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Abstract

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A process for preparing acrylic acid and/or esters comprises the steps of:

- (a) catalytic gas phase oxidation of propene and/or acrolein to acrylic acid
- 10 to obtain a gaseous reaction product comprising acrylic acid,
- (b) solvent absorption of the reaction product,
- (c) distillation of the solvent loaded with acrylic acid to obtain a crude acrylic acid and the solvent,
- (d) purification of the crude acrylic acid by crystallization and
- 15 (e) optionally esterification of the crystalline acrylic acid.

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