## **RE** Pd and Pt NanoSelect Catalyst

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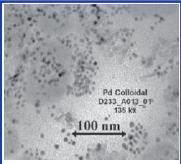


Figure 1: Transition Electron Microscope photo of unsupported NanoSelect palladium colloids. Reproduced with permission. © 2008 BASF.

Pd and Pt NanoSelect catalysts, available from Strem, are unique nanoparticle catalysts for the selective hydrogenation of acetylenes to cis-olefins and substituted nitroarenes to anilines, respectively, with low catalyst loadings.

These unimodal metal particles have crystallite sizes of approximately 7 nm when deposited onto various supports. Prepared via reduction-deposition in water, these catalysts exhibit very high activities and selectivities for hydrogenation reactions.

The reduction-deposition method In the reduction-deposition method, unlike conventional reductive in precipitation, nanoparticles of a metal are formed via reduction in solution in the presence of a stabilizer, and then the particles are deposited onto a heterogeneous support. The reduction

of the metal prior to deposition on the support is the key feature of this method. Notably, this approach enables the formation of nanocatalysts with a narrow metal crystallize size distribution.

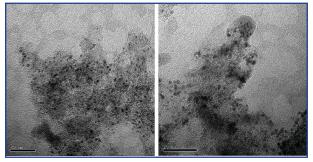
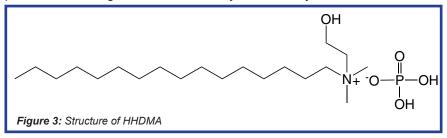


Figure 2: Transition Electron Microscope images of NanoSelect platinum colloids supported on activated carbon with added molybdenum. Scale bars: 20 nm. From Reference 3.

## The NanoSelect Process

Unlike typical reduction-deposition methods, NanoSelect catalysts are

produced in water rather than organic solvents. The commercially available ammonium surfactant hexadecyl(2-hydroxyethyl) dimethylammonium dihydrogenphosphate (HHDMA) is used as the stabilizer and reductant in a process that is readily scalable. The colloidal nanoparticles are thought to be stabilized by a double layer of HHDMA.



NanoSelect Catalysts from Strem: Typical Properties					
Catalog No.	Name	Active Metal	Metal Content	Support	Quantities
46-1710	NanoSelect LF 100	Palladium	0.60%	Activated carbon	5g, 25 g
46-1711	NanoSelect LF 200	Palladium	0.50%	Titanium silicate	5g, 25 g
78-1630	NanoSelect Pt-100	Platinum	0.80%	Activated carbon	5g, 25 g
78-1635	NanoSelect Pt-200	Platinum	0.80%	Activated carbon (Mo promoted)	5g, 25 g

\*All NanoSelect catalysts are reduced, 50% water-wet pastes with a mean particle size of 25 microns.

Pd and Pt NanoSelect catalysts are sold in collaboration with BASF for research purposes only.

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NanoSelect LF 100 and LF 200 are selective hydrogenation catalysts that are environmentally friendly, lead-free alternatives to Lindlar catalysts. Although they contain just 0.5-0.6 wt% palladium on a support of either carbon or titanium silicate powder, in various hydrogenation reactions, these NanoSelect catalysts exhibit similar activity and selectivity to Lindlar catalysts that contain 5 wt% palladium. As a result, it is possible to achieve the same results using a 10-fold reduction of precious metal.

NanoSelect palladium catalysts are ideally suited for the partial hydrogenation of functional groups, and are particularly effective in the selective hydrogenation of alkynes to cis-alkenes. Unlike with other catalyst systems, overhydrogenation to the

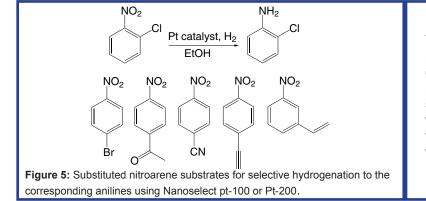
Figure 4: NanoSelect LF 200 versus Lindlar Catalyst. Reproduced with permission. © 2008 BASF.

- 0.5% Pd/TiS Lindlar

fully hydrogenated product and isomerisation to the trans olefin do not occur with NanoSelect LF 100 and LF 200.

## NanoSelect Platinum Catalysts for the Selective Hydrogenation of Functionalized Nitroarenes

NanoSelect Pt-100 and Pt-200 consist of colloidal platinum nanoparticles (0.8 wt%) highly dispersed on carbon powder supports. During the preparation of NanoSelect Pt-200, unreduced ( $NH_4$ )<sub>6</sub>Mo<sub>7</sub>O<sub>24</sub> is added as a promoter after deposition of the nanoparticles. Both catalysts are very effective at mediating the selective hydrogenation of nitroarenes to aniline, even in the presence of ketones, nitriles, halides, and other functional groups



The NanoSelect platinum catalysts are attractive for nitroarene reduction to anilines. Use of these catalysts does not lead to accumulation of unstable hydroxylamine intermediates or the production of undesired azoxy and azo species due to unwanted side reactions. This is true even with functionalized nitroarenes, which are known to suffer from these issues when the hydrogenation is carried out with most conventional precious metal powder catalysts.

Compared to a widely used commercial nitrobenzene reduction catalyst ((1% Pt+2% V)/C), the NanoSelect catalysts provided a similar yield of aniline but with much higher activity. In addition, under optimized reactions conditions, NanoSelect catalysts provide high chemoselectivity for reduction of the nitro group, even in the presence of alkyne and alkene substituents.

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