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Report the results of a study to determine the effect of anti-ions and of the solvent upon deactivation of "live" polymers.

#### Energy Transfer in Sensitized Photolysis of Benzoyl Peroxide Solutions

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Report the results of studies of sensitized photochemical decomposition of benzoyl peroxide solutions in toluene, with and without 2,5-diphenyl oxazole. With the two-component solutions, decomposition of the peroxide is initiated by the light absorbed by the solvent; with the three-component solutions, the peroxide decomposition is due to the light absorbed by the luminophor.

#### Kinetics of Thermal Decomposition of Sulfates of Magnesium, Zinc, Copper, and Cobalt

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A comparative study of the kinetics of thermal decomposition of sulfates of magnesium, cobalt, zinc, and copper—alone, and with admixed oxides of chromium, iron, and copper—shows that the added compounds exert almost no effect on the rate of dissociation of the sulfates of copper and cobalt but do increase the decomposition rates of zinc and magnesium sulfates.

The kinetics of thermal decomposition of sulfates is accurately expressed by the Rogeenskii-Todes equation.

In dissociation of sulfates of zinc and copper, the reaction rate constant has two values, corresponding to the initial and intermediate states of decomposition of these salts.

#### Effect of Pressure on Induction Time in Oxidation of Polypropylene

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A study of the effects of oxygen partial pressures and of total system pressures upon induction periods in oxidation of isotactic polypropylene was carried out at 110°–130° and total pressure up to 95 atm (abs.). The results show that toward the end of induction period almost all of the oxygen consumed is in the hydroperoxide radical of the polymer product.

Equations to determine the periods for induction of oxidation and the rates of oxidation were derived from the estimated kinetic constants for the reaction. The values based on these equations are in good agreement with the corresponding experimental data.

The rate of oxidation of polypropylene is proportional to the square root of the oxygen partial pressure. This type of functional relationship is apparently typical of second-order degenerative branching oxidation reactions. Observed dependence of the induction time upon the nitrogen pressure is probably due to a change in the kinetics of oxidation which, in turn, is caused by alterations in the molecular motion within the system.

#### Effect of Adsorbed Oxygen Upon Thermal Activation-Deactivation of Platinum Black

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Report the results of a study of the effect of adsorbed oxygen upon the catalytic and surface properties of platinum black due to a pretreatment with oxygen-nitrogen mixtures. The adsorbed oxygen alters the temperature of initiation and the rate of recrystallization of platinum black and is one of the factors responsible for the loss of its ability to catalyze decomposition of hydrogen peroxide.

#### EPR Spectra and Magnetic Susceptibility of Aluminochromate Catalysts

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A study of the effect of Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> content (1.5–93% by wt) in aluminochromate gels was carried out at calcination temperatures of 450°, 600° and 1,000°C. The gels produce three distinctly different groups of spectra, corresponding to the following three ranges of Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> content (wt. %): 1.5–14; 20–33; and 60–93. The observed differences in the spectra are due to the differences in the phase compositions of these three groups of gels.

This study also produced some novel information regarding the nature of the narrow line in the EPR spectra of the alumina gels containing small amounts of chromium oxides.