allow one-day worth of volume. It was assumed that the tank should allow a capacity of 1.5 times the amount needed. Using the time capacity of one day and the safety factor of 1.5, the volume of the tank will be 46,620 ft³ (353,380 gal). Assuming an L/D ratio of 3, the diameter will be 27 ft and the height of the tank will be about 81 ft. Because this is too tall, there will be two identical tanks, each with a diameter of 27 ft and a height of 40 ft. Due to the large volume of the tank, it will be built on site, which is industry standard for storage tanks. Sections of the tank’s wall will be delivered to the site by barge. The tank will be made of carbon steel because the fluids are non-corrosive. The specification sheet is on page 118. The purchase costs of the tanks are $283,050. The use of a nitrogen blanket should be explored due to flammability concerns.
Section 16
Specification Sheets
Isobutylene Pump

Identification: Item Isooctane Pump
Item No. P-101
No. required 1

Date: 17 April 2018
By: MTN

Function: Pressurize fresh isobutylene.
Operation: Continuous

Materials handled:

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Component Mass Flow (lb/hr)

- Isobutylene: 126820
- para-Xylene: 0
- Isooctane: 0
- 2,4,4-trimethylpentene: 0
- Trimers: 0
- meta-Xylene: 0
- ortho-Xylene: 0
- Hydrogen: 0

Design Data:

Net Work: 10.8 hp
Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
No. Stages: 1
Shaft rpm: 3600
Type: Centrifugal Pump
Orientation: VSC
Flowrate: 400 gpm
Head: 73 ft
Max Motor hp: 75

Annual Utilities: Electricity at 4,703 kWh.

Comments and drawings: See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 100
Isooctane Pump

**Identification:** Item  
Item No. P-102  
No. required 1  
Date: 17 April 2018  
By: MTN

**Function:** Pressurize fresh isooctane.

**Operation:** Continuous

**Materials handled:**

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**Design Data:**

- Net Work: 0.05 hp
- Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- No. Stages: 1
- Shaft rpm: 3600
- Type: Centrifugal Pump
- Orientation: VSC
- Flowrate: 1.3 gpm
- Head: 69 ft
- Max Motor hp: 75

**Annual Utilities:** Electricity at 192 kWh.

**Comments and drawings:** See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 100
R-201 Feed Pump

Identification: Item
Item No. P-103
No. required 1

Date: 17 April 2018
By: MTN

Function: Pressurize feed to R-201.

Operation: Continuous

Materials handled:

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Component Mass Flow (lb/hr)

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Design Data:

Net Work: 337 hp
Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
No. Stages: 2+
Shaft rpm: 3600
Type: Centrifugal Pump
Orientation: HSC
Flowrate: 586 gpm
Head: 2,750 ft
Max Motor hp: 1,450

Annual Utilities: Electricity at 1,613,450 kWh
Comments and drawings: See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 100
# R-201 Recirculation Pump

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**Function:** Re-pressurize mixture in R-201 recirculation loop.

**Operation:** Continuous

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**Design Data:**

- Net Work: 47 hp
- Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- No. Stages: 1
- Shaft rpm: 1800
- Type: Centrifugal Pump
- Orientation: HSC
- Flowrate: 3,244 gpm
- Head: 84 ft
- Max Motor hp: 250

**Annual Utilities:** Electricity at 213,419 kWh

**Comments and drawings:** See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 200
R-401 Recirculation Blower

Identification: Item R-401 Recirculation Blower Date: 17 April 2018
Item No. C-401
No. required 1
By: MTN

Function: Re-pressurize mixture in R-401 recirculation loop.

Operation: Continuous

Materials handled:

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Design Data:

- Net Work: 11,009 hp
- Material of Construction: Stainless Steel
- Isentropic Efficiency: 0.85
- Constant Specific Heat Ratio: 1.4

Annual Utilities: Electricity at 64,670,076 kWh

Comments and drawings: Designed by AirPro Fan & Blower Company. See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 400
## S-502 Compressor

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### Function:
Pressurize feed into Flash drum.

### Operation:
Continuous

### Materials handled:

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### Component Mass Flow (lb/hr):

- Isobutylene: 2146 lb/hr
- para-Xylene: 38 lb/hr
- Isooctane: 9251 lb/hr
- 2,4,4-trimethylpentene: 1987 lb/hr
- Trimers: 0 lb/hr
- meta-Xylene: 2 lb/hr
- ortho-Xylene: 0.6 lb/hr
- Hydrogen: 4476 lb/hr

### Design Data:

- Net Work: 3207 hp
- Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- No. Stages: 3
- No. Intercoolers: 2
- Net Heat Duty:
  - Type: Multistage Compressor
  - Isentropic Efficiency: 0.85 per stage
- Overall Compression ratio: 12 (1<sup>st</sup> stage: 3; 2<sup>nd</sup> stage: 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> stage: 2)

### Annual Utilities:
Electricity at 13,266,146 kWh

### Comments and drawings:
See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 500
**C-501 Intercooler**

**Identification:**  
**Item**: C-501 Intercooler  
**Date:** 17 April 2018  
**Item No.**: C-501A  
**No. required**: 1  
**By**: MTN

**Function:** Cool down mixture between compressor stages.

**Operation:** Continuous

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<td>Hydrogen</td>
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**Design Data:**

- Type: Shell-in-Tube, Fixed Head  
- Effective Surface Area/unit: 170 ft\(^2\)  
- LMTD: 94°F  
- Heat Exchanged: 1,601,657 BTU/hr  
- Heat Transfer Coeff: 100 BTU/(hr*ft\(^2\)*°F)  
- Tube Side Material of Construction: Carbon Steel  
- Shell Side Material of Construction: Carbon Steel  
- No. Tubes/Pass:  
- Tube Length:  
- No. of Tube Passes:  
- Baffle Spacing:  
- Shell Diameter:  

**Utilities:** 80,085 lb/hr of cooling water

**Comments and drawings:** Cooling water on the tube side, Hot process fluid on the shell side. See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 500
C-501 Intercooler

**Identification:** C-501 Intercooler  
**Date:** 17 April 2018  
**Item No.:** C-501B  
**No. required:** 1  

**Function:** Cool down mixture between compressor stages.  
**Operation:** Continuous

**Materials handled:**

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**Component Mass Flow (lb/hr):**

- Isobutylene: 0 0 2146 2146
- para-Xylene: 0 0 38 38
- Isooctane: 0 0 9251 9251
- 2,4,4-trimethylpentene: 0 0 1987 1987
- Trimers: 0 0 0 0
- meta-Xylene: 0 0 2 2
- ortho-Xylene: 0 0 0.6 0.6
- Hydrogen: 0 0 4476 4476
- Cooling Water: 140000 140000 0 0

**Design Data:**

Type: Shell-in-Tube, Fixed Head  
Effective Surface Area:  
Heat Exchanged: BTU/hr  
Heat Transfer Coeff: BTU/(hr*ft²*ºF)  
Tube Side Material of Construction: Carbon Steel  
Shell Side Material of Construction: Carbon Steel  
No. Tubes/Pass:  
Tube Length:  
No. of Tube Passes:  
Baffle Spacing:  
Shell Diameter:  

**Utilities:** 140,000 lb/hr of cooling water

**Comments and drawings:** Cooling water on the tube side, Hot process fluid on the shell side. See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 500
# R-201 Feed Heat Exchanger

**Identification:** Item No. E-101

**Date:** 17 April 2018

**By:** MTN

**No. required:** 1

**Function:** Heat R-201 feed

**Operation:** Continuous

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## Component Mass Flow (lb/hr)

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## Design Data:

- Type: Shell-in-Tube, Fixed Head
- Effective Surface Area: 2,977 ft²
- LMTD: 108°F
- Heat Exchanged: 48,224,400 BTU/hr
- Heat Transfer Coeff: 150 BTU/(hr*ft²*°F)
- Tube Side Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- Shell Side Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- No. Tubes/Pass: 78
- Tube Length: 24 ft
- No. of Tube Passes: 6
- Shell Diameter: 37 in

## Utilities:

70,332 lb/hr of low pressure steam at 150 psig

## Comments and drawings:

Process fluid on the tube side, Low pressure steam on the shell side. See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 100
**R-201 Recirculation Heat Exchanger**

**Identification:**
- **Item:** R-201 Recirc HX
- **Date:** 17 April 2018
- **Item No.:** E-201
- **By:** MTN
- **No. required:** 1

**Function:** Cool R-201 recirculation loop.

**Operation:** Continuous

**Materials handled:**

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**Component Mass Flow (lb/hr):**

- **Isobutylene**
  - Cold In: 0
  - Cold Out: 0
  - Hot In: 11591
  - Hot Out: 11591
- **para-Xylene**
  - Cold In: 0
  - Cold Out: 0
  - Hot In: 3654
  - Hot Out: 3654
- **Isooctane**
  - Cold In: 0
  - Cold Out: 0
  - Hot In: 213348
  - Hot Out: 213348
- **2,4,4-trimethylpentene**
  - Cold In: 0
  - Cold Out: 0
  - Hot In: 460455
  - Hot Out: 460455
- **Trimers**
  - Cold In: 0
  - Cold Out: 0
  - Hot In: 205842
  - Hot Out: 205842
- **meta-Xylene**
  - Cold In: 0
  - Cold Out: 0
  - Hot In: 178
  - Hot Out: 178
- **ortho-Xylene**
  - Cold In: 0
  - Cold Out: 0
  - Hot In: 69
  - Hot Out: 69
- **Hydrogen**
  - Cold In: 0
  - Cold Out: 0
  - Hot In: 2
  - Hot Out: 2
- **Cooling Water**
  - Cold In: 1836975
  - Cold Out: 1836975
  - Hot In: 0
  - Hot Out: 0

**Design Data:**

- Type: Shell-in-Tube, Fixed Head
- Effective Surface Area: 1,892 ft²
- LMTD: 243°F
- Heat Exchanged: 45,923,300 BTU/hr
- Heat Transfer Coeff.: 100 BTU/(hr*ft²*°F)
- Tube Side Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- Shell Side Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- No. Tubes/Pass: 189
- Tube Length: 24 ft
- No. of Tube Passes: 2
- Baffle Spacing: 22.2 inches
- Shell Diameter: 37 inches

**Utilities:** 1,836,975 lb/hr of cooling water

**Comments and drawings:** Cooling water on the tube side, Hot process fluid on the shell side. See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 200
## Trimer Stream Heat Exchanger

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### Function:
Cool trimer product stream

### Operation:
Continuous

### Materials handled:

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### Component Mass Flow (lb/hr)

- Isobutylene
- para-Xylene
- Isooctane
- 2,4,4-trimethylpentene
- Trimers
- meta-Xylene
- ortho-Xylene
- Hydrogen
- Cooling Water

### Design Data:
- Type: Shell-in-Tube, Fixed Head
- Effective Surface Area: 1,085 ft²
- LMTD: 113°F
- Heat Exchanged: 12,291,800 BTU/hr
- Heat Transfer Coeff: 100 BTU/(hr*ft²*°F)
- Tube Side Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- Shell Side Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- No. Tubes/Pass: 80
- Tube Length: 24 ft
- No. of Tube Passes: 2
- Baffle Spacing: 18.6 inches
- Shell Diameter: 21¼ inches

### Utilities:
483,548 lb/hr of cooling water

### Comments and drawings:
Cooling water on the tube side, Hot process fluid on the shell side. See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 300
### R-401 Feed Heat Exchanger

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**Function:** Heat up R-401 feed while simultaneously cooling R-401 effluent.

**Operation:** Continuous

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Component Mass Flow (lb/hr)

- Isobutylene: 2356 lb/hr, 2356 lb/hr, 2358 lb/hr, 2358 lb/hr
- para-Xylene: 687 lb/hr, 687 lb/hr, 71408 lb/hr, 71408 lb/hr
- Isooctane: 43168.5 lb/hr, 43168.5 lb/hr, 43182 lb/hr, 43182 lb/hr
- 2,4,4-trimethylpentene: 93052 lb/hr, 93052 lb/hr, 9984 lb/hr, 9984 lb/hr
- Trimers: 837 lb/hr, 837 lb/hr, 838 lb/hr, 838 lb/hr
- meta-Xylene: 33 lb/hr, 33 lb/hr, 3962 lb/hr, 3962 lb/hr
- ortho-Xylene: 12 lb/hr, 12 lb/hr, 3940 lb/hr, 3940 lb/hr
- Hydrogen: 0.5 lb/hr, 0.5 lb/hr, 4477 lb/hr, 4477 lb/hr

**Design Data:**

- Type: Shell-in-Tube, Fixed Head
- Effective Surface Area: 16,350 ft\(^2\)
- LMTD: 96°F
- Heat Exchanged: 35,434,800 BTU/hr
- Heat Transfer Coeff: 45 BTU/(hr*ft\(^2\)*°F)
- Tube Side Material of Construction: Stainless Steel 304
- Shell Side Material of Construction: Stainless Steel 304
- No. Tubes/Pass: 92
- Tube Length: 30 ft
- No. of Tube Passes: 23*

**Comments and drawings:** See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 400
# Xylene Stream Heat Exchanger

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**Function:** Cool xylene product stream

**Operation:** Continuous

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## Component Mass Flow (lb/hr)

- **Isobutylene:** 0
- **para-Xylene:** 0
- **Isooctane:** 0
- **2,4,4-trimethylpentene:** 0
- **Trimers:** 0
- **meta-Xylene:** 0
- **ortho-Xylene:** 0
- **Hydrogen:** 0
- **Cooling Water:** 451564

### Design Data:

- **Type:** Shell-in-Tube, Fixed Head
- **Effective Surface Area:** 1,467 ft²
- **LMTD:** 77°F
- **Heat Exchanged:** 11,291,500 BTU/hr
- **Heat Transfer Coeff:** 100 BTU/(hr*ft²*°F)
- **Tube Side Material of Construction:** Carbon Steel
- **Shell Side Material of Construction:** Carbon Steel
- **No. Tubes/Pass:** 75
- **Tube Length:** 24 ft
- **No. of Tube Passes:** 4
- **Baffle Spacing:** 18.6 inches
- **Shell Diameter:** 31 inches

**Utilities:** 451,564 lb/hr of cooling water

**Comments and drawings:** Cooling water on the tube side, Hot process fluid on the shell side. See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 500
## R-401 Recirculation Furnace

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**Function:** Heat R-401 recirculation loop  
**Operation:** Continuous

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### Component Mass Flow (lb/hr)

- **Isobutylene:** 24731 lb/hr  
- **para-Xylene:** 748993 lb/hr  
- **Isooctane:** 452934 lb/hr  
- **2,4,4-trimethylpentene:** 104719 lb/hr  
- **Trimers:** 8787 lb/hr  
- **meta-Xylene:** 41557 lb/hr  
- **ortho-Xylene:** 41325 lb/hr  
- **Hydrogen:** 46954 lb/hr  
- **Methane:** 1407 lb/hr

**Design Data:**

- **Type:** Fired heater  
- **Heat Exchanged:** 33,355,300 BTU/hr  
- **Pressure:** 30 psig

**Utilities:** 1,407 lb/hr of methane

**Comments and drawings:** See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 400
**Oligomerization Reactor**

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**Function:** Allow reactions to take place to form desired intermediate, TMP, and undesired byproduct, trimers.

**Operation:** Continuous

**Materials handled:**

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Component Mass Flow (lb/hr)

- Isobutylene: 139482 lb/hr, 13948 lb/hr
- para-Xylene: 4398 lb/hr, 4398 lb/hr
- Isooctane: 256726 lb/hr, 256726 lb/hr
- 2,4,4-trimethylpentene: 470386 lb/hr, 554075 lb/hr
- Trimers: 205849 lb/hr, 247694 lb/hr
- meta-Xylene: 214 lb/hr, 214 lb/hr
- ortho-Xylene: 82 lb/hr, 82 lb/hr
- Hydrogen: 3 lb/hr, 3 lb/hr

**Design Data:**

- Adiabatic Temperature Rise: 65°F
- Mass catalyst: 71,809 lb
- Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- Inner diameter: 8 ft
- Total Height: 33 ft
- Total Reactor Volume: 1,745 ft³
- Orientation: Vertical
- Total Residence Time: 3.44 min
- Superficial Fluid Velocity: 0.16 ft/s

**Utilities:** Exothermic reactions release 15,429,951 BTU/hr

**Comments and drawings:** See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 200
### Dehydrocyclization Reactors

**Identification:** Item Dehydrocyclization Reactor  
**Date:** 17 April 2018  
**Item No.:** R-401  
**No. required:** 4  
**By:** MTN

**Function:** Allow reactions to take place to form desired product, p-xylene, and undesired isomers, o-xylene and m-xylene.

**Operation:** Continuous

- **Materials handled:**
  - | Overall Feed | Overall Effluent |
  - | Temperature (°F) | 1034 | 1001 |
  - | Pressure (psig) | 30 | 22 |
  - | Vapor fraction | 1 | 1 |
  - | Mass flow (lb/hr) | 1610150 | 1610150 |
  - | Molar flow (lbmol/hr) | 37780 | 40001 |
  - **Component Mass Flow (lb/hr):**  
    - Isobutylene: 27089  
    - para-Xylene: 749675  
    - Isooctane: 496117  
    - 2,4,4-trimethylpentene: 197763  
    - Trimers: 9625  
    - meta-Xylene: 41590  
    - ortho-Xylene: 41336  
    - Hydrogen: 46955  

**Design Data:**

- Adiabatic Temperature Drop: 33°F  
- Mass catalyst/unit: 487,924 lb  
- Material of Construction: SS 304  
- Height/unit: 65 ft  
- Diameter/unit: 16 ft  
- Total Reactor Volume: 40,234 ft³  
- Reactor Volume/unit: 13,411 ft³  
- No. units in parallel: 3  
- Orientation: Vertical  
- Superficial Fluid Velocity: 6.92 ft/s  
- Total Residence Time: 0.256 min

**Utilities:** Endothermic reactions require 40,874,883 BTU/hr

**Comments and drawings:** See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 400; Assume reaction conversion is evenly spread out over all units; 3 reactors will be operating at once with a 4th swing reactor undergoing catalyst regeneration, allowing less downtime; The adiabatic temperature drop is reasonable.
Trimer Separation Distillation Column

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**Function:** Separate out trimers from process stream.

**Operation:** Continuous

**Materials handled:**

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**Component Mass Flow (lb/hr):**

- Isobutylene: 2357 2356 0
- para-Xylene: 743 687 56
- Isooctane: 43378.5 43168.5 209
- 2,4,4-trimethylpentene: 93620 93052 568
- Trimers: 41852 837 41015
- meta-Xylene: 36 33 3
- ortho-Xylene: 14 12 2
- Hydrogen: 0.5 0.5 0

**Design Data:**

- Number of trays: 17
- Feed Stage: 11
- Pressure: 65 psig
- Temperature: 355 °F
- Total Height: 44 ft
- Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- Diameter: 9 ft
- Average Tray Efficiency: 0.44
- Tray Spacing: 1.5 ft
- Skirt Height: 17 ft
- Reflux Ratio: 0.165

**Utilities:** Cooling water at 1,081,117 lb/hr and 1250 psig steam at 33,219 lb/hr.

**Comments and drawings:** See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 400
**Xylene Separation Distillation Column**

**Identification:**
- Item: Xylene Sep Dist Column
- Date: 17 April 2018
- Item No.: S-501
- No. required: 1
- By: MTN

**Function:** Separate out xylene and hydrogen from the process stream.

**Operation:** Continuous

**Materials handled:**

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**Design Data:**
- Number of trays: 23
- Feed Stage: 6
- Pressure: 30 psig
- Temperature: 290 °F
- Total Height: 64 ft
- Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- Diameter: 16 ft
- Average Tray Efficiency: 0.62
- Tray Spacing: 1.5 ft
- Skirt Height: 17 ft
- Reflux Ratio: 1.42

**Utilities:** Cooling water at 2,081,713 lb/hr and 1250 psig steam at 139,357 lb/hr.

**Comments and drawings:** See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 500
# Hydrogen Separation Flash Drum

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**Function:** Remove undesired hydrogen from process stream.

**Operation:** Continuous

### Materials handled:

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**Component Mass Flow (lb/hr):**

- Isobutylene: 2146, 1288, 859
- para-Xylene: 38, 0, 38
- Isooctane: 9251, 196, 9055
- 2,4,4-trimethylpentene: 1987, 38, 1950
- trimers: 0, 0, 0
- meta-Xylene: 2, 0, 2
- ortho-Xylene: 1, 0, 1
- Hydrogen: 4476, 4476, 0

### Design Data:

- Hold-up time: 5 min
- Pressure: 285 psig
- Total Height: 53 ft
- Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- Diameter: 18 ft
- Orientation: Vertical
- Fraction of Drum Full: 50%

**Comments and drawings:** See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 500
# Isobutylene Storage Tanks

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**Function:** Store excess isobutylene.

**Operation:** Continuous

**Materials handled:** To Process

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**Design Data:**

- Amount (time) of Isobutylene Stored: 2 days
- Diameter: 23 ft
- Height/Unit: 70 ft
- Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- Roof Design: Conical
- Pressure: 5 psig
- Total Storage Volume/Tank: 115,511 ft³; 875,571 gal

**Comments and drawings:** See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 100
# Isooctane Storage Tank

**Identification:**
- **Item:** Isooctane Storage Tank
- **Item No.:** T-102
- **Date:** 17 April 2018
- **No. required:** 1
- **By:** MTN

**Function:** Store excess isooctane.

**Operation:** Continuous

**Materials handled:**
- To Process

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**Design Data:**
- Amount (time) of Isooctane Stored: 3 weeks
- Diameter: 15 ft
- Height: 45 ft
- Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- Roof Design: Conical
- Pressure: 0.3 psig
- Total Storage Volume: 7,820 ft³; 59,277 gallons

**Comments and drawings:** See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 100
# Trimer Storage Tanks

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**Function:** Store trimer product.

**Operation:** Continuous

**Materials handled:**

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**Component Mass Flow (lb/hr):**

- Isobutylene: 0
- para-Xylene: 56
- Isooctane: 209
- 2,4,4-trimethylpentene: 568
- Trimers: 41015
- meta-Xylene: 3
- ortho-Xylene: 2
- Hydrogen: 0

**Design Data:**

- Amount (time) of Trimers Stored: 2 days
- Diameter: 34 ft
- Height/Unit: 51 ft
- Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- Roof Design: Conical
- Pressure: 45 psig
- Total Storage Volume: 91,956 ft³; 697,023 gallons

**Comments and drawings:** See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 300
# Xylene Storage Tanks

**Identification:**
- Item: Item No. T-501A/B
- No. required: 2

**Date:** 17 April 2018
**By:** MTN

**Function:** Store xylene product.

**Operation:** Continuous

**Materials handled:** To Tank

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**Design Data:**
- Amount (time) of Xylene Stored: 2 days
- Diameter: 36 ft
- Total height: 53 ft
- Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- Roof Design: Conical
- Pressure: 20 psig
- Total Storage Volume: 106,728 ft³; 809,002 gal

**Comments and drawings:** See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 500
## Surge Tanks After S-301

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**Function:** Process stream fills tank to split process into multiple parts, so part of process can continue if another part is shutdown.

**Operation:** Continuous

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**Design Data:**

- Amount (time) of Process Stream Stored: 1 day
- Diameter: 38 ft
- Total height: 57 ft
- Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- Roof Design: Conical
- Pressure: 15 psig
- Total Storage Volume: 130,680 ft³; 990,554 gal

**Comments and drawings:** See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 300
**T-302 Pump**

**Identification:**
- **Item No.**: T-302 Pump
- **No. required**: 1

**Date:** 17 April 2018

**By:** MTN

**Function:** Pressurize process stream after surge tank.

**Operation:** Continuous

**Materials handled:**

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**Component Mass Flow (lb/hr)**

- **Isobutylene**: 2356
- **para-Xylene**: 687
- **Isooctane**: 43168.5
- **2,4,4-trimethylpentene**: 93052
- **Trimers**: 837
- **meta-Xylene**: 33
- **ortho-Xylene**: 12
- **Hydrogen**: 0.5

**Design Data:**

- **Net Work**: 11 hp
- **Material of Construction**: Carbon Steel
- **No. Stages**: 1
- **Shaft rpm**: 3600
- **Type**: Centrifugal Pump
- **Orientation**: VSC
- **Flowrate**: 453 gpm
- **Head**: 97 ft

**Utilities:** Electricity at 46,952 kWh

**Comments and drawings:** See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 300
# Recycle Stream Surge Tanks

**Identification:** Item Recycle Stream Surge Tank Date: 17 April 2018

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**Function:** Recycle stream fills tank to split process into multiple parts, so part of process can continue if another part is shutdown.

**Operation:** Continuous

**Materials handled:**

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**Component Mass Flow (lb/hr):**

- Isobutylene: 1070 lb/hr
- para-Xylene: 743 lb/hr
- Isooctane: 42949 lb/hr
- 2,4,4-trimethylpentene: 9920.5 lb/hr
- Trimers: 0 lb/hr
- meta-Xylene: 36 lb/hr
- ortho-Xylene: 14 lb/hr
- Hydrogen: 0.5 lb/hr

**Design Data:**

- Amount (time) of Recycle Stream Stored: 1 day
- Diameter: 27 ft
- Total height: 40 ft
- Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- Roof Design: Conical
- Pressure: 0 psig
- Total Storage Volume: 46,620 ft³; 353,380 gal

**Comments and drawings:** See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 500
# T-502 Pump

**Identification:**
- **Item**: Item No. P-501
- **No. required**: 1

**Date:** 17 April 2018

**By:** MTN

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**Function:** Pressurize recycle stream after surge tank.

**Operation:** Continuous

**Materials handled:**

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- para-Xylene: 743, 743
- Isooctane: 42949, 42949
- 2,4,4-trimethylpentene: 9920.5, 9920.5
- Trimers: 0, 0
- meta-Xylene: 36, 36
- ortho-Xylene: 14, 14
- Hydrogen: 0.5, 0.5

**Design Data:**
- Net Work: 4 hp
- Material of Construction: Carbon Steel
- No. Stages: 1
- Shaft rpm: 3600
- Type: Centrifugal Pump
- Orientation: VSC
- Flowrate: 159 gpm
- Head: 82 ft

**Utilities:** Electricity at 19,208 kWh

**Comments and drawings:** See Section 12 Process Flow Sheet Section 500
Section 17
Equipment Cost Summary
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All equipment costs were calculated using the Equipment Cost Spreadsheet provided by the Penn professors. Standard cost equations are used in the spreadsheet. Because the cost equations are based on prices in mid 2014, a CE Index of 644.3 was calculated for 2020, the year our project is halfway finished with spending money on construction. Tables 17.1 and 17.2 above show the purchase costs and bare module costs of the equipment in the plant. The storage equipment includes both storage tanks and surge tanks, process machinery includes pumps, and fabricated equipment includes heat exchangers, a furnace, reactors, separators, and drums. The total cost of all of the equipment is $40.6 MM. The total cost of spares is $1.01 MM. Spares were bought for all pumps. Figure 17.1 shows the breakdown of the costs.

Figure 17.1 Pie chart showing what percentage each type of equipment is of the total cost, $40.6 MM.

As shown in the figure, the “Other” section, which includes the blower in the R-401 recirculation loop, accounts for over one third of the total cost of equipment. Reactors account for just less than one fifth, storage/surge tanks and pumps/compressors are slightly less than that, and heat exchangers and separators account for the rest. The tanks and pumps account for a large
amount of the price due to the large quantity of these pieces of equipment needed. Additionally, the storage tanks are expensive due to their large volume because of the large flow rate of the plant.

The most expensive piece of equipment, by far, is the centrifugal turbo blower in the recirculation loop around R-401. The purchase cost is $5.50 MM, and the bare module cost is $11.8 MM. This piece of equipment is very expensive due to its large size, which processes 1.40 MM lb/hr of material. The material is stainless steel due to the high temperature of the fluid, making the piece of equipment much more expensive.

Ignoring the “other” category of equipment, it was expected for reactors to account for the largest percentage out of all of the equipment. R-201 costs $1.6 MM, due to the large flow rate and large mass of catalyst in the reactor. R-401 consists of four reactors that each cost $1.80 MM, for a total cost of $7.20 MM. This reactor is very large due to the large recirculation flow rate to improve the low conversion and the large amount of catalyst due to the low WHSV. Furthermore, the reactors have to be made of stainless steel 304 because they are running at high temperature, and this greatly increases the cost.

Other expensive pieces of equipment to note above $1 MM include the compressor C-501, the heat exchanger E-401, the fired heater E-402, and the distillation column S-501. The compressor before the flash is expensive because it is compressing a large amount of material from 24 psig to 285 psig, which requires three stages and a large amount of horsepower. The heat exchanger E-401 is expensive because it involves very large temperature differences: one stream must reach the inlet temperature of R-401, which is very high, and another stream leaves R-401 to enter a separation column. This creates a large surface area. Additionally, this heat exchanger has to be made of stainless steel 304 due to its high temperature, which increases the price greatly. Fired heaters are generally capital-intensive due to their high temperature, so it was expected for this
to have a high cost. Lastly, the distillation column S-501 has three exit streams. The large inlet stream needs to be separated very well to obtain a stream that is 89 wt% p-xylene, a stream containing the materials in the process to recycle, and a stream that is mostly hydrogen. This requires many trays, making the column very tall and expensive.
Section 18
Fixed Capital Investment Summary
The Profitability Analysis Spreadsheet provided by the UPenn professors of CBE460 was used to model financials. While the plant will have a 30-year lifetime, the financials are modeled over 10 years because it is unreliable to forecast any farther out.

Section 18.1 Equipment and Catalysts Costs

The total bare module costs include all equipment and catalysts. After determining the bare module costs for the necessary equipment, the total capital investment was assessed with the recommended methods24. The total equipment purchase cost required for the design is $72.7 MM. $40.6 MM of this is cost of the equipment, and a more detailed breakdown of these costs is in Section 17.

The catalysts are also included in the initial purchasing cost for necessary equipment; $32.1 MM accounts for the cost of the two catalysts. The pricing breakdown is shown in Table 18.1 below. The price of HZSM-5 is $20.00/lb, with a total cost of $1.44 MM.10 For both catalysts, a bare module factor of 1.5 was used, decided on by assessing freight costs for different order sizes and the labor necessary to install the catalysts into the reactors. Therefore, the total bare module cost for HZSM-5 is $2.16 MM. New catalyst will need to be bought throughout the plant lifetime. When needed, a purchase order will be placed.

The price of the Cr/Al2O3 catalyst was calculated based on discussions with consultants.10 The patent specifically mentioned a catalyst from BASF, and it is assumed that the catalyst has 95% alumina. We were told that the cost of the catalyst is heavily dependent on the metal cost and that the cost of alumina is $7.00/lb. The cost of chromium is less expensive at $3.50/lb. An additional loading cost should be added in, but due to the lack of data, we are assuming this cost is negligible. Furthermore, the total catalyst lifetime of Cr/Al2O3, even with regeneration, is assumed to be five
years. Therefore, because the spreadsheet models the plant over ten years, the plant will require two purchase orders of the catalyst. Each purchase will cost $10 MM. A bare module factor of 1.5 was used to obtain a total cost of $30 MM for the two orders over the 10 years projected on the spreadsheet. Information on the amount of utilities and costs relevant to catalyst regeneration are detailed under operating costs in the Section 19.5.

Table 18.1 Costs of the Two Catalysts. The amount of catalyst is how much will initially need to be bought. The 10-year cost assumes that the HZSM-5 was purchased once and the Cr/Al$_2$O$_3$ was purchased twice.

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Section 18.2 Operations, Maintenance, and Overhead

After determining the relevant equipment and catalyst costs, operations and maintenance were examined. Discussions with consultants indicated that a plant of this size would require 5 operators for startup, and 3 from the third year of production onward. Each operator would be responsible for one process area: the oligomerization process, the dehydrocyclization process, and the general storage and transfer of material throughout the process. There will be four shifts, which will allow a 40-hour work week with 8-hour shifts or 12-hour shifts. We will need 3 operators per shift and 1 laboratory per shift by the third year. The remaining values for operations, maintenance, and overhead defaulted to general recommendations, as there was no indication that this process would deviate from the scope of those heuristics.$^{24}$ All values are shown in Table 18.2 below.
Section 18.3 Other Fixed Costs

Property taxes and insurance were assumed to be 1.5% of the total depreciable capital, given the relatively sparse settling of the proposed site location in Iowa. Depreciation was calculated in accordance with the MACRS code. There are no expected rental fees or depletion allowances, but $100,000 is appropriated for licensing the patent information and associated research from GEVO, so as to better model and control the process.

Table 18.3 Insurance and Other Fixed Costs

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Section 18.4 Total Permanent Investment

Along with the costs above, there will be fees associated with building the plant. These fees are stated in Table 18.3. These were defaulted to general recommendations.24

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<td>23% of Direct Permanent Investment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost of Land</td>
<td>2% of Total Depreciable Cost</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost of Royalties</td>
<td>$0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost of Plant Start-Up</td>
<td>15% of Total Depreciable Capital</td>
</tr>
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Section 18.5 Investment Summary

Table 18.5 below shows the actual costs calculated by the spreadsheet. This table shows that we will need a total permanent investment of $100.4 MM.

Table 18.5 Total Permanent Investment

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Investment Summary</th>
<th>Investment</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Bare Module Costs:</strong></td>
<td>$55,158,806</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fabricated Equipment</td>
<td>$16,885,862</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Process Machinery</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Spares</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storage</td>
<td>$6,147,948</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Equipment</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Catalysts</td>
<td>$32,124,996</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Computers, Software, Etc.</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Bare Module Costs:</strong></td>
<td>$55,158,806</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Direct Permanent Investment</strong></td>
<td>$60,674,687</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost of Site Preparations</td>
<td>$2,757,940</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cost of Service Facilities</td>
<td>$2,757,940</td>
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<tr>
<td>Allocated Costs for utility plants and related facilities</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Direct Permanent Investment</strong></td>
<td>$60,674,687</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Depreciable Capital</strong></td>
<td>$74,629,865</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost of Contingencies &amp; Contractor Fees</td>
<td>$13,955,178</td>
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<td><strong>Total Depreciable Capital</strong></td>
<td>$74,629,865</td>
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Table 18.5 (continued) Total Permanent Investment

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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cost of Land</td>
<td>$1,492,597</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cost of Royalties</td>
<td>$-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost of Plant Start-Up</td>
<td>$11,194,480</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Total Permanent Investment - Unadjusted $87,316,942

Site Factor 1.15

Total Permanent Investment $100,414,838
Section 19
Operating Cost
**Section 19.1 Raw Materials**

The principle feedstock for this process is the sustainably-source isobutylene. Per the project statement, it can be secured over the project’s lifespan for 90% of its market price. The cost of isobutylene was determined from the ICIS database to be about $0.81/lb, so we can purchase it for $0.75/lb.\(^{18}\) The process also requires a small stream of isoctane to make up for diluent lost on each cycle, which costs $0.17/lb and is relatively less significant to the financials.\(^{11}\) Ratios of the amount of raw material used per amount of product made were calculated from the design process and input into the profitability analysis spreadsheet, as shown below.

**Table 19.1 Cost of two main raw materials**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Raw Material</th>
<th>Ratio (lb per lb of product)</th>
<th>Cost (per lb)</th>
<th>Yearly Requirement (lb)</th>
<th>Annual Cost</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Isobutylene</td>
<td>1.597</td>
<td>$0.75</td>
<td>1.0 B</td>
<td>$730 MM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Isooctane</td>
<td>0.006</td>
<td>$0.17</td>
<td>3.5 MM</td>
<td>$596 M</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Although commodity chemical prices are not expected to be stable long-term, the price of isobutylene is set by our internal supplier and is modeled as increasing with general inflation. Factors that drive the price of isobutylene, especially on the demand side, also impact the price of p-xylene, so there is more uncertainty in exact pricing than there is on the process’s spread.

**Section 19.2 Utilities**

Following the calculations from Section 14, the yearly utility requirements were determined from the necessary flowrates. Where possible, standard prices were used for the relevant costs.\(^{24}\) These costs are tabulated below in Table 19.2 and are not expected to vary significantly over the lifespan of the project. Although it may prove less profitable, we recommend further exploration of sustainably sourcing these utilities, as the added environmental friendliness would increase the
“green value” of the product and potentially make it easier to secure a higher premium for the p-xylene.

Table 19.2 Utility Cost. The only utility missing is air. We assume the cost of this is negligible and that our company’s plant already has an air supply.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Utility</th>
<th>Ratio (lb or kWh per lb of product)</th>
<th>Cost (per lb or kWh)</th>
<th>Yearly Requirement (MM of lb or kWh)</th>
<th>Annual Cost ($MM)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>150 psig Steam</td>
<td>0.709</td>
<td>$0.007</td>
<td>554 MM</td>
<td>$3.88</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1250 psig Steam</td>
<td>2.173</td>
<td>$0.011</td>
<td>1.36 B</td>
<td>$15.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cooling Water</td>
<td>51.28</td>
<td>$0.000012</td>
<td>32.0 B</td>
<td>$0.39</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chilled Water</td>
<td>31.62</td>
<td>$0.00031</td>
<td>11.0 B</td>
<td>$3.81</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nitrogen</td>
<td>0.148</td>
<td>$0.01</td>
<td>449 MM</td>
<td>$0.93</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Natural Gas (Methane)</td>
<td>0.0007</td>
<td>$0.12</td>
<td>11 MM</td>
<td>$1.33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Refrigeration</td>
<td>0.0006</td>
<td>$0.00004</td>
<td>19.4 MM</td>
<td>$0.778</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Electricity</td>
<td>0.136 kWh</td>
<td>$0.70</td>
<td>21.1 MM</td>
<td>$14.8</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Section 19.3 Variable Costs

Figures for other relevant variable costs were sourced from standard guidelines, with the default recommendations used for most values. However, due to the high-cost small-margin nature of the venture, these costs were fixed to the earnings rather than the sales of the project. These values are back-calculated as a percentage of sales to give the correct values, so they do not correspond to the values entered in the spreadsheet due to limitations in editing the spreadsheet.

Table 19.3 General Expenses

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>General Expenses</th>
<th>Percentage of Sales (%)</th>
<th>Annual Cost ($MM)</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Selling / Transfer Expenses</td>
<td>3.00</td>
<td>28.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Direct Research</td>
<td>3.00</td>
<td>28.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allocated Research</td>
<td>0.10</td>
<td>0.94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Administrative Expense</td>
<td>2.00</td>
<td>18.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Management Incentive Compensation</td>
<td>1.25</td>
<td>11.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>9.35</td>
<td>87.7</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Including the raw materials, byproducts, and utilities with general expenses, the total variable cost for plant operation is $874 MM.
Section 19.4 Fixed Costs

The percentages used for calculating fixed costs are shown in Tables 19.2 and 19.3. The costs calculated are shown in Table 19.4 below. The total fixed cost of plant operation is $12.5 MM.

Table 19.4 Breakdown of fixed costs from Profitability Analysis spreadsheet

**Operations**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Costs</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Direct Wages and Benefits</td>
<td>$998,400</td>
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<tr>
<td>Direct Salaries and Benefits</td>
<td>$149,760</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Operating Supplies and Services</td>
<td>$59,904</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Technical Assistance to Manufacturing</td>
<td>$720,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control Laboratory</td>
<td>$780,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Total Operations** $2,708,064

**Maintenance**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Costs</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wages and Benefits</td>
<td>$3,247,394</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Salaries and Benefits</td>
<td>$811,848</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Materials and Services</td>
<td>$3,247,394</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maintenance Overhead</td>
<td>$162,370</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

**Total Maintenance** $7,469,005

**Operating Overhead**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Costs</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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</thead>
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<tr>
<td>General Plant Overhead</td>
<td>$369,726</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mechanical Department Services</td>
<td>$124,978</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Employee Relations Department</td>
<td>$307,237</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business Services</td>
<td>$385,348</td>
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</table>

**Total Operating Overhead** $1,187,288

**Property Taxes and Insurance**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Costs</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Property Taxes and Insurance</td>
<td>$1,082,465</td>
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</table>

**Other Annual Expenses**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Costs</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Rental Fees (Office and Laboratory Space)</td>
<td>$-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Licensing Fees</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>$-</td>
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</table>

**Total Other Annual Expenses** $100,000

**Total Fixed Costs** $12,546,822
Section 19.5 Catalyst and Regeneration Process

Operating costs for catalyst regeneration were included in the bare module factor. As stated previously, the HZSM-5 catalyst must be regenerated every year, and the Cr/Al catalyst must be regenerated every five days in an eight-hour controlled burn. To calculate the amount of utilities needed for the decoking process, the 7% coke rate was used with the catalyst mass to estimate the coke deposit. This was then used to calculate the oxygen flow-rates necessary for regeneration. A 1% oxygen stream is created by feeding nitrogen and air into the system, as explained in Section 13.4.2. This amounts to 93 MM pounds of nitrogen per year and 43 MM pounds of air per year, as shown in the calculations in the Appendix in Section 25.3.7. These utility costs are included in Table 19.2.
Section 20
Profitability Analysis
Section 20.1 Analysis of Two Business Cases

The profitability of the proposed process design and product yield is evaluated under two cases. First, we consider the expected return if the p-xylene was to be sold at its current price in today’s markets. We then consider the premium necessary to yield a 15% investor’s rate of return.

Case A: Current Market Prices

From ICIS, the market price of p-xylene has fluctuated over the last year between $0.55 and $0.80 per lb. Further research into crude pricing indicated that the largest factor was purity. Given the 89% purity of the product, the price estimate was placed at $0.75 per lb, and set to grow with general inflation, due to the lack of detailed pricing predictions available. This price also includes the $10/ton cost the third-party separator will charge for purifying the final xylene stream into p-xylene.

Unassisted by a premium, this project is financially unattractive, which was expected. The investor’s rate of return is negative, and the net present value of the project is a loss of $1.01 B. Though discouraging, this is due to fundamental economic potential - even with a 10% discount on the isobutylene, the process requires 1.6 lb of it for every lb of product produced, costing $1.15 per lb of product. This limit means that any p-xylene price below that threshold of $1.15 is decidedly unprofitable, regardless of internal efficiency improvements. Given the nature of this business case, it is not examined in depth, but all calculations and sensitivities pertinent to the second case are unchanged.
Case B: Pricing Premium

Per request, we also examined the business case where a green pricing premium could be levied on the p-xylene. After the rigorous profitability calculations were tabulated in the spreadsheet, Excel’s GoalSeek feature was used to determine the premium that would yield a 15% IRR on the project. A premium of 79%, increasing the price to $1.35/lb, was found to yield a 15.01% return.

Table 20.1 Summary of Profitability Measurements for Case A

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Profitability Measure</th>
<th>Amount IRR &amp; ROI (%) Profit ($)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IRR</td>
<td>Negative IRR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NPV in 2018</td>
<td>(1.04) MM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROI Analysis (3rd Production Year)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Annual sales</td>
<td>489 MM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Annual Costs</td>
<td>(803) MM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>(8.03) MM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Income Tax</td>
<td>(77.4) MM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net Earnings</td>
<td>(245) MM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Capital Investment</td>
<td>117 MM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROI</td>
<td>-210%</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Table 20.2 Summary of Profitability Measurements for Case B

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<tr>
<th>Profitability Measure</th>
<th>Amount IRR &amp; ROI (%) Profit ($)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
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<tr>
<td>IRR</td>
<td>15.01%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NPV in 2018</td>
<td>40.3 M</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROI Analysis (3rd Production Year)</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Annual sales</td>
<td>877 MM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Annual Costs</td>
<td>(839) MM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>(8.03) MM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Income Tax</td>
<td>(7.07) MM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net Earnings</td>
<td>22.4 MM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Capital Investment</td>
<td>155 MM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROI</td>
<td>14.48%</td>
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</table>
The Net Present Value of this business case was calculated to be $40,300, but this number should be contextualized. Spreadsheet limitations constrain the project’s lifespan to 20 years, and consultants informed us of the dangers of predicting too far into the commodities markets. With that in mind, the return is set to 15% after 10 years of production, which marks 13 years from the beginning of project design. Because the equipment, spares, and regeneration are included for a plant that can operate for 30 years after construction is completed, possible projected returns were found. Extending the project beyond this milestone does not change the IRR dramatically (up to 18% for 20 years), but does increase the net present value, as working capital was exhausted in Year 3 and all equipment has been fully depreciated by Year 7, meaning that all years thereafter are more focused on production. Figure 21.1 tracks the projected IRR and NPV for the years of production that extend beyond the modeled 10-year lifespan.

![Figure 21.1 Modeled and projected profitability measures over the lifespan of the project](image)

As seen in Figure 21.2, the profitability of the project is very sensitive to the price premium on p-xylene. Though a 79% premium is sufficient to secure a 15% return, negotiating a slightly higher price would greatly increase the profitability. Increasing from the base case of $1.35 to $1.37
per lb, for example, which only raises the premium to 81%, raises the projected IRR to 21%. These added returns could be used to defray the large permanent investment necessary for the project.

![Figure 21.2: Sensitivity of return to p-xylene price premium](image)

Section 20.2: Analysis of Profits from Trimers

As the trimer stream is produced at about half the production rate of p-xylene, its price is also a sensitive factor to the project’s profitability. The price estimate, based off the composition of the stream, current sales rates, and correspondence with Honeywell, should be examined at different values to understand how the coproduct’s price impacts the project’s profitability. As shown in Figure 21.3, a modest increase in the price of the trimer stream would drive a considerable increase in returns. Given that there are increasingly more financial incentives for green products in the commodity chemical industry, as discussed in Section 4, these opportunities should be explored further to increase the project’s profitability.
Figure 21.3: Sensitivity of profitability measures to price of trimers stream
Section 21
Other Important Considerations
Section 21.1 Environmental

The plant will be located in Iowa due to the state’s access to sustainable raw material and because xylene separation plants are located here, as previously stated. It will also be next to the Mississippi River so that equipment can be efficiently delivered via waterway. As a result, more precautions must be taken to avoid contaminating the water and harming humans and animals. Isooctane is fatal to marine life, and its detrimental effects last for a long time according to its safety data sheet. Similarly, TMP and trimers are also lethal to aquatic life. Safety analysis done on all chemicals shows that no corrosive materials are involved in the plant, reducing the potential of pipe leakage. More thorough investigations on leakage prevention and waste management were performed. Products of the plant are stored in storage tanks, and the only gas exhaust in this system is fed into the fired heater. Apart from these precautions, this plant will adhere to environmental policies established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) such as the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and the Pollution Prevention Act to mitigate environmental contamination.

Section 21.2 Process Control and Instrumentation

The plant will employ a typical control system of a hydrocarbon plant. The system should either ensure that the pressures and temperatures of streams and equipment are at acceptable conditions by modifying certain aspects or notify operators if there are issues. In particular, there should be instrumentation associated with oxygen leaks. Because most of the chemicals are flammable, extensive oxygen level checks will be performed throughout the plant and in storage tanks. Isooctane and p-xylene, in particular, are incredibly reactive with oxygen, so the MSDS sheets recommend that the minimum oxygen level be maintained at 29% by volume. While oxygen
level checks must occur constantly, they should especially occur after decoking R-401, where oxygen is introduced to the system through an air feed.

**Section 21.3 Safety and Health**

Due to the use and formation of different hydrocarbons in the design, fire hazards are a primary concern. TMP, p-xylene, trimers, and isobutylene are very flammable, so the instrumentation that detects oxygen leaks will help avoid explosions. Nitrogen blankets should be installed on storage and surge tanks that do not have a floating head. The tanks will not be full, creating a headspace for oxygen. Nitrogen in the headspace maintains a safe oxygen concentration in the tank, preventing an explosion.

Additionally, inhaling TMP and xylene can cause severe lung damage, and vaporized isooctane can also displace oxygen and cause asphyxiation. For these reasons, all leaks must be immediately identified and fixed. Having physical contact with any of the hydrocarbons used can cause extreme irritation, so plant personnel will be required to wear PPE, such as hand protection, body protection, eye protection, and flame-resistant gear at all times on site. Those working directly with the chemicals will also be required to wear respiratory protection. Guidelines by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) will be followed.

**Section 21.4 Startup**

The main differences in start-up is the amount of material entering the system. As the process runs, only the amount of isooctane (the diluent) lost in the exit streams needs to be made-up. To inventory the plant, the amount of isooctane added should be 10% of the total hourly flow
rate. This equates to about 100,000 pounds. This initial amount will need to be added after the annual shutdown and after any unexpected shutdowns.

Additionally, oxygen levels are a main concern at startup. According to MSDS in Section 25.5, the oxygen levels should not exceed 19.5% by volume. Therefore, if the amount detected is above this level, pure nitrogen will be used to flush the system before starting the operation. Three times the total volume of the equipment worth of nitrogen should be used in this process, with an additional half of the total volume to take into account the lengths of the pipes.

Lastly, as stated in Section 15.1, the pumps will have a larger flow rate of fluid flowing through them during start-up.

**Section 21.5 Other Considerations**

Because the two reactors operate at different phases, our plant must adequately handle both vapor and liquid components. Phase changes are not desired in equipment other than separators to avoid flashing. The only time flashing is expected is when the liquid overhead from the trimer distillation column enters E-401. To avoid unwanted flashing elsewhere, the pressure of liquid streams will be increased before getting heated by heat exchangers. For example, the inlet stream should be increased all the way to 50 psig for safety. NRTL is used to model every component, but additional research on the specific components within the plants and how they interact should be done to avoid flash points when needed.

Trimer selection should be better considered. While we chose 1-dodecene, it was later suggested that the choice of trimer should be a conservative assumption, meaning the trimer should have a boiling point close to the compound it is being separated from. This would ensure the boiling point difference in actuality is larger than what ASPEN thinks it is, creating a conservative estimate.
TMP has a boiling point of 212ºF. 1-dodecene has a boiling point of 415ºF, while most trimers have a boiling point of 265ºF. Therefore, 1-dodecene is not the optimal choice because its boiling point temperature difference with TMP is larger than most trimers. This should not affect the current process and results greatly because the boiling point difference between most trimers and TMP is 53ºF, which is still a large amount. If a conservative assumption were to be made instead, the trimer used should be 1-undecene, which has a boiling point of 376ºF, a value close to most trimers. It was suggested that if we use 1-dodecene, we should increase the column height by adding three trays to cover any uncertainty. Equipment design and operations would be slightly different if the trimer were changed or if the column height were increased.

Another design specification that should be followed for columns is to not exceed a bottoms temperature of 450ºF. This is important to prevent polymerization. While the bottoms temperature of S-501 is within range at 367ºF, the bottoms temperature of S-301 is at 543ºF, which is too high. The amount leaving the top of the column should be increased to decrease the bottoms temperature.

Lastly, it is important to note that our final stream purity is 89 wt% p-xylene, and the problem statement asked for 90 wt% p-xylene. In the problem statement, we were given a cost to separate a xylene stream that is 90 wt% p-xylene. Because 89 wt% is very close to 90 wt%, this cost did not change. While we did our best to optimize the process, there is room for improvement. If we were to optimize further, we would focus on the separation columns because the reactor conditions are already set by the patent, and we do not have kinetics information. It is difficult to accurately model this process without kinetic data, so obtaining this information is vital.
Section 21.6 Plant layout

Federal, state, and OSHA regulations are considered when designing the plant. Figure 21.1 shows the preliminary layout of the plant. Storage tanks for isoctane, isobutylene, trimers, and p-xylene will be kept in a tank farm in one section of the plant. The process area will be next to the tank farm, which includes all operating equipment. Offices and the maintenance workshop are located near the plant for workers’ convenience.

Figure 21.1: Preliminary layout for the plant
Section 22
Conclusions and Recommendations
To secure an investor’s rate of return of 15% on the sustainable product, a premium of 79% over p-xylene’s market price is required. Given the cost-sensitive nature of the commodities market, we do not recommend proceeding before further investigating the long-term value. In the context of textile manufacturers marketing their products as sustainable, this process offers a key intermediate step to green plastic fibers. While the process design for isobutylene to p-xylene shows promise of an attractive return, without detailed information on the external steps of the process, such as the intermediaries to PET, the premium necessary is too high to confidently expect to meet demand at that price.

Should the process be revisited, the estimate for the premium could be confidently lowered with more data. The process design in this report states a few assumptions and lacks necessary data that must be further researched and explored before fully evaluating the success of creating the manufacturing plant. First, there is very limited data on the Cr/Al₂O₃ catalyst, so detailed kinetic and thermodynamic research on the catalytic pathways would augment experiment design and the usefulness of ASPEN’s analysis. While the patent states a lifetime of only 15 minutes, industry professionals and other journal articles state that the catalyst lasts 5 days, which is what was used in this report. Additional laboratory experiments on catalyst lifetime must occur. Furthermore, the length of the decoking process was obtained from journal articles, but many had conflicting data. Further research and additional laboratory experiments should be done on this as well. With this research, the equipment design would be improved with a step-by-step cost-benefit analysis. Another assumption made was the choice of diluent. Isooctane was chosen based on data throughout the patent, but the examples from the pilot plant do not include isooctane. More research should be done analyzing if isooctane is the best diluent and what exactly is the role of isooctane: simply kinetics or also thermodynamics. Lastly, assumptions were made with regard to the reactors.
Recirculation loops were added to increase conversion, and while the patent does not mention the reactions being equilibrium-limited, this should be tested. Along with these assumptions, all design calculations done in Appendix Section 25.3 and explained in Section 15 should be reviewed by a professional engineer, along with the energy and utilities requirements in Section 14. Assumptions made in this report about demand for sustainable products and the lack of widely-used environmental certifications should be updated given the quickly-changing nature of the green market.

While the delivered estimate for the premium of 79% is not yet attractive, this design report uses the available resources to intelligently reduce uncertainty, confidently banding that to 79 ± 20%. Drawing from theory in several fields of chemical engineering, research into existing patents, designs, and operations, and consultancy with distinguished experts in relevant practices, we aim to provide certainty wherever feasible and recognize the boundaries of this projects scope. Although we do not recommend immediate construction and stress verification and updates to the calculations as necessary, we are confident that this process design will one day be profitable, feasible, sustainable, and useful. Consumers are moving toward buying green clothes, and clothing manufacturers use textiles, and textile producers rely on plastics. A sustainable product must originate from a sustainable plastic. The missing link, available at a considerable premium, is p-xylene from biomass.
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Section 25
Appendix
Section 25.1
Project Problem Statement
1. Process for Sustainably Sourced p-Xylene

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Problem Statement
You work for a biotechnology company that has a supply of isobutene produced from biomass. Your company is interested in converting this sustainably sourced isobutene to higher value products. You are part of a team tasked to develop a plant design and economic estimates for a para-xylene facility based on recent patents and other technical literature. The ultimate product is PET for fibers. At this point it is believed that PET bottles cannot “afford” the required pricing premium. The other part of the PET polymer is based on ethylene glycol. Producers in Brazil have apparently successfully started up commercial scale EG plants based on ethanol and are able to command a significant price premium over petrochemical EG (100%) for select markets. Your marketing organization is optimistic that the fibers segment can accept the needed upcharge. Your focus is on defining the magnitude of the needed premium to make the venture profitable.

Background
In 2014, global para-xylene demand was estimated at 36.83 million tons and is estimated to exceed 62.98 million tons at a CAGR of 7.0% from 2015 to 2022. This growth is due to increasing demand for fiber and polyester resin in numerous end-use applications across various industries. Growing utilization of purified terephthalic acid (PTA) for polyester production, particularly in Asia Pacific is expected to fuel growth in paraxylene market over the forecast period. Rising demand for bio-based alternatives and increasing consumer awareness subject to non-biodegradable nature of petrochemical products is expected to be the major obstacles for market participants. A sustainably sourced alternative may have a market advantage even at a price premium. The current market price for para-xylene is about $700 - $800/metric tonne.

In petrochemical processing, xylenes are produced via catalytic reforming. A low octane naphtha cut (typically a straight run or hydrocracked naphtha) is converted into high-octane aromatics, including, benzene, toluene, and mixed xylenes. The amount of xylenes contained in the catalytic reformate depends on the fraction and type of crude oil, the reformer operating conditions, and the catalyst used. The amount of xylenes produced can vary widely, typically ranging from 18 to 33 vol % of the reformate. The unrecovered reformate xylenes are used in the gasoline pool.

The mixed xylenes that are recovered from these sources are used as follows: 50 – 60% to make PX, 10 – 15% to make OX, 10 – 25% returned back to gasoline blending, and only 1% to make MX. The relative lack of end uses for MX is unfortunate, because the catalytic reformate sources typically contain twice as much MX as PX or OX. The majority of the MX in these sources is isomerized to PX and OX. The purified xylenes are used to synthesize plasticizers and polyester fibers, photographic films, and beverage bottles. PX is first oxidized to terephthalic acid or dimethyl terephthalate before being converted into polyesters. OX is oxidized to phthalic anhydride before being converted into plasticizers. MX is oxidized to isophthalic acid, which is used to make polyesters.

GEVO Process from Isobutanol
Your team has performed a detailed patent review of various processes and a clear conclusion is that isobutene to xylene catalysts are known to be prone to coking and low conversion. Recent patents from GEVO have outlined a route to relatively high purity p-xylene through careful selection of catalysts and process conditions. A key difference in their patent is that the olefin to aromatic conversion step is done via the dimer of isobutene, isooctene. The IBN is converted to the dimer is a different reactor. The GEVO patent starts with isobutanol produced from fermentation. The isobutanol is dehydrated to isobutylene.
The isobutylene is then oligomerized, preferably to the dimer, and then undergoes a dehydrocyclization to form xylenes. Unconverted feed can be separated from the product of each reaction step and recycled. It may be necessary to add diluent in addition to this recycle in order to optimize the reaction step conditions.

**Design Basis and Processing Alternatives**

Your company produces isobutylene from fermentation, and you have 500,000 metric tonnes of isobutylene available as feed for your p-xylene facility. For the purposes of this study, you will use 90% of the nominal market price as your isobutylene transfer price. An October, 2016 report by Grand View Research indicates that 2015 pricing was $1740/met. tonne and that this will rise to $1900/met. tonne by 2024. You have been tasked along with your team to adopt the GEVO patent, along with other relevant technical literature, to design a facility to convert isobutylene to p-xylene.

You will need to determine the best reaction parameters for each step of the process. These are energetic reactions; you will need to decide whether additional diluents are needed to optimize the process conditions. Since there are multiple reaction steps, you should explore various configurations of the facility to determine the most economic design. Depending on your yields and selectivities, you will need to design a purification system(s) to recycle unreacted feed components and to obtain a xylene fraction.

Your research has indicated that the required p-xylene purity must be greater than 99.7 wt% to be used as a polymer grade terephthalic acid process feedstock. While the patent gives examples with selectivity in excess of 99%, it is not clear that you can achieve the required 99.7 wt% routinely over the life of the catalyst. Therefore, for purposes of this study assume that you will generate a xylene “crude” product that is 90+ wt% p-xylene. The rest would be meta and ortho-xylene. This material will then be sent to an existing xylene separation plant, which is owned by another company, where the pure isomers will be recovered. Assume that the separator will charge you $50/metric tonne of xylene processed to separate the isomers.

The dehydrocyclization catalysts are known to be prone to coking of the catalyst. The catalyst fouling will ultimately stop the reaction. You will need to explore options for catalyst regeneration to enable an operational design. At this early stage of the design, the dehydrocyclization catalyst life has not yet been determined. You have been asked to develop the sensitivity of the process economics as a function of catalyst life.

At this scale and with IBN as the feedstock, it is expected that biobased p-xylene will not be cost competitive with petrochemical p-xylene. Therefore, a pricing premium will be required. You are to determine what market premium or subsidy is needed to have your p-xylene market competitive. Your company requires a minimum 15% IRR on this venture to move forward. The marketing organization would like you to “bracket” the needed premium. Therefore you are to study two cases;

a) The IRR and NPV for a case where the p-xylene is sold at current market prices.

b) A 15% IRR case where the pricing premium is included. The marketing organization wants to know the magnitude of the premium and the resulting projects NPV.
Section 25.2
Patent
INTEGRATED PROCESS TO SELECTIVELY CONVERT RENEWABLE ISOBUTANOL TO P-XYLENE

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ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed to a method for preparing renewable and relatively high purity p-xylene from biomass. For example, biomass treated to provide a fermentation feedstock is fermented with a microorganism capable of producing a C₄ alcohol such as isobutanol, then sequentially dehydrating the isobutanol in the presence of a dehydration catalyst to provide a C₄ alkene such as isobutylene, dimerizing the C₄ alkene to a form one or more C₈ alkenes such as 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes or 2,5-dimethylhexenes, then hydrogenating the C₈ alkenes in the presence of a dehydrocyclization catalyst to selectively form renewable p-xylene in high overall yield. The p-xylene can then be oxidized to form terephthalic acid or terephthalate esters.

Process for Preparing p-Xylene from Isobutanol

Isobutylene

Hydrogen (+ Fuel Gas)

Dehydration

Isobutanol (from fermentation)

Oligomerization

Water

Dehydro-Cyclization

C₁₄

Xylenes (to purification)

Light & Heavy Aromatics
Figure 1: Process for Preparing p-Xylene from Isobutanol

Figure 2: Single Pass Process for Preparing p-Xylene from Isobutanol
Figure 3: Single Pass Process for Preparing p-Xylene from Isobutanol (Including Yields)
INTEGRATED PROCESS TO SELECTIVELY CONVERT RENEWABLE ISOBUTANOL TO P-XYLENE

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS


BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] Aromatic compounds are conventionally produced from petroleum feedstocks in refineries by reacting mixtures of light hydrocarbons (C1-C6) and naphtha over various catalysts at high heat and pressure. The mixture of light hydrocarbons available to a refinery is diverse, and provides a mixture of aromatic compounds (e.g., BTEX—benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes, as well as aromatic compounds having a molecular weight higher than xylenes). The xylenes product consists of three different aromatic C6 isomers: p-xylene, o-xylene, and m-xylene; typically about one third of the xylenes are the p-xylene isomer. The BTEX mixture is then subjected to subsequent processes to obtain the desired product. For example, toluene can be removed and disproportionated to form benzene and xylene, or the individual xylene isomers can be isolated by fractionation (e.g. by absorptive separation, fractional crystallization, etc.). p-Xylene is the most commercially important xylene isomer, and is used almost exclusively in the production of polyester fibers, resins, and films; o-Xylene and m-xylene are also used in the production of phthalic anhydride, and isophthalic acid, respectively.

[0003] Alternatively, a single component feedstock purified from crude oil or synthetically prepared at the refinery can be selectively converted to purer aromatic product. For example, pure isocouene can be selectively aromatized to form primarily p-xylene over some catalysts (see, for example, U.S. Pat. No. 3,202,725, U.S. Pat. No. 4,229,320, U.S. Pat. No. 4,247,726, U.S. Pat. No. 6,600,081, and U.S. Pat. No. 7,067,708), and n-octane purified from crude oil can be converted to primarily o-xylene (see for example, U.S. Pat. No. 2,785,209).

[0004] Very high p-xylene purity is required to prepare terephthalic acid of suitable purity for use in polyester production—typically at least about 95% pure, or in some cases 99.7% or higher purity of p-xylene is required. Conventional processes for producing high purity p-xylene are thus complex and expensive: the conventional BTEX process requires isolation and extensive purification of p-xylene produced at relatively low levels; and alternative processes require isolation and purification of single component feedstocks for aromatization from complex hydrocarbon mixtures. Furthermore, production of p-xylene from conventional petroleum-based feedstocks contributes to environmental degradation (e.g., global warming, air and water pollution, etc.), and fosters over-dependence on unreliable petroleum supplies from politically unstable parts of the world. The present invention provides a simple process for preparing renewable, high purity p-xylene from renewable carbon sources, which can be converted to terephthalic acid and polyesters.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0005] In one embodiment, the present invention is directed to a process for preparing renewable p-xylene comprising:

[0006] (a) treating biomass to form a fermentation feedstock;

[0007] (b) fermenting the fermentation feedstock with one or more species of microorganism to form a fermentation broth comprising aqueous isobutanol;

[0008] (c) removing aqueous isobutanol from the fermentation broth;

[0009] (d) dehydrating, in the presence of a dehydration catalyst, at least a portion of the aqueous isobutanol of step (c), thereby forming a dehydration product comprising one or more C4 alkenes and water;

[0010] (e) dimerizing, in the presence of an oligomerization catalyst, a dimerization feedstock comprising at least a portion of the C4 alkenes formed in step (d), thereby forming a dimerization product comprising one or more C5 alkenes (optionally containing unreacted C4 alkenes, and optionally comprising 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, 2,5-dimethylhexene(s), and/or 2,5-dimethylhexadiene(s));

[0011] (f) dehydrocyclizing, in the presence of a dehydrocyclization catalyst, a dehydrocyclization feedstock comprising at least a portion of the C5 alkenes of step (e), thereby forming a dehydrocyclization product comprising xylenes and hydrogen (and optionally one or more unreacted C4 alkenes, unreacted 2,4,4-trimethylpentene(s), 2,5-dimethylhexene(s), and/or 2,5-dimethylhexadiene(s)), wherein the xylenes comprise at least about 75% p-xylene.

[0012] In another embodiment, the present invention is also directed to methods for preparing renewable terephthalic acid from renewable p-xylene prepared by the method of the present invention.

[0013] In still another embodiment, the present invention is directed to methods for preparing renewable polyester terephthalate from the renewable terephthalic acid prepared by the method of the present invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0014] FIG. 1 is a schematic diagram of one embodiment of a process of the present invention for preparing p-xylene from isobutanol.

[0015] FIG. 2 is a schematic diagram of a single pass process according to the present invention for preparing p-xylene from isobutanol.

[0016] FIG. 3 is a schematic diagram of a single pass process according to the present invention for preparing p-xylene from isobutanol, which includes yields for various intermediates and products in the process.

[0017] FIG. 4 is a schematic diagram of an integrated process according to the present invention, as described in Example 15.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0018] All documents disclosed herein (including patents, journal references, ASTM methods, etc.) are each incorporated by reference in their entirety for all purposes.
The term “biocatalyst” means a living system or cell of any type that speeds up chemical reactions by lowering the activation energy of the reaction and is neither consumed nor altered in the process. Biocatalysts may include, but are not limited to, microorganisms such as yeasts, fungi, bacteria, and archaea.

The biocatalyst herein disclosed can convert various carbon sources into precursors for p-xylene. The term “carbon source” generally refers to a substance suitable for use as a source of carbon for prokaryotic or eukaryotic cell growth. Carbon sources include, but are not limited to biomass hydrolysates, starch, sucrose, cellulose, hemicellulose, xylose, and lignin, as well as monomeric components of these substances (e.g., monosaccharides). Carbon sources can comprise various organic compounds in various forms including, but not limited to, polymers, carbohydrates, acids, alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, amino acids, peptides, etc. These include, for example, various monosaccharides such as glucose, dextrose (D-glucose), maltose, oligosaccharides, polysaccharides, saturated or unsaturated fatty acids, succinate, lactate, acetate, ethanol, or mixtures thereof. Photosynthetic organisms can additionally produce a carbon source as a product of photosynthesis. In some embodiments, carbon sources may be selected from biomass hydrolysates and glucose.

The term “feedstock” is defined as a raw material or mixture of raw materials supplied to process for subsequent conversion into an intermediate or a final product. For example, a carbon source, such as biomass or the carbon compounds derived from biomass (e.g., a biomass hydrolysate as described herein) is a feedstock for a biocatalyst (e.g., a microorganism) in a fermentation process, and the resulting alcohol (e.g., isobutanol) produced by the fermentation can be a feedstock for subsequent unit operations (e.g., dehydration as described herein), e.g., isobutylene resulting from the dehydration of isobutanol can be a feedstock for dimerization, and the resulting disobutylene (e.g., 2,4,4-trimethylpentene(s), 2,5-dimethylhexene(s), 2,5-dimethylhexadiene(s), etc.) can be a feedstock for dehydrocyclization. A feedstock may comprise one or more components. For example, the feedstock for a fermentation process (i.e., a fermentation feedstock) typically contains nutrients other than the carbon source; the feedstock for a dehydration unit operation typically also comprises water, the feedstock for dehydration typically also comprises water; the feedstock for dimerization typically also comprises diluents and unreacted isobutanol, and the feedstock for dehydrocyclization also typically comprises diluents, unreacted isobutanol and isobutylene, etc. The term “fermentation feedstock” is used interchangeably with the term “renewable feedstock”, as fermentation feedstocks are generated from biomass or traditional carbohydrates, which are renewable substances.

The term “traditional carbohydrates” refers to sugars and starches generated from specialized plants, such as sugar cane, corn, and wheat. Frequently, these specialized plants concentrate sugars and starches in portions of the plant, such as grains, that are harvested and processed to extract the sugars and starches. Traditional carbohydrates such as those derived from corn are co-produced with food products derived from the protein-rich portion of the grain, and are primarily used as renewable feedstocks for fermentation processes to generate biofuels or fine chemicals (or precursors thereof).

Alternatively, renewable alcohols can be prepared photosynthetically, e.g., using cyanobacteria or algae engineered to produce isobutanol, isopentanol, and/or other alcohols (e.g., Synechococcus elongatus PCC7942 and Synechocystis PCC6803; see Angenmayer et al., Energy Biotechnology with Cyanobacteria, Current Opinion in Biotechnology 2009, 20, 257-263, Asumi and Liao, Nature Biotechnology, 2009, 27, 1177-1182; and Dexter Environ. Sci., 2009, 2, 857-864, and references cited in each of these references). When produced photosynthetically, the “feedstock” for producing the resulting renewable alcohols is light and the CO₂ provided to the photosynthetic organism (e.g., cyanobacteria or algae).

The term “biomass” as used herein refers primarily to the stems, leaves, and starch-containing portions of green plants, and is mainly comprised of starch, lignin, cellulose, hemicellulose, and/or pectin. Biomass can be decomposed by either chemical or enzymatic treatment to the monomeric sugars and phenols of which it is composed (Wyman, C. E. 2003 Biotechnological Progress 19:254-62). This resulting material, called biomass hydrolysate, is neutralized and treated to remove trace amounts of organic material that may adversely affect the biocatalyst, and is then used as a feedstock for fermentations using a biocatalyst. Alternatively, the biomass may be thermochemically treated to produce alcohols, alkanes, and alkenes that may be further treated to produce p-xylene.

The term “starch” as used herein refers to a polymer of glucose readily hydrolyzed by digestive enzymes. Starch is usually concentrated in specialized portions of plants, such as potatoes, corn kernels, rice grains, wheat grains, and sugar cane stems.

The term “lignin” as used herein refers to a polymer material, mainly composed of linked phenolic monomeric compounds, such as p-coumaryl alcohol, coniferyl alcohol, and sinapyl alcohol, which forms the basis of structural rigidity in plants and is frequently referred to as the woody portion of plants. Lignin is also considered to be the non-carbohydrate portion of the cell wall of plants.

The term “cellulose” as used herein refers is a long-chain polymer polysaccharide carbohydrate comprised of β-glucose monomer units, of formula (C₆H₁₀O₅)n, usually found in plant cell walls in combination with lignin and any hemicellulose.

The term “hemicellulose” refers to a class of plant cell-wall polysaccharides that can be any of several heteropolymers. These include xylane, xyloglucan, arabinogalactan, glucuronoxylan, glucomannan and galactomannan. Monomeric components of hemicellulose include, but are not limited to: D-galactose, L-galactose, D-mannose, D-rihamnose, L-fucose, D-xyllose, L-arabinose, and D-glucuronic acid. This class of polysaccharides is found in almost all cell walls along with cellulose. The molecular weight of hemicellulose is lower than for cellulose. Hemicellulose cannot be extracted with hot water or chelating agents, but can be extracted by aqueous alkali. Polymeric chains of hemicellulose bind pectin and cellulose in a network of cross-linked fibers forming the cell walls of most plant cells.

The term “pectin” as used herein refers to a class of plant cell-wall heterogeneous polysaccharides that can be extracted by treatment with acids and chelating agents. Typically, 70-80% of pectin is found as a linear chain of α-(1-4)-linked D-galacturonic acid monomers. The smaller RG-1 fraction of pectin is comprised of alternating (1-4)-linked

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galacturonic acid and (1-2)-linked 1-rhamnose, with substantial aminobagalactan branching emanating from the rhamnose residue. Other monosaccharides, such as D-fucose, D-xyllose, apoiose, aceric acid, Kōko, Dha, 2-O-methyl-D-fucose, and 2-O-methyl-D-xyllose, are found either in the RG-II pectin fraction (<2%), or as minor constituents in the RG-I fraction. Proportions of each of the monosaccharides in relation to D-galacturonic acid vary depending on the individual plant and its micro-environment, the species, and time during the growth cycle. For the same reasons, the homogalacturan and RG-I fractions can differ widely in their content of methyl esters on GaLA residues, and the content of acetyl residue esters on the C-2 and C-3 positions of GalA and neutral sugars.

[0030] The term “yield” is defined as the amount of product obtained per unit weight of raw material and may be expressed as g product/g substrate. Yield may also be expressed as a percentage of the theoretical yield. “Theoretical yield” is defined as the maximum amount of product that can be generated per a given amount of substrate as dictated by the stoichiometry of the metabolic pathway used to make the product. For example, if the theoretical yield for one typical conversion of glucose to isobutanol is 0.41 g/g, the yield of isobutanol from glucose of 0.39 g/g would be expressed as 95% of theoretical or 95% theoretical yield.

[0031] The terms “alkene” and “olefin” are used interchangeably herein to refer to non-aromatic hydrocarbons having at least one carbon-carbon double bond.

[0032] “Renewably-based” or “renewable” denote that the carbon content of the indicated compound is from a “new carbon” source as measured by ASTM test method D 6866-08, “Standard Test Methods for Determining the Bio-Based Content of Solid, Liquid, and Gaseous Samples Using Radiocarbon Analysis”. This test method measures the 14C/12C isotope ratio in a sample and compares it to the 14C/12C isotope ratio in a standard 100% biobased material to give percent biobased content of the sample. A small amount of the carbon atoms of the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is the radioactive isotope 14C. This 14C carbon dioxide is created when atmospheric nitrogen is struck by a cosmic ray generated neutron, causing the nitrogen to lose a proton and form carbon of atomic mass 14 (14C), which is then immediately oxidized to carbon dioxide. A small but measurable fraction of atmospheric carbon is present in the form of 14CO2. Atmospheric carbon dioxide is processed by green plants to make organic molecules during the process known as photosynthesis. Virtually all forms of life on Earth depend on this green plant production of organic molecule to produce the chemical energy that facilitates growth and reproduction. Therefore, the 14C that forms in the atmosphere eventually becomes part of all life forms and their biological products, enriching biomass and organisms which feed on biomass with 14C. In contrast, carbon from “fossil” petroleum-based hydrocarbons does not have the signature 14C:12C ratio of renewable organic molecules derived from atmospheric carbon dioxide, because 14C eventually decays to 14N (t1/2 of 5730 years).

[0033] “Biobased materials” are organic materials in which the carbon comes from recently (on a human time scale) fixed CO2 present in the atmosphere using sunlight energy (photosynthesis). For example, a biobased hydrocarbon has a 14C/12C isotope ratio greater than 0. Contrarily, a fossil-based hydrocarbon has a 14C/12C isotope ratio of about 0. The term “renewable” with regard to compounds such as alcohols or hydrocarbons (e.g., alkenes, aromatics, etc.) refers to compounds prepared from biomass using thermochemical methods (e.g., gasification of biomass to form “syngas”, which is subsequently reacted with Fischer-Tropsch catalysts to form e.g., hydrocarbons, alcohols, etc.), biocatalysts (e.g., fermentation), or other processes, for example as described herein.

[0034] The application of ASTM D6866-08 to derive “bio-based content” is built on the same concepts as radiocarbon dating, but without use of the age equations. The analysis is performed by deriving a ratio of the amount of radiocarbon (14C) in an unknown sample compared to that of a modern reference standard. This ratio is reported as a percentage with the units “pMC” (percent modern carbon). If the material being analyzed is a mixture of present day radiocarbon and fossil carbon (containing very low levels of radiocarbon), then the pMC value obtained correlates directly to the amount of biomass material present in the sample.

[0035] The p-xylene prepared by the methods of the present invention has pMC values of at least about 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, inclusive of all values and subranges therebetween. In one embodiment, the pMC value of the p-xylene prepared by the methods of the present invention is greater than about 90; in another embodiment, the pMC value of the p-xylene prepared by the methods of the present invention is greater than about 95; in yet another embodiment, the pMC value of the p-xylene prepared by the methods of the present invention is greater than about 98; in still yet another embodiment, the pMC value of the p-xylene prepared by the methods of the present invention is greater than about 99; in a particular embodiment, the pMC value of the p-xylene prepared by the methods of the present invention is about 100.

[0036] The term “dehydration” refers to a chemical reaction that converts an alcohol into its corresponding alkene. For example, the dehydration of isobutanol produces isobutylene.

[0037] The term “dimerization” or “dimerizing” refer to oligomerization processes in which two identical activated molecules (such as isobutylene) are combined with the assistance of a catalyst (a dimerization catalyst or oligomerization catalyst, as described herein) to form a larger molecule having twice the molecular weight of either of the starting molecules (such as diisobutylene or 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes). The term “oligomerization” can be used to refer to a “dimerization” reaction, unless the formation of oligomers other than dimers is expressly or implicitly indicated.

[0038] The term “aromatization” refers to processes in which hydrocarbon starting materials, typically alkenes or alkanes are converted into one or more aromatic compounds (e.g., p-xylene) in the presence of a suitable catalyst by dehydrocyclization.

[0039] “Dehydrocyclization” refers to a reaction in which an alkane or alkene is converted into an aromatic hydrocarbon and hydrogen, usually in the presence of a suitable dehydrocyclization catalyst, for example any of those described herein.

[0040] The term “reaction zone” refers to the part of a reactor or series of reactors where the substrates and chemical intermediates contact a catalyst to ultimately form product. The reaction zone for a simple reaction may be a single vessel containing a single catalyst. For a reaction requiring two different catalysts, the reaction zone can be a single vessel containing a mixture of the two catalysts, a single vessel such as a tube reactor which contains the two catalysts in two
separate layers, or two vessels with a separate catalyst in each which may be the same or different.

[0041] The phrase “substantially pure p-xylene” refers to isomeric composition of the xylene products by the dehydration step of the process. Xylenes which comprise “substantially pure p-xylene” comprise at least about 75% of the p-xylene isomer, and according to less than about 25% of the xylenes are other xylene isomers (e.g., o-xylene and m-xylene). Thus, xylenes comprising “substantially pure p-xylene” can comprise about 75%, about 80%, about 85%, about 90%, about 95%, about 96%, about 97%, about 98%, about 99%, about 99.5%, about 99.9%, or about 100% p-xylene.

[0042] The term “conversion” refers to the degree to which the reactants in a particular reaction (e.g., dehydration, dimerization, dehydrocyclization, etc.) are converted to products. Thus 100% conversion refers to complete consumption of reactants, and 0% conversion refers to no reaction.

[0043] The term “selectivity” refers to the degree to which a particular reaction forms a specific product, rather than another product. For example, for the dehydration of isobutanol, 50% selectivity for isobutylene means that 50% of the alkene products formed are isobutylene, and 100% selectivity for isobutylene means that 100% of the alkene products formed are isobutylene. Because the selectivity is based on the product formed, selectivity is independent of the conversion or yield of the particular reaction.

[0044] “WHSV” refers to weight hourly space velocity, and equals the mass flow (units of mass/hr) divided by catalyst mass. For example, in a dehydration reactor with a 100 g dehydration catalyst bed, an isobutanol flow rate of 500 g/hr would provide a WHSV of 5 hr⁻¹.

[0045] Unless otherwise indicated, all percentages herein are by weight (i.e., wt.%).

[0046] In most embodiments, the fermentation feedstock comprises a carbon source obtained from treating biomass. Suitable carbon sources include any of those described herein such as starch, mono- and polysaccharides, pre-treated cellulose and hemicellulose, lignin, and pectin etc., which are obtained by subjecting biomass to one or more processes known in the art, including extraction, acid hydrolysis, enzymatic treatment, etc.

[0047] The carbon source is converted into a precursor of p-xylene (such as isobutanol) by the metabolic action of the biocatalyst (or by thermochemical methods, e.g. using gasification followed by chemical reaction over Fischer-Tropsch catalysts). The carbon source is consumed by the biocatalyst (e.g., a microorganism as described herein) and excreted as a p-xylene precursor (e.g., isobutanol) in a large fermentation vessel. The p-xylene precursor is then separated from the fermentation broth, optionally purified, and then subjected to further processes such as dehydration, dimerization, and aromatization to form aromatics comprising substantially pure p-xylene.

[0048] Depending on the biocatalyst, a particular C₄ alcohol or a mixture of C₄ alcohols can be obtained. For example, the biocatalyst can be a single microorganism capable of forming more than one type of C₄ alcohol during fermentation (e.g. two or more of 1-butanol, isobutanol, 2-butanol, t-butanol, etc.). In most embodiments however, it is most advantageous to obtain primarily one type of C₄ alcohol. In a particular embodiment, the C₄ alcohol is isobutanol. Accordingly, in most embodiments, a particular microorganism which preferentially forms isobutanol during fermentation is used.

[0049] Alternatively, renewable butanols (e.g., isobutanol) are prepared photosynthetically using an appropriate photosynthetic organism (cyanobacteria or algae as described herein).

[0050] Any suitable organism which produces a C₄ alcohol can be used in the fermentation step of the process of the present invention. For example, alcohols such as isobutanol are produced by yeasts during the fermentation of sugars into ethanol. Such alcohols (termed fusel alcohols in the art of industrial fermentations for the production of beer and wine) have been studied extensively for their effect on the taste and stability of these products. Recently, production of fusel alcohols using engineered microorganisms has been reported (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2007/0092957, and Nature, 2008, 451, p. 86-89). Isobutanol can be fermentatively produced by recombinant microorganisms as described in U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/730,290 or in U.S. Patent Appl. Nos. 2003/0226990, 2009/0226991, 2009/0215137, 2009/0171129; 2-butanol can be fermentatively produced by recombinant microorganisms as described in U.S. Patent Application No. 60/796,816; and 1-butanol can be fermentatively produced by recombinant microorganisms as described in U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/721,677. Other suitable microorganisms include those described, for example in U.S. Patent Appl. Nos. 2008/0293125, 2009/0155869.

[0051] The C₄ alcohol produced during fermentation can be removed from the fermentation broth by various methods, for example fractional distillation, solvent extraction (e.g., in particular embodiments with a renewable solvent such as renewable oligomized hydrocarbons, renewable hydrogenated hydrocarbons, renewable aromatic hydrocarbons, etc. prepared as described herein), adsorption, pervaporation, etc., or by combinations of such methods, prior to dehydration. In other embodiments, the alcohol produced during fermentation is not isolated from the fermentation broth prior to dehydration, but is dehydrated directly as a dilute aqueous solution.

[0052] In a particular embodiment, the C₄ alcohol is removed by the process described in U.S. Patent Appl. No. 2009/0171129 A1. Specifically, the C₄ alcohol can be removed from the fermentation broth by either increasing the thermodynamic activity of the C₄ alcohol and/or decreasing the thermodynamic activity of the water, for example, maintaining the headspace of the fermentation vessel, or a side-stream of fermentation broth removed from the fermentation vessel (e.g., using a flash tank or other apparatus), at reduced pressure (e.g., below atmospheric pressure), and/or heating the side-stream of the fermentation broth, thereby providing a vapor phase comprising water and the C₄ alcohol (e.g., aqueous isobutanol). In a particular embodiment, the vapor phase provided thereby consists essentially of water and the C₄ alcohol. In yet another particular embodiment, the vapor phase provides an acetowet mixture of the water and the C₄ alcohol. The vapor phase comprising the C₄ alcohol and water can be fed directly to the dehydration reaction step, or can be further concentrated by, for example cooling to condense the water and the C₄ alcohol to produce a two-phase liquid composition comprising a C₄ alcohol-rich phase, and a water-rich phase. The C₄ alcohol-rich liquid phase can then be separated from the water-rich phase using various methods known in...
the art, e.g., a liquid-liquid separator, etc. The aqueous C₄ alcohol removed from the fermentor can be further purified to remove water and/or other contaminants from the fermentation process, using conventional methods such as distillation, absorption, pervaporation, etc.

[0053] The removal of C₄ alcohol from the fermentation broth, as described herein, can occur continuously or semi-continuously. Removal of the C₄ alcohol in the manner described herein is advantageous because it provides for separation of the C₄ alcohol from the fermentation broth without the use of relatively energy intensive or equipment intensive unit operations such as distillation, pervaporation, absorption, etc., and removes a metabolic by-product of the fermentation, thereby improving the productivity of the fermentation process.

[0054] After removing the C₄ alcohol(s) from the fermentor, the C₂ alcohol(s) are converted to p-xylene by first catalytically dehydrating the alcohol to C₄ alkene(s) (isobutylene, 1-butene, and/or 2-butene), then catalytically dimerizing the C₄ alkene(s) to C₅ alkene(s) (linear or branched octenes, 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, 2,5-dimethylhexenes, etc.). The C₅ alkene(s) are finally reacted in the presence of a dehydrocyclization catalyst to selectively form p-xylene. As is described in more detail herein, in particular embodiments the dehydrogenation, dimerization, and dehydrocyclization reaction steps are carried out under reaction conditions which favor selectively forming specific products. For example, the dehydrogenation reaction is carried out in the presence of a particular dehydrocyclization catalyst (as described herein), and under particular temperature, pressure, and WHSV conditions which selectively form isobutylene (e.g., at least about 95% of the C₄ alkene formed are isobutylene); the dimerization reaction is carried out in the presence of a particular dimerization catalyst (as described herein), and under particular temperature, pressure, diluent and WHSV conditions which selectively form 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, 2,5-dimethylhexenes, and/or 2,5-dimethylhexadienes (e.g., at least about 50% of the C₅ alkene formed are 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, 2,5-dimethylhexenes, and/or 2,5-dimethylhexadienes); and the dehydrocyclization reaction is carried out in the presence of a particular dehydrocyclization catalyst (as described herein), and under particular temperature, pressure, diluent and WHSV conditions which selectively form p-xylene (e.g., at least about 75% of the xylene formed are p-xylene).

[0055] Selective dehydrogenation, dimerization, and dehydrocyclization reaction steps are promoted by a variety of methods which reduce unwanted side-reactions (and the resulting undesirable by-products), such as the use of particularly selective catalysts, the addition of diluents, reduced reaction temperatures, reduced reactant residence time over the catalyst (i.e., higher WHSV values), etc. Such reaction conditions tend to reduce the percent conversion of particular reaction steps below 100%, and thus the feedstock for each successive reaction can include unreacted starting materials from the previous reaction step (which can function as diluents, as well as added diluents and by-products from previous reaction steps). For example, the feedstock for the dehydrocyclization reaction step can include the C₅ alkene produced by a dimerization reaction, as well as diluent gases (e.g., nitrogen, argon, and methane), unreacted C₄ alkene, etc. from the dimerization reaction, by-product C₆ and/or C₇ alkene from the dehydrocyclization reaction, etc. Unreacted starting materials can also be recycled back to the appropriate reaction step in order to boost the overall yield of p-xylene. For example, unreacted C₄ alkene present in the product stream from the dimerization reaction (or in some cases, also present in the product stream from the dehydrocyclization reaction) can be separated out of the product stream and recycled back to the feedstock for the dimerization reaction. In addition, C₂ and C₃ alkane by-products formed during the dehydrocyclization reaction (e.g., from the corresponding C₆ and C₇ alkene present in the dehydrocyclization feedstock) can be recycled back to the feedstock for the dehydrocyclization reaction. C₅ alkane (e.g., isoctane, 2,5-dimethylhexenes, 2,5-dimethylhexadienes, etc.) can react in the presence of the dehydrocyclization catalyst to form p-xylene, and C₇ alkene functions as a relatively inert diluent. The C₄ alkane can be recycled back to the feedstock of the oligomerization reaction where it acts as a diluent, which increases the selectivity of the oligomerization reaction, thereby providing products which are selectively dehydrocyclized to p-xylene.

[0056] The various reaction steps subsequent to production of the C₄ alcohol (e.g., dehydrogenation, dimerization, and dehydrocyclization) can be carried out in a single reactor, within which the individual reaction steps take place in different reaction zones, or in which the catalysts are mixed or layered together in a single reaction zone, whereby the C₄ alcohol undergoes sequential conversion to successive intermediates in a single reaction zone (e.g., conversion of the C₄ alcohol to a C₅ alkene, then a C₆ alkene in a single reaction zone; or conversion of a C₄ alkene to a C₅ alkene, then dehydrocyclization of the C₅ alkene to p-xylene in a single reaction zone). Alternatively, the various reactions can be carried out in separate reactors so that the reactor conditions (e.g., temperature, pressure, catalyst, feedstock composition, WHSV, etc.) can be optimized to maximize the selectivity of each reaction step. When the separate reaction steps are carried out in separate reactors, the intermediates formed in the various reaction steps can be isolated and/or purified before proceeding to the subsequent reaction step, or the reaction products from one reactor can be passed directly to the subsequent reactor without purification.

[0057] In other embodiments of the processes of the present invention, one or more of the particular reaction steps (e.g., dehydrogenation, dimerization, dehydrocyclization) can each be carried out in two or more reactors (connected either in series or in parallel), so that during operation of the process, particular reactors can be bypassed (or taken “offline”) to allow maintenance (e.g., catalyst regeneration) to be carried out on the bypassed reactor, while still permitting the process to continue in the remaining operational reactors. For example, the dehydrocyclization step could be carried out in two reactors connected in series (whereby the product of the dimerization step is the feedstock for the first dehydrocyclization reactor, and the product of the first dehydrocyclization reactor is the feedstock for the second dehydrocyclization reactor). The first dehydrocyclization reactor can be bypassed using the appropriate piping and valves such that the product of the dehydrocyclization step is now the feedstock for the second dehydrocyclization reactor. For reactors connected in parallel, bypassing one of the reactors may simply entail closing the feed and product lines of the desired reactor. Such reactor configurations, and means for by-passing or isolating one or more reactors connected in series or parallel are known in the art.

[0058] The C₄ alcohol feedstock for the dehydrogenation reaction can comprise a single C₄ alcohol (e.g., isobutanol) or can
comprise a mixture of C₄ alcohols. In most embodiments, the dehydration feedstock comprises a single C₄ alcohol (e.g., isobutanol).

[0059] The dehydration reaction catalytically converts the C₄ alcohol produced in the fermentation step (e.g., isobutanol) into the corresponding C₄ alkene (e.g., isobutylene). Depending upon the dehydration catalyst used, dehydration of the C₄ alcohol can also be accompanied by rearrangement of the resulting C₄ alkene to form one or more isomeric alkenes. Isomerization occurs, the isomerization can occur concurrently with the dehydration, or subsequently to the dehydration.

[0060] The dehydration of alcohols to alkenes can be catalyzed by many different catalysts. In general, acidic heterogeneous or homogeneous catalysts are used in a reactor maintained under conditions suitable for dehydrating the C₄ alcohol. Typically, the C₄ alcohol is activated by an acidic catalyst to facilitate the loss of water. The water is usually removed from the dehydration reactor with the product. The resulting C₄ alkene either exits the reactor (e.g., in the gas or liquid phase, depending upon the reactor conditions) and is captured by a downstream purification process or is further converted in the reactor to other compounds as described herein. For example, t-butyl alcohol is dehydrated to isobutylene by reacting it in the gas phase at 300-400°C, over an acid treated aluminum oxide catalyst (U.S. Pat. No. 5,625,109) or in the liquid phase at 120-200°C, over a sulfonic acid cationic exchange resin catalyst (U.S. Pat. No. 4,602,119). The water generated by the dehydration reaction exits the reactor with unreacted C₄ alcohol and C₄ alkene product and is separated by distillation or phase separation. Because water is generated in large quantities in the dehydration step, the catalysts used are generally tolerant to water and a process for removing the water from substrate and product may be part of any process that contains a dehydration step. For this reason, it is possible to use wet (i.e., up to 99% water by weight) C₄ alcohol as a substrate for a dehydration reaction and remove this water with the water generated by the dehydration reaction. For example, dilute aqueous solutions of ethanol (up to 98% water by weight) can be dehydrated over a zeolite catalyst with all water removed from the ethylene product stream after the dehydration step occurs (U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,698,452 and 4,873,392). Additionally, neutral alumina and zeolites will dehydrate alcohols to alkenes. For example, neutral chromium treated alumina will dehydrate isobutanol to isobutylene above 250°C (U.S. Pat. No. 3,836,603).

[0061] Levels of water between about 0% and about 15% have little if any effect on the percent conversion and selectivity of the subsequent dehydration reaction. In most embodiments, the feedstock for the dehydration reaction comprises an aqueous C₄ alcohol comprising about 0-15% water, including about 0% water, about 1% water, about 2% water, about 3% water, about 4% water, about 5% water, about 6% water, about 7% water, about 8% water, about 9% water, about 10% water, about 11% water, about 12% water, about 13% water, about 14% water, or about 15% water, inclusive of all ranges and subranges therebetween. In a particular embodiment, the aqueous C₄ alcohol feedstock for the dehydration reaction comprises aqueous isobutanol containing about 0-15% water. In a specific embodiment, the dehydration reaction feedstock consists essentially of aqueous isobutanol containing about 0-15% water (e.g., about 85-100% isobutanol, and about 0-15% water), and trace levels of impurities (for example less than about 5% impurities, e.g., less than about 4%, less than about 3%, less than about 2%, or less than about 1% impurities).

[0062] Suitable dehydration catalysts include homogeneous or heterogeneous catalysts. A non-limiting list of homogeneous acid catalysts include inorganic acids such as sulfuric acid, hydrogen fluoride, fluorosulfonic acid, phosphonic acid, phosphomolybdic acid, phosphoric acid, Lewis acids such as aluminum and boron halides (e.g., AlCl₃, BF₃, etc.); organic sulfonic acids such as trifluoromethanesulfonic acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid and benzenesulfonic acid; heteropolyacids; fluoroalkyl sulfonic acids, metal sulfonates, metal trifluoroacetates, compounds thereof and combinations thereof. A non-limiting list of heterogeneous acid catalysts include heterogeneous heteropolyacids (HPAs); solid phosphoric acid; natural clay minerals, such as those containing alumina or silica; cation exchange resins such as sulfonated polystyrene ion exchange resins; metal oxides, such as hydrous zirconium oxide, Fe₂O₃, Mn₂O₃, γ-alumina, etc.; mixed metal oxides, such as sulfated zirconia/γ-alumina, alumina/magnesium oxide, etc.; metal salts such as metal sulfides, metal sulfates, metal sulfonates, metal nitrates, metal phosphates, metal phosphonates, metal molybdates, metal tungstates, metal borates; zeolites, such as NaY zeolite, beta zeolite, F-5, ZSM-5, NaA zeolite, etc.; modified versions of any of the above known in the art, and combinations of any of the above, for example as described in U.S. Publ. Nos. 2009/0030239, 2008/0132741, 2008/0132732, 2008/0132730, 2008/0045754, 2008/0015359.

[0063] The dehydration reaction of the processes of the present invention is typically carried out using one or more fixed-bed reactors using any of the dehydration catalysts described herein. Alternatively, other types of reactors known in the art can be used, such as fluidized bed reactors, batch reactors, catalytic distillation reactors, etc. In a particular embodiment, the dehydration catalyst is a heterogeneous acidic γ-alumina catalyst. In order to maximize the purity of p-xylene ultimately produced, and to reduce or eliminate the need for purification of intermediates, it is desirable to carry out the dehydration reaction under conditions which favor selective formation of isobutylene. Higher selectivity is favored at lower conversion and under milder dehydration conditions (e.g., lower temperature and pressure).

[0064] In some embodiments, the dehydration reaction is carried out in the vapor phase to facilitate removal of water (either present in the dehydration feedstock or as a by-product of the dehydration reaction). In most embodiments, the dehydration reaction is carried out at a pressure ranging from 0-30 psig, and at a temperature of about 350°C or less (e.g., about 300-350°C). In other embodiments, the dehydration reaction pressure is about 0, about 5, about 10, about 15, about 20, about 25, or about 30, inclusive of all ranges and subranges therebetween. In most embodiments, the dehydration reaction temperature is about 325°C or less, about 300°C or less, about 275°C or less, or about 250°C or less. In a specific embodiment, the dehydration temperature is about 300°C. In another particular embodiment, the dehydration temperature is about 275°C. In still other embodiments, the dehydration temperature is at least about 100°C and a pressure of at least about 1 atm.

[0065] The weight hourly space velocity (WHSV) of the dehydration reaction can range from about 1 to about 10 hr⁻¹, or about 1, about 2, about 3, about 4, about 5, about 6, about 7, about 8, about 9, or about 10 hr⁻¹. In a specific embodiment, the WHSV is about 5 hr⁻¹.
In still other embodiments, the dehydration reaction is carried out at higher pressures, ranging from about 60 psig to about 200 psig, for example at about 60 psig, about 70 psig, about 80 psig, about 90 psig, about 100 psig, about 110 psig, about 120 psig, about 130 psig, about 140 psig, about 150 psig, about 160 psig, about 170 psig, about 180 psig, about 190 psig, or about 200 psig, inclusive of all ranges and sub-ranges therebetween. When the dehydration reaction is carried out at such pressures, the isobutylene and water of the dehydration reaction product are separated in a liquid-liquid separator.

If the dehydration reaction product, or portions of the dehydration reaction product are produced in the vapor phase, the C4 alkene (e.g. isobutylene) and water components of the dehydration reaction product can be separated by gas-liquid or liquid-liquid separation methods (i.e. after condensing the dehydration reaction product by cooling and/or compression). If the dehydration reaction product is substantially liquid, the product forms a C4 alkene (e.g. isobutylene) rich phase and a water rich phase, which can be separated using a liquid-liquid separator.

In order for the processes of the present invention to ultimately provide substantially pure p-xylene, it is desirable to carry out the dehydration reaction under “selective” process conditions (e.g., choice of catalyst(s), temperature, pressure, WHSV, etc.) which provide a C4 alkene product which is primarily isobutylene. In particular embodiments, the combination of temperature, pressure, catalyst used, and WHSV are selected such that the C4 alkene product comprises at least about 95% isobutylene, e.g., temperatures of about 300°C or lower, pressures of about 0-80 psig, catalysts such as BASF AL-3996, and a WHSV of about 5 hr⁻¹. In other particular embodiments, the C4 alkene product comprises at least about 96%, at least about 97%, at least about 98%, at least about 99%, or about 100% isobutylene, inclusive of all ranges and sub-ranges therebetween.

The water produced in the dehydration reaction can be separated from the C4 alkene (e.g., isobutylene) by various methods. For example, if the dehydration reaction is carried out at pressures of about 0-30 psig, the C4 alkene can be separated as a gas from liquid water using a gas-liquid separator. When the dehydration reaction is carried out at pressures of about 30-100 psig, both the C4 alkene and water can be condensed (e.g., by cooling or compressing the product stream) and the separation carried out using a liquid-liquid separator. In particular embodiments, the C4 alkene (e.g., isobutylene) and water are separated after dehydration by gas-liquid separation. In some embodiments, unreacted C4 alcohol is recycled back to the dehydration feedstock after separation from the C4 alkene.

In particular embodiments, the dehydration reaction is run at temperature/pressure conditions (e.g., temperatures of about 250-350°C, pressures of 60-200 psig, WHSV of about 1-20 hr⁻¹). The C4 alkene (e.g., isobutylene) product is then separated from the aqueous phase using a liquid-liquid separator. At least a portion of the unreacted isobutanol can be recycled back to the dehydration reaction feed; a portion of the unreacted isobutanol remaining in the C4 alkene product mixture can also be retained in the dehydration product stream, and act as a diluent and/or modifier in the dimerization feedstock to improve selectivity of the dimerization reaction step.

In another particular embodiment, the dehydration reaction is carried out in multiple separate reactors (e.g., two, three, or more dehydration reactors) connected in series, wherein the temperature of the reactors increases in each successive dehydration reactor. When configured in this manner, one or more of the dehydration reactors can be bypassed during operation to permit e.g., regeneration of a “coked” catalyst in the bypassed reactor, without requiring a shutdown of the overall process.

In other embodiments, instead of recycling the unreacted isobutanol from the dehydration product stream, at least a portion of the unreacted isobutanol obtained after separation from the C4 alkene (e.g., by liquid-liquid or gas-liquid separation) can be further dehydrated in additional dehydration reactors, and the resulting C4 alkene product added to the feedstock for the dimerization step.

In most embodiments the dehydration and dimerization steps are carried out separately. In other embodiments, the dehydration and dimerization reactions are carried out in a single reaction zone using a catalyst (or mixture of catalysts) which catalyzes both reactions. The C4 alkene(s) formed in the dehydration step can be transferred directly to the oligomerization catalyst (e.g., in another reaction zone or another reactor), or can be isolated prior to dimerization. In one embodiment, the C4 alkene is isolated as a liquid and optionally purified (e.g., by distillation) prior to dimerization. Isolation of the C4 alkene can be advantageous if the dehydration process is optimally carried out under gas-phase conditions, whereas the dimerization is optimally carried out under liquid-phase conditions; thus isolation of the C4 alkene allows the dehydration and dimerization reactions to each be carried out under optimal conditions. Isolation of the C4 alkene can refer to a process in which the C4 alcohol produced by the biocatalyst (or thermochemical process) is continuously removed from the fermentor (as described herein) and dimerized continuously to provide C4 alkene. The C4 alkene can then be stored and later reacted further (e.g., oligomerization and/or aromatization and/or hydrogenation and/or oxidation), or the isolated C4 alkene can be temporarily stored in a holding tank prior to e.g. oligomerization providing an integrated, continuous process in which each of the unit operations (e.g., fermentation, dehydration, oligomerization, dehydrocyclization, etc.) run simultaneously and more or less continuously, and the isolation of the C4 alkene “buffers” process upsets.

The oligomerization catalyst catalyzes dimerization, trimerization, etc. of the C4 alkene. In the process of the present invention, primarily dimerization of the C4 alkene to C4 alkene(s) (e.g., 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, etc.) is favored by appropriate selection of oligomerization catalyst and process conditions. In most embodiments, the dimerization reaction step is carried out under conditions which favor substantially exclusive dimer product (i.e., at least about 90% of the oligomers formed are C4 alkene, at least about 95% of the oligomers formed are C4 alkene, at least about 98% of the oligomers formed are C4 alkene, at least about 99% of the oligomers are C4 alkene, or about 100% of the oligomers formed are C4 alkene). The unreacted C4 alkene is then recycled.

Furthermore, the dimerization process is carried out under selective conditions in which the C4 alkene formed comprises primarily 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes; that is, the C5 alkene dimers comprise at least about 50% 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, or at least about 55%, at least about 60%, at least about 65%, at least about 70%, at least about 75%, at least
about 80%, at least about 85%, at least about 90%, at least about 95%, or about 100% 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes.

[0076] In other embodiments, the dimerization process is carried under selective conditions in which the C₆ alkene formed comprises primarily 2,5-dimethylhexenes; that is, the C₆ alkene dimers comprise at least about 50% 2,5-dimethylhexenes, or at least about 55%, at least about 60%, at least about 65%, at least about 70%, at least about 75%, at least about 80%, at least about 85%, at least about 90%, at least about 95%, or about 100% 2,5-dimethylhexenes.

[0077] In still other embodiments, the dimerization process is carried under selective conditions in which the C₆ alkene formed comprises primarily 2,5-dimethylhexadienes; that is, the C₆ alkene dimers comprise at least about 50% 2,5-dimethylhexadienes, or at least about 55%, at least about 60%, at least about 65%, at least about 70%, at least about 75%, at least about 80%, at least about 85%, at least about 90%, at least about 95%, or about 100% 2,5-dimethylhexadienes.

[0078] In further embodiments, the dimerization process is carried under selective conditions in which the C₆ alkene formed comprises primarily 2,5-dimethylhexenes and 2,5-dimethylhexadienes; that is, the C₆ alkene dimers comprise at least about 50% 2,5-dimethylhexenes and 2,5-dimethylhexadienes, or at least about 55%, at least about 60%, at least about 65%, at least about 70%, at least about 75%, at least about 80%, at least about 85%, at least about 90%, at least about 95%, or about 100% 2,5-dimethylhexenes and 2,5-dimethylhexadienes.

[0079] At the high conversion conditions typical in petrochemical processing (e.g., >95% conversion), the oligomerization product typically comprises a mixture of isocoulenes and isododecenenes, which would require isolation and purification of the isocoulen component prior to dehydrocyclization in order to provide sufficiently pure p-xylene. The selective dimerization conditions as described herein provide high levels of diisobutylene, for example 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, 2,5-dimethylhexenes, or 2,5-dimethylhexadienes, which can be converted subsequently to substantially pure p-xylene by dehydrocyclization as described herein. Selective dimerization conditions which produce essentially exclusively dimer alkene product, comprising at least about 50% 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, 2,5-dimethylhexenes, or 2,5-dimethylhexadienes (or in other embodiments, at least about 55%, at least about 60%, at least about 65%, at least about 70%, at least about 75%, at least about 80%, at least about 85%, at least about 90%, at least about 95%, or about 100% 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, 2,5-dimethylhexenes, or 2,5-dimethylhexadienes, inclusive of all ranges and subranges therebetween) are provided by various means, for example catalyst selection, choice of temperature and/or pressure, WHSV, the presence of diluents and modifiers, and combinations thereof. Suitable selective dimerization conditions include, for example dimerization with an Amberlyst strongly acidic ion exchange resin catalyst at a temperature of about 100-120°C, approximately atmospheric pressure, WHSV of about 10-50 h⁻¹, and a feedstock comprising about 50-90% diluents; for a ZSM-5 catalyst (e.g., CBV 2314), suitable dimerization conditions include a reaction temperature of about 150-180°C, a pressure of about 750 psig, a WHSV of about 10-100 h⁻¹, and a feedstock comprising about 30-90% diluents; and for a solid phosphoric acid catalyst, suitable conditions include a reaction temperature of about 160-190°C, a pressure of about 500-1000 psig, WHSV of about 10-100 h⁻¹, and a feedstock comprising about 25-75% diluents.

[0080] A non-limiting list of suitable acidic oligimerization catalysts includes inorganic acids, organic sulfonic acids, heteropolyacids, perfluoroalkyl sulfonic acids, metal salts thereof, mixtures of metal salts, and combinations thereof. The acid catalyst may also be selected from the group consisting of zeolites such as CBV-3020, ZSM-5, β Zeolite CP 814C, ZSM-5 CBV 8014, ZSM-5 CBV 5524 G, and YCBV 870; fluorinated aluminia; acid-treated silica; acid-treated silica-alumina; acid-treated titania; acid-treated zirconia; heteropolyacids supported on zirconia, titania, alumina, silica; and combinations thereof. The acid catalyst may also be selected from the group consisting of metal sulfonates, metal sulfates, metal trifluoroacetates, metal triflates, and mixtures thereof; mixtures of salts with their conjugate acids, zinc tetrafluoroborate, and combinations thereof.

[0081] Other acid catalysts that may be employed in dimerization step of the invention include inorganic acids such as sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid (e.g., solid phosphoric acid), hydrochloric acid, and nitric acid, as well as mixtures thereof. Organic acids such as p-toluene sulfonic acid, triflic acid, trifluoroacetic acid and methanesulfonic acid may also be used. Moreover, ion exchange resins in the acid form may also be employed. Hence, any type of suitable acid catalyst known in the art may be employed.

[0082] Fluorinated sulfonic acid polymers can also be used as acidic oligimerization catalysts for the dimerization step of the processes of the present invention. These acids are partially or totally fluorinated hydrocarbon polymers containing pendant sulfonic acid groups, which may be partially or totally converted to the salt form. One suitable fluorinated sulfonic acid polymer is Nafion® perfluorinated sulfonic acid polymer, (E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Wilmington, Del.). Another suitable fluorinated sulfonic acid polymer is Nafion® Super Acid Catalyst, a bead-form strongly acidic resin which is a copolymer of tetrafluoroethylene and perfluoro-3,6-dioxaoctyl-7-sulfone fluorocarbon, converted to either the proton (H⁺), or the metal salt form.

[0083] A soluble acidic oligimerization catalyst may also be used in the method of the invention. Suitable soluble acids include, those acid catalysts with a pKa less than about 4, preferably with a pKa less than about 2, including inorganic acids, organic sulfonic acids, heteropolyacids, perfluoroalkylsulfonic acids, and combinations thereof. Also suitable are metal salts of acids with pKa less than about 4, including metal sulfonates, metal sulfates, metal trifluoroacetates, metal triflates, and mixtures thereof, including mixtures of salts with their conjugate acids. Specific examples of suitable acids include sulfonic acid, fluorosulfonic acid, phosphoric acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, phosphotungstic acid, phosphomolybdic acid, trifluoromethanesulfonic acid, 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethanesulfonic acid, 1,1,2,3,3-hexafluoropropanesulfonic acid, bisnaphthalene triflate, yttrium triflate, neodymium triflate, lanthanum triflate, scandium triflate, zirconium triflate, and zinc tetrafluoroborate.

[0084] For batch reactions, the acidic oligimerization catalyst is preferably used in an amount of from about 0.01% to about 50% by weight of the reactants (although the concentration of acid catalyst may exceed 50% for reactions run in continuous mode using a packed bed reactor). In a particular embodiment, the range is 0.25% to 5% by weight of the
reactants unless the reaction is run in continuous mode using a packed bed reactor. For flow reactors, the acid catalyst will be present in amounts that provide WHSV values ranging from about 0.1 hr⁻¹ to 500 hr⁻¹ (e.g., about 0.1, about 0.5, about 1.0, about 2.0, about 5.0, about 10, about 20, about 30, about 40, about 50, about 60, about 70, about 80, about 90, about 100, about 150, about 200, about 250, about 500, about 350, about 400, about 450, or about 500 hr⁻¹).

[0085] Other suitable heterogeneous acid catalysts include, for example, acid treated clays, heterogenous heteropolyacids and sulfated zirconia. The acid catalyst can also be selected from the group consisting of sulfuric acid-treated silica, sulfuric acid-treated silica-alumina, acid-treated titania, acid-treated zirconia, heteropolyacids supported on zirconia, heteropolyacids supported on titania, heteropolyacids supported on alumina, heteropolyacids supported on silica, and combinations thereof. Suitable heterogeneous acid catalysts include those having an H₂ of less than or equal to 2.

[0086] In most embodiments of the present invention, the dimerization reaction step is typically carried out using a fixed-bed reactor using any of the oligomerization catalysts described herein. Alternatively, other types of reactors known in the art can be used, such as fluidized bed reactors, batch reactors, catalytic distillation reactors, etc. In a particular embodiment, the oligomerization catalyst is acidic catalyst such as HZSM-5, solid phosphoric acid, or a sulfonic acid resin.

[0087] As described above, the feedstock for the dimerization reaction step is obtained from the product of the dehydration reaction step (e.g., obtained after separating the C₅ alkenic product from any unreacted isobutanol). If the dehydration reaction is carried out at pressures below about 30 psig, the C₅ alkenic product obtained after gas-liquid separation can be compressed to form a C₅ alkenic-rich feedstock for the dimerization reaction. Alternatively, if the dehydration reaction is carried out at higher pressures (e.g., about 60 psig or higher) and/or the dehydration product is separated using liquid-liquid separation, the liquid C₅ alkenic-rich phase can be used as the feedstock for the dimerization reaction directly (e.g., pumped directly into the dimerization reactor), or can be diluted with suitable diluents as described herein. In particular embodiments, the liquid C₅ alkenic-rich feedstock contains unreacted isobutanol from the dehydration reaction, and/or additional diluents added to improve the selectivity of the dimerization reaction step. In most embodiments, the C₅ alkene comprises isobutylene. In particular embodiments, it is desirable that the C₅ alkenic portion of the feedstock comprises at least about 95% isobutylene, or at least about 96%, at least about 97%, at least about 98%, at least about 99%, or about 100% isobutylene.

[0088] As discussed herein, higher selectivity for formation of dimers such as 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, 2,5-dimethylhexenes, and 2,5-dimethylhexadienes is favored at lower conversion and under milder oligomerization conditions (e.g., lower temperature and pressure). In most embodiments, the reaction is carried out in the liquid phase at a pressure ranging from 0-1500 psig, and at a temperature of about 250° C. or less. In some embodiments, the oligomerization reaction pressure is about 0, about 15, about 30, about 45, about 60, about 75, about 90, about 105, about 120, about 135, about 150, about 165, about 180, about 195, about 210, about 225, about 240, about 255, about 270, about 285, about 300, about 350, about 400, about 450, about 500, about 550, about 600, about 650, about 700, about 750, about 800, about 850, about 900, about 950, about 1000, about 1100, about 1200, about 1300, about 1400, or about 1500 psig, inclusive of all ranges and subranges therebetween.

[0089] In other embodiments, the dimerization reaction temperature is about 250° C. or less, about 255° C. or less, about 260° C. or less, about 265° C. or less, about 270° C. or less, about 275° C. or less, about 280° C. or less, about 285° C. or less, about 290° C. or less, inclusive of all ranges and subranges therebetween. In a specific embodiment, the oligomerization temperature is about 170° C.

[0090] The weight hourly space velocity (WHSV) of the oligomerization reaction can range from about 1 hr⁻¹ to about 500 hr⁻¹, or about 1, about 2, about 3, about 4, about 5, about 6, about 7, about 8, about 9, about 10, about 15, about 20, about 25, about 30, about 35, about 40, about 45, about 50, about 55, about 60, about 65, about 70, about 75, about 80, about 85, about 90, about 95, about 100, about 110, about 120, about 130, about 140, about 150, about 175, about 200, about 225, about 250, about 275, about 300, about 350, about 400, about 450, or about 500 hr⁻¹. In a specific embodiment, the WHSV is about 5 hr⁻¹.

[0091] The renewable C₅ alkenes prepared after the oligomerization step in the process of the present invention have three, two or at least one double bond. On average, the product of the oligomerizing step in the process of the present invention has less than about two double bonds per molecule, in particular embodiments, less than about 1.5 double bonds per molecule. In most embodiments, the C₅ alkenes have on average one double bond.

[0092] Selective dimerization of the C₅ alkene during the dimerization reaction step can also be provided by the addition of alcohols such as t-butanol and diluents such as paraffins (such as kerosene, isooctane, or isobutane) to the oligomerization feedstock. In other embodiments, the selectivity of the dimerization reaction can be enhanced by adding water and isobutanol, e.g., by adding aqueous isobutanol, or by incompletely drying the C₅ alkene (isobutylene) product obtained from the dehydration reaction step (which contains unreacted isobutanol).

[0093] Some rearrangement of the C₅ alkene feedstock or C₅ alkene product may also occur during dimerization, thereby introducing new or undesired branching patterns into the C₅ alkene products. In most embodiments, rearrangement of the C₅ alkene feedstock and/or C₅ alkene product is not desirable, particularly when the oligomerization feedstock is isobutylene, and/or the oligomerization product is a 2,4,4-trimethylpentene, 2,5-dimethylhexene, or 2,5-dimethylhexadiene. In such embodiments, the reaction conditions and catalysts are selected to minimize or eliminate rearrangement (e.g., temperatures below at least about 200° C., or below about 180° C., and in particular embodiments, about 170° C.). In other embodiments, where the C₅ alkene feedstock includes some amount of unbranched C₅ alkene (i.e., 1-butene or 2-butene), the dimerization reaction could be carried out under conditions which favor dimerization and rearrangement to branched dimers such as 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, 2,5-dimethylhexenes, or 2,5-dimethylhexadienes or under conditions in which linear butenes do not dimerize (or dimerize at a substantially lower rate compared to isobutylene), thereby maximizing the selectivity of the dimerization for 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes. Alternatively, the linear butenes could be isomerized by recycling the linear butenes to a separate isomerization reactor, after which the isomerized product (e.g., isobutylene) is then added back to the dimer-
ization feedstock. Linear butene isomers can also be collected for use as a feedstock for other processes (for example, oligomerization to predominantly unbranched higher molecular weight hydrocarbons suitable for use as e.g. diesel fuel).

Similarly, if the C₄ alkene dimerization product is unbranched or includes C₄ isomers which do not dehydrocyclize selectively to p-xylene, it may be desirable to promote rearrangement of the dimerization feedstock to isobutylene and/or the dimerization product to 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, 2,5-dimethylhexenes, or 2,5-dimethylhexadienes. Rearrangement to more desirable branched isomers (e.g., 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, 2,5-dimethylhexenes, or 2,5-dimethylhexadienes) can be promoted by dimerization at lower temperatures and/or at higher WHSV values, or the less desirable C₄ alkene isomers can be isomerized by recycling back to the dimerization reactor, or by recycling to a separate isomerization reactor, after which the isomerized product (e.g., 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, 2,5-dimethylhexenes, or 2,5-dimethylhexadienes) is then added to the dehydrocyclization feedstock.

As discussed above, p-xylene (and other aromatics) are currently produced by catalytic cracking and catalytic reforming of petroleum-derived feedstocks. In particular, the catalytic reforming process uses light hydrocarbon “cuts” like liquefied petroleum gas (C₃ and C₄) or light naphtha (especially C₅ and C₆), which are then converted to C₆-C₈ aromatics, typically by one of the three main petrochemical processes such as M-2 Forming (Mobil), Cyclar (UOP) and Arforming (IFP-Sulutec). These processes use new catalysts which were developed to produce petrochemical grade benzene, toluene, and xylene (BTX) from low molecular weight alkenes in a single step. The process can be described as “dehydrogenation and dehydrocyclization/isomerization” over one catalyst and in single reaction zone (the use of C₄ hydrocarbons requires oligomerization rather than dimerization to prepare substituted aromatics).

A variety of alumina and silica based catalysts and reactor configurations have been used to prepare aromatics from low molecular weight hydrocarbons. For example, the Cyclar process developed by UOP and BP for converting liquefied petroleum gas into aromatic compounds uses a gallocate-doped zeolite (Appl. Catal. A, 1992, 89, p. 1-30). Other reported catalysts include bismuth, lead, or antimony oxides (U.S. Pat. No. 3,644,550 and U.S. Pat. No. 3,850,866), chromiun treated alumina (U.S. Pat. No. 3,836,603 and U.S. Pat. No. 6,600,081), rhenium treated alumina (U.S. Pat. No. 4,229,320) and platinum treated zeolites (WO 2005/065393 A2).

A non-limiting list of such catalysts include mixtures of chromia-alumina and bismuth oxide (e.g., bismuth oxide prepared by the thermal decomposition of bismuth compounds such as bismuth nitrate, bismuth carbonate, bismuth hydroxide, bismuth acetate, etc. and e.g., chromia-alumina prepared by impregnating alumina particles with a chromia composition to provide particles containing about 5, about 10, about 15, about 20, about 25, about 30, about 35, about 40, about 45, or about 50 mol % chromia, optionally including a promoter such as potassium, sodium, or silicon, and optionally including a diluent such as silicon carbide, α-alumina, zirconium oxide, etc.); bismuth oxide, lead oxide or antimony oxide in combination with supported platinum, supported palladium, supported cobalt, or a metal oxide or mixtures thereof, such as chromia-alumina, cobalt molybdate, tin oxide or zinc oxide; supported chromium on a refractory inorganic oxide such as alumina or zirconia, promoted with metal such as iron, tin, tungsten, optionally in combination with a Group I or II metal such as Na, K, Rb, Cs, Mg, Ca, Sr, and Ba); rhenium in oxide or metallic form deposited on a neutral or weakly acidic support which has been additionally impregnated with an alkali metal hydroxide or stannate and subsequently reduced with hydrogen at elevated temperatures; and platinum deposited on aluminosilicate MFI zeolite. Any of these known catalysts can be used in the process of the present invention. In particular embodiments of the process of the present invention, the dehydrocyclization catalyst includes, for example, chromium oxide treated alumina, platinum- and tin-containing zeolites and alumina, cobalt- and molybdenum-containing alumina, etc. In a specific embodiment, the dehydrocyclization catalyst is a novel catalyst based on chromium oxide on an alumina support.

High selectivity for p-xylene in the dehydrocyclization reaction is favored by providing a dehydrocyclization feedstock which comprises primarily 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, 2,5-dimethylhexenes, and/or 2,5-dimethylhexadienes by appropriate selection of dehydrocyclization catalyst (as described herein), and by appropriate selection of dehydrocyclization process conditions (e.g., process temperature, pressure, WHSV, etc.). In most embodiments, the dehydrocyclization reaction is carried out below or slightly above atmospheric pressure, for example at pressures ranging from about 1 psia to about 20 psia, or about 1 psia to about 2 psia, or about 3 psia, about 4 psia, about 5 psia, about 6 psia, about 7 psia, about 8 psia, about 9 psia, about 10 psia, about 11 psia, about 12 psia, about 13 psia, about 14 psia, about 15 psia, about 16 psia, about 17 psia, about 18 psia, about 19 psia, about 20 psia, inclusive of all ranges and subranges therebetween. In most embodiments, the dehydrocyclization is carried out at temperatures ranging from about 400°C to about 600°C, or about 400°C to about 425°C, or about 450°C, or about 475°C, or about 500°C, or about 525°C, or about 550°C, or about 575°C, and about 600°C, inclusive of all ranges and subranges therebetween. In most embodiments, the dehydrocyclization is carried out at WHSV values of about 1 hr⁻¹, for example about 0.51 hr⁻¹, about 1 hr⁻¹, about 1.5 hr⁻¹, or about 2 hr⁻¹, inclusive of all ranges and subranges therebetween. In most embodiments, the dehydrocyclization reaction is operated at conversions ranging from about 20-50%, and provides a p-xylene selectivity (i.e., the percentage of xylene products which is p-xylene) greater than about 75%. In other embodiments, the p-xylene selectivity is about 75%, about 80%, about 85%, about 90%, about 95%, about 96%, about 97%, about 98%, or about 99%.

In addition, both the conversion and selectivity of the dehydrocyclization reaction for p-xylene can be enhanced by adding diluents to the feedstock, such as hydrogen, nitrogen, argon, and methane. Unreacted C₄ alkene (e.g. isobutylene from the oligomerization reaction) can also be used as an effective diluent to improve the p-xylene selectivity of the dehydrocyclization reaction, and to help suppress cracking. Accordingly, in some embodiments, the selectivity of the dimerization reaction step is improved by carrying out the dimerization under low conversion conditions, as discussed above, such that the product from the dimerization reaction contains significant amounts of unreacted C₄ alkene (e.g., isobutylene), a portion of which can be recycled back to the dimerization reaction feedstock, and a portion of which is present in the dehydrocyclization reaction feedstock. Any C₄ alkene (or C₄ alkane) remaining in the product of the dehydrocyclization reaction can then be recycled back into the
dimerization feedstock and/or the dehydrocyclization feedstock. In some embodiments, the dehydrocyclization feedstock comprises 1-100% 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, 2,5-dimethylhexenes, and/or 2,5-dimethylhexadienes, with the balance diluent. In particular embodiments, the dehydrocyclization feedstock comprises less than about 50% 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, 2,5-dimethylhexenes, and/or 2,5-dimethylhexadienes to reduce “cooking” of the dehydrocyclization catalyst. For example, the dehydrocyclization feedstock comprises about 1%, about 2%, about 5%, about 10%, about 15% about 20%, about 25%, about 30%, about 35%, about 40%, about 45%, or about 50% 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, 2,5-dimethylhexenes, and/or 2,5-dimethylhexadienes, inclusive of all ranges and sub-ranges therebetween.

The conversion of alkenes and alkynes into aromatic compounds is a net oxidation reaction that releases hydrogen from the aliphatic hydrocarbons. If no oxygen is present, hydrocarbon is a co-product, and light alkenes such as methane and ethane are by-products. If oxygen is present, the hydrogen is converted into water. The dehydrocyclization reaction step of the present invention is particularly carried out in the relative absence of oxygen (although trace levels of oxygen may be present due to leaks in the reactor system, and/or the feedstock for the dehydrocyclization reaction step may have trace contamination with oxygen). The hydrogen and light hydrocarbons produced as a by-product of the dehydrocyclization reaction are themselves valuable compounds that can be removed and used for other chemical processes (e.g., hydrogenation of alkenes by-products, for example C₂ alkenes such as 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes) to produce alkenes useful for use as renewable fuels or renewable fuel additives (e.g., isoctane), etc.) in analogy to the practice in traditional petrochemical refineries that produces aromatics, these light compounds are collected and used throughout the refinery. This hydrogen also reacts with isobutylene and disobutylene to produce isobutane and isooctane which can be recycled to use as diluents for oligomerization (isobutane and isooctane) feedstock for dehydrocyclization to form isobutylene by dehydrogenation of isobutane and p-xylene by dehydrocyclization of isooctane. The mixture of hydrogen and light hydrocarbons produced from the dehydrocyclization reaction can be used for hydrogenation without further purification, or the light hydrocarbons can be removed (either essentially completely or a portion thereof) to provide relatively pure or higher purity hydrogen prior to the hydrogenation reaction.

Hydrogenation is carried out in the presence of a suitable active metal hydrogenation catalyst. Acceptable solvents, catalysts, apparatus, and procedures for hydrogenation in general can be found in Augustine, Heterogeneous Catalysis for the Synthetic Chemist, Marcel Decker, New York, N.Y. (1996).

Many hydrogenation catalysts known in the art are effective, including (without limitation) those containing as the principal component tridium, palladium, rhodium, nickel, ruthenium, platinum, rhenium, compounds thereof, combinations thereof, and the supported versions thereof.

Typically, the high temperatures at which these dehydrocyclization reactions are carried out tend to coke up and deactivate the catalysts. To reuse the catalyst, the coke must be removed as frequently as every 15 minutes, usually by burning it off in the presence of air. Thus, even though the dehydrocyclization reaction itself is, in most embodiments of the present invention, carried out in the absence of oxygen, oxygen (and optionally hydrogen) can periodically be introduced to reactivate the catalyst. The presence of hydrogenating metals such as nickel, platinum, and palladium in the catalyst will catalyze the hydrogenation of the coke deposits and extend catalyst life. In order to accommodate reactivation of the catalyst in a continuous process, two or more dehydrocyclization reactors can be used so that at least one dehydrocyclization reactor is operational while other dehydrocyclization reactors are taken "off line" in order to reactivate the catalyst. When multiple dehydrocyclization reactors are used, they can be connected in parallel or in series.

As discussed above, the hydrocarbon feedstocks used to form aromatic compounds in conventional petroleum refineries are typically mixtures of hydrocarbons. As a result, the p-xylene produced by petroleum refineries is mixed with other xylene isomers and other aromatics (e.g., light aromatics such as benzene and toluene, as well as ethylbenzene, etc.), requiring further separation and purification steps in order to provide suitably pure p-xylene for subsequent conversion to terephthalic acid or terephthalate esters suitable for polyester production. In a large-scale refinery, producing pure streams of p-xylene can be expensive and difficult. In contrast, the process of the present invention can readily provide relatively pure, renewable p-xylene at a cost which is competitive with that of petroleum derived p-xylene from conventional refineries.

For example, a biomass derived C₄ alcohol (e.g. aqueous isobutanol from fermentation) is dehydrated in the vapor phase over an acidic dehydration catalyst (e.g., gamma alumina) to form a product containing unreacted C₂ alcohol and 99% isobutylene (based on the total amount of olefin product). Isobutylene is removed from the dehydrogen product stream in the vapor phase from a condensate water/C₂ alcohol phase using, e.g., a gas-liquid separator. Unreacted C₂ alcohol is recycled back into the dehydration reaction feedstock. Condensed isobutylene is then oligomerized to form diisobutylene (e.g., about 95% 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes) at about 50% conversion in an oligomerization reactor containing a metal-doped zeolite catalyst (e.g., HZSM-5). A portion of the unreacted isobutylene is recycled back to the oligomerization feedstock, while a remaining portion of the isobutylene remains in the product stream to serve as a diluent in the subsequent dehydrocyclization reaction step. The resulting mixture of diisobutylene and isobutylene, and optionally additional diluent (e.g., hydrogen, nitrogen, argon, and methane) is then fed into a dehydrocyclization reactor and reacted in the presence of a dehydrocyclization catalyst to selectively form p-xylene (e.g., 95% of the xylene is p-xylene). Hydrogen produced as a co-product of the dehydrocyclization can be recycled back to the dehydrocyclization feedstock as a diluent, or alternatively used as a reactant to produce other compounds (e.g., to hydrogenate alkenes or alkynes by-products for use as fuels or fuel additives, e.g., hydrogenate C₂ olefins such as isooctane to make isooctane for transportation fuels). Light alkenes in the hydrogen can be separated out before the purified hydrogen is utilized, or the impure light alkane/hydrogen mixture can be used directly in hydrogenation reactions. Unreacted isobutylene can be recycled back to the oligomerization feedstock, and/or fed to the dehydrocyclization feedstock as a diluent.

The resulting high purity p-xylene can be condensed from the product stream of the dehydrocyclization reaction and converted to terephthalic acid (TPA) or terephthalate esters (TPA esters) without further purification. However, since the purity requirements for TPA or TPA esters used as
monomers in preparing PET is quite high (e.g., typically >about 99.5% purity), it may be desirable to further purify the renewable p-xylene prepared by the process of the present invention, e.g. by known methods such as simulated moving bed chromatography, fractional crystallization or fractional distillation. Although such methods are used in conventional petrochemical process for preparing high purity p-xylene, the “crude” p-xylene produced from the conventional process contains substantial amounts of impurities and undesirable xylene isomers (~10-30% impurities) and typically requires multiple purification steps to obtain the required purity level. In contrast, the “crude” p-xylene prepared by the process of the present invention is substantially more pure than conventional petrochemically produced p-xylene, and requires only minimal purification, if at all, to obtain purities suitable for preparing TPA or TPA ester monomers for polyester production.

0106] p-Xylene is converted into either TPA or TPA esters by oxidation over a transition metal-containing catalyst (Ind. Eng. Chem. Res. 2000, 39, p. 3958-3997 reviews the patent literature). Dimethyl terephthalate (DMD) has been traditionally produced at higher purity than TPA, and can be used to manufacture TPA as well. Methods for producing TPA and DMD are taught in U.S. Pat. Nos. 2,813,119; 3,513,193; 3,887,612; 3,850,981; 4,096,340; 4,241,220; 4,329,493; 4,342,876; 4,642,369; and 4,908,471. TPA can be produced by oxidizing p-xylene in air or oxygen (or air or oxygen diluted with other gases) over a catalyst containing manganese and cobalt, although nickel catalysts have also been used with some success. Acetic acid is used as a solvent for these oxidation reactions and a bromide source such as hydrogen bromide, bromine, or tetrabromoethane is added to encourage oxidation of both methyl groups of the xylene molecule with a minimum of by-products. The temperatures of the reaction are generally kept between 80-270°C with residence times of 30 minutes. The TPA is insoluble in acetic acid at lower temperatures (i.e. below 100°C), which is how it is separated and purified. DMD can be produced by esterification of the “crude” product of the TPA reactions described above with methanol, and purification by distillation. A single step process to produce DMD by oxidizing p-xylene in the presence of methanol was developed by DuPont but is not often used due to low yields. All of these processes also produce monomethyl esters of TPA which can be hydrolyzed to form the TPA or further esterified to form the diester, e.g., DMT.

0107] Polymers such as PET (polyethylene terephthalate) are prepared by polymerizing ethylene glycol with TPA or TPA esters, and thus 80% of the carbon content of PET resides in the terephthalate moiety of the polymer. Accordingly, PET prepared from renewable TPA or TPA esters, prepared as described herein, would comprise at least 80% renewable carbon. A completely renewable PET can be prepared by polymerizing TPA or TPA esters prepared according to the methods of the present invention with renewable ethylene glycol, prepared e.g. by the method of Mazzonno et al., Iranian Polymer Journal, 16(9), 2007, 587-596; or Schonagle et al., EP 1447506 A1.

0108] Other renewable polymers, for example polyesters such as PTT (polytetramethylene terephthalate) or PBT (polybutylene terephthalate) can also be prepared from the renewable TPA or TPA esters as described herein by reaction of renewable TPA or TPA esters with any appropriate comonomer (e.g., 1,3-propylene glycol, butylene glycol, etc.) or other comonomers (polyls, polyamines, etc.) which react with TPA or TPA esters.

0109] The processes of the present invention provide renewable p-xylene, which is environmentally advantageous compared to conventional processes for preparing p-xylene from petrochemical feedstock. In addition, the processes of the present invention are highly selective in forming p-xylene, whereas conventional petrochemical processes for preparing p-xylene are relatively nonselective overall. Conventional petrochemical processes for preparing high purity p-xylene are relatively nonselective and provide a mixture of aromatic compounds, from which the p-xylene must be isolated and purified to a level suitable for e.g., production of terephthalic acid. In addition, conventional petrochemical processes for preparing p-xylene often include unit operations for separating p-xylene from by-products such as benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and/or for converting such by-products to xlenes (including p-xylene), and/or for isomerizing o- and m-xlenes to p-xylene. In contrast, in various embodiments of the present invention can directly provide p-xylene of sufficient purity that such purification, conversion, and isomerization steps are generally not required. That is, in most embodiments, the processes of the present invention do not include steps of separating p-xylene from other xylene isomers, or separating p-xylene from other aromatic by-products (such as those described herein), or isomerizing by-product C₆ aromatics to p-xylene. In other embodiments, only minimal purification of the p-xylene is required (e.g., by separating the p-xylene from other xylene isomers or aromatic by-products).

0110] The conversion of isocetone to p-xylene requires that typical multi-branched isocetone isomers such as 2,4,4-trimethylpentene are converted to 2,5-dimethylhexadiene before subsequent cyclization and dehydrogenation to p-xylene. When 2,5-dimethylhexadiene is reacted over the dehydrocyclization catalysts used to convert 2,4,4-trimethylpentene to p-xylene, the 2,5-dimethylhexadiene is quantitatively converted into p-xylene whereas 2,4,4-trimethylpentene is at best only converted to p-xylene in 50% yield. To explain this fact, Anders, et al. (Chemische Technik 1986, 38, 116-119) propose a thermally catalyzed radical deinsertion mechanism of 2,4,4-trimethylpentene which converts 2 equivalents of 2,4,4-trimethylpentene to 1 equivalent of 2,5-dimethylhexadiene and 2 equivalents of isobutane/isobutylene before conversion to p-xylene occurs under dehydrocyclization conditions. The isobutane/isobutylene produced from the reaction can be recycled to produce additional isocetone. To obtain high single pass yields from an isobutylene dimer, however, it is desired to first convert isobutylene directly to 2,5-dimethylhexadiene or 2,5-dimethylhexene before to pass the dimethylhexadiene or dimethylhexene over the dehydrocyclization catalyst to produce p-xylene in >50% yield. In the absence of oxygen, isobutylene is dimerized to 2,5-dimethylhexene over transition metal catalysts such as palladium(II) chloride or rhodium(III) chloride (e.g. French Patent 1490833A), cobalt(II) acetylacetonate and triethylalumium (e.g. U.S. Pat. No. 5,320,993), or nickel with phosphorous and nitrogen chelating ligands (e.g. Journal of Catalysis 2004, 226, 235-239). Alternatively, dimerization/dehydrogenation of isobutylene to 2,5-dimethylhexadiene occurs in the presence of oxygen and a metal oxide catalyst, although at much lower yields than non-oxygenated processes. Multiple types of metal oxide and other metal cata-
lys including oxides, phosphides, and alloys of bismuth, tin, indium, thallium, antimony, cadmium, copper, iron, palladium, tungsten, niobium, arsenic, and niobium are used to dehydrodimerize olefins (e.g. Catalysis Today 1992, 14, 343-393). Both 2,5-dimethylhexadiene and 2,5-dimethylhexene are converted to p-xylene under the dehydrocyclization conditions described for 2,4,4-trimethylpentene with 2,5-dimethylhexene producing less hydrogen than the equivalent diene. In addition, the oxidative dehydrodimerization catalyst can be combined with a cyclizing catalyst (e.g., platinum on aluminum oxide, chromium on aluminum oxide, etc.) to increase the selectivity for cyclization to p-xylene. When the isobutylene converted to dimethylhexadiene or dimethylhexene is derived from renewable isobutanol, renewable p-xylene is obtained in high yield.

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\text{Li and other metal oxides} \quad \text{O}_2 \quad 450-600 \, \text{C.} \\
50-150 \, \text{C.} \\
\text{PbCl}_2 \text{ or Ni phosphate or (Co)(acac)}_3 \\
\text{alkyl aluminum for Ni, Co catalysts} \\
50\% \text{ yield on 50\% conversion is typical} \\
(\text{reviewed in Catalysis Today 1992, 14, 343-393}) \\
\text{by-products are other C8 isomers} \\
70-90\% \text{ yields are possible} \\
\text{only Pd catalyst proven on isobutylene,} \\
\text{others are for ethylene dimerization} \\
(\text{e.g. FR1499833A, U.S. Pat. No. 5,320,993})
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As discussed herein, the dimerization of C\(_4\) alkenes to C\(_4\) alkenes, and subsequent cyclodehydration to p-xylene can be carried out in a step-wise fashion, in which the dimerization product (comprising e.g., 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes, 2,5-dimethylhexadienes, and/or 2,5-dimethylhexenes) is isolated and optionally purified prior to cyclodehydration to p-xylene, or passed directly to the cyclodehydration reactor (or reaction zone) without isolation or purification. Alternatively, by appropriate selection of reaction conditions (i.e., catalyst(s), reaction temperature and pressure, reactor design, etc.) the dimerization and cyclodehydration reactions can be carried out essentially simultaneously, such that the C\(_4\) alkene is effectively converted directly to p-xylene. In this regard, “essentially simultaneous” reaction steps could include direct conversion of the C\(_4\) alkene (e.g., isobutylene) to p-xylene in a single reaction step, or rapid sequential conversion of the C\(_4\) alkene to an intermediate (e.g., a C\(_4\) alkene or other intermediate), which under the reaction conditions is rapidly converted to p-xylene such that no intermediates are isolated (or need be isolated).

Example 1

An overnight culture was started in a 250 mL Erlenmeyer flask with microorganism from a freezer stock (e.g., Escherichia coli modified to produce isobutanol, e.g., the organism described in U.S. Ser. No. 12/263,436) with a 40 mL volume of modified M9 medium consisting of 85 g/L glucose, 20 g/L yeast extract, 20 μM ferric citrate, 5.72 mg/L H\(_3\)BO\(_3\), 3.62 mg/L MnCl\(_2\), 4H\(_2\)O, 0.444 mg/L ZnSO\(_4\cdot7\)H\(_2\)O, 0.78 mg/L Na\(_2\)MnO\(_4\cdot2\)H\(_2\)O, 0.158 mg/L CuSO\(_4\cdot5\)H\(_2\)O, 0.0988 mg/L CoCl\(_2\cdot6\)H\(_2\)O, 6.0 g/L NaHPO\(_4\), 3.0 g/L K\(_2\)HPO\(_4\), 0.5 g/L NaCl, 2.0 g/L NH\(_4\)Cl, 0.0444 g/L MgSO\(_4\), and 0.00481 g/L CaCl\(_2\) at a culture OD\(_660\) of 0.02 to 0.05. The starter culture was grown for approximately 14 hrs in a 30°C shaker at 250 rpm. Some of the starter culture was then transferred to a 400 mL DasGip fermentor vessel containing about 200 mL of modified M9 medium to achieve an initial culture OD\(_660\) of about 0.1. The vessel was attached to a computer control system to monitor and control the fermentation to a pH of 6.5 (by appropriate addition of base), a temperature of 30°C, dissolved oxygen levels, and agitation. The vessel was agitated, with a minimum agitation of 200 rpm—the agitation was varied to maintain a dissolved oxygen content of about 50% of saturation using a 12 sl/h air sparge until the OD\(_660\) was about 1.0. The vessel was then induced with 0.1 mM IPTG. After continuing growth for approximately 8-10 hrs, the dissolved oxygen content was decreased to 5% of saturation with 200 rpm minimum agitation and 2.5 sl/h airflow. Continuous measurement of the fermentor vessel off-gas by GC-MS analysis was performed for oxygen, isobutanol, ethanol, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen throughout the experiment. Samples were aseptically removed from the fermentor vessel throughout the fermentation and used to measure OD\(_660\) glucose concentration, and isobutanol concentration in the broth. Isobutanol production reached a maximum at around 21.5 hrs with a titer of 18 g/L and a yield of approximately 70% maximum theoretical. The broth was
subjected to vacuum distillation to provide a 84:16 isobutanol/water mixture which was redistilled as needed to provide dry isobutanol.

Example 2

GEVO1780 is a modified bacterial biocatalyst (described in U.S. Publ. No. 2009/0226990) that contains genes on two plasmids which encode a pathway of enzymes that convert pyruvate into isobutanol. When the biocatalyst GEVO1780 was contacted with glucose in a medium suitable for growth of the biocatalyst, at about 30°C, the biocatalyst produced isobutanol from the glucose. An overnight starter culture was started in a 250 mL Erlenmeyer flask with GEVO1780 cells from a frozen stock with a 40 mL volume of modified M9 medium consisting of 85 g/L glucose, 20 g/L yeast extract, 20 μM ferric citrate, 5.72 mg/L H₂BO₃, 3.62 mg/L MnCl₂·4H₂O, 0.444 mg/L ZnSO₄·7H₂O, 0.78 mg/L Na₂MnO₄·2H₂O, 0.158 mg/L CuSO₄·5H₂O, 0.098 mg/L CoCl₂·6H₂O, NaHPO₄ 6.0 g/L, KH₂PO₄ 3.0 g/L, NaCl 0.5 g/L, NH₄Cl 2.0 g/L, MgSO₄·7H₂O, and CaCl₂ 0.00481 g/L and at a culture OD₅₆₀ of 0.02 to 0.05. The starter culture was grown for approximately 14 hrs in a 30°C shaker at 250 rpm. Some of the starter culture was then transferred to a 2000 mL Dagtip fermenter vessel containing about 1500 mL of modified M9 medium to achieve an initial culture OD₅₆₀ of about 0.1. The vessel was attached to a computer control system to monitor and control pH at 6.5 through addition of base, temperature at about 30°C, dissolved oxygen, and agitation. The vessel was agitated, with a minimum agitation of 400 rpm and agitation to maintain a dissolved oxygen content of about 50% using a 25 L/h air sparge until the OD₅₆₀ was about 1.0. The vessel was then induced with 0.1 mM IPTG. After continuing growth for approximately 8-10 hr the dissolved oxygen content was decreased to 5% with 400 rpm minimum agitation and 10 L/h airflow. Continuous measurement of the fermenter vessel off-gas by GC-MS analysis was performed for oxygen, isobutanol, ethanol, and carbon dioxide throughout the experiment. Samples were aseptically removed from the fermenter vessel throughout the experiment and used to measure OD₅₆₀ glucose concentration, and isobutanol concentration in the broth. Throughout the experiment, supplements of pre-grown and pre-induced biocatalyst cells were added as a concentrate two times after the start of the experiment; at 40 h and 75 h. These cells were the same strain and plasmids indicated above and used in the fermenter. Supplemented cells were grown as 1 L cultures in 2.8 L Fernbach flasks and incubated at 30°C, 250 RPM in Modified M9 Medium with 85 g/L glucose. Cultures were induced upon inoculation with 0.1 mM IPTG. When the cells had reached an OD₅₆₀ of about 4.0-5.0, the culture was concentrated by centrifugation and then added to the fermenter. A glucose feed of about 500 g/L glucose in DI water was used intermittently during the production phase of the experiment at time points greater than 12 h to maintain glucose concentration in the fermenter of about 30 g/L or above.

The fermenter vessel was attached by tubing to a smaller 400 mL fermenter vessel that served as a flash tank and operated in a recirculation loop with the fermenter. The biocatalyst cells within the fermenter vessel were isolated from the flash tank by means of a cross-flow filter placed in-line with the fermenter/flash tank recirculation loop. The filter only allowed cell-free fermentation broth to flow from the fermenter vessel into the flash tank. The volume in the flash tank was approximately 100 mL and the hydraulic retention time was about 10 minutes. Heat and vacuum were applied to the flash tank. The vacuum level applied to the flash tank was initially set at about 50 mBar and the flash tank was set at about 45°C. These parameters were adjusted to maintain approximately 6-13 g/L isobutanol in the fermenter throughout the experiment. Generally, the vacuum ranged from 45-100 mBar and the flash tank temperature ranged from 43°C to 45°C throughout the experiment. Vapor from the heated flash tank was condensed into a collection vessel as distillate. Cell-free fermentation broth was continuously returned from the flash tank to the fermentation vessel.

Example 3

Dry Isobutanol Dehydration

Dry isobutanol (<1 wt % water) obtained in Example 2 was fed through a preheater to a fixed-bed tubular reactor packed with a commercial γ-alumina dehydration catalyst (BASF AL-3996). The internal reactor temperature was maintained at 325°C and the reactor pressure was atmospheric. The WHSV of the isobutanol was 5 hr⁻¹. Primarily isobutylene and water were produced in the reactor, and were separated in a gas-liquid separator at 20°C; the water had <1% of unreacted isobutanol and the conversion was >99.8%. GC-FID analysis of the gas phase effluent indicated it was 95% isobutylene, 3.5% 2-butene (cis and trans) and 1.5% 1-butene.

Example 4

Wet Isobutanol Dehydration

Wet isobutanol (containing 15% water) obtained in Example 2 was fed through a preheater to a fixed-bed tubular reactor packed with a commercial dehydration catalyst (BASF AL-3996). The internal reactor temperature was maintained at 275°C and the reactor pressure was atmospheric. The WHSV of the isobutanol was 10 hr⁻¹. Primarily isobutylene and water were produced in the reactor, and were separated in a gas-liquid separator at 20°C; two liquid phases were recovered: one phase comprised water saturated with isobutanol and the other isobutanol-rich phase comprised isobutanol saturated with water. The isobutanol-rich phase was approximately 70% of the liquid effluent, indicating that isobutanol conversion in the reactor was approximately 40%. GC-FID analysis of the gas phase effluent indicated it was about 99% isobutylene, about 0.6% 2-butene (cis and trans) and about 0.4% 1-butene.

Example 5

Dry Isobutanol Dehydration at 60 psig

Dry isobutanol (<1 wt % water) obtained in Example 2 was fed through a preheater to a fixed-bed tubular...
reactor packed with a commercial γ-alumina dehydration catalyst (BASF AL-3996). The internal reactor temperature was maintained at 325° C. and the reactor pressure was maintained at 60 psig. The WHSV of the isobutanol was 5 hr⁻¹. Primarily isobutylene and water were produced in the reactor, and were separated in a liquid-liquid separator at 20° C.; the water had <1% of unreacted isobutanol and the conversion was >99.8%. GC-FID analysis of the gas phase effluent indicated it was 95% isobutylene, 3.5% 2-butene (cis and trans) and 1.5% 1-butene.

Example 6
Dry n-Butanol Dehydration at 60 psig

[0120] Dry n-butanol (<1 wt % water) is fed through a preheater to a fixed-bed tubular reactor packed with a commercial γ-alumina dehydration catalyst (BASF AL-3996). The internal reactor temperature is maintained at 450° C. and the reactor pressure is maintained at 60 psig. The WHSV of the isobutanol is 3 hr⁻¹. An equilibrium mixture of C₄ olefins and water are produced in the reactor, and are separated in a liquid-liquid separator at 20° C.; the water has <1% of unreacted isobutanol and the conversion is >99.8%. GC-FID analysis of the gas phase effluent indicates it is about 47% isobutylene, about 41% 2-butene (cis and trans) and about 12% 1-butene.

Example 7
Oligomerization of Isobutylene

[0121] The product stream from Example 3 was dried over molecular sieves, compressed to 60 psig, cooled to 20° C. so that the isobutylene was condensed to a liquid and pumped with a positive displacement pump into a fixed-bed oligomerization reactor packed with a commercial ZSM-5 catalyst (CBV 2314). The reactor was maintained at 175° C. and a pressure of 750 psig. The WHSV of the isobutylene-rich stream was 15 hr⁻¹. The reactor effluent stream was 10% unreacted butenes, 60% isooctenes (primarily 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes), 28% trimers, and 2% tetramers.

Example 8
Oligomerization of Isobutylene

[0122] The product stream from Example 5 (which was saturated with water) was pumped with a positive displacement pump into a fixed-bed oligomerization reactor packed with a commercial ZSM-5 catalyst (CBV 2314). The reactor was maintained at 170° C. and a pressure of 750 psig. The WHSV of the isobutylene-rich stream was 50 hr⁻¹. The reactor effluent stream was 20% unreacted butenes, 64% isooctenes (primarily 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes), 15% trimers, and 1% tetramers.

Example 9
Oligomerization of Isobutylene with Modifier

[0123] The product stream from Example 5 is co-fed with 2% wet isobutanol (by weight) and pumped with a positive displacement pump into a fixed-bed oligomerization reactor packed with a commercial ZSM-5 catalyst (CBV 2314). The reactor is maintained at 160° C. and a pressure of 750 psig. The WHSV of the isobutylene-rich stream is 200 hr⁻¹. The product stream is about 30% unreacted butenes, about 69% isooctenes (primarily 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes), and about 1% trimers.

Example 10
Oligomerization of Isobutylene with Diluents

[0124] The product stream from Example 3 is co-fed with 50% isobutane to a compressor, condensed and pumped into a fixed-bed oligomerization reactor packed with Amberlyst 35 (strongly acidic ion exchange resin available from Rohm & Haas). The reactor is maintained at 120° C. and a pressure of 500 psig. The WHSV of the isobutylene-rich stream is 100 hr⁻¹. The product stream is about 50% isobutene (diluents), about 3% unreacted butenes, about 44% isooctenes (primarily 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes), and about 3% trimers.

Example 11
Oligomerization of Mixed Butenes

[0125] The product stream from Example 6 is pumped with a positive displacement pump into a fixed-bed oligomerization reactor packed with a commercial ZSM-5 catalyst (CBV 2314). The reactor is maintained at 170° C. and a pressure of 750 psig. The WHSV of the mixed butene stream is 20 hr⁻¹. The reactor effluent stream is about 60% unreacted butenes (primarily linear butenes), about 36% isooctenes (primarily 2,4,4-trimethylpentenes), and about 4% trimers.

Example 12
Recycle of Unreacted Linear Butenes

[0126] The product stream from Example 11 is distilled to recover the unreacted butenes (primarily linear butenes). The linear butane-rich stream is condensed and pumped with a positive displacement pump into an isomerization reactor at 450° C. where the equilibrium composition of mixed butenes is re-established. The mixed butene stream is recycled back and combined with the oligomerization reactor feed used in Example 10. The overall system conversion is >99% using the recycle stream and the yield of isooctenes is >89% with approximately 10% trimers.

Example 13
Dehydrocyclization of Isooctene

[0127] Isooctene from Example 7 was distilled to remove trimers and tetramers and then fed at a molar ratio of 1.3:1 mol nitrogen diluent gas to a fixed bed reactor containing a commercial chromium oxide doped alumina catalyst (BASF D-1145E °C). The reaction was carried out at atmospheric pressure and a temperature of 550° C., with a WHSV of 1.1 hr⁻¹. The reactor product was condensed and analyzed by GC-MS. Of the xylenes fraction, p-xylene was produced in greater than 80% selectivity. Analysis by method ASTM D6866-08 showed p-xylene to contain 96% biobased material.

Example 14
Dehydrocyclization of Isooctene with Diluents

[0128] The product from Example 10 containing 50% isobutane, 3% butenes, 44% isooctenes, and 3% trimers is fed to a fixed bed reactor containing a commercial chromium oxide doped alumina catalyst (BASF D-1145E °C). The reac-
tion is carried out at atmospheric pressure and a temperature of 525°C, with a WHSV of 1.1 hr⁻¹. The reactor product is condensed and analyzed by GC-MS. Of the xylene fraction, p-xylene is produced in greater than 85% selectivity. Hydrogen is also produced and captured for use with other processes.

Example 15

Dehydrocyclization of Isocetone with Dihlulents

Isocetone from Example 8 and diluent isobutylene from Example 5 are fed in a 1:1 molar ratio to a fixed bed reactor containing a commercial chromium oxide doped alumina catalyst (BASF D-1145E 1/5). The reaction is carried out at atmospheric pressure and a temperature of 550°C, with a WHSV of 1.1 hr⁻¹. The reactor product is condensed and analyzed by GC-MS. Of the xylene fraction, p-xylene is produced in greater than 75% selectivity. Hydrogen is also produced and captured for use with other processes.

Example 16

Integrated System to Convert Isobutanol to Renewable p-Xylene

Renewable isobutanol is converted to renewable p-xylene using a process illustrated in FIG. 4. Isobutanol (stream 1) from Example 1 or 2 is fed wet (15 wt% water) through a preheater into a fixed-bed catalyst reactor packed with a commercial γ-alumina catalyst (BASF AL-3996) at a WHSV of 10 hr⁻¹. The dehydration reactor is maintained at 290°C at a pressure of 60 psig. The effluent (3) from the dehydration reactor is fed to a liquid/liquid separator, where water is removed. Analysis of the organic phase (4) shows that it is 95% isobutylene, 3% linear butenes, and 2% unreacted isobutanol. The organic phase is combined with a recycle stream (11) containing isobutane, isocetone, and unreacted butenes and fed to a positive displacement pump (P2) where it is pumped to an oligomerization reactor packed with HZSM-5 catalyst (CBV 2314) at a WHSV of 100 hr⁻¹. The reactor is maintained at 170°C at a pressure of 750 psig. The effluent (6) from the oligomerization reactor is analyzed and shown to contain 60% unreacted feed (isobutane, isocetone, and butenes), 39% isocetone, and 1% trimers. The effluent from the oligomerization reactor is combined with recycled isocetone (15) and fed through a preheater and to a fixed bed reactor containing a commercial chromium oxide doped alumina catalyst (BASF D-1145E 1/8) at a WHSV of 1 hr⁻¹. Dehydrocyclization reactor is maintained at 550°C and 5 psig. The yield of xylenes from the reactor relative to C₆ alkenes in the feed is 42% with a selectivity to p-xylene of 90%. The effluent (8) is separated with a gas-liquid separator. The gas-phase is pumped and isobutane and butenes to condense. A second gas-liquid separator is used to recover the hydrogen (and small quantities of methane or other light hydrocarbons). The C₆ liquids are recycled (11) and combined with the organic phase from the dehydration reactor (4). The liquid product (12) from the dehydrocyclization reactor is fed to a series of distillation columns slightly above atmospheric pressure by a pump (P3). Any by-product light aromatics (benzene and toluene) and heavy compounds (C₆+ aromatics or isolefins) are removed. A side stream (14) rich in xylenes and iso-C₆ compounds are fed to a second distillation column. The C₆ compounds (isocetene and isocetane) are recycled (15) to the feed of the dehydrocyclization reactor. The xylene fraction (16) is fed to a purification process resulting in a 99.99% pure p-xylene product and a small byproduct stream rich in o-xylene.

Example 17

Oxidation of Renewable p-Xylene to Terephthalic Acid

A 300 mL Parr reactor was charged with glacial acetic acid, bromoacetic acid, cobalt acetate tetrahydrate, and p-xylene, obtained from Example 13, in a 1.001:0.025:0.03 mol ratio of glacial acetic acid:bromoacetic acid:cobalt acetate tetrahydrate:p-xylene. The reactor was equipped with a thermocouple, mechanical stirrer, oxygen inlet, condenser, pressure gauge, and pressure relief valve. The reactor was heated to 150°C. The contents were stirred and oxygen was bubbled through the solution to maintain a pressure of 50-60 psig was maintained in the system and these reaction conditions were maintained for 4 h. After 4 h, the reactor was cooled to room temperature. Terephthalic acid was filtered from solution and washed with fresh glacial acetic acid.

Example 18

Purification of Renewable Terephthalic Acid

Terephthalic acid from Example 17 was charged to a 300 mL Parr reactor with 10% Pd on carbon catalyst in a 45:1 mol ratio of terephthalic acid:10% Pd on carbon. Deionized water was charged to the reactor to make a slurry containing 13.5 wt% terephthalic acid. The reactor was equipped with a thermocouple, mechanical stirrer, nitrogen inlet, hydrogen inlet, pressure gauge, and pressure relief valve. The Parr reactor was sealed and flushed with nitrogen. The Parr reactor was then filled with hydrogen until the pressure inside the reactor reached 600 psi. The reactor was heated to 285°C and the pressure inside the vessel reached 1000 psig. The contents were stirred under these conditions for 6 h. After 6 h, the contents were cooled to room temperature and filtered. The residue was transferred to a vial and N,N-dimethylacetamide was added to the vial in a 5:1 mol ratio of N,N-dimethylacetamide:terephthalic acid. The vial was warmed to 80°C for 30 minutes to dissolve the terephthalic acid. The contents were filtered immediately; Pd on carbon was effectively removed from the terephthalic acid. Crystalized terephthalic acid filtrate was removed from the collection flask and was transferred to a clean filter where it was washed with fresh N,N-dimethylacetamide and dried. A yield of 60% purified terephthalic acid was obtained.

Example 19

Polymerization of Terephthalic Acid to Make Renewable PET

Purified terephthalic acid (PTA) obtained from Example 18 and ethylene glycol are charged to a 300 mL Parr reactor in a 1:0.9 mol ratio of PTA:ethylene glycol. Antimony (III) oxide is charged to the reactor in a 1:0.00015 mol ratio of P-TA:antimony (III) oxide. The reactor is equipped with a thermocouple, mechanical stirrer, nitrogen inlet, vacuum inlet, condenser, pressure gauge, and pressure relief valve. The Parr reactor is sealed, flushed with nitrogen, heated to a temperature of 240°C, and pressurized to 4.5 bar with nitrogen. Contents are stirred under these conditions for 3 h. After 3 h, the temperature is increased to 280°C, and the system pressure is reduced to 20-30 mm by connecting the reactor to a vacuum pump. Contents are stirred under these conditions for 3 h. After 3 h, the vacuum valve is closed and the contents
of the reactor are flushed with nitrogen. The reactor is opened and contents are immediately poured into cold water to form PET pellets.

Example 20
Dimerization of isobutylene to 2,5-dimethylhexenes

The product stream from Example 3 is dried over molecular sieves, compressed to 60 psig, cooled to 20° C, so that the isobutylene is condensed to a liquid, and 100 g is collected. This material is dissolved in 200 mL degassed nitrobenzene under an atmosphere of argon and charged with 10 g of the complex [η5-isobutylene]2PdCl2(μ-Cl)2 (Khanisch et al., 1938, 60, 882-884 and French Patent 1499833A). After stirring for 2 days 75% of the isobutylene is converted to 1:1 mixture of 2,5-dimethylhex-2-ene and 2,5-dimethylhex-1-ene.

Example 21
Dehydrocyclization of 2,5-dimethylhexa-2,4-diene

2,5-dimethylhexa-2,4-diene was run neat through a fixed bed reactor containing a commercial chromium oxide doped alumina catalyst (BASF D-1145 E 1/4). The reaction was carried out at atmospheric pressure and a temperature of 500° C, with a WHSV of 1.0 hr⁻¹. The reactor product was condensed and analyzed by GC-MS. The reactor effluent stream was 60% xylenes, and of the xylene fraction, p-xylene was produced in greater than 99% selectivity.

Example 22

The product stream from Example 4 is dried over molecular sieves, compressed to 60 psig, cooled to 20° C, so that the isobutylene is condensed to a liquid. The isobutylene is preheated, mixed 4 parts to 1 with molecular oxygen, and then pumped into a 1/2 inch diameter stainless steel flow reactor packed with particles of 1:1 bismuth/ammonium doped with sodium, copper, and zirconium oxides as described in Japanese Patent 47-15327 and maintained at a temperature of 420° C. The flow rate of isobutylene over the catalyst in the reactor provides a catalyst contact time of ~0.45 seconds. The conversion of isobutylene is 52% with 65% selectivity towards dioclin isomers of 2,5-dimethylhexadiene.

Example 23

The 2,5-dimethylhexadiene product from Example 22 is purified by distillation and is run neat through a fixed bed reactor containing a commercial chromium oxide doped alumina catalyst (BASF D-1145 E 1/4). The reaction is carried out at atmospheric pressure and a temperature of 500° C, with a WHSV of 1.0 hr⁻¹. The reactor product is condensed and analyzed by GC-MS. The reactor effluent stream is 60% xylenes, and of the xylene fraction, p-xylene is produced with greater than 99% selectivity.

Example 24

The 2,5-dimethylhexene product from Example 21 is purified by distillation and is run neat through a fixed bed reactor containing a commercial chromium oxide doped alumina catalyst (BASF D-1145 E 1/4). The reaction is carried out at atmospheric pressure and a temperature of 500° C, with a WHSV of 1.0 hr⁻¹. The reactor product is condensed and analyzed by GC-MS. The reactor effluent stream is 60% xylenes, and of the xylene fraction, p-xylene is produced with greater than 99% selectivity.

We claim:
1. A method for preparing renewable p-xylene comprising:
   (a) treating biomass to form a fermentation feedstock;
   (b) fermenting the fermentation feedstock with one or more species of microorganism to form a fermentation broth comprising aqueous isobutanol;
   (c) removing aqueous isobutanol from the fermentation broth;
   (d) dehydrating, in the presence of a dehydration catalyst, at least a portion of the aqueous isobutanol of step (e), thereby forming a dehydration product comprising one or more C4 alkenes and water;
   (e) dimerizing, in the presence of an oligomerization catalyst, a dimerization feedstock comprising at least a portion of the C4 alkenes formed in step (d), thereby forming a dimerization product comprising one or more C5 alkenes;
   (f) dehydrocyclzing, in the presence of a dehydrocyclization catalyst, a dehydrocyclization feedstock comprising at least a portion of the C4 alkenes of step (e), thereby forming a dehydrocyclization product comprising xylenes and hydroxen, wherein the xylenes comprise at least about 75% p-xylene.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the dimerization product of step (e) further comprises one or more unreacted C4 alkenes, and the dehydrocyclization product further comprises one or more unreacted C5 alkenes, and the method further comprises:
   (i) recycling at least a portion of the unreacted C4 alkene(s) of the dimerization product and/or the unreacted C5 alkene(s) of the dehydrocyclization product to the dimerization feedstock of step (e); and
   (ii) recycling at least a portion of the unreacted C4 alkene(s) of the dehydrocyclization product to the dehydrocyclization feedstock of step (f).
3. The method of claim 1, wherein at least about 95% of the one or more C4 alkenes the dehydration product comprise isobutylene.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein said dehydrating of step (d) is carried out in the vapor phase, thereby producing isobutylene vapor and water.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein said dehydrating of step (d) is carried out in the liquid phase, thereby producing liquid isobutylene and water.
6. The method of claim 4, wherein said dehydrating of step (d), at least a portion of the water produced thereby is removed from the isobutylene vapor using a gas-liquid separator.
7. The method of claim 5, wherein said dehydrating step (d), a water rich phase is separated from an isobutylene rich phase using a liquid-liquid separator.
8. The method of claim 4, wherein the isobutylene vapor is condensed prior to said dimerizing of step (e).
9. The method of claim 4, wherein the isobutylene vapor and water are condensed after said dehydrating of step (d), prior to said dimerizing of step (e) a water rich phase is separated from an isobutylene rich phase using a liquid-liquid separator, and the dimerization feedstock comprises at least a portion of the isobutylene rich phase.
10. The method of claim 1, further comprising adding to the dimerization feedstock of step (e) at least one diluent selected from the group consisting of t-butanol, isobutanol, water, at least one hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof.
11. The method of claim 10, wherein the at least one diluent comprises at least one hydrocarbon, and the at least one hydrocarbon comprises at least one C₅ alkene recycled from the dimerization product of step (e) or the dehydrocyclization product of step (f), at least one C₅ alkane and/or C₆ alkane recycled from the dehydrocyclization product of step (f), or combinations thereof.

12. The method of claim 10, wherein the diluent comprises water and isobutanol.

13. The method of claim 2, further comprising adding to the dimerization feedstock of step (e) at least one diluent selected from the group consisting of t-butanol, isobutanol, water, at least one hydrocarbon, and combinations thereof.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the at least one diluent comprises at least one hydrocarbon, and the at least one hydrocarbon comprises at least one C₅ alkene recycled from step (e) or step (f), at least one C₅ alkane and/or C₆ alkane recycled from step (f), or combinations thereof.

15. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one or more C₅ alkenes of the dimerization product comprises at least about 50-100% of 2,4,4-trimethylpentanes.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the at least one or more C₅ alkenes of the dimerization product comprises at least about 75% of the 2,4,4-trimethylpentanes.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein the at least one or more C₅ alkenes of the dimerization product comprises at least about 90% of the 2,4,4-trimethylpentanes.

18. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one or more C₅ alkenes of the dimerization product comprises at least about 50-100% of 2,5-dimethylhexene.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the at least one or more C₅ alkenes of the dimerization product comprises at least about 75% of 2,5-dimethylhexene.

20. The method of claim 18, wherein the at least one or more C₅ alkenes of the dimerization product comprises at least about 90% of 2,5-dimethylhexene.

21. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one or more C₅ alkenes of the dimerization product comprises at least about 50-100% of 2,5-dimethylhexadiene.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein the at least one or more C₅ alkenes of the dimerization product comprises at least about 75% of 2,5-dimethylhexadiene.

23. The method of claim 21, wherein the at least one or more C₅ alkenes of the dimerization product comprises at least about 90% of 2,5-dimethylhexadiene.

24. The method of claim 1, further comprising adding to the dehydrocyclization feedstock of step (f) at least one diluent selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, argon, methane, isobutylene, isobutane, isooctane, light aromatics, and combinations thereof.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein the at least one diluent comprises isobutylene, which is unreacted isobutylene from steps (e) and/or (f), or a byproduct from step (f).

26. The method of claim 1, wherein:

said dehydrocyclization of step (f) is carried out at a conversion of less than about 100%;

unreacted C₅ alkenes are recycled back to the dehydrocyclization feedstock of step (f).

27. The method of claim 1, wherein steps (e) and (f) are carried out simultaneously.

28. The method of claim 1, wherein steps (e) and (f) are carried out sequentially.

29. The method of claim 1, wherein the xylenes of the dehydrocyclization product comprise at least about 90% p-xylene.

30. The method of claim 1, wherein said dehydrating is carried out at a temperature of at least about 100°C and a pressure of at least about 1 atm.

31. The method of claim 1, wherein the dehydrating catalyst is an organic or inorganic acid, or a metal salt thereof.

32. The method of claim 26, wherein the dehydrocyclization catalyst is a heterogeneous acidic γ-alumina catalyst.

33. The method of claim 1, wherein the oligomerization catalyst is a heterogeneous acidic catalyst.

34. The method of claim 33, wherein the oligomerization catalyst is an acidic zeolite, solid phosphoric acid, or a sulfonic acid resin.

35. The method of claim 1, wherein the dehydrocyclization catalyst is a heterogeneous metal-containing dehydrogenation catalyst.

36. The method of claim 35, wherein the dehydrocyclization catalyst is a supported chromium-containing compound.

37. The method of claim 33, wherein the dehydrocyclization catalyst is selected from the group consisting of chromium oxide treated alumina; platinum- and tin-containing zeolites; and alumina, cobalt- or molybdenum-containing alumina.

38. The method of claim 1, wherein the aqueous isobutanol removed in step (e) consists essentially of isobutanol and 0-15% water.

39. The method of claim 1, further comprising hydrogenating an olefin in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst with the hydrogen from step (f).

40. The method of claim 27, wherein said steps (e) and (f) are carried out simultaneously under oxidizing conditions.

41. The method of claim 40, wherein steps (e) and (f) are carried out in the presence of a single catalyst comprising bismuth oxide.

42. The method of claim 41, wherein the C₅ alkenes comprise isobutylene.

43. A method of preparing renewable terephthalic acid comprising:

preparing renewable p-xylene by the method of claim 1, then oxidizing the p-xylene in the presence of an oxidizing agent, thereby forming renewable terephthalic acid.

44. The method of claim 43, wherein the oxidizing agent comprises an oxidation catalyst and oxygen.

45. A method of preparing a renewable polyester comprising:

reacting renewable terephthalic acid prepared by the method of claim 40 with ethylene glycol or butylene glycol in the presence of an acyclic polymerization catalyst.

46. The method of claim 45, wherein the acyclic polymerization catalyst is antimony (III) oxide.

47. The method of claim 45, wherein the polyester is polyethylene terephthalate, and the ethylene glycol is renewable ethylene glycol.

48. The method of claim 45, wherein the polyester is polypropylene terephthalate, and the propylene glycol is renewable propylene glycol.

49. The method of claim 1, further comprising hydrogenuating a portion of the dimerization product with at least a portion of the hydrogen of the dehydrocyclization product.

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Section 25.3
Equipment Design Calculations
Section 25.3.1: Calculations for Pressure Changers

Equations are taken from Seider et. al. Chapter 16, Section 5, Pages 451-456.

Pump sample calculation shown for P-201

\[
\text{Head} = \frac{\text{Pressure Change}}{\text{Fluid Density}} \frac{\Delta P}{\rho} = \frac{20 \text{ psig} \times 144 \text{ in}^2}{34.4 \text{ lb ft}^3} = 83.7 \text{ ft}
\]

Pump Efficiency  = \( \eta_p = -0.316 + 0.24015(\ln Q) - 0.01199(\ln Q)^2 \)

\( = -0.316 + 0.24015(\ln(3244 \text{ gpm})) - 0.01199(\ln(3244 \text{ gpm}))^2 = 0.842 \)

Pump Brake Horsepower  = \( P_B = \frac{QH\rho}{33,000 \times \eta_p} = \frac{3244 \text{ gpm} \times 83.7 \text{ ft} \times 4.6 \text{ lb gal}}{33,000 \times 0.842} \)

\( = 45 \text{ BHp} \)

Motor Efficiency  = \( n_m = 0.80 + 0.0319(\ln P_B) - 0.01182(\ln P_B)^2 \)

\( = 0.80 + 0.0319(\ln(45 \text{ BHp})) - 0.01182(\ln(45 \text{ BHp}))^2 = 0.895 \)

Power Consumption  = \( P_C = \frac{P_B}{n_m} = \frac{45 \text{ BHp} \times 0.7457 \text{ kW}}{0.895 \text{ hp} \times 1 \text{ hr}} = 37.3 \text{ kWh} \)

The volumetric flow rate from ASPEN and the head from the calculation were used in Table 16.20 to obtain other data for the type of pump.

Compressor sample calculation shown for C-501

Compressors follow above calculations with additional need to calculate the compression ratio to determine the number of stages.

\[
\text{Compression Ratio} = \frac{\text{Outlet Pressure}}{\text{Inlet Pressure}} = \frac{285 \text{ psig}}{24 \text{ psig}} = 11.88
\]

The compression ratio should be no larger than 3; therefore, this compressor needs multiple stages with intercoolers in between.
Section 25.3.2: Calculations for Heat Exchangers

Equations are taken from Seider et. al. Chapter 12 and from UPenn CBE460 Class Handouts.

Heat Exchanger sample calculation shown for E-201

Heat transfer coefficient obtained from Table 12.5 depending on the two fluids used.

\[
\begin{align*}
\Delta T_1 &= \Delta T_{\text{hot,in}} - \Delta T_{\text{cold,out}} = 372 - 105 = 267^\circ F \\
\Delta T_2 &= \Delta T_{\text{hot, out}} - \Delta T_{\text{cold,in}} = 300 - 80 = 220^\circ F
\end{align*}
\]

Log Mean Temperature Difference \( \Delta T_{\text{im}} = \frac{\Delta T_1 - \Delta T_2}{\ln\left(\frac{\Delta T_1}{\Delta T_2}\right)} = \frac{267 - 220}{\ln\left(\frac{267}{220}\right)} = 242.7^\circ F \)

Assume the correction factor, \( F_T = 1 \)

\[
\text{Area} = A_i = \frac{Q}{U \ast \Delta T_{\text{im}} \ast F_T} = \frac{45,923,350 \text{ BTU/ hr}}{100 \text{ FT/ F} \ast \text{ ft}^2 \ast \text{ hr}} \ast 242.7^\circ F \ast 1 = 1,891.9 \text{ ft}^2
\]

A tube velocity was chosen between 1 and 10 ft/sec to obtain a reasonable number of tube passes.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Cross-sectional area per pass} = A_c &= \frac{\text{tube flow rate}}{\rho \ast \text{ tube velocity}} = \frac{1,826,975 \text{ lb/ hr}}{62 \text{ lb/ ft}^3 \ast 8 \text{ ft/ s} \ast 3600 \text{ s/ hr}} \\
&= 1.03 \text{ ft}^2
\end{align*}
\]

Assume inner diameter of tube, \( D_i \), is 1 inch (0.083 ft).

\[
\text{No. of tubes per pass} = N_t = \frac{4 \ast A_c}{\pi \ast D_i^2} = \frac{4 \ast 1.03 \text{ ft}^2}{\pi \ast (0.083 \text{ ft})^2} = 188.6
\]

Round \( N_t \) to a whole number.

A tube length was chosen between 20 and 30 ft to obtain a reasonable number of passes.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Heat transfer area per tube} = A_t &= \pi \ast D_i \ast L = \pi \ast (0.083 \text{ ft}) \ast (24 \text{ ft}) = 6.28 \text{ ft}^2 \\
\text{No. of tube passes} = N_p &= \frac{A_i}{A_t \ast N_t} = \frac{1891.9 \text{ ft}^2}{6.28 \text{ ft}^2 \ast 189} = 1.59
\end{align*}
\]

Round \( N_p \) to a whole number.
Calculate new $A_t$ from rounded numbers.

$$A_t = \frac{A_i}{N_p \cdot N_t} = \frac{1891.9 \text{ ft}^2}{2 \cdot 189} = 5.0 \text{ ft}^2$$

Get new $L$ from new $A_t$.

$$L = \frac{A_t}{\pi \cdot D_i} = \frac{5.0 \text{ ft}^2}{\pi \cdot 0.083 \text{ ft}} = 19.1 \text{ ft}$$

Get new $A_i$ from new $L$.

$$A_i = \pi \cdot L \cdot D_i \cdot N_p \cdot N_t = \pi \cdot 19.1 \text{ ft} \cdot 0.083 \text{ ft} \cdot 2 \cdot 189 = 1,891.9 \text{ ft}^2$$

Obtain shell diameter from Table 12.6 using $N_p \cdot N_t = 2 \cdot 189 = 378$. Therefore, the shell diameter for a heat exchanger with a square pitch, 1 in O.D. tubes, and two passes is 31 inches.

$$Baffle \ spacing = b: \frac{D_s}{5} < b < D_s = 7.4 < b < 37. b \sim 22.2 \text{ inches}$$

If process stream is being cooled (by cooling or chilled water):

$$\text{Utility mass flow rate} = m = \frac{Q \text{ BTU/h}}{C_p \frac{BTU}{\text{lb} \cdot 9^\circ F} \cdot \Delta T \circ F}$$

If process stream is being heated (by steam):

$$\text{Utility mass flow rate} = m = \frac{Q \text{ BTU/h}}{\Delta H_{\text{vap}} \frac{BTU}{\text{lb}}}$$

Section 25.3.3: Reactors and Amount of Catalyst

Equations are taken from Seider et. al. Chapter 15 and Chapter 16.

Reactor sample calculation shown for R-201

WHSV was obtained from the patent.

$$\text{Mass of catalyst} = \frac{\text{mass flow rate of reactor feed}}{\text{WHSV}} = \frac{1,077,140 \text{ lb/hr}}{15 \text{ hr}^{-1}} = 71,809 \text{ lb}$$
Volume of catalyst = \( \frac{\text{mass of catalyst}}{\text{bulk density of catalyst}} = \frac{71809 \text{ lb}}{45.26 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^3}} = 1587 \text{ ft}^3 \)

Volume of reactor = vol of catalyst \times 10\% \text{ safety factor} = 1587 \times 1.1 = 1745 \text{ ft}^3

Reactor residence time = \( \frac{\text{volume of reactor}}{\text{volumetric flow rate of reactor feed}} = \frac{1745 \text{ ft}^3}{30479 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{hr}} \times \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}}} = 3.44 \text{ min} = 206 \text{ sec} \)

Assume an L/D aspect ratio of 4.

\[
\text{Diameter} = \left( \frac{4 \times V}{\pi \times L} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \left( \frac{4 \times 1745}{\pi \times 4} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 8.2 \text{ ft}
\]

\[
\text{Height} = \frac{L}{D} \times D = 4 \times 8.2 \text{ ft} = 32.9 \text{ ft}
\]

Cross-sectional area = \( \frac{\pi \times D^2}{4} = \frac{\pi \times (8.2 \text{ ft})^2}{4} = 53.1 \text{ ft}^2 \)

Superficial fluid velocity = \( \frac{\text{volumetric flow rate}}{\text{cross - sect area}} = \frac{30479 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{hr}} \times \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ s}}}{53.1 \text{ ft}^2} = 0.16 \text{ ft/s} \)

**Section 25.3.4: Distillation Columns**

ASPEN was used to calculate the number of trays, the tray diameter, and the number of passes. The O’Connel Correlation was used to obtain the optimal number of trays, the optimal location of the feed tray, and the tray efficiencies. The relative volatilities and liquid viscosities of the materials were taken from ASPEN. The following calculations were done.

\[
\text{Relative volatility} = \frac{K_1}{K_2}
\]

\[
\text{Stage Efficiency} = 0.492 \times (\text{relative volatility} \times \text{viscosity})^{-0.245}
\]
Real Trays Required = \frac{1}{Stage Efficiency}

These values were calculated, and the results are shown in Table 25.3.1 and Table 25.3.1 for S-301 and S-501, respectively. For S-301 separating out the trimers, the correlation shows that the number of trays should be 17 instead of 9, and that the feed tray should be on stage 11 and not stage 6, with an average tray efficiency of 0.44. For S-501 separating out p-xylene and hydrogen, the correlation shows that the number of trays should be 23 instead of 16 for S-301, and that the feed tray should be on stage 8 and not stage 5, with an average tray efficiency of 0.62.

Table 25.3.1 Data from the O’Connel Correlation for S-301. The bolded numbers are the total number of trays and the actual feed tray.

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<th>ASPEN Theoretical Tray Number</th>
<th>Viscosity of Liquid from Stage (Centipose)</th>
<th>K₂ VALUE Trimmers</th>
<th>K₁ VALUE TMP</th>
<th>Relative Volatility</th>
<th>Stage Efficiency</th>
<th>Real Trays Required</th>
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</table>

Reboiler
Using the number of trays from the O’Connel correlation, the height of the columns was calculated. According to common practice, the tray spacing is 2 ft, the heads pace is 4 ft, the sump space is 10 ft, the feed location spacing is 3 ft, and the disengaging space is 3 ft.

\[
Height = space\ between\ trays + headspace + sumpspace + feed\ location\ spacing + disengaging\ space
\]

\[
S301\ Height = (3 \times (17 - 1)) + 4 + 10 + 3 + 3 = 52\ ft
\]

\[
S501\ Height = (3 \times (23 - 1)) + 4 + 10 + 3 + 3 = 64\ ft
\]

The other parts of the distillation column were modeled by calculations shown in the other sections. The reflux pumps were calculated using equations in Section 25.3.1. The reflux accumulators were calculated using the equations for the diameter and height in Section 25.5.3,
with an additional multiplication of a residence time of 5 minutes. The reboilers and condensers were designed using calculations in Section 25.3.2.

**Section 25.3.5: Flash Drum**

Equations are taken from *Chemical Engineering Process Design and Economics.*

*Flash Drum sample calculation shown for S-502*

Assume a hold-up time of 10 minutes according to the textbook stated above.

\[
\text{Volume of Liquid Held} = \text{volumetric flow rate} \times \text{molar liquid fraction} \times \text{holdup time} \\
= 271 \frac{ft^3}{hr} \times 0.05 \times \frac{10 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ min/hr}} = 2.26 \text{ ft}^3
\]

Assume liquid level in the tank will be 50% according to the textbook stated above. Assume an L/D ratio of 3.

\[
\text{Diameter} = \left( \frac{4 \times V}{\pi \times L \times \text{level in tank}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \left( \frac{4 \times 2.26 \text{ ft}^3}{\pi \times 3 \times 0.5} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 1.2 \text{ ft}
\]

\[
\text{Height} = \frac{L}{D} \times D = 3 \times 1.2 \text{ ft} = 3.7 \text{ ft}
\]

The tank is very small due to the fact that the molar vapor fraction is very large at 95%. Other calculations may be more accurate by using the vapor velocity to prevent entrainment of fluid. While the above dimensions were used for the project, the equations below show other calculations from the textbook listed above. A maximum allowed vapor velocity is calculated to let 100 um droplets fall.

\[
\text{Maximum allowed vapor velocity} = 0.21 \frac{ft}{s} \times \left( \frac{\text{liq density} - \text{vapor density}}{\text{vapor density}} \right)^{0.5} \\
= 0.21 \frac{ft}{s} \times \left( \frac{43.9 \frac{lb}{ft^3} - 0.149 \frac{lb}{ft^3}}{0.149 \frac{lb}{ft^3}} \right)^{0.5} = 3.6 \text{ ft/s}
\]
Cross sectional area when the tank is half full = \( \pi \times r^2 = \pi \times 0.6^2 = 1.89 \text{ ft}^2 \)

Actual vapor velocity = \( \frac{\text{volumetric flow rate}}{\text{cross-sectional area}} = \frac{271 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{hr}}} {1.89 \text{ ft}^2} = 0.04 \text{ ft/s} \)

Because the vapor velocity is less than the maximum allowed vapor velocity, the tank does not need to be larger than the dimensions calculated above.

**Section 25.3.6: Storage and Surge Tanks**

Equations are taken from Seider et. al. Chapter 16.

*Tank sample calculation shown for T-102*

Time capacity is the amount of time the material will be stored.

Assume a safety factor of 1.5.

\[
\text{Volume of Tank} = \text{volumetric flow rate} \times \text{time capacity} \times \text{safety factor}
= 10.34 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{hr}} \times 504 \text{ hr} \times 1.5 = 7,820 \text{ ft}^3 = 59,277 \text{ gal}
\]

Assume an L/D ratio of 3.

\[
\text{Diameter} = \left( \frac{4 \times V}{\pi \times L} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 14.9 \text{ ft}
\]

\[
\text{Height} = \frac{L}{D} \times D = 4 \times 8.2 \text{ ft} = 44.8 \text{ ft}
\]

\[
\text{Surface area} = (2 \times \pi \times r^2) + (2 \times \pi \times r \times L) = (2 \times \pi \times 7.45^2) + (2 \times \pi \times 7.45 \times 44.8)
= 2,447 \text{ ft}^2
\]

Determine what type of tank will be used and find the cost equation in Table 16.32 on pg. 485.

Floating roof: \( C_p = 475 \times V^{0.507} = 475 \times (59277 \text{ gal})^{0.507} = \$124,896 \)

Cone roof: \( C_p = 265 \times V^{0.513} \)
Section 25.3.7: Catalyst Regeneration Utility Calculation for R-401

We are assuming all of the coke is pure carbon deposits.

\[
\text{Mass of catalyst per reactor} = \frac{\text{mass flow rate of reactor feed per reactor}}{\text{WHSV}}
\]
\[
= \frac{536,716 \text{ lb/hr}}{1.1 \text{ hr}^{-1}} = 487,924 \text{ lb}
\]

According to industry experts, the extent of coking will be 7%.

\[
\text{Mass of coke} = \text{mass of catalyst} \times \text{extent of coking} = 487,925 \text{ lb} \times 0.07 = 34,155 \text{ lb}
\]

\[
\text{Moles of coke} = \frac{\text{mass of coke}}{\text{molecular weight of carbon}} = \frac{34155 \text{ lb}}{12 \text{ lb/lbmol}} = 2,846 \text{ lbmol}
\]

Combustion reaction: \( \text{C} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 \)

\[
\text{Moles of } \text{O}_2 = 2846 \text{ lbmol C} \times \frac{1 \text{ lbmol } \text{O}_2}{1 \text{ lbmol C}} = 2846 \text{ lbmol } \text{O}_2
\]

\[
\text{Mole flow rate of oxygen during process} = \frac{\text{moles of } \text{O}_2}{\text{burn time}} = \frac{2846 \text{ lbmol}}{8 \text{ hrs}}
\]
\[
= 365 \text{ lbmol/hr}
\]

\[
\text{Mass flow rate of } \text{O}_2 = 365 \frac{\text{lbmol}}{\text{hr}} \times \frac{32 \text{ lb}}{\text{lbmol}} = 11,385 \text{ lb/hr}
\]

Initial feed for decoking process will be 1% oxygen.

\[
\text{Total flow rate for process} = \frac{\text{mass flow rate of oxygen}}{0.01} = 1,138,489 \text{ lb/hr}
\]

Initial feed for decoking process must be 95 parts nitrogen and 5 parts air.

\[
\text{Nitrogen flow rate} = \text{total flow rate} \times 0.95 = 1,081,565 \text{ lb/hr}
\]

\[
\text{Amt of Nitrogen needed for whole process} = \text{flow rate} \times \text{burning time} = 8,652,519 \text{ lbs}
\]

\[
\text{Air flow rate} = \text{total flow rate} \times 0.05 = 56,924 \text{ lb/hr}
\]

\[
\text{Amt of Air needed for whole process} = \text{flow rate} \times \text{burning time} = 455,396 \text{ lbs}
\]

After first pass of decoking, effluent will be recycled back around. Therefore, pure nitrogen will only need to make up 10 parts of the stream.
Nitrogen flow rate = total flow rate * 0.10 = 113,849 lb/hr

Amt of Nitrogen needed for whole process = flow rate * burning time = 910,791 lbs

The decoking process will occur every 5 days. Therefore, it will occur 94 times a year. During the 1st time, the stream will be 95 parts pure nitrogen and 5 parts pure air. The other 93 times, the stream will be 10 parts pure nitrogen, 5 parts pure air, and 85 parts recycle.

Total Amt of Nitrogen needed for all decoking = (8652519 * 1) + (910791 * 93)
= 92,991,809 lb

Total Amt of Air needed for all decoking = 455,396 * 94 = 42,807,224 lb
Section 25.4
MSDS
1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION AND OF THE COMPANY

- **Product name**: Isobutene (Isobutylene)
- **Chemical formula**: \((\text{CH}_3\text{C})=\text{CH}_2\)
- **Company identification**: see heading and/or footer
- **Emergency phone numbers**: see heading and/or footer

2 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

- **Substance/Preparation**: Substance.
- **Components/Impurities**: Contains no other components or impurities which will influence the classification of the product.
- **CAS Nr**: 00115-11-7
- **EC Nr (from EINECS)**: 204-066-3

3 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

- **Hazard identification**: Liquefied gas
  - Extremely flammable

4 FIRST AID MEASURES

- **Inhalation**: In low concentrations may cause narcotic effects. Symptoms may include dizziness, headache, nausea and loss of co-ordination.
  - In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation.
  - Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.
- **Skin/eye contact**: In case of frostbite spray with water for at least 15 minutes. Apply a sterile dressing. Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical assistance
- **Ingestion**: Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

- **Specific hazards**: Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture/explode.
- **Hazardous combustion products**: Incomplete combustion may form carbon monoxide.
- **Suitable extinguishing media**: All known extinguishants can be used.
- **Specific methods**: If possible, stop flow of product. Move away from the container and cool with water from a protected position.
Do not extinguish a leaking gas flame unless absolutely necessary. Spontaneous/explosive re-ignition may occur. Extinguish any other fire.

Special protective equipment for fire fighters
In confined space use self-contained breathing apparatus.

6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions
Wear self-contained breathing apparatus when entering area unless atmosphere is proved to be safe.
Evacuate area.
Ensure adequate air ventilation.
Eliminate ignition sources.

Environmental precautions
Try to stop release.
Prevent from entering sewers, basements and workpits, or any place where its accumulation can be dangerous.

Clean up methods
Ventilate area.

7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling and storage
Ensure equipment is adequately earthed.
Suck back of water into the container must be prevented.
Purge air from system before introducing gas.
Do not allow backfeed into the container.
Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature. Contact your gas supplier if in doubt.
Keep away from ignition sources (including static discharges).
Segregate from oxidant gases and other oxidants in store.
Refer to supplier's container handling instructions.
Keep container below 50°C in a well ventilated place.

8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Personal protection
Ensure adequate ventilation.

Do not smoke while handling product.

9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Molecular weight 56
Melting point -140.4 °C
Boiling point -6.9 °C
Critical temperature 145 °C
Relative density, gas 1.9 (air=1)
Relative density, liquid 0.63 (water=1)
Vapour Pressure 20°C 2.6 bar
Solubility mg/l water 388 mg/l
Appearance/Colour Colourless gas
Odour Sweetish
Autoignition temperature 465 °C
Flammability range 1.6-10 vol% in air.
Other data Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.

10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY
Stability and reactivity Can form explosive mixture with air.
May react violently with oxidants.

11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION
General No known toxicological effects from this product.

12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION
General No known ecological damage caused by this product.

13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS
General Do not discharge into areas where there is a risk of forming an explosive mixture with air. Waste gas should be flared through a suitable burner with flash back arrestor.
Do not discharge into any place where its accumulation could be dangerous.
Contact supplier if guidance is required.

14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION
UN Nr 1055
Class 2.1
ADR/RID Classification code 2F
ADR/RID Hazard Nr 23
Labelling ADR Label 2.1: flammable gas

BOC, Priestley Road, Worsley, Manchester M28 2UT
Emergency tel: 0800 02 0800

- - UNITED KINGDOM
Other transport information

Avoid transport on vehicles where the load space is not separated from the driver's compartment. Ensure vehicle driver is aware of the potential hazards of the load and knows what to do in the event of an accident or an emergency.

Before transporting product containers ensure that they are firmly secured and:
- cylinder valve is closed and not leaking
- valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted
- valve protection device (where provided) is correctly fitted
- there is adequate ventilation.
- compliance with applicable regulations.

15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

Number in Annex I of Dir 67/548 Not included in Annex I.
EC Classification F+: R12
-Symbols F+: Extremely flammable
Labelling of cylinders
-Symbols Label 2.1: flammable gas
-Risk phrases R12 Extremely flammable.
-Safety phrases S9 Keep container in well ventilated place.
S16 Keep away from ignition sources - No smoking.
S33 Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

16 OTHER INFORMATION

Ensure all national/local regulations are observed.
Ensure operators understand the flammability hazard.
The hazard of asphyxiation is often overlooked and must be stressed during operator training.
Users of breathing apparatus must be trained.

Before using this product in any new process or experiment, a thorough material compatibility and safety study should be carried out.

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Material Safety Data Sheet  
2,2,4-trimethylpentane MSDS

### Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

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<td>RTECS: SA3320000</td>
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### Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

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**Toxicological Data on Ingredients:** 2,2,4-trimethylpentane LD50: Not available. LC50: Not available.

### Section 3: Hazards Identification

**Potential Acute Health Effects:**
Hazardous in case of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation. Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, permeator).

**Potential Chronic Health Effects:**
Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (sensitizer). CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available. The substance is toxic to eyes. The substance may be toxic to kidneys, lungs, liver, skin, central nervous system (CNS). Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.

### Section 4: First Aid Measures

**Eye Contact:**
Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

**Skin Contact:**
In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.

**Serious Skin Contact:** Not available.

**Inhalation:**
If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Serious Inhalation:**
Evacuate the victim to a safe area as soon as possible. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:**
If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Aspiration hazard if swallowed- can enter lungs and cause damage. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

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**Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data**

**Flammability of the Product:** Flammable.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** 418°C (784.4°F)

**Flash Points:** CLOSED CUP: -12°C (10.4°F). OPEN CUP: 4.5°C (40.1°F).

**Flammable Limits:** LOWER: 1.1% UPPER: 6%

**Products of Combustion:** These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO2).

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**
Highly flammable in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat. Non-flammable in presence of shocks.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:**
Flammable liquid, insoluble in water. SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray or fog.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:** Vapor may travel considerable distance to source of ignition and flash back.

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** May form explosive mixtures with air.

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**Section 6: Accidental Release Measures**

**Small Spill:** Absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal.

**Large Spill:**
Flammable liquid, insoluble in water. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Stop leak if without risk. Absorb with DRY earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Do not get water inside container. Do not touch spilled material. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Call for assistance on disposal.

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**Section 7: Handling and Storage**
**Precautions:**
Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not breathe gas/fumes/vapor/spray. Avoid contact with eyes. Wear suitable protective clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If you feel unwell, seek medical attention and show the label when possible. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, reducing agents, acids, alkalis.

**Storage:**
Store in a segregated and approved area. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame).

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**Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**

**Engineering Controls:**
Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapors below their respective threshold limit value. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are proximal to the work-station location.

**Personal Protection:** Splash goggles. Lab coat. Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent.

**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:**
Splash goggles. Full suit. Vapor respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

**Exposure Limits:** Not available.

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**Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties**

**Physical state and appearance:** Liquid.

**Odor:** Benzene-like. Odor of gasoline

**Taste:** Not available.

**Molecular Weight:** 114.23 g/mole

**Color:** Colorless. Clear

**pH (1% soln/water):** Not applicable.

**Boiling Point:** 99.238°C (210.6°F)

**Melting Point:** -107.45°C (-161.4°F)

**Critical Temperature:** Not available.

**Specific Gravity:** 0.69194 (Water = 1)

**Vapor Pressure:** 5.4 kPa (@ 20°C)

**Vapor Density:** 3.93 (Air = 1)

**Volatility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** Not available.

**Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.:** Not available.

**Ionicity (in Water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:** See solubility in water, diethyl ether, acetone.

**Solubility:**
Soluble in diethyl ether, acetone. Insoluble in cold water Somewhat soluble in absolute alcohol. Soluble in Benzene, Toluene, Xylene, Chloroform, Carbon Disulfide, Carbon Tetrachloride.
Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Heat, ignition sources (flames, sparks, static), incompatible materials

**Incompatibility with various substances:** Reactive with oxidizing agents, reducing agents, acids, alkalis.

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available.

**Polymerization:** Will not occur.

Section 11: Toxicological Information

**Routes of Entry:** Absorbed through skin. Eye contact. Inhalation. Ingestion.

**Toxicity to Animals:**
LD50: Not available. LC50: Not available.

**Chronic Effects on Humans:**
Causes damage to the following organs: eyes. May cause damage to the following organs: kidneys, lungs, liver, skin, central nervous system (CNS).

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:**
Hazardous in case of ingestion, of inhalation. Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, permeator).

**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:** May affect genetic material (mutagenic)

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:**
Acute Potential Health Effects: Skin: May cause skin irritation. It is not known whether it enters the body through the skin. Eyes: Causes eye irritation. Inhalation: May cause irritation of the respiratory tract (nose, throat and lungs) with coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, and pulmonary edema. Higher levels could cause "chemical pneumonia" and may cause you to pass out and even stop breathing. May affect behavior/central nervous system and cause narcotic effects at high concentration (CNS depression - dizziness, drowsiness, lightheadedness, poor coordination, reduced alertness, headache, unconsciousness, coma) and cause nausea. Ingestion: May cause gastrointestinal tract irritation with nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. May affect behavior/central nervous system (CNS depression with symptoms similar to that of inhalation) Chronic Potential Health Effects: Skin: Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause defatting of the skin and dermatitis. Ingestion: Prolonged or repeated ingestion may affect the kidneys, and liver.

Section 12: Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available.

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:**
Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The product itself and its products of degradation are not toxic.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.

Section 13: Disposal Considerations
Waste Disposal:
Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

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### Section 14: Transport Information

**DOT Classification:** CLASS 3: Flammable liquid.

**Identification:** Octane UNNA: 1262 PG: II

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not available.

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### Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

**Federal and State Regulations:**
Pennsylvania RTK: 2,2,4-trimethylpentane Florida: 2,2,4-trimethylpentane Massachusetts RTK: 2,2,4-trimethylpentane New Jersey: 2,2,4-trimethylpentane TSCA 8(b) inventory: 2,2,4-trimethylpentane TSCA 8(d) H and S data reporting: 2,2,4-trimethylpentane 12/19/95 CERCLA: Hazardous substances: 2,2,4-trimethylpentane: 1000 lbs. (453.6 kg)

**Other Regulations:**

**Other Classifications:**

**WHMIS (Canada):**
CLASS B-2: Flammable liquid with a flash point lower than 37.8°C (100°F). CLASS D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (TOXIC).

**DSCL (EEC):**
R11- Highly flammable. R38- Irritating to skin. R50- Very toxic to aquatic organisms. R65- Harmful: may cause lung damage if swallowed. S2- Keep out of the reach of children. S9- Keep container in a well-ventilated place. S16- Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. S29- Do not empty into drains. S33- Take precautionary measures against static discharges. S60- This material and its container must be disposed of as hazardous waste. S61- Avoid release to the environment. Refer to special instructions/Safety data sheets. S62- If swallowed, do not induce vomiting: seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.

**HMIS (U.S.A.):**
- **Health Hazard:** 2
- **Fire Hazard:** 3
- **Reactivity:** 0
- **Personal Protection:** j

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):**
- **Health:** 0
- **Flammability:** 3
- **Reactivity:** 0
- **Specific hazard:**

**Protective Equipment:**
Not applicable. Lab coat. Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Splash goggles.

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### Section 16: Other Information
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NAME USED ON LABEL: ISOOCTENE - ENEI1470
CHEMICAL NAME: ISOOCTENE
SYNONYMS: DIISOBUTYLENE; 2,4,4-TRIMETHYLPENTENE
CHEMICAL FAMILY: HYDROCARBON
FORMULA: C₈H₁₆
HMIS CODES HEALTH: 1 FLAMMABILITY: 3 REACTIVITY: 0

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PHYSICAL DATA

Boiling Point: 101-104°C
Specific Gravity: 0.717
Vapor Density (air = 1): 4
% volatiles: 100
Molecular Weight: 112.21
Appearance & Color: clear liquid with strong odor

FIRE & EXPLOSION DATA

Flash Point, CC: -4°C (25°F)  Autoignition Temp.: 380°
Flammability Limits- LEL: 1% UEL: 7%

Extinguishing Media: Water spray or fog, foam, carbon dioxide, dry chemical.
Special Fire Fighting Procedures: Avoid eye and skin contact. Do not breathe fumes or inhale vapors.
Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards: Irritating fumes and organic acid vapors may develop when material is exposed to elevated temperatures or open flame.
ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Spill response: Sweep material and transfer to a suitable container for disposal.

Recommended Disposal: Incinerate. Follow all chemical pollution control regulations.

Toxicity to daphnia, LC50: 1.2 mg/l (48H)

HEALTH HAZARD DATA

Eye Contact: May cause immediate or delayed severe eye irritation.

Skin contact: May cause mild skin irritation. Avoid Contact.

Inhalation: No information available. Avoid inhalation.

Oral Toxicity- rat, LD50: >12,500mg/kg
Inhalation Toxicity- rat, LC50: >4900ppm/20H
Chronic Toxicity: No animal results. Ames test (histidine reversion) is negative, i.e not a mutagen.

SUGGESTED FIRST AID

EYES: In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with flowing water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

SKIN: Flush with water, then wash with soap and water.

INHALATION: Move exposed individual to fresh air. Administer oxygen if needed. Call a physician.

INGESTION: Never give fluids or induce vomiting if patient is unconscious or having convulsions. To conscious individual give one full cup of water to dilute ingested material. Get medical attention.

REACTIVITY DATA

Stability: Stable
Conditions to avoid: Store away from oxidizers.
Hazardous decomposition products: Organic acid vapors..

SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION

Ventilation: Local exhaust is recommended. Mechanical is recommended.
Respiratory Protection: If exposure exceeds TLV, NIOSH approved organic vapor respirator.
Eye and Face Protection: Chemical worker’s goggles. Do not wear contact lenses.
Other Clothing and Equipment: Rubber, neoprene or nitrile gloves. An eyewash and emergency shower should be available. Launder clothing before reuse.

-2-(ENEI1470)
OTHER PRECAUTIONS

For research and industrial use only.

Storage and Handling: Store in sealed containers.

TRANSPORTATION

DOT SHIPPING NAME: DIISOBUTYLENE, ISOMERIC COMPOUNDS
DOT HAZARD CLASS: 3
DOT LABEL: Flammable Liquid
DOT ID No: 2050

PG: II
ERG: 3L

Prepared by safety and environmental affairs

MSDS ISSUE DATE ENEI1470: 10/16/14
SUPERSEDES: none

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Tributene

**Substance name**
Tributene
CAS-No. 97280–83–6

**General Statement**
Tributene is an olefinic hydrocarbon consisting of branched C12 olefin isomers. It is a low molecular weight liquid of moderate volatility. Tributene is used as an intermediate for the production of other chemicals or as a fuel component. Because it is used as an intermediate in chemical industry or burnt as a fuel with limited concentration in the fuel exposure is very limited.

**Chemical identity**

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**Uses and application**
It is used as an intermediate for the production of other chemicals or as a fuel component.
Physical/chemical properties

Tributene is a low molecular weight liquid of moderate volatility. The liquid is lighter than water, only very slightly soluble in water, while vapors are heavier than air.

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<td>Density</td>
<td>0.77 g/cm³ (20 °C) Vapour heavier than air</td>
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<td>&lt;-150 °C / 118 – 132 °C (1013 hPa)</td>
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Health effects

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<td>Eye / Skin irritation</td>
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<td>Toxicity after repeated exposure</td>
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selectively toxic to the fetus (derived from test results with similar substances)

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### Environmental effects

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### Fate and Behavior

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Photochemical degradation takes place.

### Exposure

#### Human health

Because the substance is handled in closed systems under controlled conditions and is contained in public used products only in minor concentrations (e.g. in fuel), no relevant exposure is to be expected.

#### Environment

Because the substance is handled in closed systems under controlled conditions and is contained in public used products only in minor concentrations (e.g. in fuel), no relevant exposure is to be expected.

### Risk management recommendations

#### Industry use, production and formulation

- Assumes a good basic standard of occupational hygiene is implemented
- Substance is handled in closed systems under controlled conditions only.
- Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
- Do not inhale vapor, aerosols, mist.
- Ensure adequate ventilation.
- Take precautionary measures against static charges, keep away from sources of ignition.
- Wear personal protective equipment
  - Chemical–resistant protective gloves (EN 374)
  - Glove material: nitrile–butadiene rubber (NBR) gloves
- Protective goggles recommended
- No direct release to soil and surface water.
### Consumer use
Because of low concentration in public used products (e.g. in fuel) the usual risk management measures when handling these (flammable) products are sufficient.

Clear spills immediately

Adult use only

### State agency review
REACH–registration number 01–2119444597–28–0000

### Regulatory information/classification and labelling

#### GHS–Labeling

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<td>H315 – Causes skin irritation.</td>
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<td>Prevention</td>
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<td>P333 + P313 – If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.</td>
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<td>P362 – Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.</td>
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<td>P301 + P330 + P331 – IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.</td>
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<td>P310 – Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.</td>
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### Contact information within company

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Emergency Telephone number +49 (0)2365 49–2232 (Fire Brigade, Infracor GmbH)

Emergency Telefax number +49 (0)2365 49–4423
Glossary
Acute toxicity harmful effects after a single exposure
Biodegradable breakdown of materials by a physiological environment
Bioaccumulation accumulation of substances in the environment
Carcinogenicity effects causing cancer
Chronic toxicity harmful effects after repeated exposures
GHS Global Harmonized System on Classification and Labeling
Mutagenicity effects that change genes
PBT Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic
Reprotoxicity teratogenicity, embryotoxicity and harmful effects on fertility
Sensitizing allergenic
Teratogenic effects on foetal morphology
vPvB very Persistent very Bioaccumulative

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Material Safety Data Sheet
p-Xylene MSDS

Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: p-Xylene
Catalog Codes: SLX1120
CAS#: 106-42-3
RTECS: ZE2625000
TSCA: TSCA 8(b) inventory: p-Xylene
Cl#: Not applicable.
Synonym: p-Methyltoluene
Chemical Name: 1,4-Dimethylbenzene
Chemical Formula: C6H4(CH3)2

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Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

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Toxicological Data on Ingredients: p-Xylene: ORAL (LD50): Acute: 5000 mg/kg [Rat.]. DERMAL (LD50): Acute: 12400 mg/kg [Rabbit.]. VAPOR (LC50): Acute: 4550 ppm 4 hour(s) [Rat].

Section 3: Hazards Identification

Potential Acute Health Effects:
Very hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant). Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator), of ingestion, of inhalation. Inflammation of the eye is characterized by redness, watering, and itching. Skin inflammation is characterized by itching, scaling, reddening, or, occasionally, blistering.

Potential Chronic Health Effects:
Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant). Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator), of ingestion, of inhalation. CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available. The substance is toxic to blood, kidneys, the nervous system, liver. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.

Section 4: First Aid Measures
**Eye Contact:** Check for and remove any contact lenses. Do not use an eye ointment. Seek medical attention.

**Skin Contact:**
After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water. Gently and thoroughly wash the contaminated skin with running water and non-abrasive soap. Be particularly careful to clean folds, crevices, creases and groin. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. If irritation persists, seek medical attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing.

**Serious Skin Contact:**
Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Inhalation:** Allow the victim to rest in a well ventilated area. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Serious Inhalation:** Not available.

**Ingestion:**
Do not induce vomiting. Examine the lips and mouth to ascertain whether the tissues are damaged, a possible indication that the toxic material was ingested; the absence of such signs, however, is not conclusive. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

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### Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data

**Flammability of the Product:** Flammable.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** 527°C (980.6°F)

**Flash Points:**
- CLOSED CUP: 25°C (77°F).
- OPEN CUP: 28.9°C (84°F) (Cleveland).

**Flammable Limits:**
- LOWER: 1.1%
- UPPER: 7%

**Products of Combustion:** These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO2).

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Highly flammable in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**
Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:**
Flammable liquid, insoluble in water. SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray or fog. Cool containing vessels with water jet in order to prevent pressure build-up, autoignition or explosion.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:**
Explosive in the form of vapor when exposed to heat or flame. Vapor may travel considerable distance to source of ignition and flash back. When heated to decomposition it emits acrid smoke and irritating fumes.

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** Not available.

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### Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

**Small Spill:** Absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal.

**Large Spill:**
Toxic flammable liquid, insoluble or very slightly soluble in water. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Stop leak if without risk. Absorb with DRY earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Do not get water inside container. Do not touch spilled material. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Eliminate all ignition sources. Call for assistance on disposal. Be careful that the product is not present at a concentration level above TLV. Check TLV on the MSDS and with local authorities.

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### Section 7: Handling and Storage
Precautions:
Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not ingest. Do not breathe gas/fumes/vapour/spray. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents.

Storage:
Flammable materials should be stored in a separate safety storage cabinet or room. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Keep container tightly closed. Keep in a cool, well-ventilated place. Ground all equipment containing material. A refrigerated room would be preferable for materials with a flash point lower than 37.8°C (100°F).

Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Engineering Controls:
Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapors below their respective threshold limit value. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are proximal to the work-station location.

Personal Protection:
Splash goggles. Lab coat. Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:
Splash goggles. Full suit. Vapor respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

Exposure Limits:
TWA: 100 STEL: 150 (ppm) from ACGIH (TLV) TWA: 434 STEL: 651 (mg/m3) from ACGIH Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical state and appearance: Liquid. (Liquid.)
Odor: Not available.
Taste: Not available.
Molecular Weight: 106.17 g/mole
Color: Colorless.
pH (1% soln/water): Not applicable.
Boiling Point: 138°C (280.4°F)
Melting Point: 12°C (53.6°F)
Critical Temperature: Not available.
Specific Gravity: 0.86 (Water = 1)
Vapor Pressure: 9 mm of Hg (@ 20°C)
Vapor Density: 3.7 (Air = 1)
Volatile: Not available.
Odor Threshold: 0.62 ppm
Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.: Not available.
Ionicity (in Water): Not available.
Dispersion Properties: See solubility in water, methanol, diethyl ether.
Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Not available.

**Incompatibility with various substances:** Reactive with oxidizing agents.

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available.

**Polymerization:** No.

Section 11: Toxicological Information

**Routes of Entry:** Eye contact.

**Toxicity to Animals:**
WARNING: THE LC50 VALUES HEREUNDER ARE ESTIMATED ON THE BASIS OF A 4-HOUR EXPOSURE. Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 5000 mg/kg [Rat.]. Acute dermal toxicity (LD50): 12400 mg/kg [Rabbit.]. Acute toxicity of the vapor (LC50): 4550 ppm 4 hour(s) [Rat].

**Chronic Effects on Humans:** The substance is toxic to blood, kidneys, the nervous system, liver.

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:**
Very hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant). Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator), of ingestion, of inhalation.

**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:**
0347 Animal: embryotoxic, foetotoxic, passes through the placental barrier. 0900 Detected in maternal milk in human. Narcotic effect; may cause nervous system disturbances.

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Material is irritating to mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.

Section 12: Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available.

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:**
Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The products of degradation are more toxic.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.

Section 13: Disposal Considerations
Waste Disposal:

Section 14: Transport Information

DOT Classification: Class 3: Flammable liquid.
Identification: Xylene : UN1307 PG: III
Special Provisions for Transport: Not available.

Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

Federal and State Regulations:
Pennsylvania RTK: p-Xylene Florida: p-Xylene Massachusetts RTK: p-Xylene New Jersey: p-Xylene TSCA 8(b) inventory: p-Xylene SARA 313 toxic chemical notification and release reporting: p-Xylene CERCLA: Hazardous substances: p-Xylene
Other Classifications:
WHMIS (Canada):
CLASS B-2: Flammable liquid with a flash point lower than 37.8°C (100°F). CLASS D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (TOXIC).
DSCL (EEC):
HMIS (U.S.A.):
    Health Hazard: 2
    Fire Hazard: 3
    Reactivity: 0
    Personal Protection: h
National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):
    Health: 2
    Flammability: 3
    Reactivity: 0
    Specific hazard:
Protective Equipment:
Gloves. Lab coat. Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Splash goggles.

Section 16: Other Information

References:
Other Special Considerations: Not available.

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Material Safety Data Sheet
m-Xylene MSDS

Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: m-Xylene
Catalog Codes: SLX1066
CAS#: 108-38-3
RTECS: ZE2275000
TSCA: TSCA 8(b) inventory: m-Xylene
CI#: Not applicable.
Synonym: m-Methyltoluene
Chemical Name: 1,3-Dimethylbenzene
Chemical Formula: C6H4(CH3)2

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Toxicological Data on Ingredients: m-Xylene: ORAL (LD50): Acute: 5000 mg/kg [Rat.]. DERMAL (LD50): Acute: 14100 mg/kg [Rabbit.]

Section 3: Hazards Identification

Potential Acute Health Effects:
Very hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant). Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator), of ingestion, of inhalation. Inflammation of the eye is characterized by redness, watering, and itching. Skin inflammation is characterized by itching, scaling, reddening, or, occasionally, blistering.

Potential Chronic Health Effects:
Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant). Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator), of ingestion, of inhalation. CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Not available. The substance is toxic to blood, kidneys, the nervous system, liver. Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.

Section 4: First Aid Measures
**Eye Contact:** Check for and remove any contact lenses. Do not use an eye ointment. Seek medical attention.

**Skin Contact:**
After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water. Gently and thoroughly wash the contaminated skin with running water and non-abrasive soap. Be particularly careful to clean folds, crevices, creases and groin. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. If irritation persists, seek medical attention. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing.

**Serious Skin Contact:**
Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek medical attention.

**Inhalation:** Allow the victim to rest in a well ventilated area. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Serious Inhalation:** Not available.

**Ingestion:**
Do not induce vomiting. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

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**Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data**

**Flammability of the Product:** Flammable.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** 527°C (980.6°F)

**Flash Points:** CLOSED CUP: 25°C (77°F). OPEN CUP: 28.9°C (84°F) (Cleveland).

**Flammable Limits:** LOWER: 1.1% UPPER: 7%

**Products of Combustion:** These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO2).

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Highly flammable in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**
Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Risks of explosion of the product in presence of static discharge: Not available.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:**
Flammable liquid, insoluble in water. SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray or fog. Cool containing vessels with water jet in order to prevent pressure build-up, autoignition or explosion.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:**
Explosive in the form of vapor when exposed to heat or flame. Vapor may travel considerable distance to source of ignition and flash back. When heated to decomposition it emits acrid smoke and irritating fumes.

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** Not available.

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**Section 6: Accidental Release Measures**

**Small Spill:** Absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal.

**Large Spill:**
Flammable liquid, insoluble in water. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Stop leak if without risk. Absorb with DRY earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Do not get water inside container. Do not touch spilled material. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Eliminate all ignition sources. Call for assistance on disposal. Be careful that the product is not present at a concentration level above TLV. Check TLV on the MSDS and with local authorities.

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**Section 7: Handling and Storage**
Precautions:
Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not ingest. Do not breathe gas/fumes/ vapour/spray. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents.

Storage:
Flammable materials should be stored in a separate safety storage cabinet or room. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Keep container tightly closed. Keep in a cool, well-ventilated place. Ground all equipment containing material. A refrigerated room would be preferable for materials with a flash point lower than 37.8°C (100°F).

Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Engineering Controls:
Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapors below their respective threshold limit value. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are proximal to the work-station location.


Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:
Splash goggles. Full suit. Boots. Gloves. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

Exposure Limits:
TWA: 100 STEL: 150 (ppm) from ACGIH (TLV) TWA: 434 STEL: 651 (mg/m3) from ACGIHConsult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical state and appearance: Liquid. (Liquid.)
Odor: Not available.
Taste: Not available.
Molecular Weight: 106.17 g/mole
Color: Colorless.

pH (1% soln/water): Not applicable.

Boiling Point: 139.3°C (282.7°F)
Melting Point: -47.87°C (-54.2°F)
Critical Temperature: Not available.
Specific Gravity: 0.86 (Water = 1)
Vapor Pressure: 6 mm of Hg (@ 20°C)
Vapor Density: 3.7 (Air = 1)
Volatility: Not available.
Odor Threshold: 0.62 ppm

Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.: Not available.

Ionicity (in Water): Not available.

Dispersion Properties: See solubility in water, methanol, diethyl ether.

Solubility:
Easily soluble in methanol, diethyl ether. Insoluble in cold water, hot water.
Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

Stability: The product is stable.
Instability Temperature: Not available.
Conditions of Instability: Not available.
Incompatibility with various substances: Reactive with oxidizing agents.
Corrosivity: Non-corrosive in presence of glass.
Special Remarks on Reactivity: Not available.
Special Remarks on Corrosivity: Not available.
Polymerization: No.

Section 11: Toxicological Information

Routes of Entry: Eye contact.
Toxicity to Animals:
Acute oral toxicity (LD50): 5000 mg/kg [Rat.]. Acute dermal toxicity (LD50): 14100 mg/kg [Rabbit].
Chronic Effects on Humans: The substance is toxic to blood, kidneys, the nervous system, liver.
Other Toxic Effects on Humans:
Very hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant). Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (permeator), of ingestion, of inhalation.
Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals: Not available.
Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:
0347 Animal: embryotoxic, foetotoxic, passes through the placental barrier. 0900 Detected in maternal milk in human. Narcotic effect; may cause nervous system disturbances.
Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans: Material is irritating to mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract.

Section 12: Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity: Not available.
BOD5 and COD: Not available.
Products of Biodegradation:
Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.
Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation: The products of degradation are more toxic.
Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation: Not available.

Section 13: Disposal Considerations

Waste Disposal:

Section 14: Transport Information

DOT Classification: Class 3: Flammable liquid.
Identification: Xylene : UN1307 PG: III
Special Provisions for Transport: Not available.

### Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

**Federal and State Regulations:**
Pennsylvania RTK: m-Xylene Massachusetts RTK: m-Xylene TSCA 8(b) inventory: m-Xylene SARA 313 toxic chemical notification and release reporting: m-Xylene CERCLA: Hazardous substances.: m-Xylene


**Other Classifications:**

**WHMIS (Canada):**
CLASS B-2: Flammable liquid with a flash point lower than 37.8°C (100°F). CLASS D-2B: Material causing other toxic effects (TOXIC).

**DSCL (EEC):**
R10- Flammable. R38- Irritating to skin. R41- Risk of serious damage to eyes.

**HMIS (U.S.A.):**
- **Health Hazard:** 2
- **Fire Hazard:** 3
- **Reactivity:** 0
- **Personal Protection:** j

**National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):**
- **Health:** 2
- **Flammability:** 3
- **Reactivity:** 0
- **Specific hazard:**

**Protective Equipment:**
Gloves. Lab coat. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Splash goggles.

### Section 16: Other Information

**References:**

**Other Special Considerations:** Not available.

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Material Safety Data Sheet
o-Xylene MSDS

Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: o-Xylene
Catalog Codes: SLX1012
CAS#: 95-47-6
RTECS: ZE2450000
TSCA: TSCA 8(b) inventory: o-Xylene
CI#: Not applicable.
Synonym: 1,2-Dimethylbenzene
Chemical Name: o-Xylene
Chemical Formula: C6H4(CH3)2

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Toxicological Data on Ingredients: o-Xylene LD50: Not available. LC50: Not available.

Section 3: Hazards Identification

Potential Acute Health Effects: Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, permeator), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

Potential Chronic Health Effects:
CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: A4 (Not classifiable for human or animal,) by ACGIH, 3 (Not classifiable for human,) by IARC.
MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Not available. TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Classified POSSIBLE for human. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Classified Reproductive system/toxin/male [POSSIBLE]. The substance may be toxic to kidneys, liver, upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes, central nervous system (CNS). Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.

Section 4: First Aid Measures

Eye Contact:
Check for and remove any contact lenses. Immediately flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes, keeping eyelids open. Get medical attention.

**Skin Contact:**
In case of contact, immediately flush skin with plenty of water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before reuse. Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse. Get medical attention.

**Serious Skin Contact:**
Wash with a disinfectant soap and cover the contaminated skin with an anti-bacterial cream. Seek immediate medical attention.

**Inhalation:**
If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Serious Inhalation:**
Evacuate the victim to a safe area as soon as possible. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If the victim is not breathing, perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. WARNING: It may be hazardous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the inhaled material is toxic, infectious or corrosive. Seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:**
Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If large quantities of this material are swallowed, call a physician immediately. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

**Serious Ingestion:** Not available.

### Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data

**Flammability of the Product:** Flammable.

**Auto-Ignition Temperature:** 463°C (865.4°F)

**Flash Points:** CLOSED CUP: 17°C (62.6°F).

**Flammable Limits:** LOWER: 0.9% UPPER: 6.7%

**Products of Combustion:** These products are carbon oxides (CO, CO2).

**Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Highly flammable in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat.

**Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:**
Risks of explosion of the product in presence of mechanical impact: Not available. Slightly explosive in presence of open flames and sparks, of heat.

**Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:**
Flammable liquid, insoluble in water. SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray or fog.

**Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:**
Vapors are heavier than air and may travel considerable distance to source of ignition and flash back. When heated to decomposition it emits acrid smoke and irritating fumes.

**Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:**
Explosive in the form of vapor when exposed to heat or flame. Vapors may form explosive mixtures with air. Containers may explode when heated. Runoff to sewer may create fire or explosion hazard

### Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

**Small Spill:** Absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal.

**Large Spill:**
Toxic flammable liquid, insoluble or very slightly soluble in water. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Stop leak if without risk. Absorb with DRY earth, sand or other non-combustible material. Do not get water inside container. Do not touch spilled material. Prevent entry into sewers, basements or confined areas; dike if needed. Call for assistance on disposal. Be careful that the product is not present at a concentration level above TLV. Check TLV on the MSDS and with local authorities.

### Section 7: Handling and Storage

**Precautions:**
Keep locked up. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not ingest. Do not breathe gas/fumes/ vapor/spray. Wear suitable protective clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, acids.

**Storage:**
Store in a segregated and approved area. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Avoid all possible sources of ignition (spark or flame).

### Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

**Engineering Controls:**
Provide exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep the airborne concentrations of vapors below their respective threshold limit value. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are proximal to the work-station location.

**Personal Protection:**
Splash goggles. Lab coat. Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

**Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:**
Splash goggles. Full suit. Vapor respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

**Exposure Limits:**
TWA: 434 STEL: 651 (mg/m3) from ACGIH (TLV) [United States] TWA: 100 STEL: 150 (ppm) from ACGIH (TLV) [United States] STEL: 150 (ppm) from NIOSH STEL: 655 (mg/m3) from NIOSH Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

### Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical state and appearance:** Liquid. (Mobile, nonpolar liquid.)

**Odor:** Aromatic. Sweetish.

**Taste:** Not available.

**Molecular Weight:** 106.17 g/mole

**Color:** Colorless.

**pH (1% soln/water):** Not applicable.

**Boiling Point:** 144.4°C (291.9°F)

**Melting Point:** -25°C (-13°F)

**Critical Temperature:** 359°C (678.2°F)

**Specific Gravity:** 0.88 (Water = 1)

**Vapor Pressure:** 0.9 kPa (@ 20°C)

**Vapor Density:** 3.7 (Air = 1)

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**Volutility:** Not available.

**Odor Threshold:** 0.05 ppm

**Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.:** The product is more soluble in oil; log(oil/water) = 3.1

**Ionicity (in Water):** Not available.

**Dispersion Properties:**
Dispersed in diethyl ether. Is not dispersed in cold water, hot water. See solubility in diethyl ether, acetone.

**Solubility:**
Soluble in diethyl ether, acetone. Insoluble in cold water, hot water.

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**Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data**

**Stability:** The product is stable.

**Instability Temperature:** Not available.

**Conditions of Instability:** Heat, ignition sources, flames, incompatible materials.

**Incompatibility with various substances:** Reactive with oxidizing agents, acids.

**Corrosivity:** Non-corrosive in presence of glass.

**Special Remarks on Reactivity:**
Photochemically reactive. Incompatible with strong oxidizers (e.g. chlorine, bromine, fluorine), and strong acids (e.g. nitric acid, acetic acid).

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** Not available.

**Polymerization:** Will not occur.

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**Section 11: Toxicological Information**

**Routes of Entry:** Absorbed through skin. Dermal contact. Eye contact. Inhalation.

**Toxicity to Animals:**
Lowest Published Lethal Dose - Inhalation (LCL): 6125 ppm 12 hours [Rat]; 6125 ppm 12 hours [Human] Lowest Published Lethal Dose - Oral: 5000 mg/kg [Rat]

**Chronic Effects on Humans:**
CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: A4 (Not classifiable for human or animal.) by ACGIH, 3 (Not classifiable for human.) by IARC.
TERATOGENIC EFFECTS: Classified POSSIBLE for human. DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY: Classified Reproductive system/toxin/male [POSSIBLE]. May cause damage to the following organs: kidneys, liver, upper respiratory tract, skin, eyes, central nervous system (CNS).

**Other Toxic Effects on Humans:** Hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant, permeator), of ingestion, of inhalation.

**Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals:** Not available.

**Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans:**
May cause adverse reproductive effects (male) and birth defects based on animal data. 0347 Animal: embryotoxic, foetotoxic, passes through the placental barrier. 0900 Detected in maternal milk in human. Narcotic effect; may cause nervous system disturbances.

**Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:**
Acute Potential Health Effects Skin: May cause skin irritation. May be absorbed through skin in harmful amounts. Eyes: Causes severe eye irritation. Inhalation: Causes respiratory tract and mucous membranes irritation. May affect sense organs, behavior (Central Nervous system) which may result in dizziness, general weakness, central nervous system depression, confusion, ataxia, disorientation, lethargy, drowsiness, headaches. May also affect respiration, cardiovascular system, liver, blood, and digestive system (nausea, vomiting) Ingestion: Harmful if swallowed. Causes digestive tract irritation with nausea, vomiting.
and diarrhea. May also affect metabolism, liver, and urinary system, and central nervous system (excitement followed by headache, dizziness, drowsiness and nausea). Chronic Potential Health Effects: Skin: Prolonged or repeated contact may cause defatting of skin and dermatitis. Eyes: Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause conjunctivitis or permanent eye damage. Inhalation: Chronic inhalation may cause effects similar to those of acute inhalation.

### Section 12: Ecological Information

**Ecotoxicity:** Not available.

**BOD5 and COD:** Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:**
Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The products of degradation are less toxic than the product itself.

**Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation:** Not available.

### Section 13: Disposal Considerations

**Waste Disposal:**
Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

### Section 14: Transport Information

**DOT Classification:** CLASS 3: Flammable liquid.

**Identification:** : Xylene UNNA: 1307 PG: III

**Special Provisions for Transport:** Not available.

### Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

**Federal and State Regulations:**

**Other Regulations:**

**Other Classifications:**

**WHMIS (Canada):**
CLASS B-2: Flammable liquid with a flash point lower than 37.8°C (100°F). CLASS D-2A: Material causing other toxic effects (VERY TOXIC).

**DSCL (EEC):**

**HMIS (U.S.A.):**

- **Health Hazard:** 2
- **Fire Hazard:** 3
Reactivity: 0

Personal Protection: h

National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):

Health: 2
Flammability: 3
Reactivity: 0
Specific hazard:

Protective Equipment:
Gloves. Lab coat. Vapor respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Splash goggles.

Section 16: Other Information

References:
-The Sigma-Aldrich Library of Chemical Safety Data, Edition II.
-Guide de la loi et du rÈglement sur le transport des marchandises dangereuses au canada. Centre de conformitÈ internatinal LtÈe. 1986.

Other Special Considerations: Not available.

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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET (MSDS)
NITROGEN

(Please ensure that this MSDS is received by an appropriate person)

DATE: February 2017 Version 3 Ref. No.: MS095

1 PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION
Product Name: Nitrogen
Chemical Formula: N2
Trade Names: Nitrogen, Compressed (Tec), Nitrogen, Instrument Grade, Nitrogen, Pharmaceutical Grade, Nitrogen, ELCAP

Colour coding: Compressed, Instrument, ultra high purity & Pharmaceutical Grades have French Grey (H.30) bodies with black shoulders. Relevant decals/stencilling shall be on bodies of cylinders. ELCAP shall have a Protea Pink (A.58) body, with "ELCAP" stencilled on body of the cylinder.

Valve: ELCAP No. 2 type-Brass 5/8inch BSP right hand female. All the other grades shall be fitted with 3 SN – Brass, ¾ inch BSP right hand female valves.

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2 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS
Chemical Name: Nitrogen
Chemical Family: Inert gas
CAS No.: 7727-37-9
UN No.: 1066
ERG No.: 121
Hazard Warning: 2 C Non-flammable Gas

3 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION
Main Hazards: All cylinders are portable gas containers, and must be regarded as pressure vessels at all times. Nitrogen does not support life. It can act as a simple asphyxiant by diluting the concentration of oxygen in air below the levels necessary to support life.

Adverse Health Effects: Inhalation of nitrogen in excessive concentrations can result in dizziness, nausea, vomiting, loss of consciousness and death.

Chemical Hazards: Nitrogen is relatively inert to most materials under ordinary conditions. It becomes more reactive at elevated temperatures, and combines with hydrogen, oxygen and some metals.

Biological Hazards: No known effect.

Vapour Inhalation: As nitrogen acts as a simple asphyxiant death may result from errors in judgement, confusion, or loss of consciousness which prevents self-rescue. At low oxygen concentrations, unconsciousness and death may occur in seconds without warning.

4 FIRST AID MEASURES
Eye/Skin Contact: No known effect.
Ingestion: (See Section 9 above)
Inhalation: Prompt medical attention is mandatory in all cases of overexposure to Nitrogen. Rescue personnel should be equipped with self-contained breathing apparatus. Conscious persons should be assisted to an uncontaminated area and inhale fresh air. Quick removal from the contaminated area is most important. Unconscious persons should be removed to an uncontaminated area, and given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and supplemental oxygen.

5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES
Extinguishing Media: As Nitrogen is an inert gas, it does not contribute to a fire, but could help with the extinguishing by reducing the oxygen content of the air by diluting to below the level to support combustion.

Specific Hazards: Nitrogen does not support life. It can act as a simple asphyxiant by diluting the concentration of oxygen in the air below the levels to support life.

Emergency Actions: If possible, shut off the source of excess Nitrogen. Evacuate area. All cylinders should be removed from the vicinity of the fire. Cylinders that cannot be removed should be cooled with water from a safe distance. Cylinders which have been exposed to excessive heat should be clearly identified and returned to supplier. CONTACT THE NEAREST AFROX BRANCH.

Protective Clothing: Self-contained breathing apparatus. Safety gloves and shoes, or boots, should be worn when handling cylinders.

Environmental Precautions: Nitrogen is lighter than air and disperses rapidly in the atmosphere. Care should be taken when entering a potentially oxygen-deficient environment. If possible, ventilate the affected area.

6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES
Personal Precautions: Do not enter any area where nitrogen has been spilled unless tests have shown that it is safe to do so.

Environmental Precautions: Nitrogen does not pose a hazard to the environment.

Small Spills: Shut off the source of escaping nitrogen. Ventilate the area.

Large Spills: Evacuate the area. Shut off the source of the spill if this can be done without risk. Restrict access to the area until completion of the clean-up procedure. Ventilate the area using forced-draught if necessary.

7 HANDLING AND STORAGE
Do not allow cylinders to slide or come into contact with sharp edges. Nitrogen cylinders may be stacked horizontally provided that they are contained breathing apparatus. Safety gloves and shoes, or boots, should be worn when handling cylinders.

8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSOAL PROTECTION
Occupational Exposure Hazards: As nitrogen is a simple asphyxiant, avoid any areas where spillage has taken place. Only enter once testing has proved the atmosphere to be safe.

Engineering Control Measures: Engineering control measures are preferred to reduce exposure to Oxygen-depleted atmospheres. General methods include forced-draught ventilation, separate from other exhaust ventilation systems. Ensure that sufficient fresh air enters at, or near floor level.

Personal Protection: Self-contained breathing apparatus should always be worn when entering area where oxygen depletion may have occurred. Safety goggles, gloves and shoes or boots should be worn when handling cylinders.

9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL DATA
Chemical Symbol: N2
Molecular Weight: 28.013
Specific Volume @ 20°C & 101,325 kPa: 861.5ml/g
Density, gas @ 101,325 kPa and 20°C: 1.25 kg/m³
Relative density (Air = 1) @ 101,325 kPa: 0.967

Colour: None
Taste: Non
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NITROGEN
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10 STABILITY AND Reactivity

Conditions to avoid
The dilution of the oxygen concentration in the atmosphere to levels which cannot support life. Never use cylinders as rollers or supports, or for any other purpose than the storage of Nitrogen. Never expose cylinders to excessive heat, as this may cause sufficient build-up of pressure to rupture the cylinders.

Incompatible Materials
As Nitrogen is inert it may be contained in systems constructed of any of the common metals which have been designed to safely withstand the pressures involved.

Hazardous Decomposition Products
None

11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity No known effect
Skin & eye contact No known effect
Chronic Toxicity No known effect
Carcinogenicity No known effect
Mutagenicity No known effect
Reproductive Hazards No known effect
(For further information see Section 3. Adverse Health effects)

12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Nitrogen is lighter than air and can cause pockets of oxygen depleted atmosphere in low-lying areas. It does not pose a hazard to the ecology.

13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Methods
Small amounts may be blown to the atmosphere under controlled conditions. Large amounts should only be handled by the gas supplier.

Disposal of Packaging
The disposal of cylinders must only be handled by the gas supplier.

14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

ROAD TRANSPORTATION
UN No 1066
ERG No 121
Hazchem warning 2C Non-flammable Gas

SEA TRANSPORTATION
IMDG 1066
Class
Packaging group label Non-flammable gas

15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

EEC Hazard class Non-flammable

16 OTHER INFORMATION

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SABS 0265 - Labelling of Dangerous Substances

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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET (MSDS)

OXYGEN

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DATE: March 2017
Version: 4
Ref. No.: MS027

1 PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: OXYGEN
Chemical Formula: O2
Trade Names: Oxygen, Compressed
               Oxygen, Instrument Grade (N2.5)
               Oxygen, EP Grade (N2.7)
               Oxygen, IG Zero (N4.5)
               Oxygen, UHP (N4.5)
               Medical Oxygen
               Oxygen Agrigas
               Oxygen Econopack
               Oxygen Portapak

Colour coding: Compressed, IG, EP, IG Zero & UHP cylinders all have black bodies. Relevant
decals or stencilling depict actual grades.
Medical Oxygen
Black Body with a white shoulder
Oxygen AgriGas
Black body with an orange valve guard
Oxygen Econopack
Black body with a blue valve guard
Valve: Compressed, IG, EP, IG Zero & Medical
grades have 3 SO-Brass, 5/8 inch BSP
right hand female valves.
Medical oxygen cylinders could also have
the reventin Pin Index valves fitted.
UHP grade has the Neriki-Brass 5/8 inch
BSP right hand female valve fitted.

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2 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name: Oxygen
Chemical Family: Oxidant
CAS No: 7782-44-7
UN No: 1072
ERG No: 122
Hazard Warning: 5 A Non-flammable Gas

3 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Main Hazards:
All cylinders are transportable gas containers. Oxygen is non-flammable, but readily supports combustion. Never permit oil, grease or other readily combustible substance to come into contact with high concentrations of Oxygen.

Adverse Health Effects:
Central nervous system toxicity including dizziness, convulsions and loss of consciousness can occur after only 2-3 hours of exposure to pure oxygen at 2 or more atmospheres. Retrosternal soreness, associated with coughing and breathing difficulties, made worse by smoking and exposure to cold air can occur after breathing pure oxygen at atmospheric pressure for several hours.

Chemical Hazards:
Oxygen is non-flammable, but strongly supports combustion (including some materials which do not normally burn in air). Since dry Oxygen is non-corrosive, most materials of construction are suitable. Avoid all flammable materials.

Biological Hazards:
None known effect.

Vapour Inhalation:
Pure oxygen is a local irritant to mucous membranes and, with extended continued exposure, can be destructive to lung tissue.

4 FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye/Skin Contact:
No known effect.

Ingestion:
(See Section 3 above)

Inhalation:
Prompt medical attention is mandatory in all cases of overexposure to Oxygen. Rescue personnel should be cognisant of extreme fire hazard associated with oxygen-rich atmospheres. Conscious persons should be assisted to an uncontaminated area and inhale fresh air. They should be kept warm and quiet. Quick removal from the contaminated area is most important. The physician should be informed that the patient has experienced hyperoxia.

5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing Media:
As Oxygen is non-flammable, but strongly supports combustion; the correct type of extinguishing should be used depending on the combustible material involved.

Specific Hazards:
Oxygen vigorously accelerates combustion. Materials that would not normally burn in air could combust vigorously in atmospheres having high concentrations of Oxygen.

Emergency Actions:
If possible, shut off the source of escaping Oxygen. Evacuate area. All cylinders should be removed from the vicinity of the fire. Cylinders that cannot be removed should be cooled with water from a safe distance. Cylinders which have been exposed to excessive heat should be clearly identified and returned to supplier.

CONTACT THE NEAREST AFROX BRANCH.

Protective Clothing:
Safety goggles, gloves and safety shoes should be worn when handling cylinders.

Environmental Precautions:
As the gas is heavier than air, pockets of Oxygen-enriched air could occur. These could lead to the fire spreading rapidly. If possible, ventilate the affected area.

6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions:
Although Oxygen is not itself combustible, it supports and accelerates combustion. Clothes and other materials, not normally considered flammable, will burn fiercely in the presence of Oxygen, and can be set alight by a single spark, or even hot cigarette ash.

Environmental Precautions:
Oxygen does not pose a hazard to the environment. Beware of Oxygen-enriched atmospheres coming into contact with readily combustible materials. If possible, ventilate the affected area.

Small Spills:
Shut off the source of excess Oxygen. Ventilate the area.

Large Spills:
Evacuate the area. Shut off the source of the spill if this can be done without risk. Ventilate the area using forced-draught if necessary.
7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

Do not allow cylinders to slide or come into contact with sharp edges. Cylinders of Oxygen should not be stored near cylinders of acetylene or other combustible gases. Oxygen cylinders may be stacked horizontally provided that they are firmly secured at each end to prevent rolling. Prevent dirt, grit of any sort, oil or any other lubricant from entering the cylinder valves, and store cylinders well clear of any corrosive influence, e.g. battery acid. Compliance with all relevant legislation is essential. Use a "first in – first out" inventory system to prevent full cylinders from being stored for excessive periods of time. Keep out of reach of children.

8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational Exposure Hazards
Avoid exposure to oxygen-enriched atmospheres, as this could result in clothing becoming saturated by oxygen. On ignition the clothing could burn fiercely resulting in serious burns.

Engineering Control Measures
Engineering control measures are preferred to reduce exposure to Oxygen-enriched atmospheres. General methods include forced-draught ventilation, separate from other exhaust ventilation systems. Ensure that sufficient fresh air enters at, or near, floor level.

Personal Protection
Safety goggles, gloves and shoes should be worn when handling cylinders.

Skin
No known effect.

9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL DATA
Chemical Symbol: O₂
Molecular Weight: 32.00
Specific Volume @ 20°C & 101,325 kPa: 755 ml/g
Boiling Point @ 101,325 kPa: 90.18 °K; -183 °C; 181.4 °F
Density, gas @ 101,325 kPa and 20°C: 1.33 kg/m³
Relative density (Air = 1) @ 101,325 kPa @ 25 °C: 1.053
Solubility in Water @ 101,325 kPa @ 25 °C: 4.89 cm³ O₂/100 cm³ water

Color: None
Taste: None
Odour: None

10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Conditions to avoid
The build up of Oxygen-enriched atmospheres as, depending on temperature, oxygen reacts with all of the elements, excepting the inert gases, to form oxides. These reactions can sometimes be chronic.

Chronic Toxicity: No known effect
Carcinogenicity: No known effect
Mutagenicity: No known effect
Reproductive Hazards: No known effect

(For further information see Section 3. Adverse Health effects)

12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Oxygen is heavier than air and care should be taken to avoid the formation of Oxygen-enriched pockets. It does not pose a hazard to the ecology.

13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Methods
Small amounts may be blown to atmosphere under controlled conditions. Large amounts should only be handled by gas supplier.

Disposal of Packaging
The disposal of containers must only be handled by the gas supplier.

14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

ROAD TRANSPORTATION
UN No: 1072
ERG No: 122
Hazchem warning: 5A Non-flammable Gas

SEA TRANSPORTATION
IMDG: 1072
Class: Non-flammable Gas
Label: Non-flammable
AIR TRANSPORTATION
ICAO/IATA Code: 1072
Class: Non-flammable

15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

EEC Hazard class: Non-flammable

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Material Safety Data Sheet
Water MSDS

Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: Water
Catalog Codes: SLW1063
CAS#: 7732-18-5
RTECS: ZC0110000
TSCA: TSCA 8(b) inventory: Water
Cl#: Not available.
Synonym: Dihydrogen oxide
Chemical Name: Water
Chemical Formula: H2O

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Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

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Toxicological Data on Ingredients: Not applicable.

Section 3: Hazards Identification

Potential Acute Health Effects:

Potential Chronic Health Effects:

Section 4: First Aid Measures

Eye Contact: Not applicable.
**Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data**

- **Flammability of the Product:** Non-flammable.
- **Auto-Ignition Temperature:** Not applicable.
- **Flash Points:** Not applicable.
- **Flammable Limits:** Not applicable.
- **Products of Combustion:** Not available.
- **Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Not applicable.
- **Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:** Not applicable.
- **Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:** Not applicable.
- **Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:** Not available.
- **Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:** Not available.

**Section 6: Accidental Release Measures**

- **Small Spill:** Mop up, or absorb with an inert dry material and place in an appropriate waste disposal container.
- **Large Spill:** Absorb with an inert material and put the spilled material in an appropriate waste disposal.

**Section 7: Handling and Storage**

- **Precautions:** No specific safety phrase has been found applicable for this product.
- **Storage:** Not applicable.

**Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**

- **Engineering Controls:** Not Applicable
- **Personal Protection:** Safety glasses. Lab coat.
- **Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:** Not Applicable
- **Exposure Limits:** Not available.

**Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties**

- **Physical state and appearance:** Liquid.
Odor: Odorless.
Taste: Not available.
Molecular Weight: 18.02 g/mole
Color: Colorless.
pH (1% soln/water): 7 [Neutral.]
Boiling Point: 100°C (212°F)
Melting Point: Not available.
Critical Temperature: Not available.
Specific Gravity: 1 (Water = 1)
Vapor Pressure: 2.3 kPa (@ 20°C)
Vapor Density: 0.62 (Air = 1)
Vapor Pressure: Not available.
Odor Threshold: Not available.
Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.: Not available.
Ionicity (in Water): Not available.
Dispersion Properties: Not applicable
Solubility: Not Applicable

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

Stability: The product is stable.
Instability Temperature: Not available.
Conditions of Instability: Not available.
Incompatibility with various substances: Not available.
Corrosivity: Not available.
Special Remarks on Reactivity: Not available.
Special Remarks on Corrosivity: Not available.
Polymerization: Will not occur.

Section 11: Toxicological Information

Routes of Entry: Absorbed through skin. Eye contact.
Toxicity to Animals:
LD50: [Rat] - Route: oral; Dose: > 90 ml/kg LC50: Not available.
Chronic Effects on Humans: Not available.
Other Toxic Effects on Humans:
Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals: Not available.
Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans: Not available.
Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans: Not available.

**Section 12: Ecological Information**

Ecotoxicity: Not available.

BOD5 and COD: Not available.

**Products of Biodegradation:**
Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

**Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation:** The product itself and its products of degradation are not toxic.

Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation: Not available.

**Section 13: Disposal Considerations**

Waste Disposal:
Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

**Section 14: Transport Information**

DOT Classification: Not a DOT controlled material (United States).

Identification: Not applicable.

Special Provisions for Transport: Not applicable.

**Section 15: Other Regulatory Information**

Federal and State Regulations: TSCA 8(b) inventory: Water

Other Regulations: EINECS: This product is on the European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances.

Other Classifications:

WHMIS (Canada): Not controlled under WHMIS (Canada).

DSCL (EEC):
This product is not classified according to the EU regulations. Not applicable.

HMIS (U.S.A.):

- Health Hazard: 0
- Fire Hazard: 0
- Reactivity: 0
- Personal Protection: a

National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):

- Health: 0
- Flammability: 0
- Reactivity: 0
- Specific hazard:
Protective Equipment:
Not applicable. Lab coat. Not applicable. Safety glasses.

Section 16: Other Information

References: Not available.

Other Special Considerations: Not available.

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  M-XYL-01 C8H10-2 /
  O-XYL-01 C8H10-1 /
  P-XYL-01 C8H10-3 /
  HYDROGEN H2

HENRY-COMPS HC-1 HYDROGEN

SOLVE
  RUN-MODE MODE=SIM

FLOWSHEET
  BLOCK M1 IN=IBUTYLE RECGUESS ISOOCCTAN OUT=TO-P1
  BLOCK P-102 IN=TO-P1 OUT=TO-H1
  BLOCK E-101 IN=TO-H1 OUT=R1-FEED
  BLOCK R-201 IN=TO-R1 OUT=R1OUT
  BLOCK R-401 IN=TO-R2MIX OUT=R2OUT
  BLOCK E-401 IN=R2TOXYLC TRIOVHD OUT=TOXYLCL TO=R2
  BLOCK S-501 IN=TOXYLCL OUT=XYOVHD REC1 XYLBOT
  BLOCK S-301 IN=TOTRCOL OUT=TRIOVHD TRIBOT
  BLOCK M2 IN=R1-FEED TO-M2 OUT=TO-R1
  BLOCK S1 IN=R1OUT OUT=R1RECIRC TO-V1
  BLOCK E-201 IN=TO-R1HX OUT=TO-M2
  BLOCK P-201 IN=R1RECIRC OUT=TO-R1HX
  BLOCK S2 IN=TO-S2 OUT=R2TOXYLC R2RECYCL
  BLOCK E-402 IN=R2RECYCL OUT=R2RCYC2
  BLOCK C-401 IN=R2OUT OUT=TO-S2
  BLOCK M3 IN=TO-R2 R2RCYC2 OUT=TO-R2MIX
  BLOCK C-501 IN=XYOVHD OUT=TO-F1
  BLOCK S-502 IN=TO-F1 OUT=EXHAUST REC2
  BLOCK M-REC IN=REC1 REC2 OUT=RECYCLE
BLOCK E-503 IN=XYLBOT OUT=XYLENE
BLOCK E-303 IN=TRIBOT OUT=TRIMERS
BLOCK V-301 IN=TO-V1 OUT=TOTRCOL
BLOCK P-101 IN=I8--MAKE OUT=ISOOCTAN

PROPERTIES NRTL

PROP-DATA HENRY-1
IN-UNITS MET PRESSURE=bar TEMPERATURE=C DELTA-T=C PDROP=bar & INVERSE-PRES='1/bar' SHORT-LENGTH=mm
PROP-LIST HENRY
BPVAL HYDROGEN ISOOCTAN 17.48877354 -43.41299800 & -1.786100000 0.0 -25.00000000 35.00000000 0.0
BPVAL HYDROGEN M-XYL-01 5.774775535 604.1699830 0.0 0.0 & 18.00000000 32.10000000 0.0

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PROP-LIST NRTL
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BPVAL O-XYL-01 M-XYL-01 0.0 337.2790000 .3000000000 0.0 & 0.0 0.0 65.00000000 85.00000000
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STREAM I8--MAKE
SUBSTREAM MIXED TEMP=80. PRES=15.
MASS-FLOW ISOOCTAN 445.37

STREAM IBUTYLE
SUBSTREAM MIXED TEMP=10. PRES=20.
MASS-FLOW ISOBUTYL 126820.

STREAM RECGUESS
SUBSTREAM MIXED TEMP=86. PRES=29.3959
MASS-FLOW ISOBUTYL 1070.2877965 / ISOOCTAN 42948.577056 / & 2:4:4-01 9920.8508263 / TRIMERS 0.00034124198 / & M-XYL-01 36.180805614 / O-XYL-01 13.934467023 / & P-XYL-01 742.82855661 / HYDROGEN 0.45554575933

BLOCK M-REC MIXER
PARAM

BLOCK M1 MIXER
PARAM

BLOCK M2 MIXER
PARAM

BLOCK M3 MIXER
PARAM

BLOCK S1 FSPLIT
MASS-FLOW R1RECIRC 895140.

BLOCK S2 FSPLIT
MASS-FLOW R2RECYCL 1470000.

BLOCK E-101 HEATER
PARAM TEMP=347.0000000 PRES=764.6959488 DPPARMOPT=NO

BLOCK E-201 HEATER
PARAM TEMP=300. PRES=0. DPPARMOPT=NO

BLOCK E-303 HEATER
PARAM TEMP=80. PRES=60. DPPARMOPT=NO

BLOCK E-402 HEATER
PARAM TEMP=1050. PRES=0. DPPARMOPT=NO

BLOCK E-503 HEATER
PARAM TEMP=80. PRES=35. DPPARMOPT=NO

BLOCK S-502 FLASH2
PARAM TEMP=80. PRES=0.

BLOCK E-401 HEATX
PARAM DELT-HOT=50. CALC-TYPE=DESIGN PRES-HOT=45. &
U-OPTION=PHASE F-OPTION=CONSTANT CALC-METHOD=SHORTCUT
FEEDS HOT=R2TOXYLCL COLD=TRIOVHD
OUTLETS-HOT TOXYLCL
OUTLETS-COLD TO-R2
HOT-SIDE DP-OPTION=CONSTANT DPPARMOPT=NO
COLD-SIDE DP-OPTION=CONSTANT DPPARMOPT=NO
TQ-PARAM CURVE=YES

BLOCK S-301 RADFRAC
SUBOBJECTS INTERNALS = CS-1
PARAM NSTAGE=9 ALGORITHM=STANDARD MAXOL=100 DAMPING=NONE
PARAM2 STATIC-DP=YES
COL-CONFIG CONDENSER=TOTAL CA-CONFIG=INT-1
FEEDS TOTRCOL 6 ON-STAGE
PRODUCTS TRIBOT 9 L / TRIOVHD 1 L
P-SPEC 1 70.
COL-SPECS DP-STAGE=0.12 MOLE-B=230.1 MOLE-RR=4. &
DP-COND=2.000000000
SPEC 1 MOLE-RECOV 0.98 COMPS=TRIMERS STREAMS=TRIBOT &
SPEC-DESCRIP="Mole recovery, 0.98"
SPEC 2 MASS-FRAC 0.98 COMPS=TRIMERS STREAMS=TRIBOT &
SPEC-DESCRIP="Mass purity, 0.98, PRODUCT"
VARY 1 MOLE-B 153.6 384.
VARY 2 MOLE-RR 0. 10.
INTERNALS CS-1 STAGE1=2 STAGE2=8 P-UPDATE=NO TRAY-SPACE=1.5
TRAY-SIZE 1 2 8 SIEVE

BLOCK S-501 RADFRAC
SUBOBJECTS INTERNALS = CS-1
PARAM NSTAGE=16 ALGORITHM=STANDARD HYDRAULIC=NO MAXOL=80 &
DAMPING=NONE
PARAM2 STATIC-DP=YES
COL-CONFIG CONDENSER=PARTIAL-V-L CA-CONFIG=INT-1
FEEDS TOXYLCL 5 ON-STAGE
PRODUCTS XYLBOT 16 L / REC1 1 L / XYOVHD 1 V
P-SPEC 1 39.
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SPEC 2 MASS-RECOV 0.99 COMPS=M-XYL-01 O-XYL-01 P-XYL-01 & STREAMS=XYLBOT SPEC-ACTIVE=YES & SPEC-DESCRIP="Mass recovery, 0.99"
VARY 1 MASS-B 25590. 110000. VARY-ACTIVE=YES
VARY 2 MASS-RR 0.7 20. VARY-ACTIVE=YES
REPORT NOHYDRAULIC
INTERNALS CS-1 STAGE1=2 STAGE2=15 P-UPDATE=NO NPASS=1 TRAY-SIZE 1 2 15 SIEVE

BLOCK R-201 RSTOIC
PARAM PRES=764.6959488 DUTY=0. HEAT-OF-REAC=YES
STOIC 1 MIXED ISOBUTYL -2. / 2:4:4-01 1.
STOIC 2 MIXED ISOBUTYL -3. / TRIMERS 1.
CONV 1 MIXED ISOBUTYL 0.6
CONV 2 MIXED ISOBUTYL 0.3
HEAT-RXN REACNO=1 CID=ISOBUTYL PHASE=L / REACNO=2 & CID=ISOBUTYL PHASE=L

BLOCK R-401 RSTOIC
PARAM PRES=36.69594878 DUTY=0.
STOIC 1 MIXED 2:4:4-01 -1. / P-XYL-01 1. / HYDROGEN 3.
STOIC 2 MIXED 2:4:4-01 -1. / O-XYL-01 1. / HYDROGEN 3.
STOIC 3 MIXED 2:4:4-01 -1. / M-XYL-01 1. / HYDROGEN 3.
CONV 1 MIXED 2:4:4-01 0.378
CONV 2 MIXED 2:4:4-01 0.021
CONV 3 MIXED 2:4:4-01 0.021

BLOCK P-101 PUMP
PARAM DELP=20. <psia>

BLOCK P-102 PUMP
PARAM PRES=764.6959488

BLOCK P-201 PUMP
PARAM DELP=20. EFF=0.8

BLOCK C-401 COMPR
PARAM TYPE=ISENTROPIC PRES=45. SEFF=0.85 SB-MAXIT=30 & SB-TOL=0.0001

BLOCK C-501 COMPR
PARAM TYPE=ISENTROPIC PRES=300. SEFF=0.85 SB-MAXIT=30 & SB-TOL=0.0001

BLOCK V-301 VALVE
PARAM P-OUT=80.

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STREAM-REPOR MOLEFLOW

PROP-TABLE PURE-1 PROPS
IN-UNITS ENG PRESSURE=bar TEMPERATURE=C PDROP=psi & SHORT-LENGTH=in
ANALYSIS ANAL-TYPE=PURE PURE-PROP='AVAIL' PURE-PHASES= L MOLE-FLOW TRIMERS 1 PROPERTIES NRTL FREE-WATER=STEAM-TA SOLU-WATER=3 &
TRUE-COMPS=YES
VARY TEMP
RANGE VARVALUE=RANGE LOWER=0 UPPER=100.0000000 NPOINT=50
VARY PRES
RANGE LIST=1.013250000
PARAM
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**BLOCK: C-401 MODEL: COMPR**

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| INLET STREAM: | R2OUT |
| OUTLET STREAM: | TO-S2 |
| PROPERTY OPTION SET: | NRTL RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS |

*** MASS AND ENERGY BALANCE ***

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*** INPUT DATA ***

ISENTROPIC CENTRIFUGAL COMPRESSOR

| OUTLET PRESSURE PSIA | 45.0000 |
| ISENTROPIC EFFICIENCY | 0.85000 |
| MECHANICAL EFFICIENCY | 1.00000 |

*** RESULTS ***

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**BLOCK: C-501 MODEL: COMPR**

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| INLET STREAM: | XYOVHD |
| OUTLET STREAM: | TO-F1 |
| PROPERTY OPTION SET: | NRTL RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS |

*** MASS AND ENERGY BALANCE ***
### Mass and Energy Balance

#### Total Balance

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#### CO2 Equivalent Summary

- **Feed Streams CO2E**: 0.00000 LB/HR
- **Product Streams CO2E**: 0.00000 LB/HR
- **Net Streams CO2E Production**: 0.00000 LB/HR
- **Utilities CO2E Production**: 0.00000 LB/HR
- **Total CO2E Production**: 0.00000 LB/HR

### Input Data

**Isentropic Centrifugal Compressor**
- Outlet Pressure (PSIA): 300.000
- Isentropic Efficiency: 0.85000
- Mechanical Efficiency: 1.00000

### Results

- Indicated Horsepower Requirement (HP): 3,108.00
- Brake Horsepower Requirement (HP): 3,108.00
- Net Work Required (HP): 3,108.00
- Power Losses (HP): 0.0
- Isentropic Horsepower Requirement (HP): 2,641.80
- Calculated Outlet Temp (°F): 454.070
- Isentropic Temperature (°F): 403.667
- Efficiency (Polytrope/Isentropic) Used: 0.85000
- Outlet Vapor Fraction: 1.00000
- Mechanical Efficiency Used: 1.00000
- Inlet Heat Capacity Ratio: 1.29251
- Inlet Volumetric Flow Rate, CFU/HR: 363,123.
- Outlet Volumetric Flow Rate, CFU/HR: 77,070.5
- Inlet Compressibility Factor: 1.00000
- Outlet Compressibility Factor: 1.00000
- AV. ISENT. VOL. EXPONENT: 1.26977
- AV. ACTUAL VOL. EXPONENT: 1.31625
- AV. ACTUAL TEMP EXPONENT: 1.31625

**Block: E-101, Model: Heater**

- **Inlet Stream**: TO-H1
- **Outlet Stream**: R1-FEED
- **Property Option Set**: NRTL RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

### CO2 Equivalent Summary
FEED STREAMS CO2E               0.00000      LB/HR
PRODUCT STREAMS CO2E            0.00000      LB/HR
NET STREAMS CO2E PRODUCTION      0.00000      LB/HR
UTILITIES CO2E PRODUCTION        0.00000      LB/HR
TOTAL CO2E PRODUCTION            0.00000      LB/HR

*** INPUT DATA ***
TWO PHASE TP FLASH
SPECIFIED TEMPERATURE           F            347.000
SPECIFIED PRESSURE               PSIA          764.696
MAXIMUM NO. ITERATIONS           30
CONVERGENCE TOLERANCE            0.000100000

*** RESULTS ***
OUTLET TEMPERATURE               F            347.00
OUTLET PRESSURE                  PSIA          764.70
HEAT DUTY                        BTU/HR       0.48224E+08
OUTLET VAPOR FRACTION            0.81361E-01

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BLOCK: E-201 MODEL: HEATER
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INLET STREAM: TO-R1HX
OUTLET STREAM: TO-M2
PROPERTY OPTION SET: NRTL  RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

*** MASS AND ENERGY BALANCE ***

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*** CO2 EQUIVALENT SUMMARY ***
FEED STREAMS CO2E       0.00000      LB/HR
PRODUCT STREAMS CO2E    0.00000      LB/HR
NET STREAMS CO2E PRODUCTION 0.00000      LB/HR
UTILITIES CO2E PRODUCTION 0.00000      LB/HR
TOTAL CO2E PRODUCTION    0.00000      LB/HR

*** INPUT DATA ***
TWO PHASE TP FLASH
SPECIFIED TEMPERATURE F 300.000
PRESSURE DROP PSI 0.0
MAXIMUM NO. ITERATIONS 30
CONVERGENCE TOLERANCE 0.000100000

*** RESULTS ***
OUTLET TEMPERATURE F 300.00
OUTLET PRESSURE PSIA 784.70
HEAT DUTY BTU/HR -0.45923E+08
OUTLET VAPOR FRACTION 0.0000

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BLOCK: E-303 MODEL: HEATER
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PROPERTY OPTION SET: NRTL RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

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*** INPUT DATA ***

TWO PHASE TP FLASH
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SPECIFIED PRESSURE       PSIA                     60.0000
MAXIMUM NO. ITERATIONS                                        30
CONVERGENCE TOLERANCE
0.000100000

*** RESULTS ***

OUTLET TEMPERATURE   F                                    80.000
OUTLET PRESSURE       PSIA                                 60.000
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OUTLET VAPOR FRACTION                                      0.0000

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OUTLET STREAM:   TOXYLCL
PROPERTY OPTION SET: NRTL      RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS
COLD SIDE:

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INLET STREAM:    TRIOVHD
OUTLET STREAM:   TO-R2
PROPERTY OPTION SET: NRTL      RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

*** MASS AND ENERGY BALANCE ***

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*** CO2 EQUIVALENT SUMMARY ***
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*** INPUT DATA ***
FLASH SPECS FOR HOT SIDE:
TWO PHASE FLASH
MAXIMUM NO. ITERATIONS 30
CONVERGENCE TOLERANCE 0.000100000

FLASH SPECS FOR COLD SIDE:
TWO PHASE FLASH
MAXIMUM NO. ITERATIONS 30
CONVERGENCE TOLERANCE 0.000100000

FLOW DIRECTION AND SPECIFICATION:
COUNTERCURRENT HEAT EXCHANGER
SPECIFIED HOT APPROACH TEMP
SPECIFIED VALUE F 50.0000
TEMPERATURE TOLERANCE F 0.01800
LMTD CORRECTION FACTOR 1.00000

PRESSURE SPECIFICATION:
HOT SIDE OUTLET PRESSURE PSIA 45.0000
COLD SIDE PRESSURE DROP PSI 0.0000

HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENT SPECIFICATION:
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HOT 2-PHASE COLD LIQUID BTU/HR-SQFT-R 149.6937
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*** OVERALL RESULTS ***
STREAMS:
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|                                    |
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P= 4.5000D+01 |                                    | P= 4.5000D+01
V= 1.0000D+00 |                                    | V= 1.0000D+00
|                                    |
TO-R2  <-----|                COLD                |<----- TRIOVHD

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DUTY AND AREA:

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ACTUAL EXCHANGER AREA SQFT  2984.6896
PER CENT OVER-DESIGN  0.0000

HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENT:

AVERAGE COEFFICIENT (DIRTY) BTU/HR-SQFT-R  149.6937
UA (DIRTY) BTU/HR-R  446789.0937

LOG-MEAN TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCE:

LMTD CORRECTION FACTOR  1.0000
LMTD (CORRECTED) F  158.6198
NUMBER OF SHELLS IN SERIES  1

PRESSURE DROP:

HOTSIDE, TOTAL PSI  0.0000
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*** ZONE RESULTS ***

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### HEATX COLD-TQCU E-401 TQCURV INLET

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**Pressure Drop:** 0.0 PSI  
**Property Option Set:** NRTL RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

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### HEATX HOT-TQCUR E-401 TQCURV INLET

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**Property Option Set:** NRTL RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

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| PRODUCT STREAMS CO2E | 0.00000 | LB/HR |
| NET STREAMS CO2E PRODUCTION | 0.00000 | LB/HR |
| UTILITIES CO2E PRODUCTION | 0.00000 | LB/HR |
| TOTAL CO2E PRODUCTION | 0.00000 | LB/HR |

*** INPUT DATA ***

| TWO PHASE TP FLASH |          |
| SPECIFIED TEMPERATURE | F | 1,050.00 |
| PRESSURE DROP | PSI | 0.0 |
| MAXIMUM NO. ITERATIONS | 30 |
| CONVERGENCE TOLERANCE | 0.000100000 |

*** RESULTS ***
OUTLET TEMPERATURE  F    1050.0
OUTLET PRESSURE PSIA    45.000
HEAT DUTY BTU/HR     0.33355E+08
OUTLET VAPOR FRACTION    1.0000

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BLOCK: E-503 MODEL: HEATER

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INLET STREAM: XYLBOT
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PROPERTY OPTION SET: NRTL RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

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| TOTAL CO2E PRODUCTION | 0.00000 | LB/HR |

*** INPUT DATA ***

TWO PHASE TP FLASH
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SPECIFIED PRESSURE PSIA    35.0000
MAXIMUM NO. ITERATIONS    30
CONVERGENCE TOLERANCE    0.000100000

*** RESULTS ***

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**INLET STREAMS:** REC1      REC2
**OUTLET STREAM:**  RECYCLE
**PROPERTY OPTION SET:** NRTL      RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

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| TOTAL CO2E PRODUCTION | 0.00000 | LB/HR    |

*** INPUT DATA ***

TWO PHASE FLUID
MAXIMUM NO. ITERATIONS 30
CONVERGENCE TOLERANCE 0.000100000
OUTLET PRESSURE: MINIMUM OF INLET STREAM PRESSURES

**INLET STREAMS:** IBUTYLE      RECGUESS      ISOOCTAN
**OUTLET STREAM:**  TO-P1
**PROPERTY OPTION SET:** NRTL      RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

*** MASS AND ENERGY BALANCE ***

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### CO2 EQUIVALENT SUMMARY

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**TWO PHASE FLASH**

MAXIMUM NO. ITERATIONS: 30
CONVERGENCE TOLERANCE: 0.000100000
OUTLET PRESSURE: MINIMUM OF INLET STREAM PRESSURES

**PROPERTY OPTION SET:**

NRTL RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

### MASS AND ENERGY BALANCE

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CONVERGENCE TOLERANCE: 0.000100000
OUTLET PRESSURE: MINIMUM OF INLET STREAM PRESSURES

**PROPERTY OPTION SET:**

NRTL RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

### MASS AND ENERGY BALANCE

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ENTHALPY (BTU/HR ) 0.545030E+09 0.545006E+09
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*** CO2 EQUIVALENT SUMMARY ***
FEED STREAMS CO2E 0.00000 LB/HR
PRODUCT STREAMS CO2E 0.00000 LB/HR
NET STREAMS CO2E PRODUCTION 0.00000 LB/HR
UTILITIES CO2E PRODUCTION 0.00000 LB/HR
TOTAL CO2E PRODUCTION 0.00000 LB/HR

*** INPUT DATA ***
TWO PHASE FLASH
MAXIMUM NO. ITERATIONS 30
CONVERGENCE TOLERANCE 0.000100000
OUTLET PRESSURE: MINIMUM OF INLET STREAM PRESSURES

BLOCK: P-101 MODEL: PUMP

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INLET STREAM: I8--MAKE
OUTLET STREAM: ISOOCTAN
PROPERTY OPTION SET: NRTL RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

*** MASS AND ENERGY BALANCE ***

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UTILITIES CO2E PRODUCTION 0.00000 LB/HR
TOTAL CO2E PRODUCTION 0.00000 LB/HR

*** INPUT DATA ***
PRESSURE CHANGE PSI 20.0000
DRIVER EFFICIENCY 1.00000

FLASH SPECIFICATIONS:
LIQUID PHASE CALCULATION
NO FLASH PERFORMED
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ITERATIONS 30
TOLERANCE 0.000100000

*** RESULTS ***
VOLUMETRIC FLOW RATE CUFT/HR 10.3442
PRESSURE CHANGE PSI 20.0000
NPSH AVAILABLE FT-LBF/LB 46.7145
FLUID POWER HP 0.015046
BRAKE POWER HP 0.050890
ELECTRICITY KW 0.037949
PUMP EFFICIENCY USED 0.29566
NET WORK REQUIRED  HP  0.050890
HEAD DEVELOPED FT-LBF/LB  66.8912

BLOCK:  P-102  MODEL:  PUMP
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INLET STREAM:  TO-P1
OUTLET STREAM:  TO-H1
PROPERTY OPTION SET:  NRTL  RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

***  MASS AND ENERGY BALANCE  ***

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***  CO2 EQUIVALENT SUMMARY  ***

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PRODUCT STREAMS CO2E          0.00000      LB/HR
NET STREAMS CO2E PRODUCTION   0.00000      LB/HR
UTILITIES CO2E PRODUCTION     0.00000      LB/HR
TOTAL CO2E PRODUCTION         0.00000      LB/HR

***  INPUT DATA  ***

OUTLET PRESSURE  PSIA                                 764.696
DRIVER EFFICIENCY                                       1.00000
FLASH SPECIFICATIONS:
LIQUID PHASE CALCULATION
NO FLASH PERFORMED
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ITERATIONS                            30
TOLERANCE                                               0.000100000

***  RESULTS  ***

VOLUMETRIC FLOW RATE  CUFT/HR                       4,507.90
PRESSURE CHANGE  PSI                                 744.696
NPSH AVAILABLE   FT-LBF/LB                            -45.3277
FLUID POWER HP                                           244.146
BRAKE POWER HP                                          337.386
ELECTRICITY KW                                          251.589
PUMP EFFICIENCY USED                                    0.72364
NET WORK REQUIRED  HP                                 337.386
HEAD DEVELOPED FT-LBF/LB                              2,656.12

NEGATIVE NPSH MAY BE DUE TO VAPOR IN THE FEED OR UNACCOUNTED SUCTION HEAD.

BLOCK:  P-201  MODEL:  PUMP
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INLET STREAM:  R1RECIRC
OUTLET STREAM:  TO-R1HX
PROPERTY OPTION SET:  NRTL  RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

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ENTHALPY (BTU/HR)     -0.423522E+09  -0.423402E+09  -
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TOTAL CO2E PRODUCTION         0.00000      LB/HR

*** INPUT DATA ***
PRESSURE CHANGE PSI            20.0000
PUMP EFFICIENCY                0.80000
DRIVER EFFICIENCY              1.00000

FLASH SPECIFICATIONS:
LIQUID PHASE CALCULATION
NO FLASH PERFORMED
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ITERATIONS  30
TOLERANCE                      0.000100000

*** RESULTS ***
VOLUMETRIC FLOW RATE CUFT/HR   26,022.2
PRESSURE CHANGE PSI            20.0000
NPSH AVAILABLE FT-LBF/LB       2,588.59
FLUID POWER HP                 37.8505
BRACE POWER HP                 47.3131
ELECTRICITY KW                35.2814
PUMP EFFICIENCY USED           0.80000
NET WORK REQUIRED HP           47.3131
HEAD DEVELOPED FT-LBF/LB       83.7231

BLOCK: R-201 MODEL: RSTOIC
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INLET STREAM: TO-R1
OUTLET STREAM: R1OUT
PROPERTY OPTION SET: NRTL RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

*** MASS AND ENERGY BALANCE ***
IN          OUT       GENERATION   RELATIVE
DIFF.
TOTAL BALANCE MOLE (LB/MOL/HR)  10193.7      8950.74  -1242.99       -
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MASS (LB/HR ) 0.107714E+07  0.107714E+07               -
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ENTHALPY (BTU/HR) -0.509633E+09 -0.509633E+09  -
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TWO PHASE PQ FLASH
SPECIFIED PRESSURE PSIA 764.696
SPECIFIED HEAT DUTY BTU/HR 0.0
MAXIMUM NO. ITERATIONS 30
CONVERGENCE TOLERANCE 0.000100000
SIMULTANEOUS REACTIONS
GENERATE COMBUSTION REACTIONS FOR FEED SPECIES NO

*** RESULTS ***
OUTLET TEMPERATURE F 372.27
OUTLET PRESSURE PSIA 764.70
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BLOCK:  R-401    MODEL:  RSTOIC
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INLET STREAM:          TO-R2MIX
OUTLET STREAM:         R2OUT
PROPERTY OPTION SET:   NRTL      RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

***  MASS AND ENERGY BALANCE  ***

** INLET** **OUTLET**  **GENERATION** **RELATIVE**

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MASS (LB/HR)  0.161015E+07  0.161015E+07  0.144602E-15
ENTHALPY (BTU/HR)  0.545006E+09  0.545006E+09  0.00000

***  CO2 EQUIVALENT SUMMARY  ***

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PRODUCT STREAMS CO2E  0.00000  LB/HR
NET STREAMS CO2E PRODUCTION  0.00000  LB/HR
UTILITIES CO2E PRODUCTION  0.00000  LB/HR
TOTAL CO2E PRODUCTION  0.00000  LB/HR

*** INPUT DATA ***

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SPECIFIED HEAT DUTY BTU/HR 0.0
MAXIMUM NO. ITERATIONS 30
CONVERGENCE TOLERANCE 0.00010000
SIMULTANEOUS REACTIONS
GENERATE COMBUSTION REACTIONS FOR FEED SPECIES NO

*** RESULTS ***
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OUTLET PRESSURE PSIA 36.696
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BLOCK: S-301 MODEL: RADFRAC
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INLETS - TOTRCOL STAGE 6
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- Algorithm Option: STANDARD
- Absorber Option: NO
- Initialization Option: STANDARD
- Hydraulic Parameter Calculations: NO
- Inside Loop Convergence Method: BROYDEN
- Design Specification Method: NESTED
- Maximum No. of Outside Loop Iterations: 100
- Maximum No. of Inside Loop Iterations: 10
- Maximum Number of Flash Iterations: 30
- Flash Tolerance: 0.000100000
- Outside Loop Convergence Tolerance: 0.000100000

#### COL-SPECS

- Molar Vapor Dist / Total Dist: 0.0
- Molar Reflux Ratio: 4.00000
- Molar Bottoms Rate: 230.100 LBMOL/HR

#### PROFILES

- P-SPEC: STAGE 1 PRES, PSIA: 70.0000

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TOP STAGE VAPOR FLOW           LBMOL/HR                  0.0
BOILUP VAPOR FLOW              LBMOL/HR                879.103
MOLAR REFLUX RATIO                                       0.16503
MOLAR BOILUP RATIO                                       3.50067
CONDENSER DUTY (W/O SUBCOOL)   BTU/HR                   -0.270279+08
REBOILER DUTY     BTU/HR                    0.191675+08

**** MANIPULATED VARIABLES ****

BOUNDS
CALCULATED           LOWER          UPPER
VALUE
MOLAR BOTTOMS RATE     LBMOL/HR   153.60        384.00  251.12
MOLAR REFLUX RATIO     0.0000        10.0000  0.16503

**** DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS ****

VALUE
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2 MASS-FRAC STREAMS: TRIBOT 0.98000
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**** MAXIMUM FINAL RELATIVE ERRORS ****

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**** PROFILES ****

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*** Definitions ***

Marangoni Index = Sigma - Sigmato
Flow Param = (ML/MV)*sqrt(RhoV/Rhol)
Qr = Qv*sqrt(RhoV/(Rhol-RhoV))
F Factor = Qv*sqrt(RhoV)

Where:
Sigma is the surface tension of liquid from the stage
Sigmato is the surface tension of liquid to the stage
ML is the mass flow of liquid from the stage
MV is the mass flow of vapor to the stage
Rhol is the mass density of liquid from the stage
RhoV is the mass density of vapor to the stage
Qv is the volumetric flow rate of vapor to the stage

Temperature F

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FLOODING CALCULATION METHOD GLITSCH6

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SYSTEM FOAMING FACTOR 1.00000
FLOODING FACTOR 0.80000
MINIMUM COLUMN DIAMETER FT 1.00000
MINIMUM DC AREA/COLUMN AREA 0.100000
HOLE AREA/ACTIVE AREA 0.100000

TRAY SPECIFICATIONS
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TRAY TYPE SIEVE
NUMBER OF PASSES 1
TRAY SPACING FT 1.50000

***** SIZING RESULTS @ STAGE WITH MAXIMUM DIAMETER *****

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**MASS AND ENERGY BALANCE**

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**CO2 EQUIVALENT SUMMARY**

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| UTILITIES CO2E PRODUCTION | 0.00000 | LB/HR |
| TOTAL CO2E PRODUCTION | 0.00000 | LB/HR |

*** INPUT DATA ***

*** INPUT PARAMETERS ***
NUMBER OF STAGES                                      16
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INITIALIZATION OPTION                                 STANDARD
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INSIDE LOOP CONVERGENCE METHOD                       NEWTON
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MAXIMUM NO. OF OUTSIDE LOOP ITERATIONS                80
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FLASH TOLERANCE                                      0.000100000
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****  COL-SPECS   ****

CONDENSER TEMPERATURE          F                       100.0000
MASS REFLUX RATIO               6.00000
MASS BOTTOMS RATE               LB/HR                75,000.0

****  PROFILES   ****

P-SPEC STAGE 1 PRES, PSIA 39.0000

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****  RESULTS  ****

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***  COMPONENT SPLIT FRACTIONS  ***

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***  SUMMARY OF KEY RESULTS  ***

TOP STAGE TEMPERATURE          F                       100.0000
BOTTOM STAGE TEMPERATURE       F                       366.882
TOP STAGE LIQUID FLOW          LBMOL/HR              3,896.41
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TOP STAGE VAPOR FLOW           LBMOL/HR              2,357.93
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*** DEFINITIONS ***

MARANGONI INDEX = SIGMA - SIGMATO
FLOW PARAM = (ML/MV)*SQRT(RHOV/RHOL)
QR = QV*SQRT(RHOV/(RHOL-RHOV))
F FACTOR = QV*SQRT(RHOV)

WHERE:
SIGMA IS THE SURFACE TENSION OF LIQUID FROM THE STAGE
SIGMATO IS THE SURFACE TENSION OF LIQUID TO THE STAGE
ML IS THE MASS FLOW OF LIQUID FROM THE STAGE
MV IS THE MASS FLOW OF VAPOR TO THE STAGE
RHOL IS THE MASS DENSITY OF LIQUID FROM THE STAGE
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QV IS THE VOLUMETRIC FLOW RATE OF VAPOR TO THE STAGE

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Flooding Calculation Method: GLITSCH6

Design Parameters
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Peak Capacity Factor: 1.00000
System Foaming Factor: 1.00000
Flooding Factor: 0.80000
Minimum Column Diameter: 19.4443 FT
Minimum DC Area/Column Area: 0.100000
Hole Area/Active Area: 0.100000

Tray Specifications
-------------------
Tray Type: SIEVE
Number of Passes: 1
Tray Spacing: 2.00000 FT

Sizing Results @ Stage with Maximum Diameter
---------------------------------------------
Stage with Maximum Diameter: 3
Column Diameter: 19.4443 FT
**DC AREA/COLUMN AREA**

- **Downcomer Velocity**: 0.18879 ft/sec
- **Flow Path Length**: 13.3592 ft
- **Side Downcomer Width**: 3.04256 ft
- **Side Weir Length**: 14.1285 ft
- **Center Downcomer Width**: 0.0 ft
- **Center Weir Length**: Missing
- **Off-Center Downcomer Width**: 0.0 ft
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OUTLET VAPOR STREAM: EXHAUST
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PROPERTY OPTION SET: NRTL RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

*** MASS AND ENERGY BALANCE ***

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*** CO2 EQUIVALENT SUMMARY ***

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| PRODUCT STREAMS CO2E | 0.00000 | LB/HR |
| NET STREAMS CO2E PRODUCTION | 0.00000 | LB/HR |
| UTILITIES CO2E PRODUCTION | 0.00000 | LB/HR |
| TOTAL CO2E PRODUCTION | 0.00000 | LB/HR |

*** INPUT DATA ***

TWO PHASE TP FLASH
SPECIFIED TEMPERATURE F | 40.0000
PRESSURE DROP PSI | 0.0
MAXIMUM NO. ITERATIONS | 30
CONVERGENCE TOLERANCE | 0.000100000

*** RESULTS ***

OUTLET TEMPERATURE F | 40.000
OUTLET PRESSURE PSIA | 300.00
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**OUTLET STREAMS:**  R1RECIRC  TO-V1
**PROPERTY OPTION SET:** NRTL  RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

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**NET STREAMS CO2E PRODUCTION**  0.00000  LB/HR
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**TOTAL CO2E PRODUCTION**  0.00000  LB/HR

*** INPUT DATA ***

**MASS-FLOW (LB/HR )**  STRM=R1RECIRC  FLOW= 895,140.
**KEY= 0**

*** RESULTS ***

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**ORDER= 1  TO-V1  0.16897  0**

**2**

**BLOCK: S2  MODEL: FSPLIT**

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**INLET STREAM:**  TO-S2
**OUTLET STREAMS:**  R2TOXYLC  R2RECYCL
**PROPERTY OPTION SET:** NRTL  RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

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*** INPUT DATA ***

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*** RESULTS ***

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BLOCK: V-301  MODEL: VALVE
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INLET STREAM: TO-V1
OUTLET STREAM: TOTRCOL
PROPERTY OPTION SET: NRTL  RENON (NRTL) / IDEAL GAS

*** MASS AND ENERGY BALANCE ***

IN       OUT       RELATIVE
DIFF.
TOTAL BALANCE
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MASS (LB/HR)  182000.  182000.  -
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*** CO2 EQUIVALENT SUMMARY ***

FEED STREAMS CO2E  0.00000    LB/HR
PRODUCT STREAMS CO2E  0.00000    LB/HR
NET STREAMS CO2E PRODUCTION  0.00000    LB/HR
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*** INPUT DATA ***

VALVE OUTLET PRESSURE PSIA  80.0000
VALVE FLOW COEF CALC. NO

FLASH SPECIFICATIONS:

NPHASE  2
MAX NUMBER OF ITERATIONS  30
CONVERGENCE TOLERANCE  0.000100000

*** RESULTS ***

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| LBMOL/HR | 2245.4364 | 1488.5937 | 3.8989 | 2260.3031 | 0.0 |

| LB/HR   | 5997.4296 | 1.7913+05 | 445.3700 | 1.2682+05 |

| CUFT/HR | 4.0135+04 | 5184.0553 | 10.3442 | 3208.6323 |

**STATE VARIABLES:**

| TEMP  | 40.0000 | 372.1402 | 80.0000 | 10.0000 |
| PRES  | 300.0000 | 764.6959 | 15.0000 | 20.0000 |

**ENTHALPY:**

| BTU/LBMOL | -415.9390 | -5.6280+04 | -1.1128+05 | -1.8305+04 |
| BTU/LB    | -155.7275 | -467.7049 | -974.1294 | -326.2555 |
| BTU/HR    | -9.3396+05 | -8.3778+07 | -4.3385+05 | -4.1376+07 |

**ENTROPY:**

| BTU/LBMOL | -7.1490 | -168.7933 | -213.0830 | -82.9510 |
| BTU/LB    | -2.6766 | -1.4027 | -1.8654 | -1.4784 |

**DENSITY:**

| LBMOL/CUFT | 5.5948-02 | 0.2871 | 0.3769 | 0.7044 |
| LB/CUFT    | 0.1494 | 34.5533 | 43.0550 | 39.5246 |

| AVG MW | 2.6709 | 120.3325 | 114.2309 | 56.1075 |

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- LB/HR     | 1.8200e+05 | 1.0771e+06 | 8.9514e+05 | 1.6101e+06 |
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  - 0.1139
  - 40.2530
- **CUFT**
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- **ISOCTAN**
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| BTU/HR    | -5.0963+08 | -4.2340+08 | -1.1468+07 | 5.4501+08 |

| ENTROPY:  | | | | |
| BTU/LBMOL-R | -149.7530 | -170.0259 | -113.0884 | -21.0624 |
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| AVG MW    | 105.6669 | 120.3409 | 111.1188 | 42.6189  |

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|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
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| TO :       | V-301| S-301   | S-501   | E-303  |
| SUBSTREAM: | MIXED | | | |
| PHASE:     | LIQUID | MIXED | VAPOR | LIQUID |
| LIQUID COMPONENTS: | LBMOL/HR | | | |
| ISOBUTYL   | 42.0044 | 42.0044 | 42.0233 | 3.5945-05 |
| ISOOCTAN   | 379.7383 | 379.7383 | 378.0266 | 1.8338 |
| 2:4:4-01   | 834.2872 | 834.2872 | 88.9699 | 5.0577 |
| TRIMERS    | 248.6401 | 248.6401 | 4.9770 | 243.6673 |
| M-XYL-01   | 0.3409   | 0.3409   | 37.3184 | 2.6075-02 |
| O-XYL-01   | 0.1313   | 0.1313   | 37.1103 | 1.4966-02 |
| P-XYL-01   | 6.9987   | 6.9987   | 672.6004 | 0.5242 |
| HYDROGEN   | 0.2260   | 0.2260   | 2220.6623 | 1.2875-15 |
| TOTAL FLOW: | LBMOL/HR | | | |
| 1512.3669 | 1512.3669 | 3481.6882 | 251.1240 |
| LB/HR      | 1.8200+05 | 1.8200+05 | 1.4015+05 | 4.1852+04 |
CUFT/HR  5290.8242  3.0774+04  6.2209+05  1277.1560
891.3651
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DENSITY:
   LB/CUFT              34.3991    5.9140    0.2253    32.7695    46.9524
   AVG MW      120.3409  120.3409  40.2530  166.6576  166.6576
TRIOVHD XYLOBOT XYLENEXYOVHD
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PHASE:                  LIQUID     LIQUID     LIQUID     VAPOR
COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
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   TRIMERS               4.9728    4.9770    4.9770    2.9975-09  2.997509
   M-XYL-01              0.3148    36.9775    36.9775    0.3148    0.3148
   O-XYL-01              0.1163    36.9790    36.9790    0.1163    0.1163
   P-XYL-01              6.4745    665.6020    665.6020    6.4745    6.4745
   HYDROGEN              0.2260    4.7032-22    4.7032-22   2220.5959
TOTAL FLOW:
   LBMOL/HR  1261.2429  745.0912  745.0912  2357.9266
   LB/HR     1.4015+05  7.9418+04  7.9418+04  1.7902+04
   CUFT/HR  3630.0015  1814.0762  1814.0762  3.6312+05
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BTU/HR    -8.2337+07  3.1001+06 -8.1915+06 -8.4445+06

ENTROPY:
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BTU/LB-R    -1.5536    -0.8063   -1.0121   -1.2890

DENSITY:
LBMOL/CUFT   0.3474     0.4107     0.5026  6.4935-03
LB/CUFT    38.6082    43.7786    53.5758  4.9299-02
AVG MW     111.1188   106.5880   106.5880     7.5921

EXHAUST
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STREAM ID EXHAUST
FROM : S-502
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SUBSTREAM: MIXED
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CUFT/HR 4.0135+04

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ENTROPY:
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I8--MAKE
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STREAM ID  I8--MAKE
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   CUFT/HR  10.3442

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ENTHALPY:
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ENTROPY:
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**TO**: M2

**SUBSTREAM**: MIXED

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ENTROPY:
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  BTU/LB-R     -1.1822

DENSITY:
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  LB/CUFT      16.9556
  AVG MW       66.0525

R1OUT
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STREAM ID       R1OUT
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TO   :          S1

SUBSTREAM: MIXED
PHASE:          LIQUID

COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
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  ISOOCTAN     2247.4297
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  TRIMERS       1471.5426
  M-XYL-01     2.0173
  O-XYL-01     0.7769
  P-XYL-01     41.4209
  HYDROGEN     1.3375

TOTAL FLOW:
  LBMOL/HR     8950.7376
  LB/HR        1.0771E+06
  CUFT/HR      3.1313E+04

STATE VARIABLES:
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ENTHALPY:
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  BTU/LB     -473.1353
  BTU/HR     -5.0963E+08

ENTROPY:
  BTU/LBMOL-R -170.0445
  BTU/LB-R    -1.4130

DENSITY:
  LBMOL/CUFT  0.2858
  LB/CUFT     34.3991
  AVG MW      120.3409

R1RECIRC
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STREAM ID       R1RECIRC
FROM :          S1
TO   :          P-201

SUBSTREAM: MIXED
PHASE:          LIQUID
COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR

   ISOBUTYL             206.5930
   ISOOCTAN            1867.6913
   2:4:4-01            4103.3280
   TRIMERS             1222.9025
   M-XYL-01             1.6764
   O-XYL-01              0.6457
   P-XYL-01             34.4222
   HYDROGEN             1.1115

TOTAL FLOW:

   LBMOL/HR             7438.3707
   LB/HR                8.9514E+05
   CUFT/HR              2.6022E+04

STATE VARIABLES:

   TEMP   F             372.2713
   PRES   PSIA          764.6959
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ENTHALPY:

   BTU/LBMOL          -5.6938E+04
   BTU/LB             -473.1353
   BTU/HR             -4.2352E+08

ENTROPY:

   BTU/LBMOL-R         -170.0445
   BTU/LB-R             -1.4130

DENSITY:

   LBMOL/CUFT            0.2858
   LB/CUFT               34.3991
   AVG MW                120.3409

R2OUT

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STREAM ID       R2OUT
FROM :          R-401
TO :            C-401

SUBSTREAM: MIXED

PHASE:          VAPOR

COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR

   ISOBUTYL             482.8003
   ISOOCTAN            4343.1031
   2:4:4-01            1022.1653
   TRIMERS             57.1802
   M-XYL-01             428.7463
   O-XYL-01             426.3559
   P-XYL-01             7727.4282
   HYDROGEN            2.5513E+04

TOTAL FLOW:

   LBMOL/HR             4.0001E+04
   LB/HR                1.6101E+06
   CUFT/HR              1.7081E+07

STATE VARIABLES:

   TEMP   F             1000.5469
   PRES   PSIA           36.6959
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ENTHALPY:
BTU/LBMOL       1.3625+04 
BTU/LB           338.4821  
BTU/HR          5.4501+08  
ENTROPY:         
   BTU/LBMOL-R   -18.7736  
   BTU/LB-R      -0.4664  
DENSITY:         
   LBMOL/CUFT    2.3418-03  
   LB/CUFT       9.4263-02  
AVG MW           40.2530  

R2RCYC2         
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STREAM ID       R2RCYC2  
FROM :          E-402  
TO :            M3  

SUBSTREAM: MIXED 
PHASE:          VAPOR  
COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR  
   ISOBUTYL     440.7770  
   ISOOCTAN     3965.0765 
   2:4:4-01     933.1954  
   TRIMERS      52.2032  
   M-XYL-01     391.4280  
   O-XYL-01     389.2456  
   P-XYL-01     7054.8277  
   HYDROGEN     2.3292+04  
TOTAL FLOW:      
   LBMOL/HR     3.6519+04  
   LB/HR        1.4700+06  
   CUFT/HR      1.3148+07  
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ENTHALPY:        
   BTU/LBMOL     1.5239+04  
   BTU/LB        378.5701  
   BTU/HR        5.5650+08  
ENTROPY:         
   BTU/LBMOL-R   -18.0920  
   BTU/LB-R      -0.4495  
DENSITY:         
   LBMOL/CUFT    2.7776-03  
   LB/CUFT       0.1118  
AVG MW           40.2530  

R2RECYCL         
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STREAM ID       R2RECYCL  
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PHASE:          VAPOR
COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR

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- LBMOL/HR: 3.6519+04
- LB/HR: 1.4700+06
- CUFT/HR: 1.2905+07

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- BTU/LB: 355.8794
- BTU/HR: 5.2314+08

DENSITY:

- LBMOL/CUFT: 2.8299-03
- LB/CUFT: 0.1139

AVG MW: 40.2530

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STREAM ID: R2TOXYLC
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- LB/HR: 1.4015+05
- CUFT/HR: 1.2303+06

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BTU/LB      355.8794
BTU/HR     4.9876e+07

ENTROPY:
  BTU/LBMOL-R -18.7027
  BTU/LB-R    -0.4646

DENSITY:
  LBMOL/CUFT 2.8299e-03
  LB/CUFT    0.1139
AVG MW      40.2530

REC1
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STREAM ID  REC1
FROM :     S-501
TO   :     M-REC

SUBSTREAM: MIXED
PHASE:     LIQUID

COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
  ISOBUTYL   3.7695
  ISOOCTAN   296.7138
  2:4:4-01   71.0345
  TRIMERS    2.0244e-06
  M-XYL-01   0.3239
  O-XYL-01   0.1260
  P-XYL-01   6.6362
  HYDROGEN   6.6475e-02

TOTAL FLOW:
  LBMOL/HR   378.6703
  LB/HR      4.2829e+04
  CUFT/HR    1000.5096

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  PRES   PSIA  39.0000
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ENTHALPY:
  BTU/LBMOL -9.8123e+04
  BTU/LB     -867.5494
  BTU/HR    -3.7156e+07

ENTROPY:
  BTU/LBMOL-R -201.3060
  BTU/LB-R    -1.7798

DENSITY:
  LBMOL/CUFT 0.3785
  LB/CUFT    42.8072
AVG MW      113.1036

REC2
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STREAM ID  REC2
FROM :     S-502
TO   :     M-REC

SUBSTREAM: MIXED
PHASE:     LIQUID
COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
   ISOBUTYL               15.3061
   ISOOCTAN               79.2666
   2:4:4-01               17.3748
   TRIMERS                 2.9974-09
   M-XYL-01               1.6909-02
   O-XYL-01               5.2955-03
   P-XYL-01                0.3610
   HYDROGEN                0.1595

TOTAL FLOW:
   LBMOL/HR                  112.4903
   LB/HR                      1.1904+04
   CUFT/HR                    271.1485

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ENTHALPY:
   BTU/LBMOL            -9.2448+04
   BTU/LB                -873.5947
   BTU/HR              -1.0399+07

STREAM ID              RECGUESS
FROM :                  ----
TO   :                    M1

SUBSTREAM: MIXED

COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
   ISOBUTYL               19.0757
   ISOOCTAN              375.9803
   2:4:4-01              88.4093
   TRIMERS                2.0273-06
   M-XYL-01                0.3408
   O-XYL-01                0.1312
   P-XYL-01                6.9968
   HYDROGEN                0.2260

TOTAL FLOW:
   LBMOL/HR                 491.1600
   LB/HR                     5.4733+04
   CUFT/HR                   1307.0350

STATE VARIABLES:
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   LFRAC        0.9996
   SFRAC        0.0

ENTHALPY:
BTU/LBMOL  -9.6893+04
BTU/LB    -869.4878
BTU/HR    -4.7590+07

ENTROPY:
BTU/LBMOL-R -199.2771
BTU/LB-R    -1.7883

DENSITY:
LBMOL/CUFT  0.3758
LB/CUFT     41.8758
AVG MW      111.4364

RECYCLE
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STREAM ID       RECYCLE
FROM :          M-REC
TO :            ----

SUBSTREAM: MIXED
PHASE:          MIXED

COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
  ISOBUTYL       19.0757
  ISOOCTAN       375.9803
  2:4:4-01       88.4093
  TRIMERS        2.0274-06
  M-XYL-01       0.3408
  O-XYL-01       0.1313
  P-XYL-01       6.9973
  HYDROGEN       0.2260

TOTAL FLOW:
  LBMOL/HR       491.1606
  LB/HR          5.4733+04
  CUFT/HR        1294.7945

STATE VARIABLES:
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  PRES PSIA      39.0000
  VFRAC          3.1460-04
  LFRAC          0.9997
  SFRAC          0.0

ENTHALPY:
  BTU/LBMOL      -9.6823+04
  BTU/LB          -868.8642
  BTU/HR          -4.7556+07

ENTROPY:
  BTU/LBMOL-R    -199.1508
  BTU/LB-R        -1.7871

DENSITY:
  LBMOL/CUFT     0.3793
  LB/CUFT        42.2717
  AVG MW        111.4364

TO-F1
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STREAM ID       TO-F1
FROM :          C-501
TO :            S-502

SUBSTREAM: MIXED
PHASE:          VAPOR
COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
  ISOBUTYL   38.2537
  ISO-OCTAN  80.9830
  2:4:4-01   17.7096
  TRIMERS    2.9975-09
  M-XYL-01   1.6959-02
  O-XYL-01   5.3075-03
  P-XYL-01   0.3621
  HYDROGEN   2220.5959
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  LBMOL/HR  2357.9266
  LB/HR     1.7902*10^4
  CUFT/HR   7.7071*10^4
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ENTHALPY:
  BTU/LBMOL -227.4886
  BTU/LB    -29.9638
  BTU/HR    -5.3640*10^5
ENTROPY:
  BTU/LBMOL-R -9.2201
  BTU/LB-R  -1.2144
DENSITY:
  LBMOL/CUFT 3.0594-02
  LB/CUFT  0.2323
  AVG MW    7.5921

TO-H1
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FROM: P-102
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SUBSTREAM: MIXED
PHASE: LIQUID
COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
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  ISOOC-TAN  379.8792
  2:4:4-01   88.4093
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  O-XYL-01   0.1312
  P-XYL-01   6.9968
  HYDROGEN   0.2260
TOTAL FLOW:
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  LB/HR     1.8200*10^4
  CUFT/HR   4542.7354
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ENTHALPY:
STREAM ID           TO-M2
FROM :              E-201
TO   :              M2

CONV. MAX. REL. ERR: 7.5408-05
SUBSTREAM: MIXED
PHASE:              LIQUID
COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
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  ISOOCTAN          1867.5505
  2:4:4-01          4103.4136
  TRIMERS           1222.9451
  M-XYL-01          1.6765
  O-XYL-01          0.6457
  P-XYL-01          34.4242
  HYDROGEN          1.1115
TOTAL FLOW:
  LBMOL/HR          7438.3629
  LB/HR             8.9514+05
  CUFT/HR           2.4057+04
STATE VARIABLES:
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  PRES   PSIA        784.6959
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ENTHALPY:
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  BTU/LB             -524.2932
  BTU/HR            -4.6932+08
ENTROPY:
  BTU/LBMOL-R      -177.5194
  BTU/LB-R          -1.4751
DENSITY:
  LBMOL/CUFT        0.6065
  LB/CUFT            40.0636
  AVG MW             66.0525

STREAM ID           TO-P1
FROM :              M1
TO   :              P-102
SUBSTREAM: MIXED
PHASE: MIXED
COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
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   ISOOCTAN   379.8792
   2:4:4-01   88.4093
   TRIMERS    2.0273-06
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   O-XYL-01   0.1312
   P-XYL-01   6.9968
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   LB/HR      1.8200+05
   CUFT/HR    4704.6610
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   BTU/LB     -491.2086
   BTU/HR    -8.9399+07
ENTROPY:
   BTU/LBMOL-R  -102.9550
   BTU/LB-R    -1.5587
DENSITY:
   LBMOL/CUFT  0.5857
   LB/CUFT    38.6847
   AVG MW     66.0525
TO-R1
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STREAM ID   TO-R1
FROM: M2
TO: R-201
SUBSTREAM: MIXED
PHASE: LIQUID
COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
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   ISOOCTAN   2247.4297
   2:4:4-01   4191.8229
   TRIMERS    1222.9451
   M-XYL-01   2.0173
   O-XYL-01   0.7769
   P-XYL-01   41.4209
   HYDROGEN   1.3375
TOTAL FLOW:
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   LB/HR      1.0771+06
   CUFT/HR    3.0479+04
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  BTU/LBMOL          -4.9995E+04
  BTU/LB              -473.1353
  BTU/HR             -5.0963E+08
ENTROPY:
  BTU/LBMOL-R         -149.7530
  BTU/LB-R              -1.4172
DENSITY:
  LBMOL/CUFT             0.3345
  LB/CUFT               35.3409
  AVG MW                 105.6669

TO-R1HX
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STREAM ID               TO-R1HX
FROM :                  P-201
TO   :                  E-201

SUBSTREAM: MIXED
PHASE:                  LIQUID
COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
  ISOBUTYL             206.5930
  ISOOCTAN            1867.6913
  2:4:4-01            4103.3280
  TRIMERS             1222.9025
  M-XYL-01             1.6764
  O-XYL-01              0.6457
  P-XYL-01              34.4222
  HYDROGEN              1.1115
TOTAL FLOW:
  LBMOL/HR            7438.3707
  LB/HR               8.9514E+05
  CUFT/HR             2.6028E+04
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  BTU/LB              -473.0008
  BTU/HR             -4.2340E+08
ENTROPY:
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  BTU/LB-R              -1.4129
DENSITY:
  LBMOL/CUFT             0.2858
  LB/CUFT               34.3915
  AVG MW                 120.3409

TO-R2
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STREAM ID               TO-R2
FROM :                  E-401
TO   :                  M3
SUBSTREAM: MIXED
PHASE: VAPOR
COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
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   ISOOCTAN   377.9045
   2:4:4-01   829.2295
   TRIMERS    4.9728
   M-XYL-01   0.3148
   O-XYL-01   0.1163
   P-XYL-01   6.4745
   HYDROGEN   0.2260
TOTAL FLOW:
   LBMOL/HR 1261.2429
   LB/HR    1.4015+05
   CUFT/HR  2.5435+05
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   BTU/LB    -81.8257
   BTU/HR    -1.1468+07
ENTROPY:
   BTU/LBMOL-R -113.0884
   BTU/LB-R   -1.0177
DENSITY:
   LBMOL/CUFT 4.9587-03
   LB/CUFT    0.5510
   AVG MW     111.1188

TO-R2MIX
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STREAM ID      TO-R2MIX
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TO :           R-401

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SUBSTREAM: MIXED
PHASE: VAPOR
COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
   ISOBUTYL   482.8003
   ISOOCTAN   4343.1031
   2:4:4-01   1762.3540
   TRIMERS    57.1802
   M-XYL-01   391.7369
   O-XYL-01   389.3465
   P-XYL-01   7061.2583
   HYDROGEN   2.3292+04
TOTAL FLOW:
   LBMOL/HR 3.7780+04
   LB/HR    1.6101+06
   CUFT/HR  1.3454+07
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- BTU/LB: 338.4821
- BTU/HR: 5.4501E+08

**ENTROPY:**
- BTU/LBMOL-R: -21.0624
- BTU/LB-R: -0.4942

**DENSITY:**
- LBMOL/CUFT: 2.8081E-03
- LB/CUFT: 0.1197

**AVG MW:** 42.6189

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**STREAM ID:** TO-S2

**FROM:** C-401

**TO:** S2

**SUBSTREAM:** MIXED

**PHASE:** VAPOR

**COMPONENTS:** LBMOL/HR
- ISOBUTYL: 482.8003
- ISOOCTAN: 4343.1031
- 2:4:4-01: 1022.1653
- TRIMERS: 57.1802
- M-XYL-01: 428.7463
- O-XYL-01: 426.3559
- P-XYL-01: 7727.4282
- HYDROGEN: 2.5513E+04

**TOTAL FLOW:**
- LBMOL/HR: 4.0001E+04
- LB/HR: 1.6101E+06
- CUFT/HR: 1.4135E+07

**STATE VARIABLES:**
- TEMP F: 1022.1082
- PRES PSIA: 45.0000
- VFRAC: 1.0000
- LFRAC: 0.0
- SFRAC: 0.0

**ENTHALPY:**
- BTU/LBMOL: 1.4325E+04
- BTU/LB: 355.8794
- BTU/HR: 5.7302E+08

**ENTROPY:**
- BTU/LBMOL-R: -18.7027
- BTU/LB-R: -0.4646

**DENSITY:**
- LBMOL/CUFT: 2.8299E-03
- LB/CUFT: 0.1139

**AVG MW:** 40.2530

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**STREAM ID:** TO-V1

**FROM:** S1
TO : V-301

SUBSTREAM: MIXED
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  ISOCTAN   379.7383
  2:4:4-01  834.2872
  TRIMERS   248.6401
  M-XYL-01  0.3409
  O-XYL-01  0.1313
  P-XYL-01  6.9987
  HYDROGEN  0.2260
TOTAL FLOW:
  LBMOL/HR  1512.3669
  LB/HR     1.8200E+05
  CUFT/HR   5290.8242
STATE VARIABLES:
  TEMP   F  372.2713
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  SFRAC   0.0
ENTHALPY:
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  BTU/LB     -473.1353
  BTU/HR     -8.6110E+07
ENTROPY:
  BTU/LBMOL-R  -170.0445
  BTU/LB-R     -1.4130
DENSITY:
  LBMOL/CUFT  0.2858
  LB/CUFT     34.3991
  AVG MW      120.3409

 STREAM ID TOTRCOL
 FROM : V-301
 TO : S-301

SUBSTREAM: MIXED
PHASE: MIXED
COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
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  ISOCTAN   379.7383
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  TRIMERS   248.6401
  M-XYL-01  0.3409
  O-XYL-01  0.1313
  P-XYL-01  6.9987
  HYDROGEN  0.2260
TOTAL FLOW:
  LBMOL/HR  1512.3669
  LB/HR     1.8200E+05
  CUFT/HR   3.0774E+04
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  TEMP   F  355.3182
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VFRAC                  0.1594
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ENTHALPY:
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  BTU/LB              -473.1353
  BTU/HR             -8.6110+07

ENTROPY:
  BTU/LBMOL-R          -169.9281
  BTU/LB-R              -1.4121

DENSITY:
  LBMOL/CUFT          4.9144-02
  LB/CUFT                5.9140

AVG MW                 120.3409

TOXYLCL
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STREAM ID               TOXYLCL
FROM :                  E-401
TO   :                  S-501

SUBSTREAM: MIXED

PHASE:                  VAPOR

COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
  ISOBUTYL              42.0233
  ISOOCTAN              378.0266
  2:4:4-01              88.9699
  TRIMERS               4.9770
  M-XYL-01              37.3184
  O-XYL-01              37.1103
  P-XYL-01              672.6004
  HYDROGEN             2220.6623

TOTAL FLOW:
  LBMOL/HR            3481.6882
  LB/HR               1.4015+05
  CUFT/HR             6.2209+05

STATE VARIABLES:
  TEMP   F             289.5669
  PRES   PSIA           45.0000
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  LFRAC              0.0000
  SFRAC              0.0000

ENTHALPY:
  BTU/LBMOL          -6029.7404
  BTU/LB              -149.7961
  BTU/HR             -2.0994+07

ENTROPY:
  BTU/LBMOL-R          -37.2400
  BTU/LB-R              -0.9251

DENSITY:
  LBMOL/CUFT          5.5968-03
  LB/CUFT                0.2253

AVG MW                 40.2530

TRIBOT
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STREAM ID               TRIBOT
FROM :                  S-301
TO : E-303

SUBSTREAM: MIXED
PHASE: LIQUID
COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
  ISOBUTYL  3.5945-05
  ISOCTAN  1.8338
  2:4:4-01  5.0577
  TRIMERS  243.6673
  M-XYL-01  2.6075-02
  O-XYL-01  1.4966-02
  P-XYL-01  0.5242
  HYDROGEN  1.2875-15
TOTAL FLOW:
  LBMOL/HR  251.1240
  LB/HR  4.1852+04
  CUFT/HR  1277.1560
STATE VARIABLES:
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  PRES PSIA  72.8400
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  LFRAC  1.0000
  SFRAC  0.0
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  BTU/HR  -1.1634+07
ENTROPY:
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  BTU/LB-R  -1.2324
DENSITY:
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  LB/CUFT  32.7695
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TRIMERS
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STREAM ID TRIMERS
FROM : E-303
TO : ----

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  ISOCTAN  1.8338
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  TRIMERS  243.6673
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  O-XYL-01  1.4966-02
  P-XYL-01  0.5242
  HYDROGEN  1.2875-15
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**TRIOVHD**

STREAM ID: TRIOVHD
FROM: S-301
TO: E-401

SUBSTREAM: MIXED

**XYLBOT**

STREAM ID: XYLBOT
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TO : E-503

SUBSTREAM: MIXED
PHASE: LIQUID
COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
  ISOBUTYL 1.4468E-15
  ISOCTAN 0.3298
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  TRIMERS 4.9770
  M-XYL-01 36.9775
  O-XYL-01 36.9790
  P-XYL-01 665.6020
  HYDROGEN 4.7032E-22
TOTAL FLOW:
  LBMOL/HR 745.0912
  LB/HR 7.9418E+04
  CUFT/HR 1814.0762
STATE VARIABLES:
  TEMP F 366.8821
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  VFRAC 0.0
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ENTHALPY:
  BTU/LBMOL 4160.6335
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  BTU/HR 3.1001E+06
ENTROPY:
  BTU/LBMOL-R -85.9439
  BTU/LB-R -0.8063
DENSITY:
  LBMOL/CUFT 0.4107
  LB/CUFT 43.7786
  AVG MW 106.5880

XYLENE
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STREAM ID XYLENE
FROM : E-503
TO :

SUBSTREAM: MIXED
PHASE: LIQUID
COMPONENTS: LBMOL/HR
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  ISOCTAN 0.3298
  2:4:4-01 0.2259
  TRIMERS 4.9770
  M-XYL-01 36.9775
  O-XYL-01 36.9790
  P-XYL-01 665.6020
  HYDROGEN 4.7032E-22
TOTAL FLOW:
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- LFRAC: 1.0000
- SFRAC: 0.0
- Enthalpy: BTU/LBMOL: -3581.3276, BTU/LB: -471.7170, BTU/HR: -8.4445e+06
- Density: LBMOL/Cuft: 6.4935-03, LB/Cuft: 4.9299-02
- Avg MW: 7.5921