# Specialty Carbon Adsorbents

### Advanced materials for industrial purifications and separations



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## Supe CO® **Analytical Products**



Our Company has more than 40 years of experience in carbon adsorbent research and product development.

The unique characteristics and superior performance of our Supelco highly engineered specialty carbon adsorbents warranted their inclusion in experiments onboard various NASA missions, such as Voyager 1, Galileo, Cassini-Huygens and Phoenix.

The adsorption qualities of our specialty carbon adsorbents make them ideal for use in the following applications:

- Adsorption and desorption of targeted analytes in water, air, soil and serum
- Bulk-scale purification of gas and liquid streams
- Recovery of synthesized compounds from reaction mixtures
- Catalyst support in chemical reactions

#### **Benefits**



#### **Our customers have successfully used** our specialty carbon adsorbents for:

- Recovery of PAHs in water analysis
- Recovery of dissolved metals during manufacturing.
- Freon/CFC capture
- Hydrocarbon vapour recovery

#### **Specialty Carbon Adsorbents**

Our specialty carbon adsorbents are highly engineered materials, manufactured from highly pure synthetic polymers. These products are then activated by physical means, avoiding the use of chemicals to activate. This differentiates them from common non-specific, low-tech carbon black and activated carbon adsorbents.

**Our Carboxen<sup>®</sup> products are molecular sieve** adsorbents, ideally suited for industrial manufacturing processes.

#### **Our Synthetic Carbon Adsorbents can be designed with:**

- Customizable surface chemistry, e.g. pH adjustment from 2.5 up to 10.5
- Spherical shape for easy flowability
- Customizable pore structure:
  - Non-porous or multi-porous morphology to serve a specific purpose
  - Macro-porous to enhance adsorption of large molecules
  - Tapered pore sizing (from macro- to meso- to micro-), to increase thermodynamic and kinetic efficiency
- Thermal, radiation, and pH stability
- Attrition resistance
- Regeneration capabilities

#### Do you know the difference between aDsorption and aBsorption?

**aDsorption** is the retention **aBsorption** is the uniform of molecules of a gas, liquid distribution of a gas or liquid or dissolved solid at the surface.

throughout the bulk of a material.

#### **Physical Characteristics**

| Size         | : | 2-1,000 microns  |
|--------------|---|--|
| Shape        | : | Spherical  |
| Pores        | : | Non-porous to multi-porous<br>(macro-, meso-, micro-pores) |
| рН           | : | 2.5 up to 10.5   |
| Surface area | : | 1 - 3.000 squared meter                                    |

**Pore structure influences physical characteristics:** 

- A pore can be defined as any cavity present on a solid surface with a depth: width ratio of ~10:1.
- There are three types of pores relevant to carbon adsorbents. A macropore has a >500 Å diameter, a mesopore has a 20–500 Å diameter and a micropore has a <20 Å diameter. Controlling pore composition is very important, as it determines the adsorption and desorption characteristics of the particle.



**Figure 1.** shows visual of multiporous spherical particle with three types of pores

#### **Carboxen® Adsorbents**

Their surface chemistry can be tailored for specific target analytes, with each of the existing products having a performance advantage, based on their characteristics:

| Carboxen® 563             | is slightly hydrophobic and highly multi-porous. It<br>is the carbon choice for water purification due to<br>capability of collecting volatile organic compounds<br>(VOCs) from both water and air. It can also be us<br>for chemical purification. |
|---------------------------|---|
| Carboxen <sup>®</sup> 564 | is highly multi-porous carbon. It is effective for<br>collecting VOCs from air. It is similar to Carboxen<br>563 but it is more hydrophobic in nature. It can b<br>used for the purification of water and gases.                                    |
| Carboxen <sup>®</sup> 569 | more hydrophobic than Carboxen <sup>®</sup> 563 and<br>Carboxen <sup>®</sup> 564 making it useful for work in high<br>humidity environments. Its ability to trap small<br>molecules makes it useful for purification of air an<br>gases.            |
| Carboxen <sup>®</sup> 572 | has a high surface area and through-pore structur<br>giving it higher kinetic efficiency. It is typically use<br>as a catalyst support because of its available pore<br>volume.   |
| Carboxen® 1005            | is a very hydrophobic carbon with a through-pore<br>structure and a high surface area. It is used in<br>hydrocarbon traps for purification of carrier gases<br>due to its two-fold hydrocarbon capturing ability<br>compared to active charcoal.    |

| Carboxen <sup>®</sup> 1032 | is designed as an adsorbent with high surface<br>area, large pore volume in the mesoporous regio<br>and acidic pH for purification and removal of basi<br>organic compounds from air and water.  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Carboxen® 1033             | is designed as an adsorbent with a neutral pH. It<br>has a moderate surface area similar to the ones<br>563, 564, and 569 series but is more hydrophilic<br>nature. It wets better in aqueous and polar solut<br>for purification and recovery applications. |
| Carboxen <sup>®</sup> 1034 | has a high surface area. It is designed to provide<br>a basic and very hydrophilic surface, ideal for<br>purification and recovery applications  |

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#### **Carbon Molecular Sieve (CMS) Adsorbents**

A carbon molecular sieve (CMS) is the porous carbon skeletal framework that remains after pyrolysis of a polymeric precursor.



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#### **Carboxen® - Carbon Molecular Sieve (CMS) Adsorbents**

Sample sizes available to purchase for evaluation

| Product Name               | Pack Size                 | <b>Product Co</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Carboxen <sup>®</sup> 563  | 10 g                      | 102               |
| Carboxen <sup>®</sup> 564  | 10 g                      | 102               |
| Carboxen <sup>®</sup> 564  | 144 ampules of 290mg each | 11324             |
| Carboxen <sup>®</sup> 569  | 10 g                      | 102               |
| Carboxen <sup>®</sup> 569  | 500 g                     | 11048             |
| Carboxen <sup>®</sup> 572  | 10 g                      | 11072             |
| Carboxen <sup>®</sup> 1005 | 5 g                       | 8849              |
| Carboxen <sup>®</sup> 1032 | 5 g                       | 8858              |
| Carboxen <sup>®</sup> 1033 | 5 g                       | 8859              |
| Carboxen <sup>®</sup> 1034 | 5 g                       | 8861              |

Contact one of our experts at Supelco\_Quotes\_SIAL@merckgroup.com for more information on larger quantities or custom containers



#### **Carbon Adsorbent Sampler Kits**

Choosing the right adsorbent or combination of adsorbents can be a challenge. Let us help you in selecting the appropriate adsorbent based on your specific application.

We offer a small samples (g) for evaluation. In addition, we also offer several convenient sampler kits, allowing a cost-effective evaluation of several of our specialty carbon adsorbents.

| Description                  | Product Co |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Carbon Adsorbent Sampler Kit | 13369      |



#### **Custom Capabilities**

All our specialty carbon adsorbents are developed and manufactured at our facility in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania (USA).

## Our capacity levels and extensive knowledge allow us the possibility to offer:

- Filling of containers to provide finished goods (air sampling devices, SPE tubes, purge traps, etc.) which contain specialty carbon adsorbent
- Different package sizes of a stock adsorbent
- Different mesh size for an existing adsorbent
- A new adsorbent designed to meet your specific needs.

#### **Our R&D group can investigate:**

- Target physical specifications (surface area, porosity, pore diameter, particle size range, etc.)
- The need to perform a specific task (variables such as liquid or gas sample, what you want to remove, or need to recover)

Contact one of our carbon experts at Supelco\_Quotes\_SIAL@merckgroup.com for more information or quote.

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