

Dynamics of transformations in the system "Crystalline aluminum hydroxide – water"

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Abstract

Synthetic hydroxide of aluminum γ -modifications (gibbsite) of various dispersion has investigated interaction with the distilled water in the course of its processing in the range of temperatures of 20-90 °C the control method of a hydrogen indicator of suspension, with further electronic and microscopic and radiographic studying of particles of a firm phase.

Technical synthetic hydroxide of aluminum was subjected by classifications on sets with a size of cell 50 and 200 of micron. Further sample of the gibbsites of fractions of >200 microns and <50 microns weight on 15 g everyone, subjected to processing in 150 ml of the distilled water, by mixing on the magnetic mixer at temperatures of 20, 60 and 90 °C. Constancy of volume of the reactionary environment was maintained by means of the return refrigerator. In all experiments through certain periods took measurement of a hydrogen indicator (pH) of suspension by means of pH meter and ionomer *Expert-001* whose accuracy of measurements was ± 0.02 units. On the basis of experimental data was built diagrams of dependence pH gibbsites suspensions from time of processing and analyzed them. Content of impurity of sodium, morphology, a form and the average sizes of particles of hydroxide of aluminum, after its processing in the distilled water, studied on the scanning electronic microscope *JEOL*.

It is established that processing of synthetic hydroxide of aluminum (gibbsites) in the distilled water in the range of temperatures of 20-90 °C is followed by dispergating of a firm phase that is most brightly shown in case of the coarsely dispersed gibbsites. It is shown that large (>200 microns) fraction of the γ -Al(OH)₃ is characterized by raised (in ~2 times), in comparison with small (<50 microns) fraction, content of sodium. The assumption is made that in aluminum hydroxide processing in the distilled water in a temperature interval of 20-90 °C are implemented two competing processes: dissolution of Al(OH)₃, owing to formation of new, reactionary and active interfaces at dispergating; transition to a liquid phase of sodium aluminate which is contained in aluminum hydroxide.

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