

pretreatment (of a catalyst)

Following the preparation of a *catalyst* or following its insertion into a catalytic reactor, it is often subjected to various treatments before the start of a catalytic run. The term pretreatment may, in general, be applied to this set of treatments. In some cases the word activation is used. It implies that the material is converted into a catalyst or into a very much more effective one by the pretreatment.

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