

Ammonium Sulfate

The basics of Ammonium Sulfate

Ammonium Sulfate is an inorganic salt with a number of commerical uses. The most common uses are as soil fertilizer, food additives & in the treatment of drinking water.



Fertilizer - The primary use of ammonium sulfate is as a fertilizer for alkaline soils. In the soil the ammonium ion is released and forms a small amount of acid, lowering the pH balance of the soil, while contributing essential nitrogen for plant growth.



Food Additives | Acid Regulator (E517) - As a food additive, ammonium sulfate is considered generally recognized as safe (GRAS) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and in the European Union it is designated by the E number E517. It is used as an acidity regulator in flours and breads.



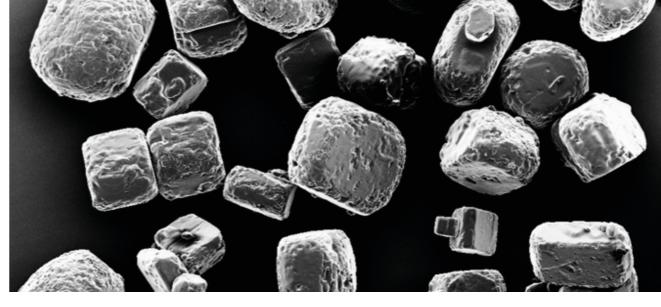
Treatment of drinking water - In the treatment of drinking water, ammonium sulfate is used in combination with chlorine to generate monochloramine for disinfection.













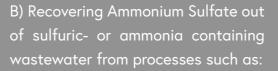
AMMONIUM SULFATE PROCESSES







A) Synthetic production of Ammonium Sulfate out of ammonia gas and sulfuric acid.



- ◆ Acrylnitrile (AN)
 - → Acrylamide, glue, solvents
- ◆ Methylmethacrylate (MMA)
 - → acrylic glass (plexiglass)
- ◆ Caprolactam (CPL)
 - → Polyamide 6 (textile fiber, foil)

Sulfuric Acid

Ammonia containing waste stream

Cleaning Crystallization

Centrifuge

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rare Caprolactam,

Centrifuge

Further

processing

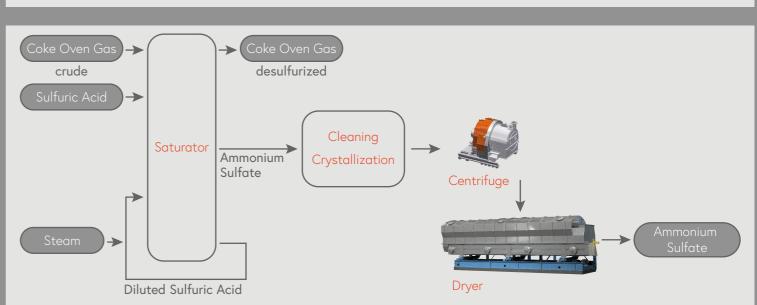
Reactor

Sulfuric Acid 80 % Crystallizer

Synthesis

and phase

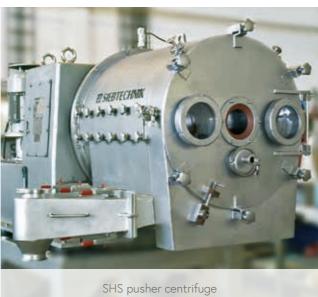
C) By-product of the desulfurization of coke oven gas or ammonia-containing wastewater.



SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SHS & CONTURBEX

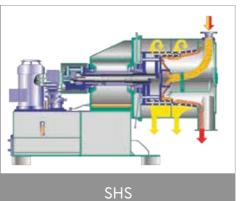


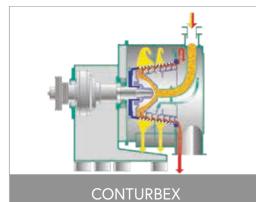




	SHS pusher centrifuge	CONTURBEX screen scroll centrifuge
Typical machine sizes	302	250
	402	320
	502	400
nach	602	520
cal n	702	700
Typie	802	1000
	1002	1200







Minimum of the solid concentration in the feed

Average diameter d ₅₀	%w/w	%w/w
< 0,5 mm	40	20
> 0,5 mm	35	20

Key Points

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Solid layer	Smooth product transport, less particle breakage and less solid losses to filtrate due to high thickness of solid layer.	Thinner solid layer provides a quick dewatering, but may cause more particle breakage and higher losses of solids in the filtrate.
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Solid concentration	High and stable solid concentration is requested.	Low and varying solid concentration can be handled.
	+ + +	+ +
Product washing	Very good washing efficiency due to long retention time of product on the screen.	Partly limited washing efficiency due to short retention time.
	+	+ + +
Product transport	No forced product transport, product remains in the drum after feeding stop. Cleaning is requested before restarting the machine to prevent high vibrations.	Forced product transport by the scroll - "self-cleaning" - minimum remaining product after feeding stop.
	+ + +	+
g-force	Smooth product transport and less particle breakage due to low g-force.	Higher g-force provides a quick dewatering, but more stressful product transport (scroll) may cause higher particle breakage and higher losses of solids in the filtrate.
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Gas-tight execution	Vapour- and gas tight execution available	Vapour- and gas tight execution available

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